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**West Virginia State Police**

**Annual Report**

**95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**





## **WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Statutory Mission:**

West Virginia Code §15-2-12(a): The West Virginia State Police shall have the mission of statewide enforcement of criminal and traffic laws with emphasis on providing basic enforcement and citizen protection from criminal depredation throughout the state and maintaining the safety of the state's public streets, roads and highways.





**Colonel C. R. "Jay" Smithers**

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December 18, 2014

The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin  
 Governor of the State of West Virginia  
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Sir:

In compliance with Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 20 of the West Virginia Code, the Annual Report of the West Virginia State Police (WVSP) for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, is respectfully submitted for your review. The contents of this report reflect the ongoing efforts of the WVSP in providing the highest standards of law enforcement possible to the citizens and visitors of this state. The report describes the accomplishments and advances the organization has made in its continuing endeavor to effectively and efficiently serve the citizens of West Virginia.

Approximately one-third of the WVSP workforce consists of civilian support staff that provides a number of services for the troopers and the **entire** law enforcement community. The WVSP is the central hub of information, communication, forensic analysis, and technology for **all** law enforcement in the state of West Virginia. The WVSP maintains the West Virginia Automated Police Network (WEAPON) and houses the State Criminal Identification Bureau which provides necessary traffic and criminal history information to law enforcement. Approximately **\$7.5 million** are expended annually from the WVSP general revenue fund to provide essential services for law enforcement, 911 centers, and the judicial system.

The WVSP Forensic Laboratory (WVSPFL) is the only forensic laboratory in the state. From its inception, the WVSPFL has provided forensic services to every law enforcement agency in the state, including federal agencies, **at no cost**. The operating cost of the WVSPFL was **\$4.4 million** in Fiscal Year 2013. The **current** operating cost of the WVSPFL is approximately **\$4.7 million** — a 6.4% increase in operating cost. The WVSPFL does not have dedicated funding or its own operating budget but is funded from the overall WVSP budget. During Fiscal Year 2014, **73%** of the 6,523 cases received by the WVSPFL were from other law enforcement agencies.

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The costs incurred for the operation of the WVSPFL creates a detrimental effect on all components of the WVSP, therefore creating collateral effects to all other law enforcement agencies, court systems, and correctional facilities in the state. For example, due to the WVSPFL's case backlog and turnover in personnel, additional costs are incurred on the judicial system while waiting for evidence to be examined. Innocent parties may not be exonerated in a timely manner, prosecutors and judges must continue cases, and persons awaiting trial perpetuate the overcrowding of regional jails. When considering the criminal justice system as a whole, and the criminal courts specifically, it is imperative to bear in mind that **evidence** is the key element of the criminal justice system. In some manner, evidence is presented in every criminal trial — without it, there would be no convictions. Therefore, the WVSPFL's essential role in the criminal justice system cannot be overstated.

The WVSP Communications Section is a vital component not only to the WVSP, but to the statewide communications system and to all law enforcement and criminal justice agencies as well as many non-criminal justice agencies. The WVSP Communications Section maintains the only communications portal in the state that accesses federal communications networks and databases, thereby making it the **only** conduit for all in- and out-of-state criminal justice information database queries.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) designates the WVSP as the only state agency to manage the WEAPON system. **All 911 centers are connected to the WEAPON system as well as many county and local criminal and non-criminal justice agencies.** All dispatchers and administrators must be trained by WVSP personnel in order to have access to the system. The WEAPON system allows law enforcement access to Division of Motor Vehicle files in the state and on the national level. Furthermore, it provides access to FBI records through the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) to determine if persons are wanted as well as determine criminal histories on the national level.

The WEAPON system is entirely funded by the WVSP and has only two (2) dedicated staff members assigned to perform audits. All other administrative and technical staff responsibilities are accomplished by utilizing existing WVSP staff. Additionally, the WVSP Communications Section is critical to the infrastructure and databases relied upon by hundreds of state and federal law enforcement and government agencies at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million from the WVSP budget.

The WVSP maintains the State Criminal Identification Bureau (CIB). All fingerprints for the state of West Virginia are submitted to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for processing to create and maintain a state fingerprint repository that is available to **all** law enforcement and submission to the FBI. CIB receives approximately 150,000 Livescan submissions each year, collectively, from the WVSP, county and municipal law enforcement organizations, West Virginia State Fire Marshals, West Virginia Supreme Court, and the Division of Corrections. The Livescan system is a biometric (fingerprint, palm print, photograph, and demographic information) capture and submission device.

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The AFIS and Livescan software should be upgraded to meet the current requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system. The costs associated with software and server upgrades is approximately \$2,295,000. Approximately 70 Livescan devices housed at various WVSP locations must be upgraded at a cost of \$1,820,000. The total purchase cost for upgrades is \$4,115,000. The purchase method will make the AFIS system compliant with the NGI system and will satisfy the needs of the state for the next eight years. There is no current funding allocated for the continuation of this system, which results in higher maintenance costs.

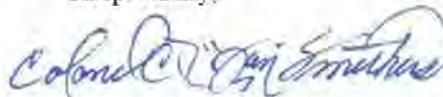
Currently, there are approximately 560 troopers strategically assigned to detachments located throughout the state that respond to calls for service and are responsible for investigating crime. The average mileage of the vehicles assigned to these troopers is approximately 79,900. This average has increased by 9,000 miles over the last two years. **A fleet in such condition not only increases repair and maintenance costs, but diminishes the agency's ability to maintain a constant roadworthy fleet of patrol vehicles and does not provide the highest standard of safety for the agency's troopers.**

The cost to maintain the fleet is becoming increasingly more difficult as the cost to maintain and repair vehicles continues to increase. In order to maintain a dependable and roadworthy fleet, 25% of the fleet should be replaced each year which equates to a four-year replacement cycle at an estimated cost of \$4 million.

In summary, the WVSP faces many challenges to meet its statutory mission. Many of the detachments and physical structures are in dire need of repair or replacement due to their acute state of disrepair and/or being antiquated. New technology enables the agency to be more efficient and increases its capabilities, but that same technology requires **additional funding** for maintenance. Also, manpower is a perpetual critical issue. The Crimes Against Children Unit is critically understaffed and with its current caseload, the unit must be expanded to meet its investigative needs to ensure children are effectively protected.

While the WVSP maintains the reputation of being a premier law enforcement organization, the current scrutiny of law enforcement necessitates modification to its operations, logistics, and administration. Regardless of the adversities confronting the WVSP, it shall remain resolute in its mission statement and service to the citizens and visitors of the state. As always, the men and women of the WVSP will continue to serve the public with professionalism, bravery, and honor.

Respectfully,



Colonel C. R. "Jay" Smithers  
Superintendent

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**2014 Message from Cabinet Secretary Joseph C. Thornton**

The West Virginia State Police has completed another year of exemplary service. Colonel Smithers and his leadership team are to be commended for the achievements in 2014 that further the State Police's reputation as West Virginia's pre-eminent law enforcement agency.

The start of the State Police Academy's accelerated cadet program is among those successes. This 11-week course allows certified law enforcement officers, by augmenting the training they had already received at the Academy, to bolster the ranks of the State Police within a shorter time frame. The 26 troopers of this inaugural 64<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class who graduated in June brought with them a combined 135 years of law enforcement experience to the State Police.

The State Police also welcomed the addition of 19 new troopers with the March graduation of the traditional, 63<sup>rd</sup> Cadet Class. The department continues to prepare the latest generation of troopers with the launch of the 65<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class in December. This ongoing influx adds vital manpower to a State Police dedicated to protecting the public and upholding the law in every corner of West Virginia.

The State Police carries out this noble mission in many ways. One is through the grim but sadly necessary work of the Crimes Against Children Unit. The need to match increasing responsibilities with sufficient resources is real. I join with Superintendent Smithers in supporting the unit's efforts to protect our vulnerable youth.

The West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory burnished its already stellar standing in 2014. The lab secured the new, more rigorous standards of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. I congratulate the lab for this distinction and for its routine assistance to law enforcement statewide as West Virginia's only full service forensic facility.

I remain proudly supportive of the State Police and its role in this department. I also know that West Virginians stand with me in appreciation of the men and women of this outstanding law enforcement agency as they selflessly carry out duties that are as challenging as they are crucial.

Joseph C. Thornton  
Cabinet Secretary



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## Organizational Summary

In March of 1919 the West Virginia State Police, originally known as the West Virginia Department of Public Safety, was created during one of the most violent eras the citizens of the state have experienced. The unionization of coal miners throughout the state and the violence that ensued, prohibition, and political corruption led then-Governor John Jacob Cornwell to propose legislation that would lead to the birth of the agency. Today, steeped in a rich heritage, the West Virginia State Police is known for providing professional law enforcement services to the citizens of West Virginia and is nationally recognized for its efforts. Advances in communications, computer technology, forensic science, and equipment and training have poised the West Virginia State Police to continue its proud tradition for 95 years since its creation.

As West Virginia's statewide law enforcement agency, the West Virginia State Police is charged with the responsibility of general and special law enforcement and criminal investigation services with concentration in rural, unincorporated areas of the state. Troopers conduct traffic enforcement for both unincorporated areas and interstate highways, and provide security and police services throughout the state for many athletic events, fairs and festivals.

In order to accomplish the mission of the West Virginia State Police and perform the duties and responsibilities mandated by statute, the agency is comprised primarily of two divisions — Staff Services and Field Services. Personnel within Staff Services perform the administrative, accounting and executive functions necessary to operate the agency and are located mostly within the agency's headquarters in South Charleston, West Virginia. Existing organizationally within Staff Services are Executive Protection, Accounting, Information Services, Criminal Records, Forensic Laboratory, Planning and Research, Procurement, Promotional Standards, Traffic Records, Personnel, Medical Unit and the Photography Laboratory. There were 30 uniformed members assigned to the various sections within Staff Services as of June 30, 2014.

Field Services is the operational and largest division within the West Virginia State Police. Field Services is responsible for providing necessary police functions to citizens of the state. These functions are provided on a daily basis by seven uniformed field troops, which are divided into 20 districts consisting of 59 detachments. In addition to the seven uniformed troops, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) provides personnel statewide for undercover and criminal investigations. Special Operations, Crimes Against Children, the Training Academy and Public Affairs are positioned organizationally within Field Services. There were 643 uniformed members assigned to Field Services as of June 30, 2014. The West Virginia State Police employed 366 civilian employees throughout the agency as of June 30, 2014.

Professional Standards and the Legal Section are separate units of the agency's headquarters, reporting directly to the superintendent. The function of members assigned to Professional Standards is to ensure the integrity of the agency is not compromised by investigating citizens' complaints and/or allegations of misconduct made against troopers and civilian personnel. The West Virginia State Police takes its responsibility and commitment to the citizens of the state seriously and strives to ensure that the agency operates according to its established policies and procedures in order to provide the highest quality of service. The Legal Section assists the superintendent and executive staff of the West Virginia State Police by providing legal advice on issues that affects the day-to-day operations of the agency.





**Major Timothy D. Bradley**  
Chief of Field Services



**Lieutenant Colonel Jack C. Chambers**  
Deputy Superintendent



**Major William J. Scott**  
Chief of Staff Services



**Captain Anthony L. Cummings**  
Deputy Chief of Field Services



**Captain Michael G. Corsaro**  
Deputy Chief of Staff Services



**Captain C. Joe White**  
Professional Standards



**Captain Reginald Patterson**  
Executive Services



## Field Services – Troop 1, Shinnston



**Captain James H. Merrill**  
Troop Commander



### Troop 1 Facts

Detachments	12
Sworn Officers	80
Civilian Personnel	34
Population	441,518
Square Miles	3,422

Troop 1 consists of twelve counties located in the northern section of West Virginia. These counties include Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, Tyler and Wetzell.

Five bank robberies have occurred in this area of the state and one theft and damage to an ATM; twenty armed robberies or burglaries in progress; fifty recovered stolen vehicles valued at over \$560,000.

An investigation related to a burglary in progress led to a search warrant which resulted in the recovery of five hundred stolen pieces of electronics and various jewelry valued at \$12,000 in Monongalia County.

An investigation led to the arrest of two suspects that were involved in a four county burglary theft ring that resulted in solving over thirty crimes.

Members of the State Police initiated a traffic stop and recovered 500 pounds of stolen copper in Ohio County. The suspect was arrested.

### Drug Related Activity:

This area of the state has seen an explosion of drug related crimes involving Methamphetamine, Marijuana and prescription drugs. As a result of this epidemic, four northern counties (Brooke, Hancock, Ohio and Marshall) have been federally designated as High Intensity Drug Traffic Areas (HIDTA) and are receiving federal money to combat this problem. As a result a program the Mountaineer Highway Interdiction Team (MHIT) was formed. MHIT consist of members of the West Virginia State Police, U.S. Attorney's Office, DEA, Wheeling Police Department and the Ohio County Sheriff's Department. The five members of this team produced the following activity:

- 2308 Traffic Stops
- 162 Felony Arrests
- 200 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 13 DUI Arrests
- In addition, 52 pounds of marijuana, 508 marijuana plants, 1100 dose units of pharmaceuticals, 30 grams of heroin, 10 grams of cocaine, \$127,476 in U.S. Currency, 1 vehicle and 6 weapons were seized.



As a direct result and success of MHIT in the four northern counties, another MHIT was formed in the latter part of this reporting period in Harrison County which consists of members of the West Virginia State Police, U.S. Attorney's Office, Clarksburg Police Department and Bridgeport Police Department. The four members of this team produced the following activity:

- 1680 Traffic Stops
- 23 Felony Arrests
- 60 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 13 DUI Arrests
- In addition, 22.7 pounds of marijuana, 347 dose units of pharmaceuticals, 102 grams of heroin, 5 grams of cocaine and 12 stamps of acid were seized.

Additionally, another MHIT team is in the planning stages to be formed in Monongalia County.

Members of the State Police participated in Marijuana Eradication and recovered/seized over 9,000 plants.

Members of the State Police investigated an indoor grow of marijuana in Monongalia County. Implements of the grow and several plants were seized. In addition, \$4,480 in U.S. Currency was seized. One suspect was arrested. Additionally several other indoor grows were located which resulted in several arrests and the recovery/seizure of over twenty-three plants.

Several routine traffic stops resulted in multiple arrests and the recovery/seizure of stamp bags of heroin, 5 pounds of marijuana, crack cocaine, numerous prescription pills and over \$25,000 in U.S. Currency.

Additionally, other criminal investigations and package interdictions resulted in several arrests and the recovery/seizure of 19 pounds of marijuana, 3 ounces of processed marijuana, crack cocaine, heroin stamps, psilocybin mushroom, pills, bath salts and over \$30,000 in U. S. Currency

Members of the State Police served a search warrant in Monongalia County and seized 18 grams of marijuana, several bags of pills containing hydrocodone, dextroamphetamine and diazepam. Six suspects were arrested.

Ten meth labs were located in this Troop during this time period.

### **Environmental Impact Cases:**

Members of the State Police responded to an explosion at the Dominion Natrium Plant located in Moundsville. Plant management and the Fire Department closed off a ten mile radius around the plant. Members provided requested assistance during this time.

Members of the State Police responded to a fracking well explosion located along Brushy Fork Road in Doddridge County. Five individuals were injured.

### **Murder investigations:**

Members of the State Police assisted the Clarksburg Police Department with a quadruple murder investigation. It is believed that the murders were drug related. Two innocent bystanders were shot and succumbed to their injuries. Sidney A. Muller was arrested for the murders.



Members of the State Police in Kingwood began a missing person investigation. The investigation led to the discovery of the deceased victim inside the family residence. The manner of death was determined to be a homicide. The wife was arrested for murder.

In 2012, members of the State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) began working an investigation into the death of sixteen year old Skylar Neese from Star City. After a lengthy investigation, two suspects were identified and arrested for murder in the first degree. Shelia Eddy pled guilty to murder in the first degree and was sentenced to life in prison. Rachel Shoaf pled guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to thirty years in prison. Sentencing occurred in early 2014.

In January 2014, members of the State Police investigated a triple murder/arson at a residence located in Littleton. Investigators determined this crime to be a homicide at the residence, with arson used to conceal the crime. After a long and exhaustive investigation, two suspects were developed and arrested.

### **Cases Involving Children:**

Two suspects from out-of state were charged with sexual assault, kidnapping, human trafficking and conspiracy in the case of a fourteen year-old female victim from Grafton. The suspects met the victim on an online chat room.

Members of the State Police charged a female from Fairmont with child endangerment and drug charges related to her continuous use and possession of heroin around her five month old infant. At the time of the search, members recovered thirty-one empty heroin stamp bags and ten used needles.

Additionally, several suspects were arrested for possession of child pornography, sexual assault of young children and enticement over the internet.

### **911 Centers:**

The West Virginia State Police has worked hard to maintain a good working relationship with all of the Emergency 911 Centers. The 911 Centers in North Central West Virginia work hard to provide timely response to calls for service by all agencies. This directly benefits all citizens with a prompt response by law enforcement officials in their area.

Members of the Kingwood Detachment received automatic vehicle locators (AVL's) which were installed in their cruisers. The AVL's were purchased by the Preston County Commission and enable the Preston County 911 Center to track the location of units in real time and assist with dispatching officers to emergency calls. The AVL's will additionally give officers the ability to have internet access from their cruisers.

### **Critical Needs:**

Troop 1 is one of the most highly populated Troops in the state and experiences a population increase from year to year in over half of the counties. The burden and responsibility of the uniformed trooper is ever expanding and is becoming a critical factor in the approach to enforcing the law and officer safety.

Troop 1 has sixty-two patrol vehicles with over one hundred thousand miles (100,000) and within the next six months an additional ten patrol vehicles will be added to this list.

The current Troop 1 Headquarters building was built in 1939 and is sitting on approximately eleven acres. Headquarters is not centrally located and is subsequently not as accessible as it should be for the twelve counties in the Troop. The heating system is an original "Boiler" system. Only two of the three units current-



ly operate. Parts for these units are no longer manufactured. The electrical wiring in the building is mostly original, with the exception of the Radio Room. The wire is in a braided casing, fed through metal conduit. This wire system poses a fire hazard and may not be up to code. There have been no estimates received for wiring repairs and or replacement. The roof of the main building leaks in various locations. Fixing the leaks would be difficult due to the air conditioner and attached duct work for the system being located on top of the roof. The AC duct work would then need to be replaced at an additional substantial cost. These are a few of the major repairs needed at this time, not to mention cracked/broken windows, old doors and other minor issues.

The Bridgeport Detachment was built around the late 70's to early 80's and sits on approximately five acres. The heating and cooling system is original and on borrowed time at best. Several estimates have been obtained over the last few years ranging from \$11,000 to \$14,000 for the repairs. Both the heating and air conditioning unit's duct work need replaced. The evidence room is 5' x 7', and is too small for a Detachment of that size. The evidence room is currently full with little to no space for additional items. The bunk room doubles as a file room because there is insufficient filing space at the detachment. Office space is at a premium based on the number of troopers stationed at this detachment. The parking lot is in bad shape, the front needs sealed and the back needs replaced. In addition, there is a drainage issue with the back parking lot, which causes standing water to lay on the back lot and property.

