

Annual Report

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100th Anniversary of the New York State Police

On April 11, 2017, the New York State Police marked the start of the Centennial Celebration with the dedication of an historical marker commemorating the Division's 100th anniversary at the Cavalry Club in Manlius, Onondaga County.

The Department of State Police was created on April 11, 1917, when Governor Charles S. Whitman signed the Wells-Mills Bill into law, establishing the State Police as a full-service police agency. The Cavalry Club is the site of Camp Newayo, where the first 232 Troopers received their training starting in June of 1917.



Following the historical marker ceremony, a luncheon and celebration was held at the New York State Fairgrounds, site of the first State Police assignment. A new fair exhibit was also unveiled in 2017.

After dark on April 11, the tower of the Empire State Building in New York City, along with the Peace Bridge in Buffalo and Niagara Falls were lit in purple and gray to honor the State Police Centennial.

As part of this year's Centennial celebration, each State Police Troop hosted an open house for the public, starting in late April and continuing with other Troops throughout the summer and into October. Each open house featured a travelling exhibit showcasing State Police history.

In June of 1917, the first Recruit Troopers started their training in Manlius, NY at Camp Newayo. When training ended that fall, the original 232 Troopers were sent to their first assignment to patrol the New York State Fair, then set out on horseback to start policing the State's rural areas. There are currently more than 5,600 sworn and civilian members in 11 Troops across the State, including Troop NYC based in New York City.



New York State Police Wall of Honor

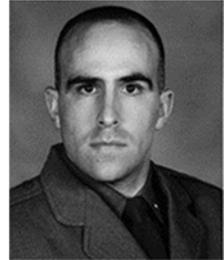
BRIAN S. FALB - March 13, 2017

On March 13, 2017, Trooper Brian S. Falb died from cancer stemming from his assignment to the World Trade Center Site, following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. In response to the events of 9/11, Trooper Falb was assigned to aid with the search and recovery efforts in New York City, as part of the New York State Police Detail. He entered the State Police on May 4, 1998 and served the Division for 19 years. He was last assigned to the New York State Police - Troop B TIM (Traffic Incident Management) Unit. He is survived by his wife, their children and his mother.



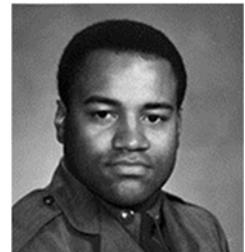
JOEL R. DAVIS - July 9, 2017

Trooper Joel R. Davis, 36, killed on July 9, 2017, responding to a domestic disturbance and shots fired call in the Town of Theresa, Jefferson County. Trooper Davis was the first to arrive at the scene, and was shot by the suspect as he approached the home. Trooper Davis died a short time later at a local hospital. The suspect surrendered to Troopers and was formally charged with Murder 1st Degree, for the death of Trooper Davis and Murder 2nd Degree, related to the death of his spouse. Trooper Davis served with the New York State Police for four years and previously served with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.



DARRYL J. BURROUGHS Sr. - May 25, 2016

Trooper Darryl J. Burroughs Sr. entered into service retirement from the New York State Police after 28 years of service on July 31, 2011. On May 25, 2016, Trooper Burroughs passed away from an illness stemming from his assignment at the World Trade Center site following the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. Following the events of 9/11, Trooper Burroughs was assigned to New York City to aid in the search and recovery efforts. Trooper Burroughs is survived by his wife and five children.



BASIC SCHOOL GRADUATIONS



The New York State Police welcomed 192 new members of the State Police in 2017. Graduation was held for the 205th Session of the Basic School of the New York State Police Academy on May 10, 2017. The 206th Session soon followed and started their training on July 17, 2017.

The Basic School for New York State Troopers consists of 26 weeks of training. It is one of the most comprehensive law enforcement recruit training programs in the country and is designed to provide newly appointed troopers with the academic foundation, physical fitness and technical skills necessary to perform their complex, varied police duties with professionalism and excellence.

Basic School training is residential; recruits are required to live at the Academy. Class sizes have ranged from 50 to more than 200 recruits, depending upon departmental needs and budgetary considerations. Each student's commitment is constantly tested by the school's demanding and rigorous college-level program.

To graduate a recruit must successfully complete 1,095 hours of training provided by certified law enforcement professionals and members of the New York State Police.



State Police deployed following Hurricane Maria

In September 2017, Hurricane Maria ripped across Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, causing massive devastation and power outages. Starting in October of 2017, State Police members were deployed to the islands to help with the humanitarian efforts there. During the mission, members were on patrol with local police, unloaded helicopters filled with supplies, and handed out food, water and medicine.



The members in Puerto Rico were deputized by the Puerto Rican Governor to carry out law enforcement activities on the island. Members visited Puerto Rico State Police facilities and a U.S. National Guard command center. They also patrolled in the cities of San Juan and Bayamón.



New Exhibit at the New York State Fairgrounds

In May 2017, the New York State Police exhibit at the Great New York State Fairgrounds underwent a relocation and complete overhaul.

The previous location, housed next to the International Pavilion, featured daily, live demonstrations from New York State Police Specialty Units. The public could learn about State Police history and traffic safety from members, and also watch the demonstrations from the Special Operations Response Team, Canine Unit and Underwater Recovery Team.

The demonstrations and education and outreach continue in the new location. The new facilities include two permanent buildings, an interactive crime scene exhibit, a permanent dive demonstration tank and repelling tower. Climate-controlled dog kennels were also constructed for the State Police canine teams. In addition to a distracted driving simulator, this year's fair included a special display focusing on the Division's 100-year history.

In honor of the State Police Centennial, the Division was represented in both the sand and butter sculpture at the Great New York State Fair



Academy

The New York State Police has a long tradition of providing outstanding training to men and women in the law enforcement profession. The Academy services approximately 14,000 persons a year. While many of these are troopers, including recruits learning the basics and veteran sworn members receiving specialized in-service training, several thousand others come from the criminal justice community. In addition to training State Police personnel, the Academy provides instruction in areas of criminal investigation, forensics and other topical issues to members of other police departments and outside agencies who routinely look to the State Police for assistance.

In 2017, the New York State Police Academy and staff continued to provide training resources across a wide range of topics to State Police members, police officers and the criminal justice community in general.

The Academy hosted several annual training programs including the Henry Williams Homicide Seminar which draws an international audience, the Child Abuse and Neglect Seminar, and the Sex Offense Seminar.



The Office of Homeland Security held meetings and conducts training at the Academy critical in uniting the criminal justice community in the fight against terrorist influences in New York.

The Academy hosted a number of schools including; leadership for non-commissioned officers and officers, Contaminated Crime Scene, Cultural Diversity Training, Crisis Negotiation School, Undercover School and Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Training.

Division Traffic Sections conducted training at the Academy including the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit, Breath Test Operator and Collision Reconstruction.

In 2017, the Firearms Training Unit researched, advised and submitted recommendations on new uniform gear, weapon systems and technology. This included a new duty sidearm, ammunition, holster, weapon lights for Uniform and a new duty sidearm for Bureau of Investigation members.

The Firearms Training Unit also established a firearms section in Troop NYC, SP Manhattan, and established a Technical Sergeant's position for that location.

Twenty State Police members were trained at Emergency Medical Technicians and 20 more certified as Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians.

Members of the Defensive Tactics Program conducted a Defensive Tactics Instructor Development School in May 2017. This 96-hour school certified members as New York State Police Defensive Tactics Instructors and Taser Instructors.

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation Training Unit of the Academy continued basic and in-service training for 1,158 members of the BCI. The unit also provided Crime Scene training and the varied aspects of Criminal Investigation training to the recruit basic schools. The BCI Training Unit is responsible for maintaining Division programs in various specialties, such as the Division crisis negotiation program, polygraph training, criminal interdiction training, and Basic Bureau of Criminal Investigation Schools.

