

Annual Report

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RECRUITMENT AND MEMBER HIRING

The New York State Police and law enforcement agencies across the country continue to face difficulty in recruiting the next generation of members. As a result, recruiting and testing methods have been adapted to continue to attract the best candidates. In 2023, the New York State Police made changes to increase the pool of qualified applicants. The maximum age to apply was raised to 34 (+7 years with qualified military time) and the tattoo policy was updated. During the 2023 application period, the agency's entrance exam was offered at 60 locations within New York, 390 locations in the United States, and on 101 military bases throughout the world. Division received 12,689 applicants and 8,026 candidates took the entrance examination.

Marketing Campaign

Division contracted with Miller Advertising to raise awareness of the application and examination through paid advertising. The marketing campaign targeted eligible candidates primarily through popular social media platforms and outdoor advertising, including billboards digital signage.

Community Outreach

One of the main objectives of the recruitment program is to foster relationships within the communities we serve. Recruiters and Troop personnel were encouraged to continue to attend community events and foster positive relationships within their Troops. Building and maintaining these relationships has also assisted the agency's 30 x 30 goal of increasing the representation of women in recruit classes to 30% by 2030. A highlight of 2023 was the Girl Scout/Trooper Day, hosted at Troop D Headquarters, which provided an opportunity to inspire and mentor young women interested in careers in law enforcement. In addition, Troops partnered with local schools and civic organizations to conduct educational sessions, ensuring a continued presence and engagement with community members of all ages. These efforts underscore the agency's commitment to community trust, transparency, and inclusivity.

Candidate Physical Ability Test Orientation

Troop recruiters collaborate with defensive tactics instructors to host formal physical ability test orientation sessions to provide support for interested candidates to reduce the number of candidates who do not pass the PAT.

Processing Weekends

Three processing weekends were conducted during 2023 and a total of 2,811 candidates attended. As a result, 285 Recruit Troopers were appointed to the 213th Basic School class. Training started in June of 2023, and 232 graduated on December 21, 2023. In addition, the first Cazenovia Basic School started training in October of 2023 and 228 Troopers graduated on May 15, 2024.

We will be offering regional PAT processing on multiple dates to expand the accessibility for candidates.

BASIC SCHOOL

In 2023, the New York State Police made significant strides to expand its training capacity, directly supporting Governor Kathy Hochul's commitment to strengthening law enforcement across the state. To meet growing public safety needs, the State Police established a second training academy in Cazenovia, New York, located on the grounds of the recently closed Cazenovia College.

The addition of this new academy location allowed the State Police to run two simultaneous recruit training programs, enabling the agency to graduate two classes of troopers in a single year.

As a result, 2023 was a historic and highly productive year for recruitment and training:

- The 212th Basic School, held in Albany, graduated 238 new troopers on June 14, 2023. This class began its challenging 28-week training program on November of 2022, with 275 recruits – the largest ever.
- The 213th Basic School began training on June 26, 2023, welcoming another 275 recruits, and graduating 232 on December 21, 2023.
- With facility upgrades completed at the new Cazenovia Academy, the 214th Basic School welcomed its first class of recruits on October 16, 2023. This inaugural class set another record with 298 recruits reporting for training on the first night.

Looking ahead, the 214th Basic School will graduate in May 2024, and the 215th Basic School will begin training in October 2024 — ensuring the New York State Police continues to grow its ranks to serve communities across the state.



ACADEMY

In 2023, the New York State Police Academy staff delivered a wide range of training programs to State Police members, officers from other law enforcement agencies, and professionals from across the criminal justice community. These programs ensured that troopers and partner agencies were prepared to respond effectively to evolving threats and to better serve the people of New York.

Training Programs for New Recruits

During the year, the Academy provided specialized training to three separate recruit classes:

- The 212th and 213th Basic Schools, held at the Albany Training Academy.
- The 214th Basic School, held at the newly opened Cazenovia Training Academy, marking the first class at this location.

Emergency Medical Training

The Academy's EMS Office provided critical medical training to all recruits, including:

- Basic EMS skills for law enforcement.
- CPR and AED use for cardiac emergencies.
- Tourniquet application using the Law Enforcement Survival Kit.
- Administration of intranasal naloxone (Narcan) to reverse opioid overdoses.

Additionally, all active State Police members participated in annual Winter In-Service Training, which introduced the use of Bag Valve Masks (BVM), now deployed statewide for emergency response.

Advanced and Specialized Training

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Training Unit hosted several specialized seminars and in-service training 2023, designed to strengthen investigative expertise in key areas:

- Homicide investigations (Col. Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar)
- Crimes Against Children
- Sex Crimes Investigations
- Animal Crimes Investigations

The BCI Unit also provided advanced courses, including:

- Undercover Narcotics Operations
- Basic and Advanced Crisis Negotiation Schools
- Kidnapping for Ransom Investigations
- Instructor Development School, which helps train the next generation of law enforcement educators.

Defensive Tactics and Use of Force Training

The Defensive Tactics and Physical Training Office (DT/PT) provided over 100 hours of training to each recruit in areas such as:

- Defensive tactics and appropriate use of force.
- Taser and OC pepper spray use.
- Physical and mental wellness techniques.

The DT/PT Office also certified 156 new Use of Force instructors from the New York State Police and other agencies through a Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Instructor Course, enhancing law enforcement training capacity across the state.

Firearms Training and Active Shooter Preparedness

The Firearms Training Unit provided 120 hours of firearms instruction to all recruits, ensuring they gained proficiency with:

- Their service-issued handgun and shotgun.
- Active shooter response techniques.
- Force-on-Force scenarios, which simulate high-stress, real-world incidents.
- Tactical communication skills under stress.

To improve statewide coordination in active shooter situations, over 90 New York State Police firearms instructors participated in specialized training at the State Preparedness Training Center, where they learned standardized tactics to be used across all New York law enforcement agencies.

Forensic Video and Multimedia Services

The Forensic Video Multimedia Services Unit (FVMSU) experienced a significant increase in workload in 2023, supporting State Police investigations and assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the northeast.

Key highlights from the Forensics Section include:

- The highest number of homicide case submissions in the unit's history.
- Cutting-edge 3D photogrammetry technology to reconstruct crime scenes.
- Advanced audio forensics and authentication techniques to verify digital evidence, particularly in cases involving AI-generated deepfakes.

The FVMSU also provided direct field support during two critical incidents for law enforcement partners in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Multimedia and Event Support

The Video Production, Photography, and Audiovisual Sections of the FVMSU continued to provide multimedia support for both the Albany and Cazenovia academies.

Highlights from 2023:

- 19 full-length video projects completed, including concept development, scripting, filming, and editing.
- Photo documentation for 50 official events and 3,684 graphics projects, including print materials, graphics creation, and event displays.
- Audiovisual support at 49 State Police events across the state.



CENTRAL RECORDS BUREAU

The Central Records Bureau secures all investigative reports and written material as deemed necessary by the Superintendent, but also works tirelessly to respond to requests to provide records and information to the public, as well as the criminal justice community. As the repository for all State Police records, one of the main goals of the Central Records Bureau is to ensure agency transparency which aids our requesters in gaining access to State Police records. Body-worn camera videos and the transition to RMS, a new records management system, are recent examples of the migration from paper to electronic records.

Requests Completed in 2023 – 32,976

FOILs	5,778
Body Worn Camera	237
Government Agencies	22,449
Interested Parties – 66A's	4,512

COMMUNICATIONS

The NYSP Communications section is responsible for the management and support of the Division's statewide network of telephone, radio systems and related technologies and services used to support the activities of sworn and non-sworn personnel. The Communications Section is also tasked with providing communication capabilities at temporary emergency command post locations on a 24/7 basis. The Division operates 14 dispatch centers across the state, with certain locations serving as either a primary or secondary public safety answering point for E-911 and/or Wireless-911 calls for service.

Radio Services Unit

The Radio Services Unit is responsible for the management of the agency's radio system and supporting infrastructure across the state. The unit also supports a fleet of mobile command vehicles and deployable equipment available to respond to critical incidents and special details. The vehicles, operated by trained technical support staff, provide incident commanders with portable telephone, radio, data, video, and satellite connectivity in a mobile office environment. Communications supported 35 mobile command activations in 2023, spanning 107 days. In 2023, the Radio Service Unit deployed in support of the World University Games for approximately 14 days, in support of three Regional Operations Centers (ROCs) and the State Operation Center.

Telephone Services Unit

The Telephone Services Unit is responsible for providing 24/7 support to the Division's voice telecommunications networks, serving hundreds of State Police facilities and special operations statewide. In 2023, Division Communications assumed responsibility for telephone systems at 76 State Police facilities from the NYS Office of Information Technology Services (NYSITS); and installed new telephone systems in six stations.

Special Projects

Division Communications is in the process of making major updates to legacy radio, telephone, and emergency dispatch technologies. Legacy radio equipment will be replaced with modern, interoperable, and digital-capable replacements to ensure that troopers can reliably communicate with other State Police resources and state and local partner agencies. Mobile radio upgrades were initiated in Troops A and K. Division Communications continues to work to replace legacy telephone-based radio transmission lines with a modern statewide IP-network that will connect remote radio towers and our various dispatch locations. Work also continues to progress on a statewide Computer Aided Dispatch system. Microwave networking equipment supporting the Troop B radio system was installed in 2023, and a project to upgrade the microwave network in Troop G was initiated.

ADMINISTRATION – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UNIT

The Administrative Services Unit offers a wide range of support to the field in the areas of facilities management, capital construction, contracting and other administrative functions related to Division of State Police operations. Located in Division Headquarters, the unit provides support services for over 250 Division facilities located across New York State and is responsible for ensuring all facilities operate efficiently, safely, securely and possess the necessary technology to support the delivery of police services. Furthermore, the Administrative Services Unit partners with other state agencies to design, develop and construct new facilities according to the public safety needs of New York State.