Five detachment parking lots are in bad shape and need to be resurfaced: Headquarters, Bridgeport, Grafton, Fairmont and Kingwood. In addition, four roofs need replaced: Headquarters, Bridgeport, Wellsburg and Kingwood.

### Troop 1 Awards:

Golden Service Award (outstanding community service) – George E. Kolas

Sherlock Holmes Award (outstanding criminal investigation abilities) – Corporal Ronnie M. Gaskins

Road Warrior Award (outstanding road investigations) – Senior Trooper D. M. Matthews

Citation of Heroism issued by the Governor - Corporal J. G. Baker

DETACHMENT	Calls for	Felony	Misd	HMV	HMV	Motorist	Crash	Major Investigations		Other Investigations		
	Service	Arrests	Arrests	Citations	Warning			DUI	Assists	Reports	Incidents	Offenses
TROOP 1 HEADQUARTERS	0	4	0	40	150	0	2	2	2	6	0	0
BRIDGEPORT	7092	218	453	2604	4043	59	1051	191	755	1266	12	67
WEST UNION	1815	54	113	713	1781	9	475	76	328	412	45	59
GRAFTON	875	38	66	1061	1430	4	100	62	164	211	23	8
MORGANTOWN	11833	327	716	1885	8508	67	1556	667	1380	1830	27	123
FAIRMONT	3351	112	150	1369	2353	10	417	232	369	508	15	54
KINGWOOD	3467	135	553	1262	2102	30	255	178	669	1097	31	75
MOUNDSVILLE	1198	108	268	778	3607	30	235	37	422	649	34	13
PADEN CITY	840	30	36	342	1697	7	139	40	133	162	3	10
HUNDRED	647	32	62	125	466	5	44	19	118	140	23	8
WHEELING	1117	202	228	1409	2778	26	296	38	378	666	21	15
WELLSBURG	753	33	47	1319	1060	5	102	19	200	224	12	14
NEW CUMBERLAND	523	54	214	1025	1750	108	113	10	274	545	8	7
TROOP 1 TOTALS	33511	1347	2906	13932	31725	360	4785	1571	5192	7716	254	453



## Field Services – Troop 2, Charles Town



**Captain Eric D. Widmeyer**  
Troop Commander



### Troop 2 Facts

Detachments	6
Sworn Officers	73
Civilian Personnel	22
Population	256,420
Square Miles	2,790

Troop 2 can be found in the northeastern section of West Virginia commonly referred to as the Eastern Panhandle/Potomac Highlands Region. The region is separated from the western part of the state by the Allegheny Front. The region includes the following seven counties: Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Hardy and Grant. Both Berkeley and Jefferson Counties are considered suburbs of the Baltimore/Washington, D. C. area and are within an hour and twenty minute drive of either city. Jefferson and Berkeley Counties remain two of the fastest growing counties in West Virginia. According to the 2010 U. S. Census report, Berkeley County became the 2nd most populated county in the state and was recently recognized as one of the top counties in the United States in population growth over the last decade.

**Troop 2 initiated the following activity during fiscal year 2014 related to “Special Drug Patrols”. The stats only covered less than 6 months due to funding of drug patrols:**

Total Number of Patrols: 48	Total Man Hours: 167.5
Persons Contacted: 90	Vehicles Stopped: 41
Vehicles Searched: 29	Citations Issued: 8
Warnings Issued: 11	Felony Arrests: 37
Misdemeanor Arrests: 58	Drug Arrests: 68
Marijuana Seized (Pounds): 17.9	Cocaine Seized (Grams): 16
Crack Cocaine Seized (Grams): 19	Methamphetamine Seized (Grams): 1.5
Heroin Seized (Grams): 42.75	Other Drugs Seized (Grams): 180
Pills Seized: 180	Marijuana Plants Seized: 24
Fugitive Arrests: 2	Illegal Guns Seized: 6
WVIX Submitted: 17	Search Warrants Executed: 4
Informants Developed: 8	Value of Drugs Seized: \$129,970
Value of Property Seized: \$50,442	Cash Seized/Forfeited: \$12,717

### **Troop 2 Marijuana Eradication Efforts:**

Troopers destroyed 68,867 Marijuana plants, 34 Cultivated Marijuana plants, 2,343 grams of processed Marijuana, with 2 Felony Arrests and 1 Federal Indictment pending.



**2014 Fiscal Year Troop 2 Checkpoint Stats**

Number of Vehicles thru Checkpoint:	6,115
Number of Checkpoints:	12
DUI Arrests:	27
Driving Suspended or Revoked Arrests:	31
Felony Arrests:	9
Misdemeanor Arrests:	23
Drug Arrests:	9
Warnings Issued:	494
Citations Issued:	113
Amount of Drugs Seized:	\$2,535

**2014 Fiscal Year Troop 2 DUI Patrol Stats**

Number of DUI Patrols:	332
Number of Traffic Stops:	1,901
DUI Arrests:	219
Driving Suspended or Revoked Arrests:	79
Felony Arrests:	19
Misdemeanor Arrests:	80
Drug Arrests:	38
Warnings Issued:	2,419
Citations Issued:	451
Amount of Drugs Seized:	\$4,170
Amount of Property Recovered:	\$1,460

**Troop 2 Noteworthy Cases:****Martinsburg Detachment:****Fraudulent Scheme Investigation**

On July 11, 2013, Cpl. Nine responded to a residence in Berkeley County, regarding an investigation of possible stolen West Virginia Department of Highways (DOH) property.

Cpl. Nine spoke to the property owner and showed her a printout from a Craigslist ad she had posted in reference to a dirt-bike she was attempting to sell. Cpl. Nine confirmed it was her ad and advised her that the items in the background were believed to have been stolen from the Martinsburg office of the DOH. Upon further conversation, Cpl. Nine was given consent to search the garage area and was advised that the property was being stored there by William Smallwood, a former employee with the DOH in Berkeley County.

Upon entering the garage, Cpl. Nine observed numerous boxes of items with markings and shipping information for the local DOH indicating "care of" William Smallwood. Cpl. Nine also observed numerous tools such as shovels, rakes, Stihl brand weed-eaters, chain saws, tires, gasoline cans, and other new tools which had never been used.

Troopers later traveled to William Smallwood's residence. Upon arrival, Mr. Smallwood was informed of the investigation. He granted consent to search his residence, attached garage and surrounding property.

Upon searching the residence, numerous DOH items were located. Several boxes were located with shipping labels addressed to the local DOH. Numerous new, never used power tools were found as well as generators, power washers, and other items identified as DOH property. Mr. Smallwood advised the items found in the garage earlier that day were from the DOH along with other stolen items he knowingly purchased. Mr. Smallwood arrested at this time. The recovered property was estimated to be valued at approximately two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Mr. Smallwood was responsible for purchasing equipment and supplies at the Berkeley County DOH office and it is believed he had been purchasing the items and taking them for his personal use for several years.

**Attempt to Commit Robbery Investigation**

On October 17, 2013, while performing road patrol on Williamsport Pike, Trooper D.W. Satterfield observed a strobe light blinking behind the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 1754 Williamsport Pike. Trooper



Satterfield pulled into the parking lot to determine the source of the light emitting from behind the store. Upon Trooper Satterfield's arrival he observed a female quickly exit the parking lot in a green Honda sedan.

Trooper Satterfield walked to the rear of the gas station and observed a male wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, with the hood up, and black sweatpants. When the male suspect turned and faced him, Trooper Satterfield observed the male to have a blue bandana tied around his face, wearing gloves and had the handle of a handgun protruding from the front pocket of the sweatshirt. The male also matched the description of a suspect that robbed the Marlow BP gas station on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Trooper Satterfield ordered the male to the ground and placed him into custody. The male, identified as Ryan D. Lynn, was armed with a stainless .22 caliber revolver. Mr. Lynn admitted he was there to rob the 7-Eleven. Trooper Satterfield quickly discovered Mr. Lynn was a fugitive from Maryland. Trooper Satterfield also developed Mr. Lynn's girlfriend, Courtney D. Beavers, as the suspected driver who was assisting him in robbing the gas station in Marlow and the 7-Eleven store. TFC Maynard and Trooper Satterfield made contact with Ms. Beavers. While questioning Ms. Beavers about the attempted robbery of 7-Eleven and the robbery of the Marlow ROCS gas station, she admitted to her involvement in both incidents.

Ms. Beavers was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery and Mr. Lynn was charged with Attempted Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, wearing a Hood/Mask in Public and being a Fugitive from Justice.

### **Bank Robbery Investigation**

On June 17, 2013, a robbery occurred at the CNB Bank located in Falling Waters. Through the course of the investigation, Corporal J.J. Bowman was able to identify the suspect to be, Jesse Lee Gibson. The vehicle utilized by the suspect was determined to be stolen from Hagerstown, MD. Troopers discovered Mr. Gibson was staying with his girlfriend, who resides in close proximity to where the Honda Civic was stolen. The Honda Civic utilized during the bank robbery was later recovered a few miles away from the CNB Bank.

Cpl. Bowman learned that Mr. Gibson had been arrested for committing another robbery at Walgreens in Martinsburg and had been apprehended after he was involved in a vehicle pursuit with Berkeley County Deputies. During an interview with Jesse Gibson, he admitted to traveling to the same area of the bank on the day in question and was planning on robbing a pharmacy. Mr. Gibson advised he placed a garden hose nozzle in the waistband of his pants so it resembled a revolver. He stated he was "high" on illegal narcotics, which affected his judgment. Mr. Gibson was arrested and charged with First Degree Robbery and Bringing Stolen Property into the State.

### **Charles Town Detachment:**

#### **Kidnapping**

On January 24, 2014, Trooper C. J. Hill was dispatched by Jefferson County Emergency Headquarters (JCEH) to contact a friend of Carol Dyall, in reference to Ms. Dyall being missing for several days. Trooper Hill made contact with the complainant who advised that she and other close friends had not heard from Ms. Dyall, their 74 year old friend, in several days.

Trooper Hill and Trooper Epperly visited the home of Ms. Dyall in Harpers Ferry, and found the home to be secured. Trooper Hill made contact with several friends of Ms. Dyall and learned that she had no family who had access the home. Ms. Dyall was described as a person who is constantly in touch with her friends and very organized. Over the next few days, Trooper Hill was able to confirm that Ms. Dyall had missed several doctors appointments and other meetings. Friends had expressed concern about a man named "Arthur," but could not



provide further information about the male. They described him as a French man with a temper and schizophrenic tendencies. Trooper Hill was contacted by one of the friends who had received a brief phone call and message from Ms. Dyall. The friend advised that the message was out of her character and from a new phone number. One of the friends also received an e-mail from Ms. Dyall's account, which contained poor English and that was signed in an abnormal way. Trooper Hill reviewed the same and overheard Ms. Dyall explaining herself to someone in the background of the message, before the phone had disconnected.

On January 28, 2014, Trooper Hill received a brief call from Ms. Dyall and could detect deception within her story. Trooper Hill attempted to call Ms. Dyall back, but the phone had been placed out of service. Trooper Hill received follow-up phone calls from financial institutions stating that Ms. Dyall had made phone calls and was now trying to move large sums of money, which was out of her character. Trooper Hill further investigated phone calls made from the new phone, and revealed through sources that the cell phone belonged to an Alvaro Arthur Vilela, the accused.

Trooper Hill located an address for the accused, in Martinsburg and sent Martinsburg Troopers to the location. Troopers made contact with Mr. Vilela and located Ms. Dyall within the residence. At the time, Ms. Dyall was being held against her will and injured. When Trooper Hill first arrived at the above address he observed several doors in the home to be secured with screws and windows to be blocked and secured with plywood.

The West Virginia State Police Crime Scene Team was called to process the residence. In an interview of Ms. Dyall at the hospital, Trooper Hill observed several large bruises from strikes on her arms and legs. Hospital staff advised that at least one bone was confirmed to be broken. Ms. Dyall described how Mr. Vilela forced his way into her home, tackled her to the floor, beat her with a piece of wood, and bound her legs, arms and mouth. She stated he then took financial statements, computers and her phone from her residence. He then moved her to the trunk of her vehicle and parked his vehicle in her garage. He drove to local banks and other establishments where he used her credit cards. He then transported Ms. Dyall to his residence, wrapped her in a sheet and carried her into the home. For the next six days Ms. Dyall remained tied and bound in an upstairs bedroom where she was forced into acts and false confessions. Ms. Dyall further stated that she was in fear for her life and was told that she would be suffocated with plastic wrap and left to be found by police if she did not cooperate. During this incident, Ms. Dyall was forced to access large sums of money from her financial institutions in excess of \$400,000, to satisfy Mr. Vilela's demands and threats.

Trooper Hill spoke with Mr. Vilela, who advised in a voluntary statement that he did kidnap and imprison Ms. Dyall for ten days leading up to her discovery, and that he did take financial information from her home. At this time, Trooper Hill placed Mr. Vilela under arrest on the charges of Kidnapping, Unlawful Restraint, Violent Crimes against the Elderly, Extortion and Financial Exploitation of the Elderly.

### **Conspiracy to Commit Arson**

On May 14, 2014, Trooper First Class J. E. Williams received a telephone call from Assistant State Fire Marshal George Harms concerning a conspiracy to commit arson against a Jefferson County attorney, Stephen Skinner. The officer advised that two suspects, Darryl E. Palmer and son Matthew B. Palmer, had contacted at least two subjects concerning burning the residence and personal property of Mr. Skinner.

TFC Williams subsequently gained separate statements from two witnesses who provided substantially similar information. The first witness advised that approximately two weeks prior he was approached in person by Darryl Palmer to burn "Skinner's house down" due to active law suits being pursued against the two suspects by Mr. Skinner. The elder Palmer told the initial witness he "wanted to kill" Mr. Skinner. The second witness stated that approximately two weeks earlier he had been contacted by telephone by the younger Palmer suspect. This witness stated that the son advised his father would pay him \$1,500 to \$2,000 to burn the attorney's residence. The elder Palmer would pay more if the lawyer was in the residence at the time.



On May 28, 2014, Assistant Fire Marshall Harms provided a statement of Matthew Palmer to TFC Williams. Matthew Palmer indicated in his statement that his father had approached him about burning Mr. Skinner's residence. Matthew Palmer and Darryl Palmer subsequently contacted several others to attempt to achieve the arson. Matthew Palmer and Darryl Palmer were arrested in Berkeley County for Conspiracy to Commit 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Arson.

### **Berkeley Springs Detachment:**

#### **Grand Larceny**

On May 7, 2014, Corporal A. T. Peer responded to a reported grand larceny at Berkeley Springs Town Hall. Upon speaking with the supervisor of Berkeley Springs Water Works, Cpl. Peer was advised the larceny occurred at a storage building outside of town limits. Numerous brass fittings, totaling \$4071, were missing from the building. There was no sign of forced entry and the supervisor suspected it to be one of nine employees who possessed a key to the building. Cpl. Peer was advised that one employee, Joshua McCoy, had resigned recently prior to taking a urinalysis. Cpl. Peer interviewed each of the nine employees and each of them denied taking the items and agreed to take a polygraph examination. Sergeant K. R. Pansch was contacted and the polygraph exams were scheduled. During the questioning by Sgt. Pansch, prior to administering the polygraph, Joshua McCoy confessed to taking the items. Mr. McCoy was arrested for charges related to this investigation.

#### **Operating a Clandestine Laboratory**

On March 4, 2014, Trooper First Class S. R. Smith and Corporal V. E. Branham responded to a domestic dispute on Martinsburg Road, Berkeley Springs involving Jeremy McCumbee (TFC Smith had just arrested Mr. McCumbee recently for being intoxicated in public where he admitted to being addicted to methamphetamine). Upon arrival, TFC Smith separated Mr. McCumbee and a female identified as Trista Courtney. Mr. McCumbee advised he had a clandestine lab called a "shake and bake" located in the basement of the residence. TFC Smith received a consent to search the residence and contacted Sergeant L. A. Faircloth to process the scene. Both parties were arrested, and have pled guilty to the charges. This is the first documented clandestine methamphetamine lab related arrest in Morgan County.

#### **Child Neglect, Passing Counterfeit Money and Possession of Controlled Substance**

On August 14, 2013, Trooper First Class S. R. Smith responded to Family Dollar in Berkeley Springs for a complaint in reference to the passing of a counterfeit bill. The Family Dollar employees were able to obtain a license plate for the suspects. TFC Smith ran the tag and obtained the address. TFC Smith went to Food Lion to check if any counterfeit bills had been passed. The manager of Food Lion checked and found three bills had been passed, and pulled the video of the people passing the bills. A short period later, Corporal Branham spotted the vehicle with the above tag in the Dollar General parking lot. TFC Smith arrived and identified the male from the video and took him into custody. The Troopers then traveled to the suspect's residence and received a consent to search. During the search, the Troopers located tattooing equipment with open needles and ink that were in close proximity to a six year old boy. In the master bedroom, TFC Smith located numerous used needles, two burnt spoons, snorting straws and different types of residue of controlled substances in close proximity to a baby's crib. The six year old and infant were turned over to Child Protective Services and three adults: Phillip Everts, Veronica Everts and William Laubs were arrested for Child Neglect, Passing Counterfeit Money, Possession of Controlled Substances and Operating a Tattoo Studio Without a License.



**Criminal Interdiction Patrol:****Marijuana Cultivation**

On January 3, 2014, Troopers Campbell and North reviewed the crime tips page of WVIX. They discovered a tip of an indoor grow in the area. Troopers Campbell, North and Sergeant Plumer responded to the residence for follow up. Contact was made with Mr. Dunham, the resident, and consent was granted to search his residence. Mr. Dunham escorted the units to a room under his garage where fifty marijuana plants, in various stages of growth, were observed. Mr. Dunham was also in possession of one ounce of harvested marijuana. Charges are pending against Mr. Dunham for Cultivation of Marijuana.

**Untaxed Cigarettes**

On January 29, 2014, Trooper First Class Campbell and Sergeant Plumer were conducting stationary patrol on Interstate 81 northbound. Both Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet Cobalt, bearing Michigan registration for a traffic violation. Upon a passenger side approach to the vehicle, multiple cartons of Newport Cigarettes could be observed in plain view. A probable cause search of the vehicle produced one hundred eighty-three Virginia tax stamped, cartons of Newport Cigarettes. A further search of the vehicle produced approximately five ounces of KHAT in leaf form and an additional ounce in a ground paste form. The subjects were arrested for Excise Tax Violation and Possession with Intent, then transported to the Martinsburg State Police Detachment. During this time, the subjects were checked through EPIC and it was discovered that one of the subjects were on the terrorist watch list and has been suspected of shipping large amounts of currency to the middle east. The subject was also wanted through Ohio for possession with intent to distribute KHAT. The approximate value of the cigarettes was \$20,862 and the approximate value of the KHAT was \$500.00.