Aviation Unit

Flights Conducted	1980
Assists to Law Enforcement	518
Emergency Medical Evacuations	116

The New York State Police Aviation unit consists of four stations with the headquarters located in Albany. The other stations are located at Adirondack Regional Airport (Saranac Lake), Stewart International Airport (Newburgh) and Greater Rochester International Airport.

On September 4, 2017, SP Aviation - Saranac Lake, conducted a hoist rescue of a missing hiker, a soldier stationed at Fort Drum. The soldier climbed St. Regis Mountain and got lost. The aircrew located the missing hiker after a two-day search at the edge of a swamp next to St. Regis Pond. The hiker was hoisted into the unit's helicopter and transported to AMC Saranac Lake for treatment.

On September 18, 2017, SP Aviation - Saranac Lake, conducted two searches for overdue hikers. One hiker was located by Aviation Unit pilots and flown to ground personnel for further care. The helicopter returned to continue the search, unfortunately the hiker was found deceased by ground personnel. Due to the remote area, aviation hoisted the deceased hiker to a landing zone where he was later transported to the coroner.

In May 2017, SP Aviation - Newburgh assisted located an elderly male with Alzheimer's in the Stewart State Forest. An hour into the search, the pilots located the man from the Division Helicopter. After not receiving a reply from the ground units, the aircrew decided to land in the field and recover the subject themselves, versus waiting for ground units to respond. The crew then flew him to a field across the street from his residence, where he was secured by the New Windsor Police Department and treated by EMS.

In June 2017, SP Aviation - Albany and NYSDEC Rangers rescued an injured hiker off of Crane Mountain. A 54-year-old female had sustained a lower leg injury while hiking near the 3200' summit. After being located by Fire, EMS, and Rangers, she was treated at the scene pending evacuation and transportation to the hospital. Due to the steep terrain, exposed rock faces, and limited daylight, it was determined that the safest and most expeditious means of evacuation was by helicopter. Once aboard, she was flown to the staging area and transferred to a waiting ambulance which took her to the hospital.

In July 2017, SP Aviation - Albany and NYSDEC Rangers rescued an injured hiker off of Crane Mountain. It was determined that the 71-year-old man's injuries and the location were not conducive for land transportation. Any further delay or method could also aggravate the victim's injuries. After accessing a possible hoist rescue, the crew successfully extracted the injured male and transported him to awaiting ground transport.

Bomb Disposal Unit

Total Incidents Handled

214

The Division Bomb Disposal Unit has 12 members and is responsible for a majority of the upstate area, responding to calls for improvised explosive devices, recovered military ordnance, commercial explosives and fireworks. The unit's members are also HazMat trained.

The Bomb Disposal Unit currently maintains four facilities located in Albany, Newburgh, Watertown and Batavia. Each facility is equipped with disposal equipment such as disposal trailers, robots and hazardous materials suits. Each bomb technician carries critical first responder equipment with them including X-ray and bomb suits.

Division Bomb Technicians handled 214 incidents and 101 calls for service during 2017. These calls included 12 commercial explosive recovery and destructions, 33 military ordnance destructions, 2 hoax devices and 36 recovered fireworks/destruction totaling thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks destroyed by BDU technicians. The unit also responded to 2 homemade Improvised Explosive Device (IED) calls.

In January 201, the Division Bomb Disposal Unit was requested to assist SP Endwell in determining what caused a large crater in a field. The explosion was heard throughout two counties. The investigation revealed that the explosive used was Tannerite.

In April 2017, the Bomb Disposal Unit was assigned to assist the Massachusetts State Police with security at the Boston Marathon. NYSP sent bomb technicians with their explosive detection canines to the event.

In July 2017, the Bomb Disposal Unit assisted Troop B personnel with the Ironman Triathlon Competition in Lake Placid. This was an international competition involving over 2,000 world class athletes on a 140 mile course spanning 18 hours.

In November 2017, Troop G and the Warren County Sheriff's Department investigated a domestic dispute. Deputies were assisting a woman retrieve property and while inside the residence a deputy observed explosives in plain sight. The apartment building was evacuated. The Division Bomb Disposal Unit responded and secured fireworks, detonators, detonating cord, boosters, dynamite, and Improvised Explosive devices.

In December 2017, the Bomb Disposal Unit responded to assist SP Painted Post at the scene of a fatal explosion. The investigation revealed that the man was constructing pipe bombs when one detonated killing the bomb maker.

Canine Unit

The New York State Police Canine Unit was first organized in 1975 when the Division sent its first three members to Baltimore, Maryland. These three initial canine teams were specifically trained in explosive detection in preparation for the 1976 and 1980 Olympics. All canines are donated through the generosity of breeders, private individuals, and humane societies. State Police canines are named after deceased members killed in the line of duty.

The strength of the Canine Unit was increased to 99 full service canines with the 2017 Basic Canine School. The 99 teams include 38 explosives detection canines with 11 handlers assigned to the Division Bomb Disposal Unit, 61 narcotics detection teams with 31 cross trained for cadaver detection. There are also four Division bloodhounds which are utilized solely for the tracking of lost or missing persons.

In January 2017, Troop D was requested by the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department to conduct a track for a suicidal adult male missing in the village of Tully. The Troop D bloodhound picked up the scent of the missing subject and tracked him for approximately .8 miles ultimately locating the subject near railroad tracks. The man was taken into custody and was turned over to the Onondaga County Sheriffs.

In June 2017, the Special Operations Response Team requested Troop D canine to assist them, and the FBI, with locating a male suspect, wanted for the shooting of two people in Colorado, believed to be hiding in a residence in the town of Trenton. While conducting surveillance, the suspect ran from the rear of the house into a tree line. A Troop D canine was released and the suspect quickly gave up. A later interview revealed the suspect, knowing that he was being pursued by a police canine, quickly dropped to the ground and surrendered to avoid being bitten.

In July 2017, a Troop D canine was requested to assist the US Postal Inspector, the Community Narcotics Enforcement Team and the Drug Enforcement Administration with a suspicious package at the Taft Road Post Office. After a canine alert on the package, a search warrant was obtained and the package opened. Located inside the package was one kilogram of cocaine found wrapped in five layers of carbon paper, 50 layers of plastic vacuum sealed bags, covered in lotion and dryer sheets. The investigation was continued the next day when a package was delivered to the suspect and a search warrant was executed. A canine search of the suspect's residence located a small amount of marijuana, cocaine and an illegal handgun.



The Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) four regional teams provide state-level response to actual, suspected or perceived crime scenes in which chemical, biological, explosive, radiological, or nuclear contamination or components may be present. 120 members are all certified Hazardous Material Technicians that can provide emergency response capability to support law enforcement agencies when responding to contaminated crime scenes or hazardous conditions.

The first documented clandestine drug lab involving methamphetamine in New York State was in 1999. During that year, there were a total of four clandestine/drug labs discovered, three of which involved the manufacturing of methamphetamine. The number of clandestine labs/incidents in New York State has continued to increase with the Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) handling 327 clandestine labs during 2015.

In January 2017, CCSERT members conducted annual in-service training with the New York National Guard's 2nd Civil Support Team. The training consisted of confined space awareness which is part of CCSERT's mission essential task list.

In April 2017, CCSERT responded to 91 calls for service related to methamphetamine production. In addition to working with State Police Troops and Stations across the State, CCSERT responded to calls from numerous County Sheriff and Local Police Departments throughout New York State.

CNET

The New York State Police has five regional Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (CNET) deployed across the state to help local police with areas impacted by drug trafficking and related street crimes.