One of the primary functions of the Unit is to coordinate the design and construction of new State Police facilities with the New York State Office of General Services. Officer safety, as well as the safety of the public, is a priority throughout the development of facility plans. The Administrative Services Unit provides the subject matter expertise necessary to ensure the security, information, and communication technologies necessary to support modern police operations implemented during the construction of all new Division installations. Specially trained sworn staff conduct site reviews, as well as space needs analysis, and develop preliminary cost estimates to advance informed recommendations regarding proposed new facilities. Members of the unit consistently communicate with various stakeholders to ascertain the overall success of projects, ensuring delivery of new and improved police and public services.



As part of the continuing initiative to design and construct new patrol facilities across the state, the Administrative Services Unit welcomed the opening of the new SP Hastings station in 2023. This newly constructed 5,000 square-foot facility replaced an older 980 square-foot facility that had become inadequate for the operational needs of Troop D, Zone 3 personnel. The Administrative Services Unit was instrumental in seeing the SP Hastings project through from its inception. Administrative Services Unit personnel were directly involved at all stages of the SP Hastings project to include the initial land acquisition, the design of the facility, as well as the ongoing coordination of activities throughout the lengthy period of construction.

ADMINISTRATION – BUSINESS INTEGRATION SERVICES UNIT (BISU)

The New York State Police Business Integration Services Unit (BISU) assists Division personnel by providing support for our agency's technology assets. The BISU, located in Division Headquarters, works in conjunction with the Portfolio Management Office (PMO) and the Field Information Technology Specialist (FITS) to ensure that the agency receives the technology support and has the technological tools to meet our constantly evolving business needs. The BISU is responsible for providing technical support and management for most NYSP software applications and hardware (i.e., ATAK, Livescan, TraCS, body-worn cameras, vehicle tablets, mobile devices, MFD's, desktop/laptop computers, etc.). The BISU also assists in managing the agency's relationship with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and ensuring that technology decisions for the agency will efficiently utilize funding and resources, as well as align with our mission and state technology standards. In 2023, the BISU handled over 5,362 State Police technology incidents and requests in New York's IT Service Management System (ITSM).

ADMINISTRATION– CJIS SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE UNIT

The New York State Police Criminal Justice Information Services Security and Compliance Unit assists field personnel by conducting a wide variety of audit, support, and search functions. Located in Division Headquarters, the unit provides support to field personnel for the Integrated Justice Portal. This unit is responsible for ensuring that agencies in New York follow security requirements mandated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation by offering support, training, and the completion of triennial system agency audits. The unit partners with the Division of Criminal Justice Services to represent all users of the portal in a national governance process to ensure that the system and its functions follow all security standards.

One of the main functions of the unit is to conduct FBI mandated audits of New York State criminal justice and non-criminal justice agencies with access to the portal, as outlined in the CJIS Security Policy. The New York State Police is the CJIS Systems Agency (CSA) and works with DCJS, the State ID Bureau, to coordinate the required audits. Approximately 5,000 agencies are audited on their use of the portal and the policies associated with having access.

The unit handles the NCIC audit, NCIC – Limited Use Audit, IT Security Audit, NICS Audit and the Biennial ORI Validation Audit. The DCJS Office of Internal Audit handles the CHRI Audit, DMV Photo Audit, Lawman Audit, NDEx Audit and non-criminal justice agency audits. The CJIS Security and Compliance Unit focuses on addressing noncompliance issues through a proactive approach. Monthly newsletters are published to help agencies better understand the content reviewed during audits and non-compliance issues. The unit's philosophy emphasizes training for compliance rather than imposing sanctions.

One of the most valuable support functions of the unit is the Special Computer Application (SCA). SCA searches use several applications to gain valuable information to assist in a variety of investigations. The SCA team searches several restricted databases through the Department of Motor Vehicles, the FBI, the International Justice and Public Safety Network and several internal NYSP applications. In 2023, the SCA team completed over 4,600 searches on multiple databases.

April 2023 - On April 29, 2023, a silver Honda HRV was involved in a minor accident where it hit a concrete barrier and then collided with other objects before leaving the scene. The vehicle was believed to be a 2018-2022 model with a white New York license plate. Despite the poor quality of the photo obtained, it was enough to confirm the vehicle's make and model. Troopers utilized the Integrated Justice PORTAL to request a list of all vehicles matching the description in Erie, Wyoming, and Genesee counties. The search returned a list of 303 potential vehicles. Through diligent follow-up, a vehicle matching the description was found not far from the scene of the accident. This action helped the affected business owners, who appreciated the effort in resolving the matter. The effective use of technology and thorough investigative work played a crucial role in addressing the situation, and it's good to see that the affected parties had their concerns addressed.

December 2023 - On December 10, 2023, a hit-and-run incident occurred on East Main Street in the town of Union (Endicott). The suspect vehicle was described as a silver Dodge Intrepid driven by an elderly male. In response, troopers

requested the utilization of a Special Computer Application to aid in the investigation. The CJIS Security and Compliance Unit conducted a thorough search utilizing several applications, successfully narrowing down the list of potential vehicles to four matching the provided description within the vicinity. Subsequently, on December 24, 2023, because of the provided list, the suspect was located, leading to the closure of the case. This collaborative effort underscores the efficacy of leveraging advanced technological tools in law enforcement investigations, ultimately facilitating the swift resolution of the incident.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Financial Administration supports the Division's mission and programs through the administration of the agency's \$1.1 billion operating budget and \$145 million capital budget. The employees in this unit are responsible for agency purchasing, payment processes, contract and grant management, administration of agency banking and credit card accounts, and the processing of all revenue. They provide direction to program managers on procurement issues and guidance to the Troop principal clerks on New York State purchasing rules and regulations, spending limits and deadlines. Lastly, they are responsible for identifying existing and anticipated fiscal problems, recommending, and advocating for appropriate solutions, and improving efficiencies. Financial Administration, working with Division Administration, acts as the Division's representative with the Division of Budget and legislative fiscal staff.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

The New York State Police Fleet Management Unit, based at Division Headquarters, procures vehicles, parts, and equipment to support our mission of protecting the citizens of New York State. Fleet Management evaluates new vehicle models to ensure our members have access to the safest and most advanced options available. For the 2023-24 model year, Fleet Management purchased 318 Dodge Charger Pursuit vehicles for patrol use. The vehicles are equipped with a V-6 engine and all-wheel drive. Most of the 2023 model year Chargers have arrived and approximately two-thirds have been placed in-service. We have also purchased 95 Chevrolet Tahoes for K9 and patrol use. The Tahoes feature V-8 engines, four-wheel drive, and are expected to arrive in January of 2025. For the BCI, we purchased 236 Chevrolet Malibus with front wheel drive and equipped with a 4-cylinder engine. We have also purchased 30 Chevrolet Equinoxes that are all-wheel-drive and will assist BCI members responding to investigations in inclement weather.

The 27 Ford Explorer Hybrid Police Interceptor vehicles that were purchased in 2022 have been placed in-service statewide. The vehicles are assigned to members of our K-9 unit, as well as routine patrol. These vehicles feature a 3.3L V-6 engine, a lithium-ion hybrid battery system, and all-wheel drive. The hybrid battery system allows the gasoline engine to shut off, running only intermittently to charge the battery and power on-board electrical equipment. This system allows our agency to save fuel and reduce CO2 emissions.

To enhance visibility for members patrolling the New York State Thruway, Fleet Management continues to purchase Whelen Highway bars. These bars feature two arms with emergency lighting that can be raised or lowered from inside the vehicle. The bars will be installed on every new Troop T patrol vehicle.



CRIME LAB

New York State Police Crime Laboratory System (CLS) Annual Highlights - 2023

The New York State Police Crime Laboratory System (CLS) provides statewide support to all criminal justice agencies through state-of-the-art forensic analysis, investigative capabilities, and expert testimony related to criminal investigations and case resolution. The CLS includes a main laboratory in Albany and three satellite laboratories across New York State.

Location	Cases	Items of evidence
Forensic Investigation Center	6,416	18,013
Mid-Hudson Satellite Lab	1,942	4,623
Southern-Tier Satellite Lab	1,294	2,636
Western-Regional Satellite Lab	1,635	3,261

Biological Sciences Casework

In 2023, the Biological Sciences Casework section balanced ongoing serology and DNA casework with backlog reduction efforts, while also pursuing initiatives to further increase capacity and efficiency.

One such initiative, proposed by Governor Hochul to help reduce gun violence, enabled the entry and search of previously ineligible DNA profiles developed from seized firearms against New York State's convicted offender and forensic databases. The Biological Sciences Casework CODIS Unit was the first laboratory in the state to enter and search these firearm-related forensic profiles.

In October 2023, the Biological Sciences Casework section officially implemented STRmix™, a probabilistic genotyping software, for DNA profile interpretation following extensive validation and training efforts. Since its implementation, the software has consistently expanded the range of items suitable for interpretation, enhancing the section's ability to provide both inclusionary and exclusionary results.

DNA Databank

The DNA Databank balanced its daily production work with efforts to implement new initiatives, validations, and workflow improvements throughout 2023.

In May, the Databank increased efficiency by transitioning from conducting State Search confirmations twice weekly to a daily schedule. These confirmations link offender samples to DNA matches in CODIS. This improvement significantly reduced turnaround times, allowing offender hit letters to reach law enforcement agencies more quickly.

In October 2023, the Familial Search Program resumed following a New York State Court of Appeals decision that reversed a previous court ruling. As part of this reimplementation, the Databank validated an upgraded Y-STR kit, which streamlined the Y-STR analysis workflow and improved efficiency.