**Romney Detachment:****Death of Child by Parent**

On October 18, 2013, Senior Trooper J. D. Carson initiated an investigation into the death of eighteen month old Leah Barnes. Senior Trooper Carson, with the assistance of Sgt. K.R. Pansch, Trooper First Class M. M. Massie and Trooper First Class W. R. Garrett (CACU), was able to obtain a full confession from the accused, Cory Orndorff. Mr. Orndorff indicated that he had physically abused his daughter, Leah Barnes, until the abuse caused her death. Mr. Orndorff pled guilty to Child Abuse Resulting in Death and received 40 years and two counts of Child Abuse Causing Injury and received five years for each count.

**Cultivation of Marijuana**

On May 24, 2014, Senior Trooper J. D. Carson and Sergeant R. W. Mason responded to the Levels area in Hampshire County for a tip regarding a suspected marijuana grow. Senior Trooper J. D. Carson, Sergeant R. W. Mason and Trooper D. J. Smith were able to utilize several hand drawn maps, drawn by suspect Dustin Johnson, to locate 160 cultivated marijuana plants over a two day period. Mr. Johnson, William Rannells and Nathan Watson were arrested and each charged with Cultivation of Marijuana and Conspiracy.

**Moorefield/Petersburg Detachment:****Death of Child by Parent**

On July 05, 2014, Sergeant M. D. Anderson and Trooper First Class C. S. Hartman received a telephone call from Troopers with the Morgantown Detachment in reference to a possible Child Death. The parents, identified as Joseph Allan Christy and Summer Lynn Snow McDaniels, had been apprehended earlier that



same morning while attempting to flee from law enforcement in the Morgantown area. The suspects had four children (ages: 11, 7, 4, & 2) within the vehicle and had both been charged with Felony Child Neglect by the Morgantown Police Department. During this investigation, two of the children indicated their father, Joseph, had killed their baby brother. In an interview with Joseph Christy, he confessed to burying the couples' infant son, Ashter James Christy (age: 26 days) at a campsite near the Baker area of Hardy County. Joseph Christy led Trooper First Class C. S. Hartman, Sergeant M. D. Anderson, Sergeant J. P. Branham III, Corporal R. M. Gaskins and Detective Larry Hasley (Morgantown P.D.) to the shallow grave of his infant son. Trooper First Class Hartman is currently seeking charges against Mr. Christy for Child Neglect Resulting in Death and 1st Degree Murder.

### **Child Sexual Assault/Abuse**

On February 02, 2014, Senior Trooper N. E. Higginbotham was contacted by a complainant regarding a sexual assault/abuse investigation. The complainant informed Senior Trooper N. E. Higginbotham she was informed by her daughter that her uncle, Peter Naperkowski, had sexual abused her while she resided in Petersburg, WV. Senior Trooper N. E. Higginbotham conducted an interview with Mr. Naperkowski after speaking to the complainant. While speaking to Mr. Naperkowski he admitted to the allegations of sexual abuse and sexual assault. Senior Trooper N. E. Higginbotham scheduled an interview for the victim with the Child Advocate Center in Keyser. The interview was conducted by Amber Tally on March 05, 2014. During this interview, the victim informed Ms. Tally that Mr. Naperkowski would force her to engage in sexual and attempted sexual intercourse. During the June 2014 session of the Hardy County Grand Jury, Mr. Naperkowski was indicted on forty counts of Sexual Abuse by Parent, Guardian, Custodian, or Person of Trust and six counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Abuse. During the July 2014 session of the Hardy County Grand Jury, Mr. Naperkowski was indicted on nine counts of Sexual Abuse by Parent Guardian, Custodian, and Person of Trust and eleven counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Abuse.

### **Keyser Detachment:**

#### **Cultivation of Marijuana**

On July 22, 2014, Trooper Weakley responded to a residence in Elk Garden regarding the serving of a search warrant to assist Maryland C3I units. During the execution of the search warrant, Trooper Weakley discovered an indoor cultivated marijuana grow and one pound of bulk marijuana, with a street value of approximately \$19,000. Trooper Weakley obtained a full confession from the accused, Mr. Kahlbaugh, who was then charged with Cultivating Marijuana, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana and three counts of Child Neglect.

#### **Multiple Burglaries Solved**

On July 19, 2014, Trooper Weakley arrested Roger Paugh Jr. for the charge of Burglary. During the arrest, Trooper Weakley found Mr. Paugh to be in possession of approximately \$5,000 worth of jewelry. Trooper Weakley was able to get a confession from Mr. Paugh and clear four burglary investigations. The recovered jewelry was returned to the multiple victims.

### **Troop 2 Critical Needs:**

**Note:** *Each facility within Troop 2 should be equipped with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) device, in the event a serious cardiac arrest occurs on State Police property. Realistically, each cruiser should be issued an AED for emergency situations.*



Troop 2 currently has 89 vehicles on the road. Approximately 52% of the vehicles have over 90,000 miles and the average mileage for the fleet is 84,929 miles.

### **Martinsburg Detachment:**

The Martinsburg Detachment is a newly renovated detachment with many improvements, however, space is becoming an issue as the detachment was not built large enough when remodeled several years ago. There is currently a critical need for a climate controlled building/garage to house overflowing files and for extra storage space. A garage bay with additional space above would be ideal. The garage bay could be used for the processing of vehicles and the storage area would fit the need for the additional files and storage needs.

The Martinsburg Detachment currently has twenty "Road" Troopers and four Sergeants. This is less than the manpower at the detachment in 2013. The population continues to increase as well as the criminal activity in Berkeley County. The law enforcement needs in this county would be more adequately met with an increase of more Troopers over the next couple of years. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Department has fifty-nine Deputies assigned to road patrol or specialty positions. The rotation of 911 calls still remains at a ratio of one to one, which puts additional burdens on Troopers on a regular basis, who are also responsible for answering all State Police calls for service.

This detachment needs a large emergency generator for backup power.

### **Criminal Interdiction Patrol:**

There is a variety of specialized equipment available to the field of Criminal Patrol. These items are primarily used for the discovery and detection of hidden compartments. These items are crucial to the successful completion of a Criminal Patrol stop. Tool kits are also needed in each of the member's vehicles to facilitate removing factory parts from a vehicle to perform a proper search.

### **Charles Town Detachment:**

The Charles Town Detachment is in dire need of a new roof. The metal stand roof is only fifteen years old and has leaked since it was installed. The leaks have become progressively worse over the years.

The Charles Town vehicle shop is in need of a new tire balancer and new gas pump. The vehicle shop is also in need of a new roll back wrecker. The current wrecker is a 1995 Chevrolet, from the old Company "C" garage.

### **Berkeley Springs Detachment:**

The current detachment is lacking a handicap accessible ramp for the public. Currently, the only way to get into the detachment is to walk up a set of steps onto the first floor.

This detachment needs a large emergency generator for backup power.

### **Romney Detachment:**

This detachment is in need of an updated parking lot lighting system.

A new utility truck with a snow plow blade to be used in the District for snow removal and various other utility needs.



**Keyser Detachment:**

This detachment is in need of a new heating and air conditioning unit, as the current units are experiencing problems such as leaks and freezing.

This detachment continues to need a detached climate controlled garage for vehicle maintenance.

This detachment also needs a new HVAC system, as the current system is older and beginning to fail.

This detachment needs a large emergency generator for backup power. The detachment currently has a very old generator, left behind from the 911 center that was previously housed at this facility. This generator only powers a limited amount within the detachment, and does not provide power to the heating and cooling system.

**Moorefield Detachment:**

A new hanging gas heater for the garage, as the current heater is failing after having been repaired numerous times.

This detachment needs a large emergency generator for backup power.

**Troop 2 Individual Recognition:**

Trooper C. J. Hill received the 2013 Officer of the Year award for the West Virginia State Police Charles Town Detachment from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

The Martinsburg Detachment received the “Top Agency Award” for 2013 from the Governor’s Highway Safety Program.

DETACHMENT	Calls for Service	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	HMV Citations	HMV Warning Citations	DUI	Motorist Assists	Crash Reports	Major Investigations Incidents	Major Investigations Offenses	Other Investigations Incidents	Other Investigations Offenses
TROOP 2 HEADQUARTERS	2	1	1	175	680	1	31	1	7	7	2	0
CHARLES TOWN	5971	272	810	1697	5753	178	350	132	902	1316	48	50
MARTINSBURG	11619	1155	2012	2407	8836	173	1089	685	2098	2828	63	127
BERKELEY SPRINGS	2029	87	166	756	1813	13	100	107	375	481	10	49
ROMNEY	1933	98	308	1046	2190	31	174	337	496	633	10	50
KEYSER	1615	129	315	768	3279	31	130	170	613	847	20	97
MOOREFIELD	2113	140	244	918	2401	32	151	147	426	569	63	68
TROOP 2 TOTALS	25282	1882	3856	7767	24952	459	2025	1579	4917	6681	216	441



## Field Services – Troop 3, Elkins



**Captain David P. Reider**  
Troop Commander



Troop 3 Facts	
Detachments	10
Sworn Officers	69
Civilian Personnel	22
Population	142,470
Square Miles	5,584

Troop 3 is located within the eastern section of the state and has the largest geographical area of any troop encompassing 5,584 square miles. Troop 3 Headquarters is located in Elkins. Troop 3 was restructured during this fiscal year. The changes involved consolidating Detachments into three Districts instead of the previous four Districts.

The new structure of Troop 3 is as follows:

District #1  
Randolph County, Tucker County, Pendleton County and Pocahontas County

District #2  
Barbour County, Upshur County and Lewis County

District #3  
Gilmer County, Braxton County and Webster County

Troop 3’s vast, rugged and mountainous terrain is a desired destination for hunters, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts. Due to that fact, Troop 3 is unique, as it maintains the West Virginia State Police’s only trained Search and Rescue Team (S.A.R.), which is comprised of approximately ten members. During the past fiscal year, there were multiple requests for the S.A.R. Team’s services in locating lost hikers, hunters, downed aircraft, etc.

During the 2014 fiscal year, Troop 3 members confiscated a total of \$2,505,423 in illegal narcotics, they eradicated 33,021 marijuana plants and also confiscated \$9,677 in other illegal contraband.

Also during the 2014 fiscal year, Troop 3 members conducted 257 D.U.I. Patrols resulting in 93 D.U.I. arrests, with many other driving suspended/revoked charges and misdemeanor arrests.

During Fiscal Year 2014, Troop 3 personnel were involved in a “Special Overtime” project which concentrated on conducting drug enforcement investigations and drug interdiction traffic patrols. A total of 51 Drug Enforcement/ Drug Interdiction Patrols were conducted. As a result of Troop 3’s efforts, the following statistics were generated:

Persons Contacted - 83	Felony Arrests - 137	Misdemeanor Arrests - 116
Drug Related Arrests - 129	Firearms Confiscated - 3	
Value of Drugs Seized - \$28,757	U.S. Currency Seized - \$6,361	



## **Major Cases:**

### **Elkins Detachment:**

On May 10, 2014, Senior Trooper C.S. Johnston, Trooper C.E. Elliott and Trooper D.T. Stallings located a fifteen year old female juvenile who was entered as a runaway from the State of Pennsylvania. During the course of their investigation it was learned that an adult male from West Virginia took this juvenile from Pennsylvania, had sexual intercourse with her in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and had sexually explicit photographs of her in his possession. The suspect was arrested by Troopers for Kidnapping and Third Degree Sexual Assault.

On April 04, 2014, Senior Trooper S.E. Hevener and Trooper S.W. Shahan assisted the Elkins Police Department and the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office on a domestic case wherein a male subject advised everyone present he was going to burn his residence and kill himself in the process. He further advised that no one else in the residence would survive. Senior Trooper Hevener and Tpr. Shahan cleared the residence with the use of their State Police issued gas masks. The suspect was transported to the West Penn Burn Center with third degree burns on most of his upper torso and buttocks. A victim inside the residence was transported to the Davis Memorial Hospital with minor burns.

On September 12, 2013, Cpl. M.S. Wetzel arrested a female subject in Elkins for three counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance. Corporal Wetzel had previously conducted three controlled purchases from this individual with the use of a confidential informant. After the arrest, it was learned that this suspect had just recently delivered controlled substances to another individual. Corporal Wetzel tracked that individual down and seized the substances in question. Additional Delivery of a Controlled Substance charges were then filed on the accused.

### **Parsons Detachment:**

On August 07, 2014, Sergeant C.D. Siler was dispatched to the scene of a fatal vehicle crash which occurred on U.S. Route 219 in Tucker County. The crash involved a Honda Accord and a Ford F-550 truck. The Honda Accord went left of center and struck the truck head on. Neither the driver, nor the passengers of the truck were injured in the crash. The driver of the Honda Accord was ejected from the vehicle and killed. Also killed in the crash was a seven year old passenger who was reported to have been wearing a seatbelt, and another eight year old passenger who was ejected from the vehicle. An adult female and a six year old child who were also passengers were flown to Ruby Memorial Hospital.

On May 11, 2014, Sergeant C.D. Siler investigated an assault and battery of a correctional officer at the Kenneth Honey Rubenstein Center. The juvenile suspect in this case was confronted by a correctional officer regarding rules violations and became angry. The juvenile suspect proceeded to assault three correctional officers causing one officer a leg injury which required medical attention. Sergeant Siler filed juvenile petitions against the suspect for one count of Assault and three counts of Battery on a Correctional Officer.

On November 24, 2013, Corporal D.W. Burge and Trooper J.E. Kopec were dispatched to investigate two runaways from the Kenneth Honey Rubenstein Center in Davis. Corporal Burge and Trooper Kopec tracked the runaways in the snow to the point where they crossed the Black Water River. Shortly thereafter, one of the two runaways was located lying face down in a drainage ditch suffering from severe hypothermia. He was unable to move and was only half coherent. About 3 ½ hours later the other runaway was located by officers after they turned on their cruiser lights with hopes the runaway would see them and call for help. The second runaway was located beside a creek and was near death. He was unable to speak and had no shoes or socks on. The involved Troopers, along with the assistance of civilian personnel on scene, carried this subject out of the area to a warm vehicle to await the arrival of E.M.S.



**Franklin Detachment:**

On March 18, 2014, Sgt. A.D. Teter was dispatched to the Pill Box Pharmacy in Franklin in reference to a male subject at that location wielding a knife. While en route to the scene, Sergeant Teter observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle traveling away from the scene. Sgt. Teter stopped the vehicle and apprehended the suspect. Subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect entered the pharmacy, brandished the knife and demanded all the Adderall and Oxycontin pills from the pharmacy. The staff screamed at the suspect and he left without any of the demanded items. The suspect was arrested for Armed Robbery.

On December 03, 2013, Sergeant A.D. Teter was dispatched to a bomb threat at the Pendleton County Middle/High School. Sergeant Teter conducted a thorough investigation and ended up filing juvenile petitions against a juvenile suspect for making the bomb threat.

On October 08, 2013, the Troop 3 Search and Rescue Team was dispatched to the Seneca Creek Trail area to locate a lost hiker. Multiple resources were used in this search including the WVSP Aviation Unit. The lost hiker was located later in the day by the WVSP SAR and Pendleton County Tactical Skills Team. The hiker was uninjured.

On October 05, 2013, Corporal Ware was dispatched to the residence of John and Joann Smith for the report of a gunshot. Upon arriving on scene, Corporal Ware learned that the owner of the residence had been shot in the face with a shotgun by his own son. The suspect was still on scene and was immediately taken into custody by Corporal Ware.

On September 23, 2013, Trooper K.J. Varner was dispatched to an attempted murder call in Riverton. The suspect in this case fired a pistol at his son and then left the scene. The suspect later returned to the scene while Trooper Varner was still en route, and began firing rounds into his son's residence. The suspect was taken into custody without incident by Trooper Varner and subsequently charged with two counts of Attempted Murder.

On July 23, 2013, Sergeant A.D. Teter was dispatched to a single vehicle fatality along U.S. Route 33. The involved Ford F-150 truck was on its top over a steep embankment. The driver was trapped inside the wreckage and was pronounced dead on scene. An eleven month old infant was still secured inside the truck in a car seat. The infant survived with minor injuries. The vehicle was last seen on July 22, 2013 at 1745 hours and was not discovered until 0810 hours on July 23, 2013.

**Marlinton Detachment:**

On May 22, 2014, Trooper R.A. Waid was dispatched to a shots fired call that resulted in a vehicle arson and wanton endangerment investigation. Trooper Waid's investigation into this matter revealed that this incident began as a neighbor dispute over a bonfire. During this incident, a Geo Tracker was set on fire and then a Chevy truck was shot six times with a handgun. Two suspects were arrested on multiple charges in this incident. One suspect was charged with Brandishing, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Illegal Burning. The other suspect was charged with Obstructing an Officer, Obstructing a Firefighter, Brandishing, Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, Wanton Endangerment and Third Degree Arson among other charges.

On May 18, 2014, Senior Trooper J.W. Gilkeson was dispatched to investigate a report of an attempted kidnapping. Senior Trooper Gilkeson spoke to the victim who advised she was jogging on Spruce Flats Road when an unknown older man in a dark colored vehicle began following her. She reported that after the suspect followed her for several minutes he stopped the vehicle and used threats in an attempt to force her into his vehicle. The victim ran from the scene and immediately called 911. Senior Trooper Gilkeson was able to positively identify the suspect who was later arrested for Attempted Kidnapping.



**Philippi Detachment:**

On May 12, 2014, Sergeant J.A. Wyatt was dispatched to a bomb threat at the Philip Barbour High School. Through investigation, Sergeant Wyatt was able to identify the juvenile suspect in this case and take him into custody pending adjudication of the juvenile petition.

On September 12, 2013, Corporal Shrader was dispatched to a traffic crash on Stewarts Run Road. The driver was D.U.I. During the investigation, Corporal Shrader observed several money bags from the Belington Bank located inside the suspect vehicle. Corporal Shrader learned that the Belington Middle School had been broken into on September 10, 2013. During that break in money bags and a lap top computer were stolen. Corporal Shrader obtained a search warrant for the vehicle and recovered the money bags and the stolen computer from the middle school break in.

**Buckhannon Detachment:**

On June 18, 2014, a verdict was reached in Upshur County Circuit Court on one of the suspects in a Murder for hire case that has been under investigation by Senior Trooper R.A. Moss since January of 2012. Jesse Lee Heater was found guilty of First Degree Murder, Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder, Concealing a Deceased Human Body, and Conspiracy to Conceal a Deceased Human Body.

On September 17, 2013, Trooper D.J. Lowry received information that marijuana was growing at a residence in Hacker's Creek, W.V. Trooper D.J. Lowry obtained a search warrant and traveled to the residence in question. Five (5) marijuana plants and five (5) gallon sized freezer bags full of marijuana were recovered from the residence.