Arrests	930
Undercover Purchases	1,423
Guns Seized	245
Vehicles Seized	48
Currency Seized	\$2,885,409

In January 2016, CNET Western, working with the Town of Amherst Police Department, began a year-long investigation into a heroin/fentanyl dealer believed to be responsible for as many as five overdose deaths. After an extensive background investigation, numerous controlled purchases and surveillance, the investigation resulted in the execution of a federal search warrant in February 2017. Law enforcement seized more than 200 bags of fentanyl, jewelry appraised at over \$450,000, as well as \$50,000 cash.

In June 2017, CNET Central completed a year-long investigation resulting in the execution of six search warrants in Herkimer County. State Police seized eight ounces of cocaine, three ounces of crystal methamphetamine, six pounds of marijuana, two long guns and more than \$5,000 cash.

In November 2016, CNET Capital began a narcotics investigation targeting a drug distribution network in the Capital District. Electronic and physical surveillance were conducted to expose the scope of the operation. On October 18, 2017, the main target was followed from the New York City area to Albany County, New York. After a traffic stop, the suspects were found to be in possession of 280 grams of heroin. Search warrants were obtained for the suspect's residence, business and vehicle. A total of more than 1.5 kilograms of cocaine, seven grams of crack cocaine, four handguns and two assault rifles were seized.

In June 2017, CNET Hudson Valley-Campbell Hall, along with Troop F, SP Liberty BCI, received information regarding a group of individuals from New Jersey who established residency in Monticello, NY to distribute heroin. A CNET undercover member conducted a number of heroin buys, with one buy being more than 1,000 bags. The target was surveilled to a location in New Jersey which was linked to an open homicide investigation. On September 18, 2017, search warrants were executed in Sullivan County, NY and in New Jersey. Law enforcement seized 121 grams of heroin, suboxone strips, 11.5 gram of Procaine (cutting agent), crack cocaine, marijuana, a firearm and more than \$6,500 cash.

In September 2017, CNET Southern Tier, Troop C, DEA, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Marshal and local law enforcement conducted multiple raids and arrest warrants associated with an investigation named Operation Hailstorm. Ten defendants were arrested on federal drug charges. Law enforcement seized three handguns, more than six pounds of crystal methamphetamine, two ounces of cocaine, marijuana, heroin, approximately \$50,000 cash, and vehicles.

Crime Lab

The NYSP's Crime Laboratory System (CLS) provides statewide support to all state criminal justice agencies with state-of-the-art forensic analytical and

investigative capabilities and expert testimony related to the investigation and resolution of criminal matters. The System has four laboratories located across the state.

Forensic Investigation Center Cases	7,761
Mid-Hudson Regional Lab Cases	3,554
Southern Tier Regional Lab Cases	1,633
Western Regional Lab Cases	1,233

In February 2017, a 20-year-old female driver crossed into oncoming traffic, causing a head-on collision, killing her 18-month-old daughter and seriously injuring the driver of the other. Blood was taken from the woman and submitted to the laboratory for toxicology testing. The evidence was tested for alcohol and a drug panel. The woman's blood confirmed positive for the presence of Xanax, its metabolite and another benzodiazepine. The woman plead guilty to Vehicular Manslaughter and Vehicular Assault and was sentenced to up to 12 years in prison.



A Forensic Scientist inserting samples onto an instrument in Toxicology Section

In February 2017, the New York State Attorney General's Syracuse office prosecuted more than one hundred defendants under major trafficking laws. This resulted in multiple submissions, totaling thousands of items, consisting of hundreds of grams of cocaine, fentanyl and heroin. Through lengthy analysis by Forensic Scientists within Drug Section, reports were generated supporting Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 1st degree, Criminal Sale of Controlled Substance 1st degree and trafficking charges under NY penal code 220.77, drugs with a street value of over \$75,000.

In October 2017, a folding knife believed to have been used to stab a man during a robbery was submitted to the Forensic Investigation Center for examination. The knife was processed for friction skin impressions. An identifiable finger impression developed on the handle of the knife identified to the man arrested for the robbery and stabbing.



Evidence Receiving is responsible for approximately 14,000 cases, totaling more than 35,000 items of evidence, annually. These cases include testing for varying types of forensic analysis. In 2017, new DNA sexual offense legislation added to the annual submission of cases. Over 1,500 cases from previous years were required to be submitted by all agencies in the state by the end of December.

In August 2017, DNA analysis was completed on evidence resubmitted from a 1995 Schenectady PD homicide case. The 17-year-old strangled victim was found on the Schenectady Municipal Golf course and a men's Spaulding sneaker found near the body. With assistance from Troop G Major Crimes, a new suspect, now deceased, was developed. The suspect's body was exhumed for DNA comparison. The DNA profile obtained from the remains matched a "John Doe" profile previously developed from the victim's fingernail scrapings. The DNA profile from cuttings taken from inside the Spaulding sneaker also matched the suspect. In October 2017, the Schenectady County District Attorney announced that the homicide had been solved through the investigation and DNA, and the case was closed.

NYSIC

Requests for Investigative Assistance	12,169
Intelligence Bulletins Disseminated	337

The New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC), is the officially designated fusion center for New York State. Since its opening in 2003, the New York State Intelligence Center has promoted timely and accurate information exchange among New York law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal level.

The NYSIC, a multi-agency, all-crimes fusion center identifies, prevents, and protects New York against emerging domestic and international terrorist and criminal threats through information collection, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence. The NYSIC provides investigative and analytic resources, subject matter expertise, and information in an effort to detect, prevent and respond to both criminal and terrorist activity.

The NYSIC is comprised of two separate sections, the Counter Terrorism Center and Criminal Intelligence Section, that work together seamlessly to support the NYSIC Mission.

In May 2017, NYSIC, working alongside the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center, informed the Madison-Oneida BOCES of suspicions that an Internet Protocol address (IPA) in their network was involved in a malicious botnet. After a thorough internal investigation, the Madison-Oneida BOCES informed NYSIC that they had identified the infected device and had taken steps to mitigate the threat.



NYSIC Staff

In May 2017, members of NYSIC’s Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) and Intelligence Analyst Unit (IAU) assisted the Montgomery Township Police Department (MTPD) on an ongoing credit card ring investigation based out of Brooklyn, and operating in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland. The ring was suspected of being involved in 367 known fraudulent cases with fraud loss exceeding \$20,880. Based upon information provided by NYSIC, MTPD identified potential suspects. NYSIC continued to support MTPD in identifying possible suspects through facial recognition. NYSIC shared information about the case in a weekly publication, leading to the US Department of Homeland Security to reach out to MTPD and provide additional information, leading to the arrest of two suspects.

In July 2017, State Police responded to an automobile collision on Interstate-95 in the town of Harrison, Westchester County where they located a male lying on the shoulder, shot in the chest. Through interviews, it was revealed the victim was shot in a rental van and dumped on I-95. A description of the van and a license plate were obtained. NYSIC’s liaison to the New York City Police Department’s Counter Terrorism Division (NYPD CTD), was contacted after ties were developed. Resources were used to show possible connections between the victim and a subject. The information was immediately relayed to the Troop K Major Crimes Unit and ultimately provided the missing link in this case. The suspect was charged with Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 1st Degree.

In November 2017, NYSP Northway contacted NYSIC for assistance after being advised of a subject planning to make a trip to Glen Falls to purchase a large quantity of narcotics and return to the Warren County area. Using the information provided, NYSIC investigators were able to establish the identity of and vehicle of the subject. The vehicle was located, stopped and a search revealed 22.13 grams of fentanyl, 3.54 grams of heroin, more than \$900 in US currency and 188.73 grams of cocaine. The vehicle’s occupant was arrested and charged with multiple felonies.

OEM

The New York State Police Office of Emergency Management, works in collaboration with New York State OEM

staff and liaisons with federal, state, and local partners to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities throughout the State. The OEM enables the Governor and senior staff to formulate the appropriate level of State support and response during disasters and emergencies.