In November 2023, the Databank State CODIS Unit launched the SDIS Crime Gun Possession Index in response to Governor Hochul's State of the State address and her commitment to reducing gun violence in New York State. This new index allows local NYS CODIS laboratories to upload DNA profiles developed from firearm evidence collected during investigations, providing another valuable tool for generating investigative leads.

Seized Drugs Section

In 2023, the Seized Drugs Section began detecting a new generation of highly potent synthetic opioids, some of which are many times more potent than fentanyl and have been linked to fatal overdoses. These substances have been identified in various forms, including counterfeit pharmaceutical tablets and as substitutes for heroin and fentanyl, often found in traditional glassine envelope packaging.

Firearms Section

The Firearms Section completed 1,358 assignments in 2023. To enhance responsiveness, procedural changes were implemented to expedite the reporting of NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) leads to case submitters, allowing law enforcement agencies to receive vital investigative information in near real-time. This rapid reporting process supports more effective investigations into gun-related crimes.

The Firearms Section also documented a notable increase in the submission of Privately Manufactured Firearms (PMFs), commonly referred to as "ghost guns." These submissions included a variety of firearm types, and the data gathered from these cases was shared with other law enforcement agencies to support ongoing investigations and intelligence efforts.

COMPUTER CRIME UNIT – COMPUTER FORENSIC LABORATORY

The Computer Crime Unit (CCU) and Computer Forensic Laboratory (CFL) are comprised of over 60 members and civilians stationed across the state who assist with local, county, state, and federal investigations. In 2023 the CFL and CCU completed forensic examinations of digital evidence associated with 1,529 cases.

Highlighted Cases:

January 2023 -- Members of Troop E's Computer Crimes Unit (CCU), along with investigators, executed a search warrant at a residence suspected of sharing child sexual abuse material through a peer-to-peer file-sharing network known as BitTorrent.

Investigators recovered electronic evidence from the residence, which was analyzed and found to contain numerous illegal images of child sexual abuse material. During the examination, investigators also discovered that the suspect had secretly recorded his oldest daughter in the bathroom without her knowledge.

Through further investigation and interviews, the suspect admitted to being sexually attracted to young females and confessed to attempting to engage in inappropriate sexual activity with his own daughter. The suspect was arrested and charged with promoting, producing, and possessing child sexual abuse material, and was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

March 2023 – Troop D's Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) carried out a search warrant in Syracuse, as part of an ongoing child exploitation investigation. This operation led to the rescue of two children who had endured prolonged abuse by the suspect.

The suspect was arrested and charged for their role in both the abuse and the production of child sexual abuse material.

During the investigation, evidence led law enforcement to a second suspect in Syracuse who was using the internet to distribute child sexual abuse material. Investigators obtained a new search warrant and identified a third individual who had been sexually abusing two additional children and uploading videos of the abuse online. This third suspect was arrested and charged with multiple offenses related to the production and distribution of child sexual abuse material, as well as sexual abuse.

As a direct result of these investigations, four child victims were rescued in New York, and an additional seven victims were identified and rescued outside of the state.

August 2023 – the New York State Police Computer Forensic Laboratory assisted Troop E investigators and the Ontario County District Attorney's Office in a case involving the rape of a minor.

Using advanced forensic tools, NYSP forensic specialists extracted and analyzed data from the suspect's mobile device. Digital evidence directly related to the case was documented in a comprehensive forensic report for investigators.

During this process, investigators also identified two additional child victims who had not been previously known to law enforcement. The suspect ultimately pleaded guilty to the charges.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU

The Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) has a wide range of responsibilities that further the mission of Division. It is divided into two sections: Investigations and Audits.

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 2023, the PSB investigation section conducted 450 investigations with the final determination as follows:

FINAL DETERMINATION	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS
CLOSED BY INVESTIGATION	84
FOUNDED	50
UNFOUNDED	161
UNSUBSTANTIATED	13
PENDING	142
TOTAL	450

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

Audit Section

The internal audit process is 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 2023, the PSB Audit Section conducted 28 division-level audits and 16 quality control 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 2023, the PSB Audit Section conducted a total of 1,372 urine tests and 5 hair tests broken down as follows:

Tests Administered	Urine Tests	Hair Tests
Member Random Drug Tests	1372	5
Probationary Trooper Tests	242	0
Recruit Trooper Tests	0	0
Total	1614	5

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.

FIELD COMMAND

The Division of State Police contains two branches, the Uniform Force and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Uniform Force

The New York State Police Uniform Force provides 24/7 patrol coverage across the state. Troopers respond to a wide range of calls for service, from burglaries, assaults, and robberies to missing persons and homicides. In rural areas and communities without their own full-time police departments, State Troopers are often the only law enforcement presence available around the clock, ensuring residents have rapid access to police services whenever they're needed. Even in areas with local police departments, State Troopers provide critical backup, particularly during major incidents or when specialized resources are required.

Bureau of Criminal Investigation

When incidents require in-depth investigations — particularly for serious crimes such as homicides, complex financial crimes, or large-scale narcotics cases — they are referred to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), the primary investigative division of the New York State Police. BCI Investigators conduct independent investigations and partner with local law enforcement agencies, providing expertise and resources to communities that may lack the staffing or technical capabilities needed to pursue complex cases.

BCI Investigators also specialize in a wide range of cases, including:

- Narcotics trafficking and drug networks
- Serial and violent crimes
- Child abuse and exploitation cases
- Cyber and technology-based crimes
- Hate crimes and bias-related investigations
- Auto theft and illegal firearms trafficking
- Consumer product tampering and organized crime activity

Office of Counter Terrorism

The Office of Counter Terrorism (OCT) operates under the Field Command structure, with staff drawn from both the Uniform Force and BCI. OCT is responsible for:

- Preventing, investigating, and responding to potential terrorist threats across New York.
- Ensuring timely sharing of intelligence and investigative information between frontline troopers, investigators, and partner agencies.
- Maintaining strong relationships with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), the NYPD, the FBI, and local, state, and federal partners to coordinate responses to potential threats and share critical intelligence.

Specialized Units

In addition to patrol and investigative operations, the New York State Police maintains specialized units equipped to handle extraordinary situations and provide technical expertise to all law enforcement agencies. These units include:

- Aviation Unit, providing aerial support for searches, rescues, and tactical operations.
- Special Operations Response Team (SORT), responding to high-risk incidents, including hostage situations
- Underwater Recovery Team (URT), conducting water-based searches and recoveries.
- Canine Unit, using trained police dogs to assist in searches, evidence detection, and suspect apprehension.
- Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU), responding to suspected explosive devices.
- Mobile Field Unit (MFU), managing public order during large-scale events or emergencies.
- Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT), handling hazardous materials and crime scenes involving biological, chemical, or radiological threats.

AVIATION UNIT

The New York State Police Aviation Unit plays a critical role in public safety and emergency response across New York State. With its headquarters at Albany International Airport, the unit also operates from bases at:

- Adirondack Regional Airport in Saranac Lake
- Stewart International Airport in Newburgh
- Greater Rochester International Airport

From these locations, the Aviation Unit's highly trained crews provide a wide range of services to protect and assist the people of New York, including:

- Search and rescue operations to locate missing hikers, boaters, and accident victims.
- Emergency medical transport, ensuring critically injured individuals receive fast access to advanced care.
- Aerial support for law enforcement operations, including suspect searches and surveillance.
- Disaster response, providing aerial assessments and transport during natural disasters, floods, and wildfires.

With aircraft strategically located across the state, the Aviation Unit can respond quickly to emergencies in any region, providing a lifesaving resource for communities large and small.

Aviation Detail Flights - 2023

Law Enforcement: NYSP Assistance	210
Law Enforcement: Outside Agencies	90
Law Enforcement: Extradition	5
SORT/Scuba/K9	86
	0
MEDEVAC	5
Rescues: Hoist	12
Rescues: Located Subject	1
	0
Communications - Radio Repair	27
ENCON	124
Executive	171
METL - Pilot Required Training	419
Maintenance Test Flights	130
Maintenance Relays (Personnel, Equipment)	86
Operations Relays	114
Other	37
Total	1516

Aviation-Rochester: On October 27, 2023, Rochester Aviation supported Buffalo PD on a vehicle theft detail. During the detail, Aviation located and tracked a stolen vehicle. When the vehicle stopped and four occupants fled, Aviation guided Buffalo PD members on the ground, resulting in the arrest of all four occupants and three uninvolved suspects. Five of the suspects face felony charges for the stolen vehicle and illegal possession of firearms.

On November 14, 2023, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Rochester Aviation assisted with a search for a missing 64-year-old man at Black Creek Park in Chili. Using infrared radar, the crew located the subject, who was suffering from hypothermia and needed prescribed medication. The Aviation crew directed rescue units on the ground in the darkness and off marked trails to the missing man.

Aviation-Albany and Aviation-Newburgh: On October 2, 2023, members from NYSP Aviation Albany and Newburgh supported NYSP SORT teams with the successful rescue mission of Charlotte Sena, who was abducted from Moreau State Park while camping with her family. SP aviation provided time critical transportation of numerous SORT team members throughout the state to the staging area near the residence where Charlotte was being held for ransom.

Aviation-Newburgh: From April 12 to April 15, 2023, helicopter crews from Aviation-Newburgh assisted the NYS Forest Rangers and local fire departments with multiple forest fires in Orange and Westchester Counties. Multiple crews flew more than 21 hours locating and extinguishing the fires.

On August 26, 2023, Aviation-Newburgh and NYS Forest Rangers rescued a victim who suffered a leg injury while hiking on Wittenberg Mountain in Ulster County. Working together, the rangers provided initial medical care and then prepared the victim to be hoisted onto the helicopter. The rescue, led by Technical Sergeant Gregory Plitsch, Technical Sergeant James Leeder, and Crew Chief/Ranger Eric Stratton, was profiled on the ABC television series "Heart of Heroes."