**Weston Detachment:**

On May 28, 2014, Senior Trooper R.W. Jones was assisting the Lewis County Day Report Center on two separate home compliance checks. During the first compliance check, thirty (30) grams of crystal meth, fifty (5) Alprozolam pills, marijuana, and \$1,047 in U.S. Currency was located inside the residence. Two suspects in this case were taken into custody for possession with the intent to deliver and conspiracy. During the second compliance check a Glock 10 mm pistol, 166 heroin stamps, and \$566 in U.S. Currency was located. Both occupants of this residence were taken into custody for possession with the intent to deliver.

On March 26, 2014, Senior Trooper R.W. Jones and the Lewis County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant at a residence in Lewis County. These officers discovered two hundred (200) marijuana plants inside the residence. Grow lights, water and a ventilation system for the plants were also present. The homeowner was arrested for Cultivation of Marijuana.

**Glenville Detachment:**

On February 21, 2014, Trooper First Class F.L. Raynor received a complaint that five to six individuals were cooking methamphetamine at a residence in Rosedale. It was also reported that one of the subjects fired a pistol near the residence. Trooper First Class Raynor responded and located approximately two (2) ounces of marijuana and \$200 worth of methamphetamine. Trooper First Class Raynor also located a stolen firearm and an individual who Failed to Register as a Sex Offender in another county of West Virginia.

On July 02, 2013, Corporal R.P. Smith indicted an individual on three counts of embezzlement and eighty counts of falsifying accounts. These indictments stemmed from a year-long investigation conducted by Corporal Smith in which a Rental Manager for Smith Land Company had embezzled approximately \$130,000.



**Sutton Detachment:**

On February 12, 2014, Senior Trooper G.H. Jones along with several other members of the West Virginia State Police responded to a domestic incident in Sutton. Upon arrival, Troopers were informed that the suspect in this case was inside the residence, intoxicated and had a loaded firearm. The victim and her children met officers outside the residence upon their arrival. The suspect would not exit the residence and advised officers he had a loaded gun. Corporal R.P. Smith spoke with the suspect for approximately fifteen minutes and convinced him to exit the residence without further incident. The suspect was arrested for Wanton Endangerment, Domestic Battery, Domestic Assault, and Obstructing an Officer. A loaded .22 caliber rifle was located inside the residence.

**Webster Springs Detachment:**

On February 05, 2014, Senior Trooper E.E. Bostic conducted a traffic stop in a vehicle in Cowen. After receiving consent to search the suspect vehicle, sixty-five (65) Hydromorphone Hyrdochloride pills, eighty-six (86) Oxycodone Hydrochloride pills, and twenty-four (24) Morhine Sulphate pills were located in the trunk of the vehicle. The two suspects in the car were arrested and charged with three counts of Possession with the Intent to Deliver and Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance.

The Webster Springs Detachment has investigated multiple meth lab cases. Webster County Grand Jury statistics are documented to illustrate the issues Webster County is having with meth labs and drugs in general. A brief synopsis of the Webster County Grand Jury indictments mentioned above is as follows: twenty eight indictments for Operating a Clandestine Laboratory, eighteen indictments for Altering or Possessing Pseudoephedrine/Precursors, thirty six indictments for Conspiracy, twenty eight indictments for Possession with Intent to Deliver, two indictments for Possession of a Controlled Substance, and eight indictments for Delivery of a Controlled Substance.

**Special Events Involving Community Policing:****Randolph County**

Mountain State Forest Festival, Beverly Days and Maple Syrup Festival

**Tucker County**

Leaf Peepers Festival and Brew Skies

**Pendleton County**

Treasure Mountain Festival

**Pocahontas County**

Pioneer Days, Durbin Days, G.N.C.C. Bike Race, Treasure on the Mountain, Road Kill Cookoff and Great Greenbrier River Race

**Barbour County**

Barbour County Fair and Blue and Gray Festival

**Upshur County**

Strawberry Festival

**Lewis County**

West Virginia Law Enforcement Day, Mountaineer Boys State, Lewis County Fair and Jackson's Mill Jubilee



**Gilmer County**

Folk Festival

**Braxton County**

Braxton County Fair and Gassaway Days

**Webster County**

Woodchopper's Festival and Webster County Fair

**Critical Needs:**

Troop 3 currently has 42 cruisers with mileage exceeding 100,000 miles with the highest mileage over 160,000 miles. This equates to 47% of the troop's fleet.

Troop 3 covers a vast geographic area. Five of the detachments in the Troop are staffed with only four members; three Troopers and a Detachment Commander. Additional manpower is a constant need for this Troop to provide the citizens with necessary response times and officer safety.

**Elkins Detachment:**

Troop 3 Headquarters and the Elkins Detachment are in the process of finishing renovations to a new facility in Beverly, with a plan to move prior to the winter of 2014. The Troop 3 Communications/Dispatch Center, the only West Virginia State Police dispatch center in Troop 3, will remain in the old facility until a radio tower can be erected and the necessary radio equipment is moved/installed at the new facility.

**Parsons Detachment:**

The parking lot at the Detachment needs resurfaced

**Franklin Detachment:**

The parking lot at the Detachment needs resealed.

**Marlinton Detachment:**

Troop 3 is in the process of taking bids for replacement of the roof on the detachment. The parking lot at this facility needs resealed.

**Philippi Detachment:**

The Philippi Detachment needs to be replaced. Repairs to the current facility would not be an efficient use of resources. The building has several leaks and is in very poor condition.

**Buckhannon Detachment:**

Due to the increase in population in Upshur County, additional Troopers have been stationed at the Buckhannon Detachment, which does not have adequate office space to accommodate the additional Troopers. An addition to the building is needed to add much needed office space. The current space allocated for the evidence room is not adequate for the amount of evidence being housed. The parking lot at this facility needs resurfaced.



**Weston Detachment:**

The Weston Detachment is an older metal structure that will need replaced in the near future. For the immediate future, the Detachment needs new flooring throughout.

**Glenville Detachment:**

The Glenville Detachment needs new flooring throughout. The roof of the facility is flat and has drainage issues, which often results in leaks. A new pitched roof needs to be erected to resolve this issue.

**Sutton Detachment:**

The Sutton Detachment has an inadequate flooring system and needs to be repaired soon. Beams need to be erected to support the floor joists, as the method of initial construction was not adequate for the building's current use. The floor in the file room has sunk several inches over the last few years. New floor coverings are needed throughout the facility. The roof of the facility will need to be replaced soon.

**Awards:**

Senior Trooper L.D. Mohr, from the Sutton Detachment, received the 2013 "Troop 3 – Trooper of the Year" award for his outstanding hard work and dedication both on and off duty.

Sue Ann Sites, Franklin Detachment Secretary, received the 2013 "Troop 3 – Outstanding Civilian" award for her hard work and dedication both to the Department and her community.

Corporal J.M. Ware from the Franklin Detachment was recognized by Troop 3 for his involvement in locating three lost fishermen on February 24, 2014, in the Cheat Mountain area of Randolph County.

Corporal D.W. Burge, from the Parsons Detachment received the West Virginia State Police Lifesaving Award for his actions on June 28, 2013, during a traffic crash wherein a female driver was severely injured and trapped inside of her overturned vehicle.

First Lieutenant R.J. Simon, the Logistics Officer at Troop 3 Headquarters, received the West Virginia State Police Lifesaving Award for his actions on December 12, 2013, during a traffic crash wherein the driver was trapped in a burning vehicle.



## Troop 3 Indictments Specific to Clandestine Laboratories and Related Charges

<b>Operating a Clandestine Laboratory</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Possession of Clandestine Laboratory Precursors</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Possession with the Intent to Deliver</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Delivery of Methamphetamine</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Delivery of a Controlled Substance</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Conspiracy to Deliver Methamphetamine</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Obtaining Prescription by Fraud</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Possession of a Controlled Substance</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Introduce Drugs into a Regional Jail</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Expose a Child to a Clandestine Laboratory</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Conspiracy to Operate a Clandestine Laboratory</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Substance by Fraud</b>	<b>9</b>

DETACHMENT	Calls for Service	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	HMV Citations	HMV Warning Citations	DUI	Motorist Assists	Crash Reports	Major Investigations Incidents	Major Investigations Offenses	Other Investigations Incidents	Other Investigations Offenses
TROOP 3 HEADQUARTERS	7	0	7	58	259	5	8	1	6	8	0	0
ELKINS	3079	296	726	2779	7982	70	240	140	1140	1702	14	75
PARSONS	851	58	126	464	1794	12	146	79	172	246	6	41
FRANKLIN	771	68	135	355	2414	25	111	114	160	237	49	55
MARLINTON	964	44	197	83	1156	12	60	68	265	374	16	23
PHILIPPI	1241	83	114	295	1351	10	106	94	211	286	22	40
BUCKHANNON	3449	102	203	1307	3407	10	281	155	582	880	37	113
WESTON	1835	165	286	1030	2573	25	110	90	434	614	3	165
GLENVILLE	975	233	217	414	1670	15	239	62	302	552	0	23
SUTTON	1842	431	623	601	4295	46	269	67	521	918	6	43
WEBSTER SPRINGS	768	432	383	394	2001	34	76	47	356	792	6	34
<b>TROOP 3 TOTALS</b>	<b>15782</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>3014</b>	<b>7780</b>	<b>28902</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>4149</b>	<b>6609</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>612</b>



## Field Services – Troop 4, South Charleston



**Captain David L. Lemmon II**  
Troop Commander



Troop 4 Facts	
Detachments	12
Sworn Officers	89
Civilian Personnel	24
Population	447,628
Square Miles	4,428

Troop 4 consists of eleven counties in the western portion of West Virginia including Calhoun, Clay, Jackson, Kanawha, Mason, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood Counties.

Troop 4 is one of the largest and most populous troops in the State, and holds the seat of State Government, Charleston. Troop 4 members look forward to working with all members of both WVSP community and other law enforcement agencies in meeting the mission of the agency, in concurrence with the delivery of professional law enforcement services to all stakeholders. The Troopers in Troop 4 are very well rounded and emphasize all aspects of law enforcement, including both traffic and criminal enforcement.

During the past year Troop 4 members assisted many of the states citizens and other first responders in the wake of a chemical leak along the Elk River. The river is the supply source for West Virginia American Water Company, which supplies water to over 300,000 residents and businesses in the Kanawha Valley. Residents were urged not to drink, use, bathe, cook, or do laundry with the contaminated water. The water had been contaminated by the chemical, 4-Methylcyclohexane Methanol, which is used in the coal preparation process, coming from a Freedom Industries tank located along the Elk River. Members provided security for water filling stations at various locations in Kanawha County, while assisting citizens with additional needs for service. Members exhibited both professionalism and dedication while in their performance of various tasks during this crisis.

Troop 4 members and their detachments received notable awards during the past year. The South Charleston Detachment received the 2013 TOP Agency Award for total DUI enforcement from the Governors’ Highway Safety Program. Additionally, for the second time in 3 years, a member of Troop 4 was chosen as Trooper of the Year. TFC. C. S. Jackson of the Parkersburg Detachment received this year’s award for Trooper of the Year. TFC. C.S. Jackson distinguished himself through his performance as a criminal investigator and willingness to work cooperatively with other Law Enforcement agencies. TFC. C. S. Jackson attributes, also culminated in being the recipient of the “C. Scott Durig, Award for Excellence in Criminal Justice for 2014.” This award is given out to distinguished members of Wood County Law Enforcement. Troopers in Troop 4 conducted a large number of patrols targeted specifically for drugs, as well as a large number of DUI patrols throughout the year. Below is a summarization of the work performed on these patrols:

Drug Related Investigations			
Methamphetamine Labs Eradicated	23	Cash and Illegal Assets Seized	\$53,987
Felony Arrests	55	Illegal Drugs Seized	\$124,517
Misdemeanor Arrests	41		



## DUI Patrols

Patrols Conducted	508	Traffic Stops Conducted	3555
DUI Arrests	250	Driving Revoked Arrests	80
Driving Suspended Arrests	147	Felony Arrests	88
Misdemeanor Arrests	348	Underage Alcohol Arrests	73
Drug Arrests	133	Fugitives Arrested	16
Illegal Drugs Seized	\$5,618		

**District 1** is comprised of the Quincy Detachment and the South Charleston Detachment, both located within Kanawha County.

### **South Charleston Detachment:**

The South Charleston Detachment is responsible for the registry of over five hundred sex offender/child abuse offenders. Corporal R.E. Richardson is assigned the task of registering/verifying all sex offenders at the South Charleston Detachment. Corporal Richardson averages between 250-300 registries a month. The South Charleston Detachment could use an additional 2-3 Troopers just to manage the sex offender case load.

On February 25, 2014, Sergeant B.K. Hammontree arrested Sean J. Sampson-Audorff for Robbery of the Captain D's Restaurant in the Cross Lanes area. Sergeant Hammontree responded to the call of service through Metro 911, developed a suspect and executed an arrest within 5 hours of receiving the call.

On March 8, 2014, Trooper N. S. Stepp arrested Michael S. Hardway for Malicious Wounding. Mr. Hardway slashed the victim with a box cutter at the Elk River Bar and Grill. The victim received a laceration to his lower left abdomen approximately 1.5 inches wide and approximately 10 inches long.

On March 17, 2014, Sergeant Hammontree arrested Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Plants for violating an active Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVP) filed against him by his ex-wife. The DVP was in response to Mr. Plants being charged with Domestic Battery for striking his child with a belt.

On April 1, 2014 Sr. Trooper N.M. Manolakos responded to a disturbance call in the Quick area. Sr. Tpr. Manolakos arrived on scene and discovered an intoxicated male bleeding profusely from his left leg. Sr. Trooper Manolakos used a tourniquet and provided first aid until medics arrived. The subject was life flighted to CAMC for his injuries.

On June 22, 2014 TFC Pauley was contacted by the father of an Iraq War Veteran. TFC Pauley was informed the Veteran left a suicide note in his vehicle, which was parked at Kanawha State Forest. With assistance from a K9 Unit, Sgt. Hammontree, and Trooper Stepp, the individual was located unharmed and transported to CAMC for a mental evaluation.

### **Quincy Detachment:**

On October 14, 2013, Norman Stanley had refused to allow his girlfriend, to exit the vehicle during an argument. Mr. Stanley then attempted a murder/suicide by trying to drive head on into a coal truck, but lost control of the vehicle and crashed on Cabin Creek Road. Mr. Stanley then attempted to burn the vehicle by putting a cloth in the gas tank nozzle and lighting it. Mr. Stanley then beat the victim, fled the scene, and subsequently the state. Mr. Stanley was extradited from Michigan and awaits indictment.



On November 13, 2013, three males (Zachariah Woodson, Kevin Walton and Demetran Gray) entered the dwelling of the victim and attempted to rob him of cash and illicit drugs. The suspects then shot the victim, execution style, in the head and left the dwelling. The victim survived. Tpr. A. B. Wilson responded to the Metro 911 call to conduct the investigation. The suspects were residents of Fayette County and were arrested. Each suspect provided a statement admitting to the conspiracy, but placed the blame of the actual shooting on their co-conspirators. All suspects have been indicted and are awaiting trial for Attempted Murder, Robbery, Burglary, Kidnapping and Malicious Wounding.

On April 03, 2014, after doing a preliminary investigation, Sgt O'Bryan, Trooper Minor and Tpr Benavides arrived at a residence in Dawes. Sgt O'Bryan spoke with the property owners, Pam Clark and Sherman Clark, concerning the sale of marijuana from their residence. Sgt O'Bryan obtained a statement from Mr. Clark concerning historical sales of marijuana and gained a recorded consent to search his residence. The search yielded several bricks of packaged marijuana (approximately 9 pounds) and \$14,155 in US Currency. Mr. Clark was arrested for Possession with Intent to Deliver and is awaiting trial.

**District 2** is comprised of the Parkersburg (Wood Co), Elizabeth (Wirt Co), St. Mary's (Pleasants Co) and Harrisville (Ritchie Co) detachments.

### **Parkersburg Detachment:**

A search warrant was completed at a known drug dealer's residence. Upon entry and further investigation, 25 guns were seized along with various types and amounts of controlled substances. The search warrant and the arrest of Mr. Philpott ended a lengthy and detailed bath salt investigation. Mr. Philpott was the "ringleader" of a major Mid-Ohio Valley bath salt operation. Since his arrest, the area has seen a reduction in bath salt activity. Mr. Philpott recently plead guilty in Federal Court and was sentenced to ten years.

TFC Jackson was able to gather information from an informant about Dr. Hogan operating an illegal prescription pill scam. The doctor would issue a prescription to an individual, who would have it filled, then return some portion of the pills to the doctor for his personal use, or sale of same. This was a lengthy investigation spanning multiple states, and literally twenty thousand or more illegal prescription pills. TFC Jackson was able to network his way into the operation, and seized a motor vehicle worth approximately \$25,000. Dr. Hogan was arrested by TFC Jackson in February, 2014. Currently, there are over two hundred documented illegal drug transactions pending State and Federal charges. TFC Jackson has also identified ten other involved individuals which is expected to lead to over two hundred more felony charges in state court.

TFC Jackson was advised by a confidential informant about a large marijuana operation being conducted in Wood County by individuals from outside the state. During a lengthy investigation, two residences were identified to have been set up to appear as a small apartment complexes, which were in fact used as indoor marijuana grow operations. TFC Jackson completed search warrants for both residences. Upon entry, four elaborate indoor grow room operations were located, along with drying rooms, cutting rooms and packaging rooms. The operation resulted in the seizure of two hundred thirty marijuana plants and multiple items utilized in an indoor grow operation. Furthermore, Troopers obtained a statement from Mr. Wilkinson, the accused, in reference to his involvement in the operation. It was discovered the marijuana seized was high grade marijuana and the operation was being conducted from Lancaster, Ohio. The grow operations were being tended to only once a week by Mr. Rudell Jr., and the entire operation was ran on plug-in timers throughout the rest of the week.

Cpl. Price recovered a boat valued at approximately \$66,000 which had been obtained by false pretenses from Wrights Riverside Marine. Wrights Riverside Marine Inc. had reported that David J. Weekley had purchased a boat, motor and trailer from them by personal check. Wrights Riverside Marine Inc. was later contacted by City National Bank regarding the account's insufficient funds. Cecil Schneider of Wrights Riverside Marine Inc. remembered Weekley talking about a fishing tournament he wanted to attend on July 23, 2014, at Tygart



Lake State Park in Grafton. Cpl. Price made contact with the Grafton Detachment and spoke with Cpl. Daugherty and advised him of David Weekley's possible location. Further investigation on this date by Cpl. Price yielded the truck Weekley was operating was also obtained by false pretenses via personal check on the same account, from University Motors, Morgantown. Charges are pending in multiple counties at this time.