In mid-April 2017, the rising waters of Lake Ontario began to seriously impact communities along the lake shore. The towns of Irondequoit and Greece experienced prolonged flooding due to the lake levels and the effect of on-shore winds. State Police OEM Lieutenants assisted in the lake level monitoring and coordination of response activities by the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

On March 8, 2017, State Police OEM assisted in the response to a windstorm in Erie and Niagara Counties. The storm caused damage to powerlines and damaged buildings, and flipped tractor trailers. The observations and information collected by OEM enabled a timely and appropriate response by NYS agencies that were involved.

On March 14, 2017, a nor'easter snow storm dumped large amounts of snow across the state. Throughout this event the OEM detail assisted DHSES and NYSP with the coordination of response activities from the NYS Emergency Management Office and within the Troops through the local county offices of emergency management.

On October 31, 2017, and December 11, 2017, OEM responded to the scene of two separate terror attacks in Manhattan. The first was a vehicle attack along the Hudson River Park bike path, while the other was an attempted bombing beneath the Port Authority garage.

Training Exercises	96
Emergency Operations Center Activations	23
Field Deployments	78



April 2017 flooding near Lake Ontario



Tractor trailer flipped during March 2017 windstorm

PSB

The Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) has a wide range of responsibilities that further the mission of Division. It is divided into two sections: An investigative section and an audit section.

Investigative Section

One of the primary responsibilities of the PSB is to ensure the prompt and thorough investigation of allegations of misconduct by NYSP employees. In 2017, the PSB Investigative Section conducted 498 investigations with the final determination as follows:

FINAL DETERMINATION	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS
CLOSED BY INVESTIGATION	95
FOUNDED	198
UNFOUNDED	93
UNSUBSTANTIATED	84
PENDING	28
TOTAL	498

PSB staff also respond to critical incidents with troop and field command supervisory personnel. A critical incident is defined as any action by a sworn member that results in serious physical injury or death to another person or member.

Audit Section

The internal audit process is considered an essential tool for government accountability. The current internal audit process allows us to comply with the mandates of the Internal Control Act by obtaining, analyzing and evaluating information concerning the operations, administration and management of any troop, zone, station, detail or section. This process helps identify strengths and weaknesses, and leads to instructions, recommendations, and/or suggestions to improve Division's performance. In 2017, the PSB Audit Section conducted 30 Division-level audits.

To maximize the success of our zero tolerance policy regarding illegal drug use and drug/substance abuse, the Division randomly screens all sworn members using urinalysis and hair testing methods. The Division's testing standards have been designed to ensure the member's personal confidentiality and dignity is maintained, while simultaneously safeguarding the screening process. In 2017, the PSB Audit Section conducted a total of 1,988 urine tests and 619 hair tests broken down as follows:

Tests Administered	Urine Tests	Hair Tests
Member Random Drug Tests	1397	28

Probationary Trooper Tests	369	369
Recruit Trooper Tests	222	222
Total	1988	619

Surveys

The NYSP administers several types of citizen satisfaction surveys on a regular basis. During Division-level audits, PSB staff members perform telephone and personal surveys with internal and external customers. In addition, PSB has managed a mail survey program since April 1999.

Early Intervention Program

The Early Intervention Program (EIP) is a progressive, remedial program, conducted under the oversight of the Chief Inspector. It is a two-phase process, designed to identify Members who demonstrate a pattern of conduct in need of improvement. The program provides support to Members in the form of counseling, re-training, re-orientation, or increased supervision. The EIP provides these resources with the intent to prevent minor professional or personnel issues from becoming a larger concern.

Underwater Recovery Team

The New York State Police Underwater Recovery Team is the oldest public safety dive team in the United States. Operating since 1932, its 65 members are spread out over eight Troops in upstate New York. The NYSP Dive Team is also the largest in the country and regularly provides specialized services to communities and law enforcement agencies across the state and the Northeast.

NYSP divers perform regular patrol and administrative duties when not assigned to a dive operation. With its arsenal of 21 boats, including four airboats, and a multitude of underwater electronic search equipment, the team can respond to boat accidents, drowning, flood emergencies, swift water rescues, and other water related emergencies.



Members of Troop K and H participate in SCUBA training at Lake Taghkanic State Park in Columbia County, New York.

In April 2017, NYSP URTs from Troops B and D participated in a joint, multi-agency exercise, in preparation for a new U.S. Coast Guard project. The Underwater Port Security project has been in development for nearly two years. The NYSP Underwater Recovery Team has been requested to provide support to the USCG in searching hulls of ships targeted for transporting parasitic containers.

In October 2017, the Buffalo Police Department contacted Troop A URT requesting assistance locating a missing Buffalo PD diver in the Niagara River. Team members from Troops A and E responded and commenced SONAR operations immediately. The Buffalo PD had been conducting a training dive when tether connected to diver became entangled on an unknown object. After several attempts to recover their diver by several different methods, the tether line broke. On the fourth day of the search, a Troop E URT member developed a sonar target of interest approximately 1/2-mile north, and down river of the original scene, which turned out to be the Buffalo PD diver.

In November 2017, Troop K URT responded to the Foster Tilley Mine in Putnam County, for a reported technical diver who failed surface the previous day. The diver reportedly was at a depth between 170 to 200 feet. Due to the extreme depth, SONAR and Remote Operated Vehicle equipment was utilized. Divers spotted a target of interest on the SONAR, deployed the ROV and used the SONAR to direct the ROV to the target. The victim was located on the ROV camera at 172 feet of water. The ROV pulled up the victim to a depth of 70 feet, when a diver descended to pull the victim to the surface.

SIU

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) conducts and supports investigations requiring specialized investigative techniques, including surveillance (physical and electronic), undercover operations, and the use of informants; these investigations are often long term and multi-jurisdictional.

Felony Charges	755
Currency Seized	\$10,173,213
Vehicles Seized	83
Firearms Seized	26
Narcotics Seized	126 kilos

In July 2017, members of SIU-Valhalla developed information that a large scale, international drug trafficking organization was distributing narcotics from tractor-trailers parked in New Jersey Turnpike rest areas in the Newark area. Over a three-month period, undercover operations included direct conversations with drug traffickers in Mexico and Columbia, surveillance and one member posing as a courier for a known drug dealer. The investigative efforts led to the arrest of four individuals, the seizure of 75 kilograms of heroin and 25 kilograms of methamphetamine with a total wholesale value of \$6,760,000. The Drug Enforcement Administration identified this case, and the two resulting seizures, as one of the most significant seizures in the New York City area in 2017.



In February 2017, SIU ATU-Long Island investigated a child sex trafficking case stemming from a clinician referral.

The investigation revealed a 14-year-old victim and another female minor met with pimps in Suffolk County. The two were trafficked in motels in Nassau and Suffolk counties, facilitated through Backpage, with the pimps providing the girls with alcohol, drugs, condoms and motel rooms. Nine pimps were charged with sex trafficking in Queens county, New Jersey and Connecticut.

In February 2017, SIU Albany, at the request of the Schenectady County District Attorney's Office and Schenectady Police Department, assisted with the murder investigation of a male subject. Through extensive investigative efforts and techniques, they determined the homicide was a murder for hire for insurance money. The case stretched from an individual in Schenectady to a violent gang with international ties in Delaware. The investigation concluded with the arrest of a Schenectady man and two Delaware men for Murder 1st degree.

In January 2017, SIU was requested to assist United States Army CID at Fort Drum to identify, locate and arrest suspected child predators on or near the Fort Drum Military Base in Watertown, NY. SIU-Syracuse, with Fort Drum CID and Troop D Computer Crimes Unit (CCU), conducted a three-day proactive undercover operation, utilizing undercover computer communications to identify those suspects willing to travel to an on-base housing unit, to engage in sexual acts with underage victims. Two active duty Fort Drum soldiers were charged with felony military charges and one civilian charged with Disseminating Indecent Material to a Minor.