Aviation-Saranac Lake: On July 4, 2023, NYS Forest Rangers requested assistance with rescue of a hiker suffering heat stroke and dehydration in the High Peaks Wilderness of the Adirondack Mountains. Helicopter Pilot Scott Kotronis was dispatched with two rangers to Klondike Notch at 3600 feet elevation. One ranger was lowered to evaluate the hiker, who complained of chest pains. Once the patient was prepared and hoisted onto the helicopter the crew flew to Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake. Doctors said that patient not received quick initial medical care and rapid transport to the hospital, they would not have survived.

BOMB DISPOSAL UNIT

The New York State Police Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) is a highly trained team of FBI-certified bomb technicians responsible for protecting communities across upstate New York from explosive threats. Whether responding to suspicious packages, military ordnance discoveries, or homemade explosive devices, BDU technicians are ready to respond at any time to keep New Yorkers safe.

Highly Skilled Teams with State-of-the-Art Equipment

The BDU currently operates with 10 certified bomb technicians, with four additional troopers in training at the FBI Hazardous Devices School in Alabama. These teams are strategically based in:

- Albany
- Batavia
- Montgomery
- Oneida

Each BDU team is equipped with specialized tools and vehicles, including:

- Bomb transport trailers
- Remote-controlled robots for safely examining or disabling suspicious items
- Unmanned aerial systems (drones) for aerial assessment and search capabilities
- Portable X-ray devices to inspect suspicious packages
- Protective bomb suits and specialized tools for safely dismantling explosive devices

This equipment allows technicians to examine and disable dangerous devices from a safe distance, reducing risk to both responders and the public.

In 2023, BDU handled 470 calls for service, including:

- 184 cases of recovered commercial explosives and military ordnance
- 33 suspicious packages
- A wide variety of other explosive-related incidents

BDU members are also deployed to major public events to conduct preventative security sweeps and stand ready to respond to any threats that arise.

Highlighted Cases:



In February 2023, BDU responded to a residence in King Ferry after a man experiencing a mental health crisis made threats to blow up his trailer. After securing a search warrant, BDU technicians entered the home and discovered a Crockpot-style improvised explosive device. The device was safely disarmed and sent to the FBI's Explosives Laboratory for analysis. The FBI confirmed the device could cause serious injury, death, and property damage. The suspect was arrested and charged with possessing a destructive device.

In November 2023, BDU responded to Merka Road in Horseheads after workers with the Public Works Department found a suspicious device. BDU technicians identified the device as a remote-controlled improvised explosive device and determined it was fully functional. Evidence showed previous explosions had occurred nearby. After an investigation, a suspect was identified and arrested. A search warrant at the suspect's residence uncovered numerous chemicals, explosive-making materials, and homemade explosives. Due to the unstable nature of the materials, BDU and federal partners safely destroyed them at a remote location. This investigation was a successful collaboration between the State Police, the FBI, the ATF, and local agencies.



CANINE UNIT

Since its founding in 1975, the New York State Police Canine Unit (K9) has played a vital role in protecting New Yorkers. The unit began with three specialized teams trained in explosive detection to support security efforts for the 1976 and 1980 Olympics. Today, 77 highly trained dogs and their handlers serve communities across the state. Each State Police K9 is named in honor of a deceased member of the Division, ensuring their legacy of service lives on.

Specialties and Assignments

The 77 K9 teams include:

- 33 teams trained in explosives detection, including 8 teams assigned directly to the Bomb Disposal Unit.
- 40 teams trained in narcotics detection, with 31 also trained to locate human remains.
- 6 bloodhounds specializing exclusively in tracking missing persons.

In 2023, State Police K9 teams were deployed to 4,996 events, assisting in:

- Searches for narcotics, explosives, and firearms
- Tracking missing persons and fugitives
- Searching for human remains
- Locating physical evidence
- Routine patrols and criminal apprehensions

Highlighted Cases:

Homicide Investigation – Buffalo (June 2023)



On June 22, 2023, Trooper Michael P. Schmit and his K9 partner Nugent responded to assist the Buffalo Police Department in search for a missing man believed to be a homicide victim.

At a residence on Tonawanda Street, K9 Nugent's powerful nose led investigators directly to key evidence. Nugent first indicated the presence of human remains at the rear door, then alerted on mop buckets, a pair of jeans, and finally began digging at a suspicious spot in the backyard.

Following Nugent's lead, investigators carefully dug in the area. At a depth of about three feet, they recovered the victim's wallet, social security card, and benefit card. The excavation continued until investigators located the victim's body.

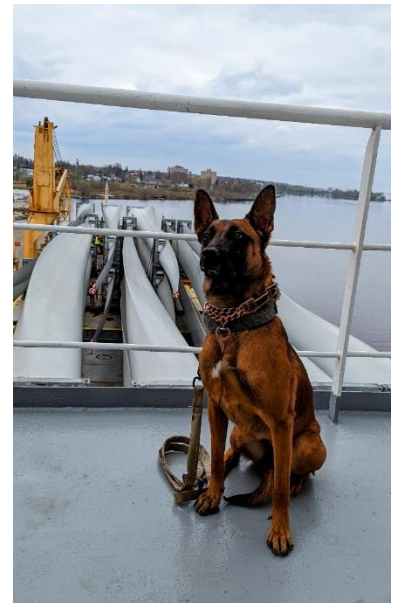
Thanks to K9 Nugent's exceptional work, critical evidence was recovered, and the investigation advanced significantly.

Armed Fugitive Apprehension – St. Lawrence County (August 2023) On August 10, 2023, Trooper Connor G. Sutton and his K9 partner Skiff were assisting the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department in locating a wanted fugitive who had pled guilty to shooting his fiancée during a domestic incident in 2022. The fugitive had failed to appear in court and was believed to be hiding in a tent on remote state land in the town of Russell.

As law enforcement teams approached the area, K9 Skiff and Trooper Sutton detected the fugitive hiding in an elevated position — armed and waiting in ambush. The fugitive was wearing tactical clothing, armed with a high-powered rifle, a shotgun, ammunition, and an axe that was strapped to his back.

Despite repeated commands, the fugitive refused to surrender. K9 Skiff was deployed and successfully engaged the fugitive, buying precious seconds for Trooper Sutton. The fugitive responded by raising his rifle at Trooper Sutton and opening fire. Trooper Sutton returned fire, neutralizing the threat.

K9 Skiff's bravery and rapid response directly helped prevent further violence and protected the safety of the law enforcement officers at the scene.



CCSERT

The Contaminated Crime Scene Emergency Response Team (CCSERT) is a highly trained specialized unit of the New York State Police that responds to crime scenes where dangerous materials may be present. These materials could include chemical, biological, radiological, or even nuclear substances — requiring specialized skills and equipment to ensure the safety of investigators, first responders, and the public.

Statewide Coverage and Highly Trained Personnel

CCSERT is divided into five regional teams, allowing for rapid response anywhere in the State. The teams consist of 93 members, all of whom are certified Hazardous Materials Technicians. These members have advanced training in identifying, containing, and safely operating in environments with hazardous contamination.

CCSERT teams provide:

- On-scene safety assessments to ensure first responders and investigators can work safely.
- Specialized tools and equipment to handle hazardous materials at crime scenes.
- Expertise in handling unknown substances found during searches, arrests, and investigations.
- Support for local law enforcement agencies that lack their own hazardous materials teams.

Whether responding to a suspected methamphetamine lab, a suspicious package emitting fumes, or a crime scene involving biological agents, CCSERT ensures that law enforcement can do their jobs safely — while protecting nearby communities from harm.

Highlighted Case:

October 2023- CCSERT South responded to Bronx NY, to assist the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), State Police, and NYPD task force with the dismantling of several Fentanyl pill press labs. A large quantity for powder Fentanyl as well as pressed pills were discovered and turned over to the DEA for further lab testing. Also secured were several large-scale pill presses capable of manufacturing thousands of pills an hour. The suspects were charged with several federal charges.



MOBILE FIELD UNIT

The New York State Police Mobile Field Unit (MFU) is a specialized rapid-response team trained to restore order and protect public safety when civil protests or public gatherings turn violent or destructive. The MFU's primary mission is to ensure that the rights of peaceful demonstrators are protected, while responding swiftly if events escalate into unlawful or dangerous activity.

Structure and Statewide Coverage

The MFU is organized into eight regional platoons, each made up of approximately 40 to 50 members. These platoons are based in:

- Troop A
- Troop B
- Troop C
- Troop D
- Troop E
- Troop G
- Combined teams in Troops F and K, and Troops L and NYC

Each platoon is designed to be self-sufficient, with its own:

- Less-lethal munitions operators (officers trained to use non-lethal tools for crowd control).
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel.
- Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) members for arrests and evidence collection.
- Canine (K9) teams for search and security support.

Ongoing Training to Ensure Preparedness

MFU members train quarterly to maintain their readiness. These trainings include:

- Crowd management formations.
- Team communication using hand signals and commands.
- Firearms training and practice with less-lethal tools.
- Tactics for safely removing protesters from devices used to chain themselves together.

Statewide Training Event – “Clean Sweep”

Each year, State Police holds a large-scale training event called “Clean Sweep.” This annual exercise allows the platoons to practice working together as a unified team, simulating real-world scenarios where multiple units might be deployed at the same time.

During Clean Sweep, MFU members rehearse:

- Coordinating movements between platoons.
- Effective communication using signals and commands.
- Responding to active resistance while ensuring peaceful demonstrators are protected.
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This realistic, scenario-based training helps ensure that MFU teams are fully prepared to respond swiftly and professionally to any civil disturbance, large public gathering, or special event — ensuring both public safety and constitutional rights are upheld.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS RESPONSE TEAM

The New York State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT) was created in 1980 to provide a tactical response element for the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. SORT members train and respond and respond to calls for assistance daily, providing their specialized services to communities and law enforcement agencies across the state.