On February 11, 2014, Corporal C.J. Weekley responded to a 911 call of domestic dispute at a residence located in the Walker community of Wood County. A twenty one year old male offender had battered his 14 year old brother, his mother and his live-in girlfriend. Corporal Weekley arrived on scene and heard a female screaming inside the home. Corporal Weekley entered the home and encountered a female in full distress, screaming about a knife. The woman directed the Trooper to a rear bedroom area where the offender was located. Upon entering the bedroom, Corporal Weekley discovered the male subject had hung himself in a closet area with a belt. Without hesitation, Corporal Weekley intervened and cut the strap with his department issued knife, allowing the man to drop to the floor from a hanging position. Corporal Weekley worked feverishly to loosen the strap that was secured around the man's neck. The Trooper could not cut the belt loose at that time, as it was affixed too tightly into the man's skin and neck. After repeated attempts, Corporal Weekley was able to successfully reestablish the man's airway. When the young man regained consciousness, Corporal Weekley quickly developed a rapport with him and stayed with the man throughout the evening at the hospital where the man was treated for his condition. Corporal Weekley completed his follow-up investigation and the man was charged with three counts of Domestic Battery as well as one count of Violation of a Protective Order. Corporal Weekley was nominated for a Life Saving Award for his actions.

First Sergeant Snodgrass investigated a riot at the Lorrie Yeager Juvenile Center involving six inmates who assaulted several staff members and eventually barricaded themselves in a commons area while causing over \$45,000 worth of damage. The inmates attempted to escape by breaching an outside door. The incident prompted the Division of Juvenile Services to re-evaluate their policies on how to better train and equip their staff members on how to deal with these types of situations in the future.

### **Harrisville Detachment:**

On July 20, 2013, Sr. Tpr. Speece responded to Pennsboro in reference to a shots fired call. When Sr. Tpr. Speece arrived he discovered the suspect, Steven A. Fisher, sitting outside the residence. Upon further investigation Sr. Tpr. Speece discovered the victim dead on the scene from what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds. Sr. Tpr. Speece arrested the suspect for murder. As the investigation continued Sr. Tpr. Speece learned the victim had been shot four times with a .357 caliber revolver. The autopsy determined the victim had also been struck in the head area several times with what appears to be the end of the .357 revolver. The suspect has been indicted and the criminal trial is pending.

On February 28, 2014, Corporal Brewer received a complaint from a male victim, in reference to a sexual assault/abuse which occurred at the Ritchie County High School while the victim was a student in 2013. The victim advised that David P. Weekley, his teacher at Ritchie County High School, put his hands down the victim's pants, fondled him and attempted to perform oral sex on him. Corporal Brewer arrested the suspect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Sexual Assault and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Abuse. One additional victim came forward with an additional incident with the suspect while he was a student at Ritchie County High School.

### **Saint Mary's Detachment:**

Kidnapping suspect Joshua Taylor, a teacher, was wanted out of Fayette County for Kidnapping a 13 year old female student. Information was received that he may have fled to the Pleasants County area. A two day search led to the suspect being located in Saint Mary's and arrested by Sgt. G. L. Brown. The victim was found in Fayette County unharmed.



TFC Meeks performed a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle from Pennsylvania. During the investigation, TFC Meeks learned the two female subjects were wanted for numerous thefts from shopping centers in Pennsylvania. TFC Meeks was able to recover some of the stolen property and determine the subjects had been committing similar thefts all over the east coast. The case was adopted by the Secret Service and was tied into a multi-million dollar theft ring.

### **Elizabeth Detachment:**

Beginning in December 2013, Sr. Tpr. Jarvis, working with members of Natural Resources Police, Wirt County Sheriff's Office and the Harrisville Detachment, conducted interviews to close a series of metal thefts and break-ins occurring in Wirt and Ritchie Counties beginning in 2012. Interviews yielded confessions leading to closure of three WVSP Elizabeth investigations, including a church break-in, approximately twelve Wirt County Sheriff's Office investigations, and numerous larcenies assigned to WVSP Harrisville, netting six subjects indicted on approximately seventy felony and misdemeanor charges.

**District 3** is comprised of the Spencer (Roane Co), Clay (Clay Co), and Grantsville (Calhoun Co) detachments.

### **Clay Detachment:**

Corporal R.R. Cervera responded to a motor vehicle crash on WV Rt. 36 where the driver, Isaac Murphy, crashed his vehicle killing one passenger, Kara Conley. The vehicle had eleven occupants, with ages ranging from 14 years to 22 years. One passenger, Cory Mays, 21 years old, was charged with and pled to Providing Alcohol to Minors. Isaac Murphy was charged with Failure to Maintain Control and Speeding. Mr. Murphy had a traceable amount of alcohol in his system, however, the prosecutor declined additional charges. Mr. Murphy pled guilty to the traffic charges.

Senior Trooper B.K. Smith received information from a confidential informant that Christy Wheeler was dealing Oxycodone. A search warrant was obtained and 101 Roxycodone tablets were seized along with \$450 in U.S. Currency. Mrs. Wheeler cooperated and she made controlled purchases from a Federal Corrections Officer, James Butcher, in Fayette County. Mr. Butcher was arrested and his residence seized. Mr. Butcher pled guilty and forfeited his residence.

Corporal R.R. Cervera investigated a Sexual Assault in which it was determined that there were several juvenile victims in both Clay and Kanawha Counties. The accused, Kevin Bryant, was the uncle of a victim in this investigation. The accused confessed to abusing three juvenile females on numerous occasions. Mr. Bryant was charged with two counts of Sexual Assault and two counts of Sexual Assault by a Custodian. Mr. Bryant pled guilty to two of the counts and is serving two sentences of five to twenty-five years.

Corporal R.R. Cervera received a complaint of child pornography located on the cellphone of a 15 year old victim at the Clay High School. Cpl. R.R. Cervera responded and through his investigation it was discovered that the accused, Carter Morton, had multiple images on his cellphone. Mr. Morton was involved in these activities while on active duty with the Army National Guard. The accused was released to Cpl. Cervera by the military authorities and he was arrested and charged with four counts of Possession of Child Pornography.

### **Spencer Detachment:**

Pat Dougherty, the Chief Tax Deputy for the Roane County Sheriff's Department was convicted and imprisoned for embezzling over \$100,000 in U.S. Currency. The conviction was a result of a year-long investigation by Corporal J. A. Bowles.



Dr. Kenneth Seen was caring for an elderly man in Roane General Hospital Long Term Care Unit. The victim suffered from dementia and Alzheimer's. The victim was also physically disabled to the point he could not feed himself. The victim had also lost the ability to speak. The victim bit a portion of Dr. Seen's tongue off while being seen by the physician. Dr. Seen was convicted of sexually motivated Battery. Dr. Seen was also a pastor of a church which had mostly teenagers in the congregation. Dr. Seen physically assaulted one of the teenage boys and was convicted of Battery of a Juvenile. Both of the previous mentioned cases were handled by Sergeant F. L. Hammack

Danny Gandee was arrested for Terroristic Threats. Mr. Gandee was upset over the purchase of a defective firearm from Walmart. Mr. Gandee repeatedly called the management at Walmart in Spencer and threatened to bring the gun into the store and kill innocent people and management. The threats caused Walmart to be locked down until the calls could be authenticated and the suspect apprehended. This case was investigated Senior Trooper J. M. Bragg.

### **Grantsville Detachment:**

Trooper D. C. Moore arrested James Richard Hammond for three counts related to Prostitution and Felony Receiving Stolen Property. Mr. Hammond forced a 14 year old female to perform oral sex upon three different individuals. The vehicle that the couple was traveling in was listed in NCIC as being a stolen vehicle. Mr. Hammonds was also wanted out of Kanawha County for Failing to Register as a Sex Offender, and in the State of New York for Probation Violations. Tpr. Moore was assisted in this investigation by Corporal J. B. Hunt.

Trooper D.C. Moore arrested Adam Caleb James on a charge of Attempted Murder that stemmed from an incident that had occurred the previous evening. On April 04, 2014, Mr. James shot Robert King in the head with a .38 caliber slug after an argument between the two. The round lodged in, but did not penetrate, the victim's skull.

**District 4** is comprised of the Winfield (Putnam Co), Mason County and Ripley (Jackson Co) Detachments.

### **Winfield Detachment:**

On August 22, 2013, Corporal R. A Phillips and Sergeant C. H. Flowers began an investigation for Sexual Assault and Child Pornography after receiving information from the victim, a mentally handicapped Hurricane High School student. The victim was being taught at the school by the accused, David Gibson, who the victim claimed had sexually assaulted her after getting her intoxicated at his home on Hurricane Creek. During the course of the investigation, Cpl. Phillips obtained a search warrant for the suspect's home where drugs, evidence of child erotica and child pornography was discovered. Cpl. Phillips learned of two additional victims who advised that while they had been students at the Hurricane High School, the accused had provided them with alcohol and drugs at which time they had become intoxicated and the accused then had sexual intercourse with them. Cpl. Phillips interviewed the accused and subsequently obtained a confession indicating he provided alcohol to and performed sexual acts with the three victims. The accused confessed to viewing child pornography on his phone as well as viewing printed images of child pornography and child erotica. The accused advised that he had been aware of the victims' ages and aware of the victim's mental handicap as she was a former student of his. The accused was arrested and charged with four counts of Sexual Assault.

On December 9, 2013, Corporal Phillips conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Rt. 60 in the St. Albans area. During this stop, Cpl. Phillips, along with Trooper Moncayo, discovered \$3,500 in U.S. Currency and one pound of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle, Charles Wright, confessed to purchasing the marijuana from an associate earlier that evening. Wright forfeited the money to the WVSP and was placed under arrest.



On April 26, 2014, Trooper Moncayo responded to a burglary in Hurricane. The victim reported several firearms having been stolen from his safe. The investigation led to the discovery that Robert Stover and Michael Wright were involved in the crime. After the execution of two search warrants simultaneously at both suspects' residences, two hunting rifles, one AR-15 rifle, one 9mm pistol, a laptop computer and the victim's wedding ring were recovered. Mr. Stover, a convicted felon, was arrested while in the possession of one of the stolen firearms as well as for the conspiracy with Mr. Wright to sell the stolen property.

### **Mason Detachment:**

In September 2013, members of the Mason Detachment investigated a report of a sexual assault against a 12 year old male victim. The investigation resulted in sixteen felony charges against an 18 year old male. The accused, who was still in high school, had been briefly living with the victim's family who were trying to provide assistance to the accused.

In June 2014, members of the Mason Detachment arrested a female on sixteen felony counts of Obtaining by False Pretenses after a lengthy investigation. The female was implicated in a scam in which she obtained over \$252,000 from her grandparents whom had basically raised the accused. The accused advised that she was going to college and the victims paid for her expenses. The investigation revealed that the accused had not been in college for more than two years before the scam started. An additional 225 felony charges will be considered for prosecution at the next session of the Mason County Grand Jury.

### **Ripley Detachment:**

During this fiscal year, TFC W.F. Donohoe investigated six fatal vehicle accidents which took the life of seven individuals and severely injured several others. The Ripley Detachment has made highway traffic enforcement a priority on I77 due to the large number of accidents on that roadway.

### **Troop 4 Fleet Status:**

At this time, Troop 4 has 66 vehicles exceeding 100,000 miles. The average mileage of a cruiser in Troop 4 is 97,000. Troop 4 cruisers range from 2004 to 2014 model vehicles

### **Critical Needs:**

Within the next 3 to 5 years each Detachment in Troop 4 will need to have their detachment parking lots resealed. Also the cruiser radio equipment and radios on the detachments in Troop 4 will need to be updated.

Manpower is an additional request for Troop 4, which previous estimates suggest in order for Troop 4 to provide comprehensive staffing. The Troop will require the addition of fifty Troopers. This increase will greatly enhance the efforts of the State Police to both respond and thwart criminal activity. Additional staffing will enable 24/7 patrol, although patrol areas would be increased during non-peak hours. Troop 4 can then designate contingent members to focus primarily on investigative tasks, as well stream lining the process of patrol, in order to become proactive in meeting the mission statement of the West Virginia State Police.

### **Parkersburg Detachment:**

The floor tiles in the Parkersburg Detachment are in bad shape and in need of replacing.

### **Saint Marvs Detachment:**

New carpet or tile is needed on all floors, particularly the front public entrance.  
Soffits/fascia by the garage needs replaced



**Harrisville Detachment:**

The gutters are leaking in several locations. The window shutters need replaced, some are broken and have fallen off. The parking lot needs resurfaced.

**Clay Detachment:**

The Clay Detachment currently needs all the exterior wood work painted, in addition to new carpet or flooring throughout the office. Moreover, the processing room needs heating and air conditioning.

**Grantsville Detachment:**

The Grantsville Detachment needs new carpeting or flooring throughout the office, as well as the interior painted.

**South Charleston Detachment:**

The most critical need at present is manpower. The South Charleston Detachment during this fiscal year has declined 27% from 15 Troopers to 11 Troopers.

**Spencer Detachment:**

The Spencer Detachment is an older facility with water leaking into the basement.

**Winfield Detachment:**

The Winfield Detachment is in general poor condition. This Detachment is old, leaks, is rusting, molding, the sewer backs up and had to be capped so they do not have a shower. They have no bedroom, no interview room, no lobby and no garage area. The building is not energy efficient for heating and cooling due to its metal construction. The parking area has a sink hole which needs repaired.

**Ripley Detachment:**

The side parking lot of the Detachment needs expanded.  
The front parking lot needs resealed.

DETACHMENT	Calls for Service	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	HMV Citations	HMV Warning Citations	DUI	Motorist Assists	Crash Reports	Major Investigations Incidents	Major Investigations Offenses	Other Investigations Incidents	Other Investigations Offenses
TROOP 4 HEADQUARTERS	0	0	0	31	139	0	9	0	1	1	0	0
SOUTH CHARLESTON	9593	602	1083	2464	6980	116	1022	249	1944	3486	138	167
QUINCY	5731	355	751	1132	3185	72	940	124	941	6960	105	42
PARKERSBURG	7555	189	299	1414	2914	38	864	193	739	1561	5	34
ELIZABETH	1633	127	186	212	1227	15	132	40	252	430	5	1
HARRISVILLE	1494	55	171	632	2110	9	187	106	201	355	5	3
ST MARYS	1185	61	117	893	1889	5	136	31	246	462	0	7
CLAY	2278	189	260	892	3096	19	361	84	359	736	20	28
GRANTSVILLE	914	120	277	302	630	18	41	64	275	391	7	8
SPENCER	1490	349	345	557	1382	34	69	79	397	802	8	27
WINFIELD	2284	433	514	2223	3140	35	303	73	746	1404	50	79
MASON CO DETACHMENT	2415	113	315	1140	2717	18	455	65	702	913	8	27
RIPLEY	2183	56	202	1176	2590	9	288	114	399	640	4	41
TROOP 4 TOTALS	38755	2649	4520	13068	31999	388	4807	1222	7202	18141	355	464



## Field Services – Troop 5, Logan



**Captain Dave Nelson**  
Troop Commander



### Troop 5 Facts

Detachments	6
Sworn Officers	73
Civilian Personnel	21
Population	247,000
Square Miles	3,383

Troop 5 consists of six counties in the southwestern section of West Virginia. These counties include Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo and Wayne.

### Troop 5 Investigations:

On October 28, 2013, Troopers received information that Chase Bank in Charleston had been the victim of an Armed Robbery and the suspect vehicle may be heading south on U. S. 119. Troopers received a vehicle description and traveled along U.S. 119 in attempt to locate the vehicle. A short time later the vehicle was located near the Hidden Valley Exit and a traffic stop was performed. A search warrant for the vehicle was obtained and clothing, U.S. Currency and a pellet gun was located. As a result, one individual was arrested for Armed Robbery and two other individuals were arrested for Conspiracy.

On December 21, 2013, a Trooper responded to a home invasion in the Buffalo Creek area. Upon arrival, the Trooper learned that a person residing at the residence had shot one of the accused and was holding the other at gun point. The Trooper was able to take one suspect into custody and render aid to the other until Emergency Services arrived. As a result both suspects were charged with Burglary.

On December 22, 2014, a Trooper received a complaint of an armed robbery which had occurred at Janet's Park and Eat in Mt. Gay. Upon arrival the Trooper was advised of a vehicle description, direction of travel, and further advised that the vehicle had just recently fled the scene. The Trooper located the vehicle in the Mud Fork area and a traffic stop was performed. As a result of the investigation one individual was arrested for Armed Robbery and another individual for Accessory After the Fact.

On December 31, 2013, Troopers were responding to a domestic incident in the Peach Creek area. While en route, Troopers learned that the suspect had fled the residence in a vehicle and crashed into the river. Troopers observed the vehicle submerged and the suspect struggling to stay above water while positioning himself on top of the submerged vehicle. A Trooper entered the river and with the assistance of fire personnel and other Troopers, was able to rescue the suspect. As a result, both the Trooper and suspect were transported to Logan Regional Medical Center to receive treatment for hypothermia. The suspect was later charged with DUI and Domestic related charges.

On January 4, 2014, Troopers responded to a shooting in the Wilkinson area. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that the victim had been shot twice and the suspect had fled. Throughout the investigation the Troopers learned of a location of the suspect and made contact, at which time he agreed to surrender himself. The suspect was charged with Malicious Wounding.



On January 4, 2014, a Trooper was conducting road patrol in the Omar area. A traffic stop was performed on a suspect vehicle for speeding. A license inquiry performed by the Trooper depicted that the suspect was wanted in Baltimore County Maryland for the crime of Murder. The accused was arrested without incident and the possible murder weapon (knife) was located in the vehicle.

On January 4, 2014, Troopers responded to the residence of Governor Earl Ray Tomblin in reference to a prowler complaint. Upon arrival, Troopers were able to locate three individuals on the property. The three individuals were subsequently charged with Trespassing.

On January 29, 2014, Troopers received a 911 call advising of a suicidal male making threats with a firearm to his family on Brier Branch. Upon arrival, the Troopers learned that family members were still in the residence, at which time the Troopers made entry into the residence. The Troopers were advised by family members that the male was located in the bedroom. Troopers attempted to make contact with the male, at which time he proceeded to point a firearm in the direction of the Troopers, forcing a Trooper to discharge his rifle which resulted in the death of the suspect.

On April 19, 2014, Troopers conducted a search warrant at the residence of a suspect in the Verdunville area in reference to thefts that had occurred at several local businesses. The suspect was employed by a local cleaning company who had performed cleaning duties at the businesses where the thefts had occurred. Troopers were able to locate stolen firearms, medications and other stolen property. The suspect was arrested for Grand Larceny.

On May, 17, 2014, Troopers received information that a stolen vehicle from the Parkersburg area may have traveled to Logan County. Information was also provided that the vehicle was involved in a theft of \$24,000 worth of tools in Wood County. The vehicle was located and information obtained from the occupant resulted in the recovery of all the tools from a residence in Mt. Gay. As a result, one individual was arrested for Grand Larceny and another individual for Transferring and Receiving Stolen Property.

On May 29, 2014, Troopers received information from Senator Rockefeller's Office in Washington D.C. that an individual from Logan County had telephoned the Senator's Office and made threats to shoot several people. Troopers developed a suspect and traced the call to his residence. The suspect was arrested without incident and charged with Retaliation Against a Government Official and Terroristic Threats.