In November 2017, SIU Rochester members received information of a suspicious death investigation being conducted by the Corning Police Dept. Corning PD members had responded to a residence in the C/Corning and located a female deceased, hanging from a rope in the stairwell in an apparent suicide. In conjunction with Troop E and Corning PD, the investigation utilizing sophisticated SIU techniques determined the suicide was staged by the ex-husband, his daughter with the victim, and that the female was murdered. The ex- husband and daughter were charged with the murder by the investigative team in Steuben County.

SORT

The Special Operations Response Team supports the New York State Police with a tactical response to critical events and other specialized assignments within the state of New York. SORT duties include operations involving, counter terrorism, disaster relief, hostage rescue, clandestine labs, high risk/violent felony arrests, searching for escapees and wanted persons, searching for lost or injured hikers, civil disturbance, high angle rope rescue, tactical patrol, barricaded persons, and high-risk dignitary protection and escort.

The Special Operations Response Team was created in 1980 to provide a tactical response element for the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. There are currently five regional teams: Capital, Central, North, South and West. The Teams are a full-time asset providing their specialized services to communities and law enforcement agencies across the state. Each Troop also has .308 Riflemen, who are available to work with the SORT in certain critical incidents. In addition to the .308 Riflemen, each Troop also has enhanced canine handlers who are cross trained to assist SORT in a variety of situations, along with their canine partners.

In February 2017, operators from three of the five Teams assisted Major Crimes and SIU in the apprehension of a suspect wanted for two counts of murder. Once an indictment was issued, SORT executed the search/arrest warrant and took the suspect into custody without incident.

In April 2017, SORT assisted the DEA and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office with a raid associated with a multi-year investigation into methamphetamine distribution and stolen vehicles in Dansville, NY. The target building was a 12,000 sq. ft. commercial property, with attached junkyard and multiple suspects. The raid resulted in the arrest of all targets in the investigation and the seizure of methamphetamine, marijuana and stolen vehicles

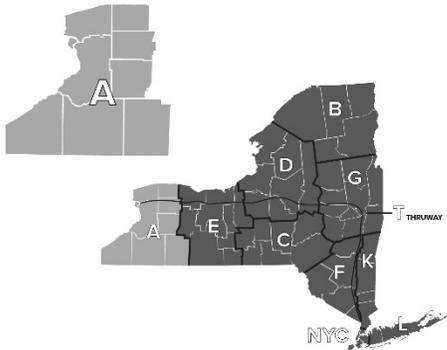


Members of SORT prepare for a demonstration at the State Fair

In May 2017, SORT assisted CNET Central with the execution of a search warrant of a convicted felon in the town of Evans Mills. The suspect and an associate were taken into custody. A search of the residence yielded one loaded handgun, 10 loaded rifles and shotguns, including one sawed off shotgun, two ounces of cocaine, three ounces of mushrooms, four ounces of marihuana and two plants, numerous pills and narcotics paraphernalia and more than \$8,300 cash.

In November 2017, an unknown subject fired a handgun at the Galleria Mall in Middletown. The subject's location was unknown and members of SORT and Orange County Sheriff's Special Operations Group were tasked with clearing the mall. After clearing the mall, it was later determined by surveillance cameras the suspect had left the mall shortly after the shooting. A week later the subject turned himself into authorities.

Troop A



Arrests	5,309
Calls for Service	55,908
Accidents	4,838
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	94,430
Distracted Driving Tickets	3,996
Move Over Tickets	579

Troop A serves Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties in the western portion of New York State.

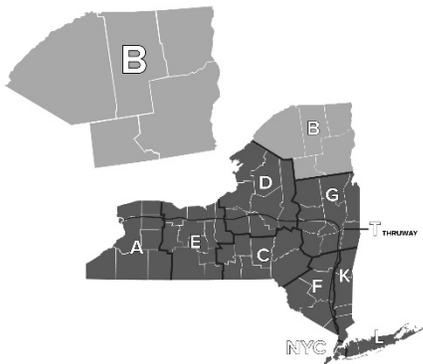
On February 1, 2017 at 12:30 a.m., the Bureau of Criminal Investigation out of SP Amity responded to investigate the death of a 57-year-old male at his residence in the town of Clarksville, Allegany County. Further investigation revealed the victim had been murdered by a 51-year-old female and her son, who he had a relationship with in the past. Both suspects were charged with Murder 2nd degree.

On May 23, 2017 at approx. 7:58 am, SP Machias received a report of a 12-year-old female runaway from the town of Franklinville. During the investigation, it was learned the 12-year-old had been linked to an 18-year-old male from a recent arrest of Disseminating Indecent Material to a Minor. The 18-year-old and a 16-year-old mutual friend were also unaccounted for. Troopers received a report of a stolen vehicle not far from the residence, along with information of a handgun inside the stolen vehicle and an additional handgun also missing. This information, combined with the previous encounters, led investigators to believe this to be a possible child abduction and requested an Amber Alert activation. At approximately 4:10 pm, SP Machias BCI and patrols located all three subjects, along with the stolen vehicle at an abandoned house near the suspect's residence. Both males were charged with Grand Larceny 4th degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th degree and Unlawful Imprisonment 2nd degree.

On November 2, 2017, SP BCI members arrested a 36-year-old New Hudson man following a lengthy investigation into various crimes in Allegany and Cattaraugus counties. On November 1, 2017, SP Amity members executed a search warrant at the suspect residence and found nearly 50 items of stolen property directly linked to burglary complaints in the town of New Hudson and in Cattaraugus County. The stolen property was found hidden in various areas of the residence. A marijuana grow operation was also located in a secret room in the garage area. State Police seized 282 marijuana plants, approximately four ounces of processed marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The arrest closed six criminal cases involving the State Police, as well as cases in Cattaraugus County.



Troop B



Arrests	5,360
Calls for Service	34,900
Accidents	5,703
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	64,262
Distracted Driving Tickets	1,942
Move Over Tickets	413

Troop B serves counties in the northern portion of New York State including Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence counties.

In March 2017, a 42-year-old man was found deceased on the edge of the roadway in Mooers, New York. An investigation revealed the victim attended a party the previous night with friends. Two friends drove him to his residence and placed him on the side of the road. Due to the frigid temperatures the victim died of hypothermia. After a lengthy investigation, both friends were arrested for Criminally Negligent Homicide.

In April 2017, a woman held her ex-boyfriend at knife point after he disclosed he raped a 12-year-old victim. Investigators responded and got a full confession from suspect who was sentenced to 15 years in state prison with 10 years post release supervision.

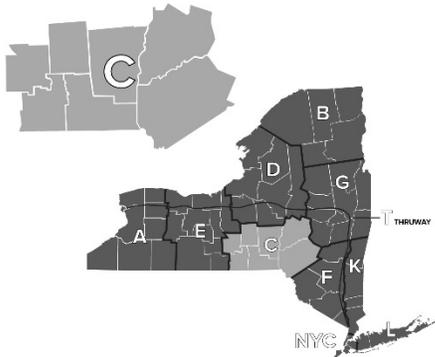
In October 2017, two SP Plattsburgh troopers were intentionally struck following a pursuit of a stolen vehicle from Vermont. The operator, a 14-year-old boy from Vermont, and the passenger, a 21-year-old female from Morrisonville, New York, were taken into custody and charged. The troopers were not injured.

In December 2017, an unknown man wearing a ski mask, armed with a tire iron, kicked open the door of a residence just outside Ogdensburg, demanding money from the homeowner. After a violent altercation, the suspect struck the victim with a shovel and fled with a safe. Information about a possible suspect was developed from a traffic stop and the suspect was located and charged with Burglary 1st degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd degree.