Special Operations Response Team duties include, but are not limited to:

- Counter Terrorism Operations
- Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
- Disaster Relief Operations
- Hostage Rescue
- Clandestine Labs
- High Risk/Violent Felony Arrests
- Searches for Escapees/Wanted Subjects
- Searches for Lost/Injured Hikers
- Select Civil Disturbance/Crowd Control
- High Angle Rope Rescue
- Tactical Patrol
- Barricaded Suspects
- High Risk Dignitary Protection or Escorts

During 2023, SORT teams executed 388 operations, including 39 barricaded subjects, 65 search warrant executions, 35 searches for wanted or lost subjects and two rope rescue/recoveries.

Highlighted Cases:

September 30, 2023 – Troop G requested SORT Capital to assist with the search for a nine-year-old girl named Charlotte Sena, who disappeared from her family's campsite at the Moreau Lake State Park in Gansevoort, NY. After hours of nighttime searching, there were no leads developed and SORT was released. State Police and other agencies continued to investigate the disappearance. On October 2, 2023, a trooper assigned to the family's residence observed an individual drive up to the mailbox and then speed away. The Trooper checked the mailbox and found a ransom note. Investigators identified a suspect along with a possible location where he was keeping the girl. SORT was again dispatched to conduct a rescue of the victim. The target property contained a house and a camper, and the suspect was believed to be in the camper. SORT deployed teams to investigate the house and the camper simultaneously. As SORT members entered the trailer, they immediately encountered the suspect, who they subdued following a confrontation. The victim was located in a closet and carried to safety by the SORT members while the suspect was successfully taken into custody.



May 2023 – SORT West was requested to assist Troop E VGNET with the service of a search warrant for narcotics at a house in a residential neighborhood within the city of Rochester. Based on intelligence that had been gathered, the primary point of entry was located on the back side of the residence. The property was completely fenced in, and the door was reported to be extremely fortified. However, because of how narrow the driveway was, access with the bearcat ram to conduct the breach was not possible. It was determined that the Rook, an up-armored skid-steer, was the best option to breach the door given its ability to navigate in narrow spaces and the power of the hydraulic ram. At approximately 6:30 a.m., SORT arrived on scene and the Rook breached the doorway. A call-out of the residence was initiated, but there was no response. SORT introduced a UAS into the residence to attempt to ascertain if there was anyone inside. After a short flight, no suspect was observed, and SORT entered to begin methodically clearing the residence. Once inside stairs leading to the basement were located. Verbal directions were given to anyone in the basement to present themselves, with no response. A K9 was introduced which also yielded negative results. SORT descended into the basement and continued their methodical clear. An operator located a large pile of clothes and other debris and started to inspect it. When moving aside some of the obstruction, an individual trying to conceal themselves was located. Verbal directions were given, and operators physically took the subject into custody without incident. It was later determined that there was a long gun in the subject's grabbable area.

UNDERWATER RECOVERY TEAM

The New York State Police Underwater Recovery Team (URT) is the oldest and largest law enforcement dive team in the United States. Since its founding in 1932, the URT has provided critical water search, rescue, and evidence recovery services across New York State and the Northeast.

URT members respond to drownings, boating accidents, flood emergencies, swift-water rescues, and underwater crime scene investigations. Their specialized skills and equipment allow them to recover victims, evidence, and vehicles from some of the most difficult and hazardous underwater environments.

Highly Trained Specialists with Statewide Reach

The URT is made up of 60 divers, spread across eight State Police troops in upstate New York. The team includes eight full-time team leaders, while the rest serve as part-time divers, working regular patrol and investigative duties when not assigned to dive operations.

The team has a fleet of 39 boats, including airboats, inflatable swift-water rescue boats and advanced underwater sonar and search technology. URT can respond anywhere in New York State to provide emergency water rescues and underwater searches for law enforcement agencies.

URT Operations in 2023

In 2023, the Underwater Recovery Team responded to 458 calls, including:

- 26 drowning victim recoveries
- 23 pieces of evidence recovered
- 8 submerged vehicles located and removed
- 13 firearms retrieved from underwater crime scenes
- 24 flood victims rescued from dangerous waters

URT also assisted outside law enforcement agencies 23 times in complex underwater searches.

The team also expanded its elite training program, qualifying 14 new divers through a rigorous 10-week Novice Dive School.

Highlighted Cases:

Homicide Weapon Recovered – Hudson River (Troop F)

URT divers were called to Poughkeepsie, NY, to assist in a homicide investigation by searching the Hudson River for a discarded weapon.

The operation lasted five days, during which divers worked in extreme cold, zero-visibility conditions, and hazardous entrapment risks. Eventually, URT located the lower receiver and slide of a handgun in separate locations.

Ballistics analysis by the NYSP Crime Lab confirmed that this was the murder weapon used in an execution-style homicide. Additional firearms, cell phones, credit cards, and other evidence were also recovered, strengthening the investigation.

Crime Scene Search – Cayuga Inlet (Troop C)

In a major homicide investigation in Ithaca, URT divers conducted a six-acre underwater search for two handguns and related evidence.

Over the course of 242 dives, divers recovered:

- Multiple cell phones
- A plastic bag containing Federal .22 caliber ammunition
- Additional evidence linked to the case

Their expertise in searching underwater crime scenes provided law enforcement with key evidence in the ongoing investigation.

Swift-Water Rescue – Sacandaga River (Troop B)

During a training exercise on the Sacandaga River, URT members heard a woman yelling for help. She had been trapped on a rock in rushing water, with her leg stuck inside her raft. The strong current prevented her from escaping.

Trooper Sergiy Dmytruk swam to her location and worked to free her from the raft. Using a pendulum rescue technique, he safely guided her toward a waiting raft. URT members then paddled her to safety.

Thanks to their quick response and swift-water expertise, the woman was safely rescued from a potentially life-threatening situation.

Troop A



Arrests	4,301
Calls for Service	49,875
Accidents	4,871
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	79,772
Distracted Driving Tickets	1,531
Move Over Tickets	359

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

Notable Investigations and Incidents

June 2023 – Troopers and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation responded to a single engine plane crash in Porter, NY. The Orange Harmon Rocket took off from Skydive the Falls and lost altitude, striking trees and impacting into a field. The operator was deceased at the scene. NYS Forensic Identification Unit, Bureau of Criminal Instigation, Collision Reconstruction Unit, and the National Transportation Safety Board assisted in this investigation.

June 2023 – On June 17, 2023, at 12:07 p.m., Troopers out of SP Machias responded to a triple fatal collision in the town of Freedom. This was a result of a brother and sister driving opposite directions and the brother swerving into her lane of travel and striking the sisters vehicle head-on. The 24-year-old sister and two other passengers, a 17-year-old and a six-year-old, were deceased at the scene. This investigation was concluded with the assistance of Bureau of Criminal Instigation, Collision Reconstruction Unit, Cattaraugus County District Attorney’s Office, and the arrest of the 21-year-old brother for Vehicular Manslaughter 1st degree.



In 2023, The Bureau of Criminal Investigation out of SP Clarence and the Troop A Computer Crimes Unit arrested 135 suspects and investigated 132 cases stemming from tips received by the NYS Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Multiple State Police assets were assisted including Special Operations Response Team, Community Stabilization Unit and the Troop A Public Information Officer.

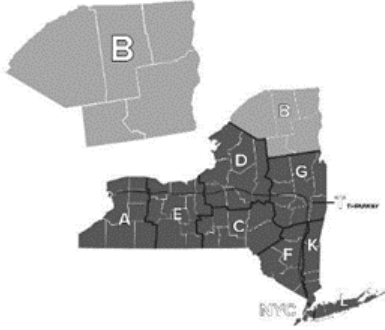
The mission of the ICAC Task Force is to identify individuals online who are attempting to lure children to meet for sex or those disseminating pornographic material the involves minors.

September 2023 – On September 26, 2023, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation responded to a shooting in a parking lot outside a Wendy’s in a very populated area of Lockport, NY. Investigation determined that a Wendy’s employee who would be the suspect went out to the parking lot and met a group of individuals.

After a brief argument the suspect shot a victim in the leg and fled the scene. Most businesses in the area did a lockout or closed. The suspect turned himself in and was arrested for multiple felony charges.

November 2023 – On November 29, 2023, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation arrested a 48-year-old male after an ICAC Task Force investigation. The suspect possessed child pornography was also found to be in possession of five loaded handguns while being previously convicted of crimes in New York and Pennsylvania. One of the suspect’s handguns had a defaced serial number, and he also had a replica police badge and three bullet proof vests.

Troop B



Arrests	4,063
Calls for Service	38,021
Accidents	5,773
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	57,977
Distracted Driving Tickets	547
Move Over Tickets	650

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

Notable Investigations and Incidents

February 2023 – SP Canton, and SP Gouverneur responded to East Riverside Cemetery in the town of Gouverneur for a report of a deceased male. An investigation determined that an elderly male was stabbed to death at his wife’s gravesite. In March 2023, St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office and SP Canton responded to a residence for a report of another elderly male victim that was stabbed to death. A suspect with ties to both deaths was identified and an intense search for that suspect got underway involving several law enforcement agencies. The suspect was located on I-81 near Watertown and was taken into custody. A search warrant was executed on the suspect’s vehicle and numerous items of evidence related to both homicides were recovered. The suspect was arrested and later indicted on two counts of murder 1st degree. He remains held in the St. Lawrence County Jail awaiting trial.