A lengthy cooperative investigation by the West Virginia State Police and the F.B.I. resulted in the indictment of four politicians in Mingo County. They include: Circuit Court Judge Michael Thornsbery, Prosecuting Attorney Michael Sparks, Magistrate Dallas Toler and County Commissioner David Baisden. Mr. Thornsbery pled guilty to a charge related to Conspiracy to Violate the Constitutional Rights of an Individual and received a sentence of fifty months. Mr. Sparks pled guilty to a charge related to Conspiracy to Violate the Constitutional Rights of an Individual and received a sentence of twelve months. Mr. Toler pled guilty to a charge related to Election Fraud and received a sentence of twenty-seven months. Mr. Baisden pled guilty to a charge related to Interference with Commerce by Threats or Violence and received a sentence of twenty months.

On August 8, 2013, Mingo County Troopers received a report of a stabbing in the Gilbert area. Troopers from the Williamson and Logan Detachments responded to the scene. Members soon learned that the victim, Christopher Wolford, had died from injuries sustained in the stabbing. Members were able to identify a suspect, James Hinkle. Members were able to locate Mr. Hinkle who confessed to the crime and was later indicted by a Mingo County Grand Jury on the charge of First Degree Murder.

On November 29, 2013, as a result of a lengthy investigation, Mingo County Troopers executed a search warrant in the Gilbert area on the home of Cameron Ellis. As a result of this search warrant the suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Child Pornography, Soliciting Sex from a Minor via a Computer and Displaying Obscene Matter to Juveniles. The suspect was indicted by a Mingo County Grand Jury.



On December 4, 2013, a Mingo County Trooper responded to disturbance in the Delbarton area. After an investigation, the Trooper learned that a juvenile victim had been accidentally shot as a result of the suspect, Acie Copley, firing "warning shots" at other individuals. The suspect was arrested and charged with Wanton Endangerment and Child Neglect Resulting in Injury. He has since been indicted by a Mingo County Grand Jury.

On December 12, 2013, after a lengthy investigation, a Mingo County Trooper arrested a Mingo County teacher, Jennifer Parsons, for Sexual Abuse by a Person in a Position of Trust. This investigation is ongoing as other victims are coming forward. Furthermore, during follow up, troopers learned that these crimes had also occurred in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. A DNA test was conducted as a result of a court order and it was determined that the Ms. Parsons gave birth to a child fathered by a 14 year old boy. The conception of this child occurred in Kentucky. Mingo County Troopers are working with the Kentucky State Police during this investigation. The suspect has been indicted in Mingo County for Sexual Abuse by a Person in a Position of Trust. This investigation is ongoing.

On January 8, 2014, a Mingo County Trooper responded to Appalachian Regional Hospital on the report of child abuse. The trooper observed what appeared to be bite marks on the body of a ten month old child. After a complete investigation, the trooper was able to obtain a confession from the stepfather, Bobby Thomas, who confessed to the crime and advised he bit the child multiple times thinking it would make the child stop crying.

On June 12, 2014, Mingo County units responded to the Delbarton area of Mingo County of the report of a subject being shot. As a result of the investigation, the troopers discovered the victim had been shot in the back with a .357 caliber revolver at close range by the suspect, Curtis Marcum. Mr. Marcum was arrested and charged with Attempted Murder.

In September 2013, Troopers from the Huntington Detachment responded to a disturbance call in Huntington. Upon arrival, Troopers located two victims deceased inside the residence. Through the Troopers investigation, it was discovered that the male suspect had shot and killed his estranged girlfriend, then turned the gun on himself. The investigation in its entirety showed the same to be a murder-suicide.

In October 2013, Troopers from the Huntington Detachment investigated an embezzlement complaint, in reference to a fraudulent scheme related to HUD apartments in Huntington, WV. The suspect's scheme had been going on for several years and the investigation showed that the suspect had embezzled over \$200,000. The suspect was subsequently arrested at the conclusion of the investigation and pled guilty in Federal Court to the crime of Embezzlement.

In November 2013, Troopers from the Huntington Detachment made a traffic stop on a suspect vehicle in Huntington and recovered hundreds of pharmaceutical pills and cash. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was connected to a larger group of drug dealers that were responsible for the selling of thousands of dollars worth of illegal narcotics. The suspect subsequently confessed to selling over 10,000 pills during his tenure and was arrested for Possession with Intent to Deliver. That case investigation is still ongoing.

In December 2013, Troopers from the Huntington Detachment responded to an armed robbery at the Sun Shack in Huntington, WV. The investigation completed by the Troopers developed a suspect, which led to an arrest for the armed robbery. During the arrest process, Troopers were provided a confession from the suspect, which cleared other armed robberies in the area.

In January 2014, Troopers from the Huntington Detachment executed two simultaneous search warrants on residences in Huntington in reference to illegal drug activity. Those search warrants yielded the arrest of two suspects from Detroit, Michigan, along with guns, cash and \$40,000 worth of illegal drugs. The suspects were charged with a plethora of crimes to include Possession with Intent to Deliver.



In April 2014, Troopers from the Huntington Detachment executed a search warrant at a residence in Huntington in reference to illegal drug activity. Troopers soon located \$14,000 dollars worth of heroin, 1.5 pounds of marijuana, firearms and cash. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

In May 2014, Troopers from the Huntington Detachment became involved in a pursuit with a suspect as a passenger from inside the suspect's vehicle phoned Cabell County 911 and spoke of her plight. The suspect was a convicted felon, was brandishing a knife and stated that he was not going back to the penitentiary. The pursuit was a success and Troopers subsequently apprehended the suspect, who was charged with a myriad of criminal charges.

On October 4, 2013, Troopers obtained confessions from two suspects regarding the murder of the victim, Julius Davis, and the disposal of his body. From the statements obtained the victim was shot and killed inside his residence where he lived with one of the suspects and was buried in an unmarked grave near the residence by the other suspect. Both suspects were cooperative and assisted in locating the gravesite. One suspect was charged with the crime of Accessory After the Fact to First Degree Murder. The other suspect was charged with First Degree Murder. A search of the property was conducted over the early morning hours in an attempt to locate the gravesite. The gravesite was located and secured until such time that the exhumation team from Smithsonian arrived to exhume and recover the remains for further identification.

On March 18, 2014 members of the Madison Detachment, Troop 4 Criminal Patrol and Special Operations K-9, conducted a traffic stop on US Rt. 119, near Six Mile Road in Boone County. Two male subjects, identified as Corey Sherod of Charleston, WV and Keith McCloud of Chapmanville, WV, were arrested on charges of possession with intent to deliver cocaine, possession with intent to deliver imitation controlled substance, and conspiracy. A large amount of cocaine and a handgun were seized during the traffic stop.

On May 7, 2014, a Hamlin Detachment member and a Hamlin City Police Department member were eating lunch at the Subway in Hamlin, WV. The officers observed a silver Chevrolet Monte Carlo drive onto the parking lot. The trooper observed fire coming from under the engine compartment of the vehicle. Both officers left the restaurant and ran to the vehicle. All occupants were able to exit the vehicle except an elderly handicapped female in a wheelchair with an oxygen tank on her lap. The officers removed the victim from the vehicle while the front of the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames. No one was injured during the incident, due to the quick thinking of the officers. Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene and contained the fire.

On Friday, April 25, 2014, at approximately 1958 hours, members of the Hamlin Detachment received a tip of an indoor marijuana grow at the residence of Joseph Peterson in Alum Creek, WV. Troopers smelled marijuana upon approaching the residence. Troopers entered the home and located two juveniles left unattended. Troopers then observed approximately seventy marijuana plants in plain sight. Troopers then released the juveniles to other family members and seized the above mentioned marijuana plants. The accused was arrested at a later date.

On December 22, 2013, Hamlin Detachment members responded to an armed home invasion near Branchland, WV. The victim advised a masked subject with a gun entered his home and stole his wallet at gunpoint. The Hamlin Detachment Members located two suspicious persons along WV Rt. 10. The male, identified as Jeffrey E Adkins, fled on foot and the female was detained. Hamlin Detachment members then located and seized evidence on the hillside near where the suspects were standing that was related to the armed home invasion. The female was arrested on site and Mr. Adkins was arrested at a later date.

On February 15, 2014, the Troopers responded to an armed robbery at the 7-Eleven gas station located in Hamlin WV. During the investigation, Troopers were able to identify, locate and apprehend Michael James Jeffers Jr. for the armed robbery.



On January 2, 2014, members of the Madison Detachment responded to a 911 call of a shooting on Joes Creek Road in Comfort, WV. Upon arrival and during the investigation, it was determined that the accused, Bobby Edward Hatcher, had shot the victim, Reba Jean Hatcher, multiple times during a domestic altercation. After killing the victim, the accused then used a separate revolver to commit suicide.

On June 21, 2014, members of the Hamlin Detachment were dispatched to the Big Ugly Wildlife Management area for two elderly individuals that had become lost in the woods near Hobet mine property. The Troopers were familiar with the land marks that the victims described and were able to locate the victims after hiking approximately one and a half hours into the wildlife management area.

### **Critical Needs:**

The Hamlin Detachment is in dire need of remodeling or replacement.

DETACHMENT	Calls for Service	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	HMV Citations	HMV Warning Citations	DUI	Motorist Assists	Crash Reports	Major Investigations Incidents	Major Investigations Offenses	Other Investigations Incidents	Other Investigations Offenses
TROOP 5 HEADQUARTERS	18	0	4	33	97	0	24	1	21	23	1	0
LOGAN	4682	769	1710	3763	7475	81	139	162	1932	3900	61	121
WILLIAMSON	2198	398	679	1314	5135	29	104	102	906	1615	4	160
GILBERT	166	12	98	123	349	17	16	6	60	168	1	11
HUNTINGTON	7139	565	1355	1577	3268	66	157	104	2041	3254	59	98
WAYNE	2973	211	377	2526	4043	7	105	158	1064	1898	5	134
HAMLIN	5160	359	757	1995	6623	18	777	140	852	1803	48	189
MADISON	2522	176	511	2124	4125	16	221	119	844	1275	8	43
TROOP 5 TOTALS	24858	2490	5491	13455	31115	234	1543	792	7720	13936	187	756



## Field Services – Troop 6, Beckley



**Captain Brad L. Mankins**  
Troop Commander



### Troop 6 Facts

Detachments	13
Sworn Officers	92
Civilian Personnel	26
Population	321,908
Square Miles	5,321

Troop 6 consists of 9 counties and 13 Detachments located in the southeastern portion of the state. Troop 6 offices serve Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming counties, with Detachments located in Beckley, Jesse, Whitesville, Oak Hill, Gauley Bridge, Summersville, Richwood, Lewisburg, Rainelle, Hinton, Princeton, Welch and Union.

**Troop 6 participated in a series of “Special Drug Projects/Patrols” during Fiscal Year 2014. The information below reflects the activity generated from these patrols.**

Total Number of Patrols:	28	Total Man Hours:	205.5
Persons Contacted:	212	Vehicles Stopped:	143
Vehicles Searched:	31	Citations Issued:	47
Warnings Issued:	166	Felony Arrests:	76
Misdemeanor Arrests:	35	Drug Arrests:	72
Marijuana Seized (Plants):	113	Marijuana Seized (Grams):	1690
Methamphetamine Seized (Grams):	11.5	Pharmaceutical Pills Seized:	240
Illegal Guns Seized:	15	Value of Drugs Seized:	\$323,055
Value of Property Seized:	\$5,665	Cash Seized/Forfeited:	\$18,562

### Troop 6 Marijuana Eradication Efforts:

Troopers recovered and destroyed a total of 14,363 marijuana plants, resulting in 39 felony arrests for Cultivation of Marijuana.

### Troop 6 Noteworthy Cases:

#### **Standoff With Armed and Dangerous Man**

On July 6, 2013, several members of Troop 6 and Special Operations responded to Craigsville, Nicholas County in reference to a man shooting and wounding two members of the Nicholas County Sheriff’s Department. The man was found barricaded inside of his residence and continued firing at officers on scene. Upon arrival, WVSP members removed local residents from their homes and escorted them to safety, as a perimeter was established. The armed man fired several more rounds at law enforcement before attempting to escape out his back door, where he was shot and killed by a member of the WVSP Sniper Team, bringing the standoff to an end.



## **Capture of Escaped Inmates – Denmar Correctional Facility**

On July 29, 2013, Senior Trooper D. L. Gordon and Trooper G. K. Davis were contacted in reference to two suspicious males in the Fenwick area of Nicholas County. Senior Trooper Gordon and Trooper Davis located the men hiding in a wooded area. Further investigation revealed that the subjects had escaped from the Denmar Correctional Center three days prior, and were the subject of a large scale manhunt. Both subjects were apprehended without incident and turned over to the Department of Corrections.

## **Murder Investigation**

On August 20, 2013, Senior Trooper J. G. Martin responded to a wooded area in Harper Heights, Raleigh County to reports of the body of a female lying under an abandoned vehicle. Senior Trooper Martin discovered the victim had been shot in the head, prior to being positioned under the vehicle. At the time, there were no suspects. In the days following, Senior Trooper Martin interviewed numerous people and learned the shooting was drug related, and developed a suspect. On August 31, 2013, Senior Trooper Martin cleared the investigation by arresting a subject for First Degree Murder.

## **Drug Arrest Roundup**

On September 25, 2013, Sergeant T. L. Bragg and members of the Hinton Detachment wrapped up a year-long drug investigation with a drug arrest/roundup, in and around the Hinton area of Summers County. The roundup resulted in the arrest of 58 individuals on 172 felony drug charges. This investigation has had a major impact on the town of Hinton.

## **Vehicle Pursuit With Out-of-State Driver – Cash Seizure**

On September 27, 2013, Corporal D. P. White became involved in a pursuit with an out-of-state vehicle on US 19, in Muddlety, Nicholas County. Corporal White captured the driver when the suspect lost control of his vehicle. Corporal White believed the suspect was hiding contraband inside of the vehicle and was given consent to search. During the search, Corporal White located \$116,000 in the trunk. The driver denied ownership of the money and voluntarily forfeited it to the West Virginia State Police. A portion of this money was used to purchase radars and office equipment for the Richwood Detachment.

## **Methamphetamine Special Investigation**

From October 26 thru November 14, 2013, TFC L. W. Price, TFC W. S. Snyder and Corporal J. S. Crane conducted a Methamphetamine Lab “blitz” in Fayette, Greenbrier, Raleigh and Summers Counties. During this blitz, the above Troopers managed to locate and seize nine active labs, and three abandoned dump sites. Additionally, eighteen people were arrested on forty-seven felony charges related to the Manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

## **Armed Robbery Investigation**

On October 30, 2013, TFC C. N. Workman and TFC H. D. Stone responded to a report of an armed robbery at a tobacco and liquor store in Beaver, Raleigh County. Once on scene, Troopers learned a knife wielding man had entered the store demanding money. The assailant stole liquor, cigarettes and approximately \$1,000 from the store’s register. The following day a subject matching the suspect’s description was located in the Beaver area. He was brought in for questioning at which time he confessed to the crime and was arrested for Armed Robbery.

## **Cold Case Murder(s) Solved**

On November 11, 2013, Corporal A. S. Reed made an arrest from a 2011 murder “cold case” investigation. On April 5, 2011, Bo Butler went missing from his Summers County residence. Two weeks later, Mr. Butler’s body was found near a desolate roadway in Wyoming County. Mr. Butler had been killed by a gunshot to the



head. All leads were followed, but no useful information was obtained early in the investigation. Then in October, 2013, Corporal A. S. Reed and Sergeant R. A. Maddy received a tip, indicating that a father and son from Bud, Wyoming County had killed Mr. Butler. Subsequent search warrants and interviews were conducted solidifying this information, leading to the murder arrest of father and son. Additionally, information became available that the father had a relationship with a female subject, Theresa Ford who went missing from Matoaka, Mercer County in May, 2013. On April 11, 2014, another search warrant was served on the father's residence. At this time, the body of Theresa Ford was found in a makeshift shallow grave. This investigation will be presented to the fall 2014 term of the Wyoming County Grand Jury, where an indictment for First Degree Murder will be sought.

### **Home Invasion Turned Deadly**

On May 10, 2014, Senior Trooper J. K. Weiss responded to a 911 domestic call in Hinton, Summers County. Upon arrival, Senior Trooper Weiss was met by a female, who advised her ex-husband had broken into her residence, stabbed her boyfriend, and then assaulted her with a knife. The female advised that she had shot the man with a .22 caliber pistol in self-defense. The female stated that her boyfriend was still in the residence, and was in bad shape. Senior Trooper Weiss and a Summers County Deputy entered the residence to find the assailant brandishing a knife in the hallway. Senior Trooper Weiss also heard a male subject pleading for help in the background. The suspect was repeatedly told to drop the weapon, but did not. Instead, he attempted to engage the officers and was fatally shot. The boyfriend was recovered from a back room and rushed to surgery, where he survived significant abdominal wounds.

### **Armed Robbery Investigation**

On June 14, 2014, Trooper B. R. Wood and Trooper P. M. Hephner responded to a report of an armed robbery at a video lottery establishment in Princeton, Mercer County. Once on scene, Troopers learned from the store's clerk, that a male subject had entered the business, brandishing a knife and demanding money. The suspect stole \$3,700 from the store's register and then fled from the business. The following day, Troopers received tips that two male subjects had conspired to commit the robbery. The investigation then led to confessions from both males involved in the robbery. Additionally, the two males identified the store's clerk (initial complainant) as a participant in the robbery. She was questioned and also confessed to her role in the robbery. All three have been arrested and their cases will be presented to the Mercer County Grand Jury.

### **Special Events in Troop 6:**

The Greenbrier Classic PGA Tour Event and Concert Series  
National Boy Scout Jamboree  
Friends of Coal Auto Fair  
West Virginia State Fair  
Bridge Day

### **Troop 6 Recent Improvements:**

The interior of the Oak Hill Detachment was renovated during the last year. Building crews from Department Headquarters constructed a new squad room, new evidence room, new walk-in lobby, replaced the flooring, replaced windows and made improvements to the overall security of the office.

The Richwood Detachment was equipped with several pieces of new furniture, including desks and chairs. These improvements were made possible by a large cash seizure received by Corporal D. P. White.

The heating and cooling system was replaced at the Jesse Detachment during the last year. Also, the Jesse Detachment is now on a public water system.



The Union Detachment was moved from a small, leased office space along WV Route 3, into the town of Union. The new building was purchased by the WVSP and is a large, cedar-sided structure measuring 3600 square feet. The new Detachment is located on Middle Street and is closer to town and the Monroe County Courthouse. Prior to buying the building, it had served as an indoor archery range. Building crews from Department Headquarters worked from February thru April, 2014, to turn the open floor plan design into a functional Detachment with several individual offices. The office was opened on April 1 and unveiled to the public on May 2, with a Grand Opening Celebration.

**Troop 6 Fleet Status:**

There are 65 vehicles in Troop 6 having more than 100,000 miles. This accounts for roughly 55% of the vehicles in the Troop 6 fleet. New patrol vehicles are becoming a critical need for Troop 6.

**Troop 6 Critical Needs:**

Manpower.