In June 2017, following an SP Tupper Lake traffic stop, a probable cause search of the vehicle yielded fake IDs, credit cards with false names and \$16,180 in counterfeit money, located in hidden compartments in the engine area. The suspects brought heroin and cocaine to the area and the counterfeit money was to purchase marijuana to resell in New York City. Both occupants faced charges and as result of the information gathered, a search warrant was executed at a house where approximately 13 grams of heroin and 22 grams of cocaine was secured.

In June 2017, the Troop B Narcotic Enforcement Unit finalized a 10-month joint investigation with the New York State Attorney General's Office, which led to the arrest of 106 defendants involved in the distribution of narcotics within St. Lawrence County. During the course of this investigation, more than a kilogram of cocaine was seized, along with ¼ pound of Fentanyl, several ounces of heroin, \$89,000.00 in currency and three firearms.

Troop C



Arrests	4,239
Calls for Service	47,983
Accidents	6,180
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	74,882
Distracted Driving Tickets	2,225
Move Over Tickets	1,670

Troop C serves Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties.

In March 2017, Troopers at SP Richfield Springs initiated an investigation after an estranged husband attempted to hire a neighbor to kill his wife. The suspect had purchased two life insurance policies on his estranged spouse when they were first married and also possessed a large amount of cash at the residence, indicating he could pay the complainant. Zone 1 Bureau of Criminal Investigation personnel coordinated with SIU Binghamton and the neighbor was outfitted with a body wire to meet with the suspect. The suspect was recorded telling the neighbor he had acquired a vehicle for the neighbor to use and was ready to proceed with the plan. A search warrant was executed and the suspect was found to be in possession of numerous long guns and a large sum of U.S. Currency. The suspect was arrested for Conspiracy 2nd degree.

On April 24, 2017, SP Binghamton responded to 911 call in the town of Windsor for a seven-year-old female run over by a lawn mower. Upon arrival, Troopers located the child inside the residence with a severe lower leg injury and partial left foot amputation. The member applied his Division issued tourniquet to the child's leg in an attempt to control the bleeding. The child was ultimately airlifted to a hospital for her injuries, but the member's quick response and application of the tourniquet saved the child's life.

In August 2017, SP Richfield Springs responded to a call of an unresponsive male. Due to an extended EMS response time, the members provided CPR for 30 minutes and utilized the AED for multiple shocks. Upon arrival of EMS, the victim, who had regained a pulse, was transported to the hospital. The actions of the responding members saved the life of the victim, a prominent citizen in the community.

In August 2017, a SP Deposit Trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding. After determining the operator's driver's license was suspended and the passenger did not have a license, the driver was placed into custody. A search of the driver's person revealed a small amount of marijuana. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed three large packages, nearly 15 pounds, of marijuana wrapped in cellophane in the trunk of the vehicle. The investigation resulted in the passenger and driver of the vehicle being charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana 1st and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.



Troop D



Arrests	6,212
Calls for Service	80,856
Accidents	9,061
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	101,872
Distracted Driving Tickets	5,516
Move Over Tickets	1,153

Troop D serves Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties.

On December 1, 2017, SP North Syracuse located a missing 17-year-old, Caitlyn Frisina, who was reported missing from Columbia County, Florida and was reportedly with a 27-year-old family friend and Frisina's high school soccer coach. Investigator Todd Grant along with assistance from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office took Rian Rodriguez into custody without incident. Caitlyn Frisina was located in the vehicle uninjured and in good health. Rodriguez was arrested and charged as a fugitive of justice.

In May 2017, SP Watertown responded to a town of Pamela residence in Jefferson County, for a report of shots fired. The perpetrators in a home invasion robbery and announced themselves as "Watertown Police". The victim, a 20-year-old male, died as a result of a gunshot wound to his neck, and the death was ruled homicide. As a result of the investigation, five individuals were charged with Murder 2nd degree as they were directly involved in the death of the twenty-year-old male. Another male was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery. All arrests were completed on September 11, 2017, 117 days after the homicide.



On July 4, 2017, SP Carthage responded to a structure fire at a residence on Frances Street in the village of Carthage. Once on scene, they observed a multi-unit home fully engulfed in flames. Trooper Thomas E. Miller, while assisting members from the fire department, was approached by a male stating that his daughter and grandchildren were still in a basement bedroom inside the residence. Trooper Miller was able to make entry into the basement and locate the mother and her five-year-old. Trooper Miller then made his way up the stairs to the second floor and was able to locate an eight-year-old child. He wrapped the child in a blanket and carried her back to the main floor. Two firefighters were able to kick open the front door and Trooper Miller carried the child from the residence through the front door to be evaluated by awaiting EMS personnel. All of the occupants were evaluated and released. Trooper Miller was later treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.



Troop E



Arrests	6,276
Calls for Service	82,643
Accidents	8,462
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	128,257
Distracted Driving Tickets	5,395
Move Over Tickets	1,232

Troop E serves Cayuga, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates Counties.

On January 24, 2017, SP Bath was dispatched to a rollover accident on I-86 in the town of Avoca, involving a box van transporting 103 puppies from Missouri to local pet stores. Five puppies sustained minor injuries and needed treatment. One by one the puppies were removed from the box van and transported to a local tow company for safety. The SPCA responded to ensure the animals received the care they needed. The injured puppies were treated and remained locally where they found their forever homes, with the remaining puppies eventually released back to the transport company.



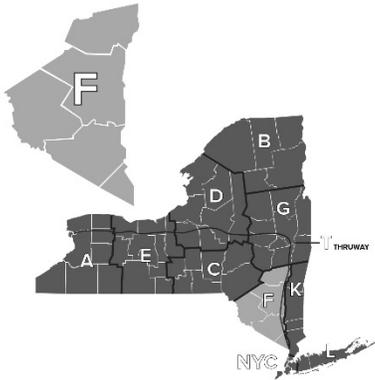
In May 2017, SP Geneseo responded to a report of a suicidal subject threatening to jump off a cliff. The subject was located 60 feet below face down in a stream. The Trooper made it to the victim, secured a log and placed it under the victim's head to ensure the subject did not drown. Patrols utilized the water current to float the victim onto a flat rock while controlling the subject's neck and spine. First aid was continued for 45 more minutes while Fire and EMS could rappel to the location. Patrols assisted with removing the victim to safety.

In 2017, VCIT conducted numerous undercover online child exploitation investigations. The Investigator searched social media platforms looking for suspects, posing as a twelve-year-old child. Twelve suspects were arrested in these investigations and charged with a total of twenty-nine felonies and two misdemeanors.

On December 14, 2017, a Troop E canine team was assigned to a city of Elmira G.I.V.E. detail to assist Elmira Police Department. The team was call to assist with a traffic stop, alerting to the rear passenger seat. Elmira Police conducted a more detailed search and located a bag containing 2.5 pounds of marijuana. The suspect was arrested for Criminal Possession of Marijuana 2nd and Violation of Parole.



Troop F



Arrests	11,024
Calls for Service	74,057
Accidents	6,949
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	107,356
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,461
Move Over Tickets	1,530

Troop F serves Greene, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties.

On February 14, 2017, State Police Monroe investigated an armed robbery in the town of Monroe. An investigation revealed similar robberies in the area, while SIU White Plains learned a Highland Mills man, arrested in Florida, had returned to New York and may be responsible for additional robberies. After conducting surveillance, the suspect was arrested after a third robbery.

On June 11, 2017 at approximately 4:02 a.m. Troopers from Thruway Newburgh investigated a fatal hit and run accident. Investigation that the deceased was struck by a tractor trailer. Troop F Collision Reconstruction Investigation (CRU) assisted with the scene and were able to determine that the suspect struck the deceased and left the scene. He was later charged with leaving the scene of a fatal motor vehicle accident.