July 2023 – SP Canton responded to 43 Sand Road in the town of Fowler for a report of an unresponsive 5-month-old infant. The infant was transported to Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse and diagnosed with a severe head injury. The infant died from his injuries on August 24th. Investigation determined the stepmother violently shook the infant, causing the injuries. Following a grand jury indictment, the suspect was arrested for murder 2nd degree, assault 1st degree, manslaughter 2nd degree, and endangering the welfare of a child.



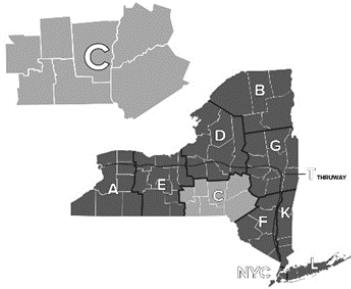
August 2023 – The St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force, The New York State Police Violent Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team and a State Police K-9 Unit responded to Donnersville Road in the town of Russell with an arrest warrant for a violent felon. When Troopers encountered the suspect, he opened fire from a long gun. The NYSP K-9 handler returned fire, killing the suspect. The suspect was heavily armed with two powerful long guns and ammunition. Due to the K-9 handler’s courageous and decisive action, a dangerous threat to the public was eliminated.

September 2023 – SP Plattsburgh responded to Town Line Road in the town of Plattsburgh for a physical domestic dispute during which the suspect threatened victims with a gun and then barricaded himself inside a camper. Troopers and the Clinton County Sheriff’s Department established a secure perimeter. Crisis negotiators talked to the subject, who surrendered without incident. The suspect was arrested and charged with menacing 2nd degree, criminal possession of a weapon 4th degree, and criminal possession of a weapon 3rd degree.



November 2023 – SP Champlain responded to Maple Street in the village of Rouses Point for a reported burglary. Investigation determined two safes were stolen from the inside of a residence. One safe contained \$9,000 and the other safe contained \$3,000. The suspect was arrested and charged with burglary 2nd degree.

Troop C



Arrests	3,002
Calls for Service	44,348
Accidents	5,252
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	65,618
Distracted Driving Tickets	738
Move Over Tickets	989

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

Notable Investigations and Incidents

January 2023 – Troopers Cory Sprague and Jeremy Dziuban of SP Richfield Springs responded to a one-vehicle crash in the town of Springfield and found that the operator lost control of her vehicle, which rolled down an embankment and caught fire. Responding Troopers were able to remove the 78-year-old woman from the unstable, burning vehicle. Without hesitation, Trooper Dziuban entered the vehicle through a shattered rear window, moved the front seat and helped the woman climb out of the vehicle to safety. The Troopers selflessly placed themselves in harm’s way and likely saved the woman’s life.

April 2023 – Ithaca Troopers responded to a reported abduction of Ithaca resident Tatiana David. A witness told Troopers that a woman was forced into a white SUV by Michael Davis of Richmond, VA. David and Davis were in a previous relationship and shared a four-year-old child. Their vehicle was spotted by Virginia State Police along Interstate 495. When Virginia State Police attempted a traffic stop, Davis engaged in a pursuit, ending with the suspect crashing the vehicle into a wooded area and Davis exchanging gun fire with Virginia State Police. David was located deceased outside the vehicle at the crash location from an apparent gunshot wound. Davis was charged with abduction and murder.

June 2023 – Trooper Brenton Seamon of Richfield Springs conducted a vehicle and traffic stop in the town of Exeter. While the Trooper was checking license and registration information, one of the occupants attempted to run from the vehicle. person ran on foot. Trooper Seamon chased and captured the suspect and discovered that they were in possession of about fifty-one grams of methamphetamine along with suboxone strips. A second occupant was found in possession of an additional sixty grams of methamphetamine. A total of three vehicle occupants were charged with several drug related offenses.

July 2023 – Troopers in Binghamton were dispatched to check the welfare of a male following concerns for his mental health. When Troopers arrived, the man was in front of his residence armed with a semi-automatic rifle. He engaged in a brief conversation before going back inside the house, then out the rear door and into a wooded area. He was captured a short time later, and was transported to the hospital for mental health treatment.

November 2023 – After a months long investigation and hundreds of interviews, 13 people were charged in connection with the kidnapping, torture and murder of Thomas Rath. Rath was forcibly kidnapped from a wooded area behind the Lowes home improvement store in the city of Ithaca and murdered. Rath’s body was located buried in a shallow grave in the town of Candor.

November 2023 – Troopers responded to a large barn fire at the Tioga Downs Casino complex, thirty racehorses and a cat were trapped and perished in the fire. A trainer was hurt while entering the burning structure to rescue the horses. Investigators quickly determined that the fire was set intentionally. Boyd H. Fenton was quickly apprehended by Troopers. Fenton pleaded guilty to charges of arson, assault and 30 counts of interference with injury to domestic animals.

December 2023 – Troopers Brenton Seamon and Karly Davenport conducted a vehicle and traffic stop in the town of Edmeston. During a search of the vehicle, the Troopers located methamphetamine, suboxone and a checkbook belonging to an elderly female. An investigation determined that the elderly woman was the victim of a burglary in October 2023. After an extensive investigation, Bureau of Criminal Investigation members were able to execute a search warrant and locate numerous items of stolen property and several suspects were charged with felony level offenses.

Troop D



Arrests	4,215
Calls for Service	69,735
Accidents	7,492
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	87,967
Distracted Driving Tickets	2,264
Move Over Tickets	756

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

Notable Investigations and Incidents

January 2023 – Troopers Michael J. Oralls, Timothy J. Krause Jr., and Steven M. Patricia were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash. While headed to the scene, dispatch advised that two males had fled the scene. Troopers were able to follow fresh footprints in the snow and recovered a semi-automatic handgun on the ground. The suspects were located and taken into custody. Troopers found a second semi-automatic handgun in the pocket of one of the suspects and a backpack filled with narcotics. The suspects were charged with felonies for possession of loaded firearms and possession of narcotics with intent to sell.

January 2023 – Troopers from SP Fulton received a tip based on a burglary investigation in Oswego County. Members of the Troop D Community Stabilization Unit (CSU) were familiar with the suspect and set up surveillance at his hotel in Onondaga County. CSU developed probable cause and obtained a search warrant. A 48-year-old suspect exited his vehicle armed with a 9mm semi-auto handgun with a fully loaded magazine, rifle, and shotgun. While being placed into custody, the suspect began to fight with CSU troopers and investigators, resulting in a taser deployment. During the search warrant, eight illegal firearms, cocaine, fentanyl, oxycodone pills, and \$5,000 were seized. The suspect was charged with 14 felonies and seven misdemeanors associated with weapons and narcotics trafficking.

August 2023 – Troopers from SP Watertown responded to apartments in Jefferson County after a male called 911, stating an elderly female was possibly deceased. Members arrived on the scene and determined the female was a victim of a homicide with blunt force injuries to her head. SP Alexandria Bay BCI and Troop D Major Crimes responded to investigate. The investigation revealed the male who called 911 was responsible for the murder and was ultimately charged with murder 2nd.



September 2023 – Trooper Jonathon J. Cruz, out of SP Pulaski, responded to a medical call in the town of Albion, Oswego County. Trooper Cruz quickly arrived on the scene, performed CPR, and utilized a State Police Division AED, which advised him to shock the victim. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment. A follow-up with the victim determined that the male was expected to make a full recovery.

September 2023 – Troopers Tyler Heggelke and Kevin Daily, both out of SP Elbridge, responded to the town of Skaneateles in Onondaga County for a suspicious person with a weapon. The suspect was a guest of a wedding reception and was requested to leave after appearing heavily intoxicated and misbehaving towards numerous guests, including forcibly touching four female victims. The suspect left and came back with a loaded assault rifle with a high-capacity magazine and started walking towards guests. The suspect was apprehended and charged with three felonies and six misdemeanors, and search of his house, resulting in the seizure of 20 firearms.

TROOP E



Arrests	4,216
Calls for Service	67,843
Accidents	7,416
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	93,221
Distracted Driving Tickets	1,606
Move Over Tickets	425

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

Notable Investigations and Incidents

April 2023 – The Troop E Violent Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team initiated a case against a large-scale drug trafficker in the town of Sodus. Multiple controlled purchases were set up, and after obtaining a search warrant, Troopers seized two illegal handguns, 1.25 kilos of cocaine, and 10 pounds of marijuana. The suspect was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance 2nd, criminal possession of a weapon 2nd, and two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance 3rd. It should also be noted the suspect was also wanted by the Office of the Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force and charged with attempted murder 2nd, along with other drug-related charges.

August 2023 – While working Operation GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination), Troopers Michael Kien, Daniel Eberly, Michael Manley, and Matthew Pietrzykowski assisted the Rochester Police Department with a shooting with multiple victims. Troopers observed a vehicle leaving the area. A pursuit ensued, ending when the suspect vehicle struck another vehicle and overturned. The occupants were detained, and the male passenger stated he had been shot in the leg prior to the pursuit. Troopers administered medical aid until EMS arrived. A 9mm Smith and Wesson handgun was located near the vehicle. Rochester Police charged the driver with multiple felonies.

November 2023 – Trooper Andrew Campbell, Troop E - Auburn, was off-duty driving in his personal car in the city of Auburn when he observed a county fire coordinator responding to an unknown incident. Utilizing a scanner application on his cell phone, Trooper Campbell was alerted to an incident on State Street. As he continued to monitor Cayuga County 911 radio traffic, he heard the dispatcher provide the description of a vehicle involved in a shooting/stabbing incident. Trooper Campbell observed the vehicle occupied by two males at the intersection of Arterial and Seminary Avenue and followed it while advising the 911 center of his actions. The vehicle ultimately stopped on Seymour Street, and both males exited, heading in different directions. Trooper Campbell safely apprehended one of the suspects while directing responding units to the location of the second suspect. As a result of his actions, the two suspects in this case were taken into custody and ultimately charged by the Auburn Police Department.