The flooring at the Princeton Detachment needs replaced. The sub-flooring in the building has been problematic since the Princeton Detachment was opened, resulting in a continuing issue of cracked floor tiles and poor appearance.

**Troop 6 Awards/Recognition:**

Union Detachment	CPS/DHHR, Highest Clearance Rate Award
Princeton Detachment	Governors Highway Safety Award – 150 DUI Arrests
S/Trooper J. B. Frye (Beckley)	Black Diamond F.O.P. Trooper of the Year, Raleigh Co.
TFC J. G. Martin (Beckley)	Black Diamond F.O.P. Trooper of the Year, Raleigh Co.
Cpl. D. P. White (Richwood)	Champion of Children Award
Trooper W. H. File (Princeton)	Governors Highway Safety Award – DUI Arrests
Trooper D. C. Graham (Princeton)	Governors Highway Safety Award – DUI Arrests
Trooper J. R. Tupper (Princeton)	Governors Highway Safety Award – DUI Arrests
Retired Sgt. J. Centeno (Princeton)	Sons of the American Revolution Award
S/Trooper J. R. Coburn (Welch)	West Virginia State Police Medal of Valor Award

DETACHMENT	Calls for Service	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	HMV Citations	HMV Warning Citations	DUI	Motorist Assists	Crash Reports	Major Investigations Incidents	Major Investigations Offenses	Other Investigations Incidents	Other Investigations Offenses
TROOP 6 HEADQUARTERS	12	5	2	30	142	3	79	6	1	0	2	0
BECKLEY	6741	685	1327	942	3639	48	415	109	1302	3048	71	59
JESSE	1588	151	155	188	1257	17	292	33	231	449	11	5
WHITESVILLE	1501	108	332	614	2340	10	114	38	307	707	26	2
OAK HILL	4014	487	509	392	2121	36	219	91	539	877	33	14
GAULEY BRIDGE	628	90	126	460	1319	10	74	37	209	300	23	20
SUMMERSVILLE	1196	476	155	492	1983	20	52	53	275	3557	36	0
RICHWOOD	743	323	164	334	1258	6	198	29	165	420	16	0
LEWISBURG	2458	335	261	218	998	24	327	94	390	708	19	13
RAINELLE	1099	147	146	170	998	15	85	50	211	299	26	5
HINTON	1020	319	80	117	890	6	65	29	181	290	55	1
PRINCETON	8052	894	1901	1162	5298	157	604	306	1316	2610	162	28
WELCH	4109	618	1330	240	1955	23	334	106	691	1631	125	103
UNION	1211	150	252	333	794	17	110	56	189	257	20	4
TROOP 6 TOTALS	34372	4788	6740	5692	24992	392	2968	1037	6007	15153	625	254



# Field Services – Troop 7, Parkways



**Captain Barry Marcum**  
Troop Commander



Troop 7 Facts	
Three offices serve four counties that the West Virginia Turnpike passes through.	
Sworn Officers	29
Length of Turnpike	88

Troop 7 has the responsibility of providing law enforcement services for the West Virginia Parkways Authority – the West Virginia Turnpike. The primary area of responsibility for Troop 7 is Interstate 77 which passes through four counties in the southeastern section of West Virginia. These counties include Fayette, Kanawha, Mercer and Raleigh.

Troop 7 continues to man a four-member criminal patrol unit for the Turnpike. This unit patrols the Turnpike area on a daily basis looking for drivers violating the laws of West Virginia. This unit is trained to look beyond the traffic violation for more indications of criminal activity within the vehicle.

Commercial Motor Vehicle enforcement continues to be a priority for Troop 7. During Fiscal Year 2014 troopers conducted 519 commercial motor vehicle inspections, placed 174 vehicles out of service and issued 797 CMV violations/citations.

In an effort to reduce the number of serious traffic crashes along the West Virginia Turnpike, Troop 7 members have become more visible during peak traffic hours. This increased presence has reduced the total number of traffic crashes by 9% in it's first year of implementation.

### Troop 7 Noteworthy Cases:

On July 25, 2013, Troop 7 members apprehended Dr. Robert Joseph Ferrante. Dr. Ferrante, a neuropsychologist at the University of Pittsburgh Research Department, was wanted for the murder of his wife by cyanide poisoning.

On July 19, 2013, Senior Trooper Leslie T. Goldie, Jr. was traveling on US 119 in Boone County en route to his assigned area of responsibility on the West Virginia Parkways when he came upon a single-vehicle crash. The vehicle had flipped several times and came to rest on it's top. As Senior Trooper Goldie approached the vehicle he observed that a small child was trapped in the overturned wreckage. Senior Trooper Goldie utilized his ASP baton and broke a window on the overturned vehicle. Senior Trooper Goldie then crawled inside the vehicle and used his agency issued knife to cut the seatbelt and free the trapped child. Senior Trooper Goldie was then able to extricate the child from the wreckage and pass her to the EMS personnel who were just arriving on scene. Senior Trooper Goldie displayed exemplary courage and placed his personal safety at great risk to perform his duties and was therefore awarded the West Virginia State Police Meritorious Service Award.

On July 13, 2014, troopers received information regarding the possession and sale of heroin. A controlled buy of seven stamps of heroin was conducted, at which time information led to a traffic stop on US Route 19 and seizure of twenty-one additional stamps of heroin. Based on information obtained from the occupants, along with the previous information and controlled buy, a search warrant was obtained from the Raleigh County Magistrate Court. The search warrant was executed in Beckley at which time twenty-eight additional grams of heroin was seized as well as \$2,537 in U.S. Currency.

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PARKWAY AUTHORITY	4524	103	374	9643	24280	158	2940	586	562	1026	31	5



## Field Services – Troop 8, Bureau of Criminal Investigations



**Captain Timothy Bledsoe**  
Troop Commander

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) is a specialized unit that concentrates primarily on the investigation of felony related crimes. The crimes investigated by BCI include violent crimes, drug trafficking, organized crime, political corruption, prescription fraud, insurance fraud, computer crimes, marijuana eradication, polygraph examinations, as well as a host of many other crimes. BCI is further supported by the following units: Insurance Fraud, Polygraph, Gaming and Drug Diversion Units; as well as Marijuana Eradication and the Criminal Intelligence Unit which includes the West Virginia Intelligence Exchange (WVIX).

The headquarters for BCI operations is located in Kanawha County. BCI field components are divided throughout the state into six regions. The focus of the BCI regions is the investigation of the illegal distribution of narcotics and violent crimes. BCI investigators assigned to regions are also at times co-located with multi-jurisdictional drug task forces serving in capacities as Task Force Commanders or Investigators. Investigators assigned to the regions receive advanced training in the area of narcotic investigation, and other investigative techniques to further operational effectiveness, relating to initiatives within BCI.

Cases investigated by BCI that reflect the efforts of the unit include investigations that lead to the conviction of drug dealers and those who conspire to deal illegal narcotics in West Virginia. The investigations of these cases led to 1,090 federal and 1,186 state level felony arrests during the 2014 Fiscal Year. There was also \$4,841,661 in property seized during this same period.

### **West Virginia Intelligence Exchange:**

During the fiscal year of 2014 the West Virginia Intelligence Exchange (WVIX) performed 7,779 pointer index/background investigations. Of this total, 384 were performed for county departments, 232 were performed for federal agencies, 86 were performed for municipal agencies, 403 were performed for other state agencies, 6,239 were performed for members of the West Virginia State Police and 187 were performed for various task forces. In addition, 248 non-electronic or otherwise processed submissions were completed by the WVIX staff.

WVIX staff conducted 39 training and compliance audits and/or software updates of participating agencies, as well as State Police Detachments, to ensure compliance with applicable law, policies and procedures.

Eight new agencies were added to the WVIX program and thirteen agencies were updated during the year.

In keeping with the United States Department of Justice Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies, Code of Federal Regulations Part 23, WVIX conducts an ongoing review of submission records for continuing compliance with system submission criteria. This includes verifying continued submission compliance with submitting officers and active purging of information on or before the five year retention period deadline date. A single purge consists of both destroying physical records and deleting electronic records. During the year, WVIX purged a total 4101 records that no longer met the submission criteria for storage and/or had reached the five year retention deadline.

In keeping with the promotion of information sharing, WVIX staff continued to attend regional monthly intelligence meetings across the state as well as topic specific intelligence meetings.

WVIX is the operations center for the statewide license plate reader program. There are currently 32 agencies that participate in this program.



**Polygraph:**

The polygraph unit provided a number of law enforcement agencies assistance in criminal investigations during fiscal year 2014. A review of examination and interview reports submitted by the unit examiners revealed that four hundred seventy-seven examinations/interviews were conducted. Included in those examinations were sixty-six Homicide/Death Investigations, one hundred forty-four Sexual Assault/Abuse/Crimes Against Children Investigations, eighteen Armed Robbery Investigations, one hundred thirteen Larceny/B&E/Burglary Investigations, eighty-one pre-employment/administrative examinations, nine Arson Investigations and several other criminal investigation examinations. The examiners were able to obtain forty-five admissions relating to criminal activity and obtained ninety-nine confessions which cleared one hundred twenty-five cases during fiscal year 2014.

**Marijuana Eradication:**

During Fiscal year 2014 a total of 156,487 marijuana plants were eradicated, forty-five indoor grows dismantled and 157 arrests were made involving individuals cultivating marijuana. There were 454 plots eradicated along with \$478,545 in property seized.

**Clandestine Laboratories:**

There were a total of 208 methamphetamine laboratories dismantled statewide. This section responded to 65 laboratories with 112 felony arrests. There were 248 Board of Pharmacy/Meth Check Reports.

**Drug Diversion:**

During the 2014 Fiscal Year, the Drug Diversion Unit recorded 214 state felony arrests. The Unit also generated 779 Board of Pharmacy Reports, 1,947 WVIX submissions, \$231,375 in monetary seizure and over 9,000 pounds of prescription drugs collected from Drug Take Backs. The investigators continue to provide support to other law enforcement agencies by reviewing Board of Pharmacy Reports and assisting in other prescription drug related investigations. The Drug Diversion Unit also worked cases that led to the conviction of several doctors and health care providers in the past year for illegally distributing scheduled narcotics.

**NARCOTICS SEIZED:**

Marijuana	155,644 gm	Morphine	64 IU
Heroin	683 gm	Meth	33 gm
Cocaine	3160 gm	Amphetamine	7 IU
K2	9 gm	Diazepam	1 IU
MDMA	5 IU	Percocet	38 IU
Xanax	17 IU	Roxicodone	173 IU
Hydrocodone	222 IU	Oxycodone	192 IU
Crack	55 gm	Subutex	46 IU
Dilaudid	135 IU	Bath Salts	8 gm
Tramadol	11 IU	Valium	60 IU
Clonazepam	59 IU	Heroin Stamps	317 IU
Khat	148 gm		

*\*IU = Individual Units*



**Insurance Commission:**

During this fiscal year, the Insurance Fraud Unit accounted for twenty-seven state felony arrests and forty federal arrests. This unit recovered/seized \$451,850 in property and \$54,200 in drugs. There were 16 WVIX submissions and 183 Intelligence reports. The unit is continuing it's efforts to investigate numerous conspiracy investigations that involve fraudulent insurance claims and continues to work cooperatively with the Insurance Commissioner and other local, state and federal agencies to combat insurance fraud in and around West Virginia.

**Gaming/Lottery:**

The Gaming Unit recorded 110 Federal felony arrests and 48 State felony arrests. There were 243 WVIX submissions and 167 Intelligence Reports.

**Financial Crimes:**

The financial crimes unit completed its first full year of operation at the close of fiscal year 2014, since its inception in April 2013. The unit is currently manned by one civilian investigator. The investigator is assigned to assist members with investigating criminal complaints involving suspected financial crimes to include, but not limited to, money laundering, tax evasion, identity theft, and other investigations special investigations as required. Numerous independent investigations have been conducted involving money laundering and structuring crimes, but the greatest need and concentration has been with providing support to field members with general financial crime investigations and the various internal BCI units with drug trafficking and special investigations.



## Field Services – Troop 0, Office of Public Affairs



The primary point of contact between the West Virginia State Police and the news media is the Office of Public Affairs. This section is responsible for the dissemination of information to the public and media entities via the Internet, news releases, press conferences, and briefings.

The Office of Public Affairs acts as a liaison at the scenes of crime which generate extensive media interest, natural or manmade disasters, or other law enforcement activities including presentations to civic groups, schools, colleges, and community organizations referencing topics of interest that enhance the cooperation of the West Virginia State Police and the public.

**F/Lieutenant Michael Baylous  
Public Information Officer**

The West Virginia State Police received much positive coverage by various media outlets over the past year. Some of the highlights include: Active Shooter Survival Training published in the LA Times and other prominent print media outlets; the Skylar Neese Murder arrests and eventual convictions which was the subject of numerous investigative reporting television shows including 20/20; interviews with the national media concerning the Kanawha Valley water disaster; involvement in the McTrooper 5K Run/Walk which benefits the Ronald McDonald House of Southern West Virginia; and a successful presence in the social media realm including Facebook, Twitter, and a free mobile app for smart phones (@WVStatePolice).



## Field Services – Troop 0, Special Operations



**Captain Ron Arthur**  
Director

The Special Operations Division of the West Virginia State Police exists organizationally within the Field Services Division. The division is comprised of uniformed members with specialized training and qualifications who are utilized in response to critical incidents involving the West Virginia State Police, as well as other local and federal agencies. The Special Operations Division is divided into five groups - Special Response Team (SRT), Aviation Section, K-9, Sniper Unit and Explosive Response Team (ERT).

This section of the WVSP has twenty-five uniformed members and one civilian employee assigned at Special Operations. Eighteen vehicles within Special Operations have over 100,000 miles. We also have 3 soft skin HMMWVS, and 1 Up Armored HMMWV, 1 ATV, 1 ERT Trailer, 2 Bomb POD Trailers, 2 Large ERT Trucks and 4 SRT Response Vans (1 with over 100,000.00 miles).

It is the Primary mission of Special Operations to assist every Trooper possible, making police work safer, as well as assisting in overall efficiency and effectiveness.

Special Operations has seen a sharp increase in activity for every section during the past fiscal year. This is a result of hard working individuals, working together as a Team to meet the ever demanding need for specialized training. Whether it is dealing with a suspected explosive device (ERT), finding a lost individual in the woods (K-9/Aviation), interdicting narcotics from our state's roadways (K-9), or rescuing a hostage (SRT/Sniper), every Member of Special Operations realizes that the backbone of our department is the uniformed Troopers on Detachment. Our job is to make their job safer, easier and more efficient.

### Special Response Team:

The Special Response Team (SRT) members are field officers holding the ranks of Senior Trooper through Lieutenant. The SRT is divided into four teams, each covering a specific geographical area of the state. The SRT entry teams/snipers/observers are utilized for high risk warrant service, tactical entries, barricaded suspects, hostage rescue, special security details, special woodland searches, covert surveillance and any other situation where specialized training may be beneficial. These members undergo a selection process based on a combination of shooting skills, an interview process and overall physical fitness.

#### Special Response Teams Calls For Service:

Arrest/Search Warrants	38
Security/Crowd Control	10
Barricade/Hostage	4
Active Shooter	3



**Aviation:**

The Aviation Section of the West Virginia State Police responds to searches for fugitives and lost individuals. They additionally provide an aerial platform for surveillance, crime scene photography, traffic control (football games, special events) and damage assessments in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Aircraft are also used for marijuana eradication and to fly Homeland Security missions around critical infrastructure sites in the state.

**Police Flight Calls For Service:**

Missing Individuals	25
Photo/Surveillance	4
Fleeing Suspect	14
Marijuana Eradication	43
WVSP Transport	5
Aircraft Crash	2
Security Missions/Details	5
Assist Other Agency*	60

*\*Other agencies include but are not limited to: The Office of the Governor, DEP, Department of Administration and DOT.*

**K-9 Unit:**

The West Virginia State Police K-9 Unit currently consists of fifteen functional teams, including the Director. A K-9 team consists of a dog and a handler. These teams are located strategically throughout the state in order to provide timely support for various law enforcement efforts. The K-9 Unit consists of dogs trained in explosives detection, narcotics detection, tracking and patrol.

**K-9 Activity:**

Building Searches	14	Area Searches	21
Officer Protection/K9 as Backup	405	Tracks	70
Narcotic Searches	2903	Explosive Searches	2653
Total Calls For Service	2547	Total Hours Spent In Service	7052
Total U.S. Currency Seized	\$282,430	Other Contraband Seized	\$447,750



**Explosive Response/Dive Team:**

The Explosives Response Team (ERT) members are situated in specific geographical areas of responsibility throughout West Virginia. The primary responsibility of the ERT is to render safe, real or potentially explosive devices or chemicals. Calls for service may include neutralization of a device, the disruption of suspicious packages, the removal of a device or package and the safe removal and destruction of an explosive materials. ERT Members are also the Dive Team for the WVSP, and will take all under water evidence recovery missions and or explosive sweeps as approved by Special Operations OIC. A secondary responsibility of the ERT is to provide training and support to the National Guard's Civil Support Teams as well as the West Virginia Regional Response Teams. The ERT trains to respond with these teams to assist in the mitigation of a terrorist event.

**ERT Activity:**

Calls for Service	104
Details	30
Courses Instructed	16
Dives	7
Electronic Sweeps	1
Training Hours	1592



## Field Services – Troop 0, Training Academy



**Captain David M. Lee**  
**Director of Training**

The training staff at the Academy is comprised of eleven uniform members, including the Director of Training, who are considered experts in their respective fields of study. These staff members supervise and train every law enforcement officer in the state during their entry level training.

All newly hired members of the West Virginia State Police attend a twenty-five week Cadet Class administered by the Academy Staff. Current veteran officers from the State Police and other agencies receive annual in-service training through the Academy. The Academy is also responsible for conducting the sixteen week Basic Entry Level Police Training Course for all city, county, DNR and campus police officers.

During the 2014 Fiscal year, several entry level classes were conducted at the West Virginia State Police Academy with the completion of the 154<sup>th</sup>, 155<sup>th</sup>, 156<sup>th</sup> and 157<sup>th</sup> Basic Classes and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Cadet Class totaling 171 graduates.

Numerous seminars and classes were also conducted at the Academy's Professional Development Center and were taught to various law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The Professional Development Center was utilized by over 5000 individuals for law enforcement training and related functions during the year. The Academy facilities were also utilized for various meeting by the Department, other law enforcement agencies and various state agencies during the year. The Academy firearms range has functioned as a training facility for several agencies including the FBI, DEA, IRS, Yeager Airport Security and various West Virginia National Guard and Air Guard units.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Junior Trooper Academy was held during this year. Young people (ages 14-17) from throughout the state who are interested in a career in law enforcement attended a weeklong class at the Academy where they are introduced to a variety of State Police operations.

Finally, the Academy conducted its first Accelerated Cadet Training Program. This was an eleven week course for individuals who were currently certified as police officers in West Virginia. The 64<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class successfully graduated twenty-seven officers.