On October 14, 2017, SP Highland started an investigation after an individual reported his 15-year-old daughter missing. On October 21, 2017, the father received a message from his daughter reporting she and another 14-year-old female were being held against their will at an unknown location in Brooklyn. The girls were located and returned to their homes in Ulster County. The subjects at scene were charged with Sex Trafficking, Promoting Prostitution and Rape 2nd degree.

On December 2, 2012, the town of Newburgh Police responded to a violent home invasion of an elderly couple in Balmville, NY. During the ensuing years, several detectives worked the case and could not get any further information to move the case forward. In June of 2017, the Troop F Major Crimes Unit was asked to assist prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations. Through their efforts, information was gathered implicating two suspects. The case was presented to a grand jury and both men were indicted for Burglary 1st Degree, just one week prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations.

Troop G



Arrests	8,874
Calls for Service	65,278
Accidents	9,095
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	97,881
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,276
Move Over Tickets	907

Troop G serves Albany, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington Counties.

In February 2017, Troop G members worked with Forest Rangers and Vermont State Troopers in Washington County to recover the bodies of two snowmobilers missing from Benson, VT. The snowmobilers set out across frozen Lake Champlain to Ticonderoga, NY when they disappeared. Both bodies were recovered under approximately 20 feet of water on the NY/VT border.



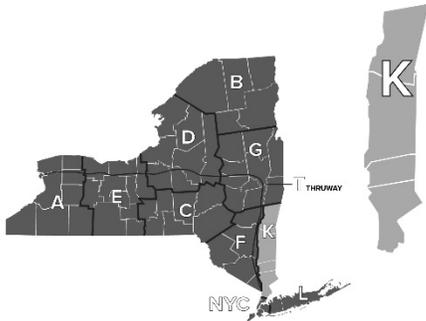
In April 2017, after receiving a complaint of possible animal abuse, State Police discovered 22 dogs were abandoned by their owner in the Town of Stratford. Only 13 of the dogs were alive, and that only 13 were barely alive. The owner was charged with 22 counts of Torturing or Injuring Animals/Failure to Provide Sustenance of the Agriculture and Markets Law. With the help of a local emergency veterinarian and a humane society, the surviving dogs received the necessary care and were adopted by local families.

In April 2017, State Police uniform and BCI members responded to a report of an armed robbery and shooting at The Hague Market in Warren County. An investigation revealed a female suspect purchased a bag of potato chips, just before a male suspect entered the store, demanded money, and shot the store owner. The suspect vehicle which was located by an off-duty investigator and both subjects were taken into custody. Evidence from a number of burglaries in the Warren County area was also found during the investigation. The male suspect plead guilty to attempted murder and the female suspect plead guilty to Robbery.

In June 2017, three SP Sand Lake troopers were credited with saving the life of a man with Parkinson's disease who fell from a dock into a nearby lake. The victim did not know how to swim and his head was barely being held above water by a witness who was quickly running out of strength. One Trooper entered the water, bringing the victim to the dock, another assisted with removal from the water, and a third assisted in EMS arrival. The victim fully recovered.

In November 2017, a trooper on a traffic stop was alerted of a nearby structure fire. The trooper rushed to the scene and was told there was still a resident in the third-floor apartment. The trooper entered the smoky building and gained access to the apartment where he located the man who had to be forcefully removed from the apartment.

Troop K



Arrests	4,041
Calls for Service	60,899
Accidents	7,919
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	90,744
Distracted Driving Tickets	3,416
Move Over Tickets	1,348

Troop K serves Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester Counties.

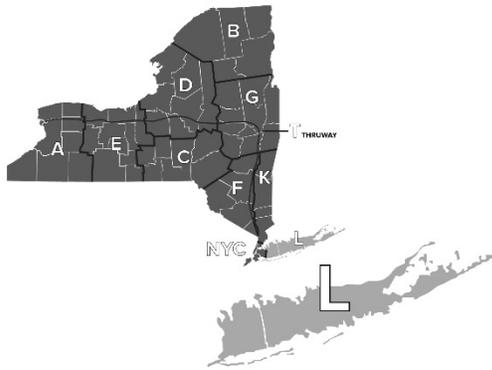
In November 2017, Troop K BCI from SP Somers, and Major Crimes arrested the suspect in the bludgeoning murder of a Westchester County socialite, Lois Colley. Mrs. Colley was found deceased at her family estate in the town of North Salem in November of 2015. An exhaustive investigation led to the identity of the 32-year-old suspect who had formerly worked on the family estate. However, prior to being identified, the suspect fled to his homeland of Guatemala, and then to Mexico. His apprehension took an elaborate collaboration between Guatemalan and Mexican officials, FBI agents, NYS Troop K, and the Westchester District Attorney's Office. The suspect was brought back to New York State where he was arraigned on the charge of Murder 2nd degree.

In August of 2017, Troop K honored the memory of deceased member, Robert R. Bunworth. Troopers were contacted by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department following the death of a man in possession of a State Police retirement shield, and no surviving family members. It was discovered that Trooper Bunworth, a U.S. Navy veteran, joined the Division of the State Police on August 1, 1953, and retired from Troop K on August 8, 1973. Trooper Bunworth was interned at the Wappingers Rural Cemetery by active and retired Troop K members. In November of 2017, a special detail was formed to place a grave stone donated by the Police Benevolent Association of the New York State Troopers.



In September of 2017, off-duty Trooper Jeffrey D. Still of SP Stormville was traveling with his family to Maryland. Trooper Still witnessed a serious motor vehicle collision with the ejection of two motorcycle riders. Trooper Still immediately stopped his personal vehicle, and began to render medical assistance. The collision caused both the operator's, and passenger's right leg to be completely severed from their bodies. The male motorcycle rider was bleeding profusely. Trooper Still, along with the assistance of another passerby, applied a tourniquet to his thigh utilizing a belt. Trooper Still also prevented the confused 81-year-old SUV driver from leaving the scene of the crash by taking her car keys, as well as her driver's license. Both motorcycle riders were airlifted from the scene with life threatening injuries, and later survived.

Troop L



Arrests	1,215
Calls for Service	26,860
Accidents	7,505
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	71,616
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,675
Move Over Tickets	287

Troop L serves Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island.

After a four-month investigation into the sale of synthetic marihuana products from a Medford, New York

convenience store, Troop L Narcotics Enforcement Unit members arrested three Long Island men on federal drug charges. These illegal substances were packaged in glitter bags with cartoon and cartoon-like characters in attempt to market them to children and adolescents. The seizure of almost 1,000 individual packages, subsequent indictments and prosecution of the three men, was the result of tireless work and the invaluable cooperation between state and federal law enforcement partners.



SP Riverside Investigators, with the assistance of the Language Line, interviewed the mother of a five-year old boy who reported her son had been sexually abused by an adult male roommate. The suspect warned they should not report the incident to the police, threatening that the child would be taken from them and they would all be deported. Even after receiving the male suspect’s threat, the boy’s mother still chose to respond to the State Police to report the incident. With further translation assistance from a SP Riverside Uniform member, the suspect was identified, interviewed and provided a statement confessing to the sexual abuse. The suspect was arrested and charged with Criminal Sexual Act 1st Degree, Sex Abuse 1st Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

SP Farmingdale was dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover accident on the Southern State Parkway. State Police arrived and found an unoccupied vehicle had traveled off the roadway and rolled over, and was adjacent to a residential property off the Parkway. Troopers located a man in the front yard of a residence, determined to be the driver involved in the collision. The Trooper attempted to render first aid when, without provocation, he struck the Trooper Kraus causing an orbital fracture. Although injured, the member, with the assistance of Nassau County Police Officers, were able to subdue the man and arrest him. The man was charged with Assault on a Police Officer, Assault 2nd degree, Criminal Mischief 4th degree, Resisting Arrest, Obstruction of Governmental Administration, Unlawful Possession of Marihuana and Driving While Ability Impaired - Drugs.