November 2023 – Trooper Jonathan Gardner of the Bomb Disposal Unit was contacted by DOT after a possible Remote Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) was found on the side of the highway in the town of Veteran. Trooper Gardner responded to the incident location with Trooper Brandon Salyerds. They found a large crater near where the device was located, indicating that another device may have been detonated. Troopers determined that the found device was an improvised explosive device, and after an investigation, they were able to identify a suspect who lived in Horseheads.

A search warrant of his residence found numerous explosives, acids, door-breaching equipment, blasting caps, and explosive-making recipes. The suspect was arrested and numerous State Police units along with other law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, worked for several days to remove numerous hazardous materials. The suspect was ultimately charged with criminal possession of a weapon 1st degree. He later pleaded guilty and is now serving two consecutive 2 to 6-year sentences (total of 4 to 12 years).

December 2023 – Troopers Nicole Kirchberger and Jamie Hohmann, Troop E - Wolcott, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling on Wayne Center Road at State Route 14 in the town of Lyons. During the traffic stop, Troopers determined that the driver was intoxicated, and discovered a loaded pistol and cocaine in the vehicle. SP Wolcott Investigator Matthew Kent adopted the investigation, which resulted in the suspect being charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance 3rd degree, criminal possession of a weapon 2nd degree, DWI, and numerous traffic tickets. Troopers Kirchberger and Hohmann utilized strong communication and investigative skills and worked well in conjunction with the BCI, resulting in successfully arresting and charging the suspect.

TROOP F



Arrests	3,968
Calls for Service	64,469
Accidents	7,213
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	98,066
Distracted Driving Tickets	3,705
Move Over Tickets	1,094

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

Notable Investigations and Incidents

On March 15, 2003, at approximately 1:15 p.m., a deceased female was found on a dirt path off Bowser Road in the town of Wallkill. The victim had been beaten with a blunt object and her face was unrecognizable. The victim was subsequently identified as 20-year-old Megan McDonald, a town of Wallkill resident and daughter of NYPD Detective Dennis McDonald. The hard work of the BCI led to the arrest of Edward V. Holley, on April 20, 2023, for the 2003 murder of Megan McDonald.

On May 5, 2023, SP Liberty BCI responded with Monticello Police Department to 15 Holmes in Monticello for shooting. Members found three victims with gunshot wounds, including a 15-month-old victim who was shot in the chest. Troop F Forensic Investigation Unit, Major Crimes Unit and Computer Crimes Unit responded to assist with the investigation. The investigation determined that two suspects approached the house and fired numerous rounds into the residence striking the mother of the infant, a male subject, and the infant. Further investigation determined that the suspects had fled New York State and were believed to be in the state of Texas. Troop F BCI members and the Monticello Police Department traveled to Dallas, Texas and arrested the two suspects. They were extradited to New York and charged with assault 1st degree, criminal possession of a weapon, and reckless endangerment.

On July 11, 2023, Trooper Gregory A. Candela responded to a 911 call for a male being mauled by a dog. Upon his arrival, Trooper Candela quickly stopped the dog from attacking the victim. Once the dog was detained, Trooper Candela assessed the victim's injuries, determining that he has lost a significant amount of blood. Trooper Candela applied a tourniquet to control the victim's bleeding until emergency medical personnel arrived. Trooper Candela's quick response and action potentially saved the victim's life.

July 2023 – On July 20, 2023, at about 8:03 p.m., Troopers observed a 2023 white Hyundai Kona with Alabama plates, violating several vehicle and traffic laws while travelling on State Route 17 in the town of Rockland. Troopers pulled the vehicle over and interviewed the driver and two passengers, who gave conflicting answers to a number of questions. Trooper Michael Sleyzak and K-9 Wink conducted an exterior search of the vehicle, with K9 Wink alerting to the presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle yielded 10 firearms, a large amount of ammunition, several large capacity magazines, a hydrocodone pill and a bookbag with cocaine residue.

September 2023 – In September 2023, the Troop F Violent Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team along with the Community Stabilization Unit began an investigation into the sales and distribution of cocaine and fentanyl pills from the Bronx to the town of Goshen, Orange County. A nearly three month long thorough investigation resulted in the arrest of 16 suspects and the seizure of eight illegal loaded firearms, including six handguns, over two kilograms of cocaine, several hundred fentanyl pills and other pills, 17 pounds of cannabis, and approximately \$200,000 in cash and \$100,000 in jewelry. The suspects were charged with operating as a major drug trafficker, criminal possession of a controlled substance 2nd & 3rd degree, criminal possession of a weapon 2nd degree and conspiracy 2nd degree.

TROOP G



Arrests	6,188
Calls for Service	63,268
Accidents	7,559
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	78,747
Distracted Driving Tickets	2,451
Move Over Tickets	1,017

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

Notable Investigations and Incidents

December 2023 –Trooper Michael Ziamandanis responded to an attempted burglary at a residence in the town of Nassau. Working with the homeowner, Trooper Ziamandanis was able to obtain an image of the suspect and his vehicle. Uniform and BCI members were able to work with other agencies and troops to locate the suspect, who was based out of Orange County, NY. The investigation determined that the suspect travelled through several counties to commit residential burglaries throughout New York and possibly other states. The suspect fled the state, but was ultimately taken into custody in Maryland and transported back to New York State to face multiple charges. Through working with several agencies, Schodack members were able to arrest a serial burglar.

On September 30, 2023, at about 6:52 p.m., the State Police of Wilton responded to the report of a nine-year-old child missing in Moreau Lake State Park. A search of the park and the surrounding area ensued with the assistance of the New York State Park Police, New York State Forest Rangers, volunteers, and other neighboring law enforcement agencies. The search continued overnight and throughout the following day, with no evidence of the child. In the early morning of October 2, 2023, a Trooper assigned to the family's home observed a suspicious vehicle passing the home repeatedly and stopping briefly. The Trooper's investigation discovered a letter had been placed in the family's mailbox. A review and forensic analysis of the letter led to the development of a suspect. Further information developed led to the execution of a warrant later that day on a property located in Milton, NY, where the child was found alive in a trailer on the property with the suspect who was arrested. The investigation revealed the child had been forcibly taken from the park and held against their will at the location before being rescued by law enforcement.

June 2023 – On June 16, 2023, Trooper Richard Albert, assigned to the Cobleskill Interstate Patrol, conducted a traffic stop of a gray SUV on I-88 in Duanesburg, NY. As Trooper Albert approached the vehicle, the passenger opened fire on Trooper Albert from the driver's window. Trooper Albert was struck once in the left shoulder but, despite his injuries, returned fire and pursued the suspects. After a failed attempt to flee in their vehicle, the driver and shooter got out of their vehicle and attempted to steal another vehicle, threatening its operator at gunpoint, but were unsuccessful due to that vehicle being disabled. They both fled on foot, where the driver was quickly detained uninjured. The shooter was pursued in the woods by additional troopers and State Police K9s and was located a short distance away in a wooded area, deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The investigation later determined the shooting suspect was on parole following a 2012 manslaughter conviction.



September 2023 – On September 27, 2023, Trooper Brandon Barcomb received a report of a stolen 2018 Dodge Durango from the Empire State Plaza parking garage in the city of Albany. Troopers located the vehicle the next day unoccupied on Lark Street. Investigator Jonathan Kelly identified two suspects, who were arrested and charged with criminal possession of stolen property 3rd degree. A few days later, Investigator Kelly determined that personal checks were stolen from the vehicle and forged, costing the account holder \$1,300. The same two suspects were charged with grand larceny 4th degree and possession of a forged instrument 3rd degree.

Troop K



Arrests	3,376
Calls for Service	60,926
Accidents	7,166
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	95,030
Distracted Driving Tickets	2,162
Move Over Tickets	1,372

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

February 2023 – Dutchess County 911 alerted law enforcement about a vehicle involved in the abduction of a child at knife point in the town of Poughkeepsie. The vehicle was spotted by the Millbrook Police Department, but the driver failed to comply for a traffic stop. During the pursuit, Troopers successfully deployed a tire deflation device, bringing the suspect vehicle to a stop. The suspect exited the vehicle using the child as a human shield. Trooper Jefferey Kuhlmann noticed that the suspect was not armed, rapidly approached the suspect and was able to get the child to safety. The suspect was subdued and arrested.

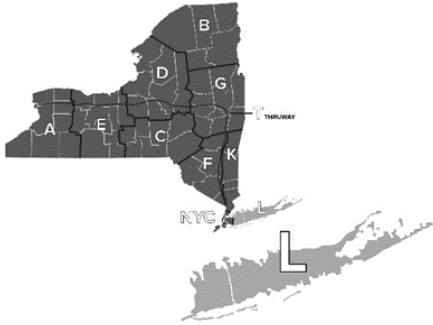
March 2023 – The Hudson Valley Traffic Management Center advised patrols to be on the lookout for a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located on State Route 9 in the town of Cortlandt by Westchester County Police and State Police and a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle was pursued through Cortlandt, Peekskill, and back into Cortlandt where it crashed. The passenger exited the vehicle and was taken into custody. The operator exited the vehicle with a razor to his own neck. Trooper Joseph Castellano, Jr. began a dialog with the suspect and with coaching from Crisis Negotiators was able to talk the suspect into a peaceful surrender.



May 2023 - In December of 1995, inmate Michael Jones was stabbed and killed inside Sing Sing Correctional Facility. At the time members of the Nation of Gods and Earth (also known as Five Percent Nation) gang were suspected of the killing, but conflicting accounts from witnesses and a lack of cooperation out of fear of retaliation inside the prison prevented timely prosecution. In 2018 Senior Investigators Kevin Hoeverman and Karen Shaw began the meticulous process of reviewing the cold case. Countless hours were spent building rapport with witnesses around the country uncover the truth. They pursued leads from Albany, Jamestown, NY, Brooklyn, Harlem, Wilmington and Charleston, South Carolina, and Charlotte, North Carolina. Their dedication untangled decades of conflicting information leading to the 2023 indictment and later conviction of two Five Percent Nation gang members for the death of Michael Jones.

November 2023 – Troopers and BCI from SP Rhinebeck responded to the Golden Manor Motel in Hyde Park for an abducted 11-month-old child. During a domestic dispute, the suspect locked the mother out of a vehicle and fled with her child. Troopers and Investigators quickly responded and contacted the suspect, who made statements about harming or killing the child. Patrols worked quickly and soon had the suspect in custody. She was later charged with kidnapping and endangering the welfare of a child. The child was not harmed.

Troop L



Arrests	891
Calls for Service	20,897
Accidents	7,993
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	67,009
Distracted Driving Tickets	3,339
Move Over Tickets	300

Troop L serves Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island.

January 2023 – Troopers investigated a call for a Jeep Cherokee operating erratically and striking the center median multiple times on the Wantagh State Parkway in Nassau County. The troopers located the vehicle on the parkway and found the female operator unconscious. Trooper Mark Miata administered two doses of Narcan to the driver, who subsequently regained consciousness. While at the scene, Trooper Miata began to feel ill and exhibited symptoms of drug exposure. Trooper Joseph Potucek administered a dose of Narcan to Trooper Miata who was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Trooper Miata recovered, and the vehicle operator was charged with operating a motor vehicle impaired by drugs 1st degree and criminal possession of a controlled substance 7th degree.

June 2023 – Trooper Christopher Mastroianni, Troop L – East Meadow, attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the Meadowbrook State Parkway for a vehicle doing 91 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. The vehicle failed to stop and attempted to enter a parking lot in Jones Beach where the operator lost control of the vehicle, which came to rest after striking a wooden guide rail. Trooper Mastroianni was able to gain custody of three of the five vehicle occupants. Further investigation subsequently led to the other two occupants being taken into custody. An illegally possessed firearm was found in the trunk of the vehicle and was seized by Trooper Mastroianni.



July 2023 – In December of 2010, the Suffolk County Police Department opened a homicide investigation after locating multiple sets of human remains along Ocean State Parkway. Four of the human remains were identified and it was determined that the victims were last seen alive between July 2007 and September 2010. The case gained significant attention over the next decade, and in February 2022, a Gilgo Beach Homicide Task Force was formed consisting of multiple agencies including the New York State Police Troop L Major Crimes Unit. A New York State Police Investigator who was assigned to the task force was reviewing case information and focused in on a vehicle and its registered owner, Rex Heuermann. On July 13, 2023, after additional investigation, Heuermann was arrested on three counts of murder. He has since been charged with

three additional homicides. The State Police continue to be a valued participant in the task force.

September 2023 – SP Riverside BCI investigated an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force tip concerning the downloading of pictures and videos depicting child exploitation. A search warrant was obtained, and the suspect was arrested with the assistance of SP Riverside Troopers. The suspect was charged with promoting sexual performance by a child and possession of sexual performance by a child.

November 2023 – K9 Trooper Robert Galarza, Troop L – Brentwood, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on the Sunken Meadow Parkway. Trooper Galarza interviewed the vehicle operator, and a probable cause search was conducted which led to the discovery of numerous heat-sealed packages containing just under 300 pounds of cannabis. The suspect was charged with criminal possession of cannabis 1st degree and DWAI.



2023 – Troop L is responsible for providing safety and security at various high-profile, large-scale events including the Jones Beach Airshow, the Belmont Stakes, and the Jones Beach 4th of July Fireworks Show. In September of 2023, the State Police planned for and ensured public safety for the first ever Ironman event held at Jones Beach. Throughout the year Troop L Members worked in concert with the New York State Park Police to keep the approximately 30 million visitors to Long Island’s state parks safe.

TROOP NYC



Arrests	696
Calls for Service	7,367
Accidents	312
Total Vehicle and Traffic Tickets	46,003
Distracted Driving Tickets	1,242
Move Over Tickets	582

Troop NYC serves New York City.

July 2023 - NYSP SP Manhattan BCI investigated a homicide that occurred at Riverbank State Park. The investigation determined that the homicide involved a dispute between the Original Young Gangsters (OYG) and Young Gangsters (YG) street gangs. The murder weapon was located near the crime scene and the investigation quickly focused on the three suspects who shot and killed the 15-year-old victim. After countless hours of video review, witness interviews and collaboration from local partner agencies, the suspects were identified and apprehended. The three suspects were indicted on murder, gang assault and criminal possession of a weapon charges.

March 14, 2023, investigators from Troop NYC, with assistance from the Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Unit - South, conducted a large-scale undercover operation at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan. This venue was the location of the two previous jewelry larcenies which had gone unsolved, with the total value of the jewelry stolen estimated at \$418,778. Investigation determined that the South American Theft Group (SATG) was involved in the thefts. State Police worked with safety officials at the Javits Center to address vulnerabilities to thwart additional thefts. Throughout the two weeks of the operation, many suspected SATG members were observed trying to infiltrate the exhibit floors, disguise their identities and gain access to restricted areas of the facility to commit crimes. Additionally, it was determined that the SATG members were conducting reconnaissance of the facility and utilizing counter-surveillance techniques.

On March 12, 2023, two subjects, who were using the same techniques established during this investigation, were stopped for gaining access to restricted areas of the Javits Center. Troop NYC Investigators arrested the suspects on criminal trespass and criminal impersonation charges. During the investigation, State Police collected a significant amount of intelligence information on the SATG. The intelligence and subsequent arrests made over the course of the two-week investigation connected many SATG-related thefts which have occurred throughout the country and helped identify key members of Chilean and Columbian SATGs, along with their fencing operation in Queens. During the investigation, SP Manhattan BCI partnered with multiple agencies, as the SATG is connected to multiple jewelry heists in the US and in other countries with the same method of operation. The investigation determined that the SATG was responsible for \$15 Million in jewelry thefts. In October of 2023, two of the main suspects from the NYSP investigation were identified and arrested by the FBI at Newark Airport prior to boarding a one-way flight to Colombia. Two months later, the FBI arrested the suspected leader of the SATG identified by SP Manhattan BCI. The suspects were indicted in federal court and charged with interstate transportation of stolen goods, conspiracy, money laundering, wire fraud and bank fraud.

2023 STATISTICS

Uniform Activity*	-
Uniform Responses	529,608
Uniform Arrests: Total Felony, Misd & Violations	35,614
Vehicle and Traffic Stats*	-
Traffic Tickets Issued	892,917
Speeding Tickets	310,667
Safety Restraints	44,475
DWI Arrests	11,175
Collision Investigations Conducted	70,039
Collision Result of Distracted Driving	2,562
Collision Result of Alcohol	1,890
Collision Result of Speed	12,675
Fatal Accidents Investigated	219
Distracted Driving Tickets---Texting/Cel Phone	30,934
Move Over Law Tickets	8,405
Commercial Vehicle Activity	
Vehicles Weighed	77,544
Vehicles Inspected	81,222
Inspection Violations	148,907
A.E.D. / Naloxone	
A.E.D. Usages	353
Field Saves (patient did not live past 5 days)	17
Full Reversals (patient recovered-stable)	18
Naloxone Usage	307
Subjects Responsive after Naloxone Use	272
Aviation	
Exec Transport	171
ENCON	79
Medivac	2
Law Enforcement	364
Emergency Management - Special Operations	
Bomb Disposal Unit Responses	463
Special Operations Response Team Responses	392
SCUBA Unit Responses	458
K9 Unit Responses	4,996
Emergency Management - CCSERT	
Clandestine Drug Labs Investigated	13
Pistol Permit Bureau	
Law Guns Hotline	36,888

Computerized Ballistic Report	
Cartridge Cases Entered	1,381
Cartridge Case Hits	36
VGNET Activity-Gun Investigation Unit Activity	
VGNET Arrests	588
VGNET Weapons Seized	297
Seized Assets - Drug Currency (VGNET)	\$3,031,789.25
Seized Assets - Drug Vehicles (VGNET)	16
Guns Seized Agency Wide	
Handguns Seized - agency wide	1,999
Long Gun Seized - agency wide	3,192
Assault Weapons Seized - agency wide	292
Total Guns Seized - agency wide	5,659
Computer Crimes Unit (CCU)	
CCU Regional Total	2,020
CCU Regional # Agencies Assisted	359
Computer Forensic Laboratory Cases	
Computer Forensic Laboratory Cases	162
Agency Assists	169
Internet Crimes Against Children Cases	
Internet Crimes Against Children Cases	3,858
ICAC Cybertips from NEMEC	22,247
Violent Crime Investigation Team	
VCIT Control Cases Adopted	161
VCIT Lead NYSP	786
VCIT Lead Non-NYSP Agency	452
Violent Felony Warrant Squad	
State Police warrants	101
Local/Other Agency Warrants	1,202
Out-of-state Warrants	64
NYSIC	
Criminal Gun Clearing House Entries	4,914
Gang/Gang Members Placed in GRIP/VGTOF	1,032
Intelligence Bulletins / Advisories Disseminated	1,423
NYSIC RFI's (requests for Information)	29,270
Crime Tips, GIVETIP, GUNSNYS	133
NYSIC - CTC	
Terrorist Tip Line Calls Received	135
Terrorists Case Investigations	38
CTC RFI's (requests for Information)	1,726
BCI	
Violent Felony Arrests	1,518
Felony Cases Investigated	21,350

***Beginning 10/24/2022, information includes data from the on-going RMS transition and may vary until the RMS transition is fully implemented.**