Troop Headquarters successfully coordinated, implemented and deployed to the many major events on Long Island the Long Island Marathon, Jones Beach Air Show, Belmont Stakes, Jones Beach Fireworks Show, Wounded Warrior Ride, as well as the Northern Trust PGA golf tournament in Old Westbury.

Troop NYC



Arrests	0
Calls for Service	112
Accidents	0
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	4
Distracted Driving Tickets	0
Move Over Tickets	0

Troop NYC serves New York City.



In January of 2017, Uniform members assigned to the Airport Detail became a part of Zone 1.

In May 2017, SP Manhattan BCI received a complaint regarding an identity theft case from the PetSmart E-Commerce Fraud Team, involving fraudulent purchases and returns. PetSmart’s initial loss was thought to be more than \$3,500, but an investigation determined upwards of \$80,000 in retail fraud. The case was used by the Queens District Attorney’s Office to enter into a cooperation agreement with the defendant, who ultimately provided information instrumental in obtaining a conviction of a suspect for the 2015 murder of a New York City Police Department Officer.

In March 2017, the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force (NYDETF) Group T-31, which include Troop NYC members, developed information that multi-kilogram quantities of narcotics and U.S. currency were being transported from the southwestern United States to the New York area. Group T-31 members found a storage facility where the narcotics and cash were being stored. Three men were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Degree and Money Laundering 1st Degree. The storage facility contained kilograms of heroin, along with approximately four million dollars in cash.

In November 2017, the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force, Tactical Diversion Squad, including Troop NYC members, was investigating the medical practice of a New York City physician. The doctor had been illegally prescribing Oxycodone and Fentanyl to individuals selling these narcotics on the street. Approximately one dozen narcotics traffickers were identified and arrested. The doctor was arrested and faced felony charges, police seized 1,000 fentanyl spray patches, 500 bottles of Schedule II narcotics and \$700,000.

In September 2017, Troop NYC members were on foot patrol at John F. Kennedy International Airport's Terminal 4 when they noticed a pickup truck parked unattended and illegally. As troopers awaited a tow truck, a male approached and was asked for identification to prove he was the owner. The man produced what appeared to be a fraudulent Pennsylvania driver's license, provided the wrong birth date, then a second license that was not his. Upon further investigation and assistance from other SP members and the Port Authority Police, the man was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree, False Impersonation and Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device. Further interviews determined that the man, a 28-year-old Liberian National, intended on harming passengers at JFK Airport.

Troop T

Troop T serves the New York State Thruway from New York City to Western New York.

Arrests	2,679
Calls for Service	48,051
Accidents	10,565
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	147,210
Distracted Driving Tickets	4,945
Move Over Tickets	2,592

On December 3, 2017, SP Newburgh troopers conducted a vehicle and traffic stop on I-87 in the town of Plattekill. During interviews of the occupants, Troopers found discrepancies regarding travel itinerary and noticed the occupants to be extremely nervous. After receiving an obvious lie, a State Police Canine Team, called in to assist, conducted an exterior search of the vehicle. The canine gave a positive indication to the engine compartment, and a physical search resulted in the recovery of approximately 2.8 pounds of cocaine from the vehicle air intake system. All three occupants were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Degree.

On November 5, 2017, SP Albany conducted a traffic stop on I-90 in the city of Albany. During the stop, the member detected an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. At first, the driver and passenger denied any involvement with marijuana. Prior to a probable cause search of the vehicle, the driver admitted there may be a small marijuana cigarette in the car that he had forgotten about. A plastic container with a small amount of marijuana was discovered in the center console. Further search revealed a bag in the rear of the vehicle, containing powdery substances wrapped in cellophane, believed to be heroin. Ultimately, both subjects were charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree (with intent to sell), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st degree, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

On June 17, 2017, SP Junius Ponds responded to the Junius Ponds Service Plaza in the town of Phelps for a report of a domestic dispute. Troopers located a female with a laceration on the top of her head from being struck with a glass bottle. Both Troopers searched the last known location of the male suspect, a tractor trailer parked in the parking lot, but were unable to locate him. It was suspected that the male had fled on foot. While attempting to locate the suspect, Troopers Jensen located a handgun in the driver's compartment of the tractor trailer. After a lengthy search, the suspected was located. It was determined the driver did not possess a New York State pistol permit. The suspect was subsequently charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd degree and Assault 3rd degree.

On October 20, 2017, SP Buffalo received a complaint of a bomb threat on a school bus at the Angola Service Area. The investigation revealed a student on a Panama School District bus received an anonymous text message stating that there was a bomb under the bus. The student reported it to a teacher on the bus who then had the bus stop at the Angola Service Area, unload the passengers and park in a safer location. A search of the bus was negative and further investigation revealed two other juveniles on the bus had sent the text. Both were charged with Falsely Reporting an Incident 2nd degree.

2017 Statistics

Uniform Activity	
Uniform Responses	605,672
Uniform Arrests: Total Felony, Misd & Violations	62,585
Vehicle and Traffic Stats	
Traffic Tickets Issued	1,025,915
Speeding Tickets	344,773
Safety Restraints	46,977
DWI Arrests	12,824
Collision Investigations Conducted	78,312
Collision Result of Distracted Driving	4,717
Collision Result of Alcohol	2,122
Collision Result of Speed	15,299
Fatal Accidents Investigated	223
Distracted Driving Tickets--Cell Phone	19,451
Distracted Driving Tickets--Texting	19,308
Move Over Law Tickets	13,132
Commercial Vehicle Activity	
Vehicles Weighed	52,772
Vehicles Inspected	76,352
Inspection Violations	157,292
A.E.D. / Naloxone	
A.E.D. Usages	280
Field Saves (patient did not live past 5 days)	16
Full Reversals (patient recovered-stable)	22
Naloxone Usage	244
Subjects Responsive after Naloxone Use	156
Aviation	
ENCON	117
Medivac	123
Law Enforcement	518
Emergency Management - Special Operations	
Bomb Disposal Unit Responses	321
Special Operations Reponse Team Responses	373
SCUBA Unit Responses	321
K9 Unit Responses	10,526
NYSP EM Assist to Locals (SORT/SCUBA/CCERT)	452
Emergency Management - CCSERT	
Clandestine Drug Labs Investigated	518
Presentation/Outside Agency Training	0
Pistol Permit Bureau	
Law Guns Hotline	25,396

Computerized Ballistic Report	
Cartridge Cases Entered	998
Cartridge Case Hits	29
CNET Activity-Gun Investigation Unit Activity	
CNET Arrests	1,648
CNET Weapons Seized	865
Seized Assets - Drug Currency (CNET)	\$4,397,913
Seized Assets - Drug Vehicles (CNET)	67
Guns Seized Agency Wide	
Handguns Seized - agency wide	1,275
Long Gun Seized - agency wide	1,122
Total Guns Seized - agency wide	2,397
Computer Crimes Unit (CCU)	
CCU Regional Total	1,710
CCU Regional # Agencies Assisted	468
Computer Forensic Laboratory Cases	
Computer Forensic Laboratory Cases	268
Agency Assists	120
Internet Crimes Against Children Cases	
Internet Crimes Against Children Cases	2,380
Agencies Assisted	2,332
Violent Crime Investigation Team	
Cases	755
Agencies Assisted	510
Violent Felony Warrant Squad	
State Police warrants	160
Local/Other Agency Warrants	1,278
Out-of-state Warrants	84
NYSIC	
Criminal Gun Clearing House Entries	4,022
Gang/Gang Members Placed in GRIP/VGTOF	998
Intelligence Bulletins / Advisories Disseminated	1,018
Gun Tip Line Calls	13
NYSIC - CTC	
Terrorist Tip Line Calls Received	282
Terrorists Case Investigations	65