Projects for the upcoming year at the Academy include:

- Conduct one West Virginia State Police Junior Trooper Program
- Conduct four Basic Entry Level Police Training Programs
- Complete fifteen weeks of West Virginia State Police Annual In-Service
- Conduct equivalent/recertification course for qualifying officers
- Conduct one Cadet Training Course



**Academy Critical Needs:**

- Heating & Cooling for “C” Building
- Lighting & Ceiling Tile Replacement in Classrooms #1 & #2 in “C” Building
- Resurface (Asphalt) Parking Lot
- Lighting for Parking Lot
- Two Ovens
- New Maintenance Truck for Academy
- Roof & Siding for Professional Development Center Dorms
- Extend Current Shop Area for more Storage of Mowing Equipment & Tractors
- Two Police Cruisers for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)
- Updates and replacement parts for VITRA Firearms Training Simulator

The Academy currently has four vehicles exceeding 100,000 miles in its fleet.

**Academy Post Exchange:**

For the 2014 fiscal year the Academy Post Exchange had \$30,647.03 in expenditures and \$48,793.90 in final sales.



## Field Services – Troop 0, Crimes Against Children Unit



F/Lieutenant Danny Swiger  
Director

The Crimes Against Children Unit is situated organizationally within Field Services of the West Virginia State Police. Members of this unit are tasked with investigating the most horribly imaginable crimes in our society, those committed against our children.

The Crimes Against Children Unit manages several entities including the Child Protection Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, Digital Forensic Unit (DFU) and the Missing Children's Clearing House.

There are nineteen uniformed members assigned to this unit, including the Director, the Deputy Director, Digital Forensic Officer and sixteen investigators who cover an individual troop area in State of West Virginia. The Investigators assigned to this unit are highly trained criminal investigators with specialized skills utilized in the interview of both child victims and the perpetrators of these crimes. Many of the investigators are crossed trained with technological skills used to identify perpetrators who use the internet to sexually exploit children.

The investigators are called upon to assist and investigate cases of child abuse, child neglect, sexual assault, abuse and sexual exploitation. Many of these cases entail investigations of individuals who produce and trade images of child pornography or engage in the sexual solicitation of minors which are computer facilitated crimes.

The investigators are also called upon from other agencies to assist in their investigations and are also responsible for seeing that Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) meetings are being conducted in the counties in their troops on a monthly basis by the prosecuting attorneys. These investigators also work with Child Protective Services in their area of responsibility coordinating referrals for the law enforcement investigation of child abuse, neglect or sexual abuse and assault cases.

There is four civilian support staff assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit to include, two Digital Forensic Analyst, one Victim Specialist and one Office Assistant. The Crimes Against Children Unit is in the process of adding two digital forensic analyst as well as a database administrator for the ICAC Task Force. It is anticipated that two additional digital forensic analyst will be hired in early August 2014.

*The following is a representation of notable investigations conducted by the Crimes Against Children Unit during this reporting period.*

### Crimes Against Children Unit Activity

Felony Arrests	1037
Misdemeanor Arrests	117
Criminal Investigations Conducted	579
Offenses Associated With Investigations	921
Intelligence Reports	715
DHHR Referrals	443
Sex Offenders Registered/Verified	266
Child Victims Interviewed	451
Suspects Interviewed	320
Search Warrants Served	552
Calls For Service	2582
Community Outreach Presentations	129
Number of Persons Attending Presentations	11,139



On July 23, 2013, Wade Eugene Decker was taken into custody by the West Virginia State Police approximately 100 yards from Lambert Park Pool (Martinsburg, West Virginia) as he was traveling on foot to meet an eleven year old female for the purpose of the continued sexual exploitation of this juvenile female. Mr. Decker's arrest was assisted by members of the Eastern Panhandle Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force, the United States Marshall Service and members of the West Virginia State Police - Criminal Interdiction Patrol Unit. This arrest was the result of a two week collaborative investigation between investigators with the New Bern Police Department (North Carolina) and the West Virginia State Police - Crimes Against Children Unit. Mr. Decker was charged on multiple felony counts, to include: Solicitation of a Minor using a Computer, the Display of Obscene Matter to a Minor, the Use of Obscene Matter to Seduce a Minor and the Attempted Use of a Minor to Produce Obscene Matter. These felony criminal charges resulted from an ongoing dialogue between Mr. Decker and the juvenile victim (or the undercover officer) in which Mr. Decker not only sent sexually explicit photos to the juvenile victim but also expressed repeated desires to engage in sexual intercourse with the juvenile victim. Additionally, Mr. Decker attempted to obtain nude photographs from the juvenile victim.

On August 12, 2013, Sergeant Scott arrested the accused, James Paul Kendall, on ten counts of Use of Minors in Filming Sexually Explicit Conduct, five counts of Possession of Child Pornography, six counts of First Degree Sexual Assault to a Child Under the Age of Twelve and two counts of Child Sexual Abuse by a Parent, Guardian, Custodian or Other Person in a Position of Trust to a Child. In the previous week, the mother of one of the five year old victims met with Sergeant Scott after her son disclosed sexual abuse by the accused. Sergeant Scott began an investigation and discovered the accused had sexually abused two, five year old males, took photographs of them in sexually explicit positions and possessed hundreds of child pornography photographs and videos contained on several compact discs. Both young victims disclosed the photo taking and sexual abuse where they indicated the accused would grab them by the throat and choke them as he sexually abused them. Sergeant Scott met with the accused was given a confession to all the allegations. The accused was arrested in Harrison County and arraigned.

On September 20, 2013, a Cincinnati jury convicted a priest of Illegal Interstate Transportation of a Minor. A U.S. District Court jury convicted Robert Frank "Father Bob" Poandl, 72, of Fairfield, Ohio of one count of Interstate Transportation of a Minor for Illicit Purposes, a federal law known as the Mann Act. According to trial testimony, in August 1991, Poandl transported a ten-year old boy from Cincinnati to West Virginia where he sexually assaulted the child. The crime was not disclosed until the victim came forward in 2009. "Today's verdict should give victims courage to come forward, even if the abuse happened years ago" U.S. Attorney Stewart said. This investigation was conducted by the West Virginia State Police Crimes Against Children Unit. Poandl was sentenced to serve seven years in Federal Prison.

On September 27, 2013, and pursuant to an on-going undercover investigation into the trafficking of child pornography, members of the West Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the West Virginia State Police executed a search warrant at the former residence of 33 year old Brad Aliff of Kimball, West Virginia. The search of this residence resulted in the seizure of a computer believed to be evidence of child pornography trafficking. As a result of this search, information was discovered which identified Mr. Aliff as a suspect in child pornography trafficking. Mr. Aliff was located and interviewed concerning this investigation, in which he confessed to knowingly receiving and possessing pictures and videos depicting the sexual exploitation of children, most of whom appear to be under the age of 12 years. Mr. Aliff was arrested for twenty counts of Possession of Child Pornography.

On October 29, 2013, Sergeant M.D. Clemons received a complaint from the pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, in reference to a sexual abuse complaint involving an elder at the church and former "We Can" volunteer. The pastor advised that the accused had admitted to sexually abusing several teenage boys in the past. Sergeant Clemons was provided with a list of names and possible victims. During the month of November, approximately fifteen interviews were conducted with potential victims. Eight victims have been



identified at this time. On December 12, 2013, Timothy Probert was arrested by Sergeant Clemons for the following felony charges: twenty-two counts of Sexual Abuse by Parent, Guardian or Custodian, seven counts of Third Degree Sexual Assault, six counts of First Degree Sexual Abuse, one count of Use of Obscene Matter with Intent to Seduce a Minor, one count of Distribution and Display Obscene Matter to a Minor and one count of Use of a Minor to Produce Obscene Matter or Assist in Doing Sexually Explicit Conduct.

In November 2013, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office requested Sergeant Adam Scott take assume an investigation involving the severe physical abuse of two Mannington boys on November 21, 2013. Interviews were conducted with the 5 year old brother of the 3 year old victim. During this interview, it was learned that 37 year old Charles Dray, the accused, slammed the victim to the ground several times then punched and backhanded the victim in the face and back of the head. The photographed injuries of the victim's face were so severe that the victim's face looked like a mask. The victim's eyes were swollen shut and severely bruised. The biological mother of the children had left them with the accused, her boyfriend, while she went to the store. On November 22, 2013, Sergeant Scott arrested Mr. Dray at his residence located in Mannington. Sergeant Scott utilized the West Virginia State Police North Special Response Team when serving the arrest warrants due to the violent past of the accused. The accused was arrested for Malicious Assault/Battery, Child Abuse Causing Serious Injury, Child Neglect Causing Serious Injury and Child Neglect Creating a Risk of Injury. Upon his arrest, the six foot three inch tall, three hundred pound accused admitted to backhanding the small 3 year old male in the face, knocking him into a wall. The accused stated the victim cursed at him when told to pick up his toys. The accused was arraigned in Marion County Magistrate Court and is currently incarcerated in the North Central Regional Jail on a two million dollar cash only bond.

On May 30, 2014, James Joseph Coates, a Special Agent with the United State Fish & Wildlife Service was arrested and charged with four counts of Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography in Jefferson County. The arrest of Mr. Coates came after an investigation was launched into child pornographic images being uploaded to the internet from his personal email account in January 2014. The investigation which began in February 2014, resulted in a search warrant being executed on the residence of Mr. Coates, located in Shepherdstown. The search of Mr. Coates' residence lead to the seizure of various electronic devices contained within the home. A forensic exam of the seized devices revealed the presence of child pornographic images.

Incest indictment in March of 2014. Cpl. M. Moore began an initial investigation of Incest in 2011. Cpl. Moore, with the assistance of the Cabell County Prosecutor's Office obtained additional evidence and a disclosure from the victim that she had been impregnated by her father. Upon becoming pregnant, the father and his wife did conspire to take the victim to have an abortion. This was done while leading Cpl. Moore, the prosecutors, CPS and the victim's doctor to the belief that the victim had a miscarriage. The parents then allowed the doctor to perform an unnecessary D&C medical procedure. The accused parents then threatened the victim with harm if she informed anyone of the fact of her being impregnated by her father and of the abortion. Michael Adkins was arraigned on charges of Sexual Assault 1st Degree, Incest, Sexual Abuse By A Parent or Guardian, Child Neglect Creating Risk of Injury, Intimidation of a Witness, Obstructing an Officer and Felony Conspiracy. Amanda Adkins was arraigned on charges of Child Neglect Creating Risk of Injury, Intimidation of a Witness, Obstructing an Officer and Felony Conspiracy.

In August of 2013, Corporal Moore began conducting an investigation regarding sexual abuse allegation involving a minor female child of David Simpkins. During an interview, Mr. Simpkins stated that Kentucky CPS had conducted an investigation concerning his daughter which resulted in supervised visitations. Mr. Simpkins stated that the allegations were false and he thought he had been cleared. Corporal Moore conducted a lengthy investigation, obtained Kentucky CPS reports, and traveled to Hope's Place in Ashland, Kentucky to obtain victim forensic interviews and physical exam reports. During this interview, the victim disclosed the sexual abuse with the use of anatomically correct drawings indicating what sexual act the accused had performed on her and then stated "it hurt." Cpl. Moore discovered that the sexual act occurred when the



child was 4 years old, and during an unsupervised visit at the accused's residence in Huntington. The accused was arrested for Incest, Sexual Abuse by a Parent and Sexual Assault 1st degree.

On January 24 2014, Corporal Robert Boggs initiated a proactive investigation involving the file sharing of child pornography. Corporal Boggs served a search warrant for a residence identified as having child pornography available for download. Upon serving the search warrant, child pornographic images were recovered depicting children approximately 5-7 years old. The suspect was not home at the time of the search. Attempts at locating the suspect were unsuccessful. Follow-up investigation indicated the suspect was well armed and on the run. Arrest warrants were obtained and assistance was requested from the U. S. Marshall's service in locating the suspect. On May 7,2014 the Okaloosa County Florida sheriff's office and members of the U.S. Marshall's Service Cuffed Task Force located the suspect at a Holiday Inn in Clearview, Florida. When officers knocked on the door, the suspect took his own life with a gunshot wound to the head.

The Crimes Against Children Unit is responsible for maintaining statistics from all law enforcement agencies throughout the state involving certain West Virginia State Code Sections.

Listed below is the number of crimes reported by those agencies.

<b><u>Reported from Law Enforcement Agencies</u></b>					
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014					
WV Code	WV Code	WV Code	WV Code	WV Code	WV Code
<u>61-8D-2</u>	<u>61-8D-2a</u>	<u>61-8D-3</u>	<u>61-8D-3a</u>	<u>61-8D-4</u>	<u>61-8D-4a</u>

### **Digital Forensics Unit (DFU):**

The Crimes Against Children Unit is responsible for all digital forensics examinations within the State of West Virginia for local and state law enforcement. We currently have two full service labs located at West Virginia University and Marshall University. We also have three fully trained investigators in the field that handle forensic cases locally. The Crimes Against Children Unit through the ICAC Grant Program supports limited digital forensic labs with Kanawha County Sheriff's Department, Bridgeport Police Department and Parkersburg Police Department.

During this year, 474 cases were submitted for examination containing 2,086 items of evidence and 105,090 GB of total storage amount on media. Among these were: 119 child pornography investigations, 50 sexual enticements of minors, 23 display of obscene matter to minors, 81 drug investigations, 30 deaths, 65 sexual assaults/abuses, 30 Property Crimes and 76 other various types of investigations. The State Police were responsible for 248 of these cases and 126 were from other law enforcement agencies. Analysts completed 328 cases in this period and returned them to the investigating officers. Our current case backlog stands at 146 and there is approximately a ten month turnaround on new cases submitted.

### **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force**

The West Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is one of 62 coordinated task forces representing over 3,000 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies across the United States. These agencies are engaged in proactive investigations, forensic investigations and criminal prosecutions. The ICAC Task Force was created to help federal, state and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or computer technology to sexually exploit children. The Program is funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.



The West Virginia ICAC Task Force is headed by the West Virginia State Police and currently has 91 affiliate agencies spread across the State of West Virginia. These affiliates range from Sheriff's Departments, local police departments, county prosecutors, the United States Attorney's Office, probation officers and child advocacy centers.

During this year the Task Force received 511 documented complaints. These include: 388 of Possession or Distribution of Child Pornography, 31 Traveler Cases, 94 Enticements, 74 Obscenities to Minors and 6 Child Prostitution cases. Investigators utilized 631 subpoenas and 95 search warrants, were tasked with 1,810 technical assists (Calls for assistance by outside agencies) and made 376 arrests. Members of the task force conducted 366 community outreach events on Internet Safety this year to 22,987 attendees.

In October 2013, Sergeant J. E. Kozik, West Virginia ICAC Task Force Commander, was selected to represent the National ICAC Task Force at the 31<sup>st</sup> INTERPOL Specialist Group Meeting on Crimes Against Children conducted in Lyon, France.

For more information about the WV ICAC Task Force, visit [www.wvicac.com](http://www.wvicac.com).

### **Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) Complaints**

*This office is the clearinghouse for these complaints statewide*

The unit received 1,438 IC3 complaints that were referred to the six Troop Areas for investigation this year. Of these complaints, 309 had the suspect residing within West Virginia and 1,129 had the victim of the complaint living in West Virginia.

The IC3 was established as a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) to serve as a means to receive Internet related criminal complaints and to further research, develop, and refer the criminal complaints to federal, state, local, or international law enforcement and/or regulatory agencies for any investigation they deem to be appropriate.

IC3 receives complaints crossing the spectrum of cyber crime matters, to include online fraud in its many forms including: Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) matters, Computer Intrusions (hacking), Economic Espionage (Theft of Trade Secrets), Online Extortion, International Money Laundering, Identity Theft, and a growing list of Internet facilitated crimes.

The IC3's mission is to serve as a vehicle to receive, develop, and refer criminal complaints regarding the rapidly expanding arena of cyber crime. The IC3 gives the victims of cyber crime a convenient and easy-to-use reporting mechanism that alerts authorities of suspected criminal or civil violations. For law enforcement and regulatory agencies at the federal, state, local, and international level, the IC3 provides a central referral mechanism for complaints involving Internet related crimes.

More information about IC3 may be obtained at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

### **West Virginia Cyber Crime Cooperative (WV3C):**

*A formal relationship between the WVSP, WVU and NW3C*

This unit continues to further the WV3C efforts on research and tool development along with training programs for law enforcement on dealing with electronic evidence. More information about this effort and WV3C may be obtained at [www.wv3c.wvu.edu](http://www.wv3c.wvu.edu).

This unit was awarded the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Data System Grant in August 2011. This



\$500,000 award, from the U. S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is being used to create a nationwide deconfliction system for ICAC investigators from 62 task forces across the United States. The initial phases of this project is scheduled for completion early 2015. Since the original award in 2011, the Department of Justice continues to provide funding for the upkeep and expansion of this system.

During this reporting period, the West Virginia State Police received \$30,000 from a West Virginia Broadband Technical Assistance Grant to develop a Sex Offender Mapping System. The Crimes Against Children Unit were the grant managers for this grant. The unit worked in cooperation with WVU to develop the mapping tool, while developing a method for Troopers to verify and input GPS coordinates for verified sex offenders.

### **Missing Children's Clearing House:**

The Crimes Against Children Unit serves as the managing unit for all tips received from the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). These tips involve missing or runaway juveniles reported in West Virginia. The Crimes Against Children Unit have embarked on a new project to better track juveniles listed as "runaways" in hopes of identifying the reason "why" they are running away and treating them as victims rather than suspects. Our hopes are to conduct interviews with juveniles who are identified as running away multiple times and conduct follow up interviews with these children once they are located to see if a cause can be identified. It is our belief that we may identify children that are being sexually or physically abuse. It is further believed that we will find that many of the long term runaways have been caught up in human trafficking.

### **Child Sexual Predator Project Grant:**

An extension was approved for this grant through January 2015 to fulfill the project goals of hiring and maintaining two Digital Forensic Analysts in Morgantown and Huntington.

### **Crimes Against Children Fleet Inventory:**

The Crimes Against Children Unit is assigned a total of twenty-four vehicles through the department. Out of those twenty-four vehicles, six vehicles have mileage in excess of 100,000 miles.

### **Crimes Against Children Unit Critical Needs:**

The most critical need for the Crimes Against Children Unit would be an increase in personnel, both uniformed investigators and civilian support staff.

In the short term, the Crimes Against Children Unit would like to see an increase in uniformed personnel to a of at least four investigators in each Troop. This would require adding eight Troopers to the Unit.

The long term goal of the Crimes Against Children Unit would be to increase the unit to provide at least twelve investigators in each Troop area of responsibility. This would provide a breakdown of four investigators designated as Child Protection Investigators, four investigators designated at Internet Crimes Against Children Investigators, and four designated as Sex Offender Compliance Investigators. All would be cross trained to perform duties in any of the three designated positions.

With the increased number of uniformed members, it would be necessary to add an Office Assistant in each Troop area and a Troop Clerk at the CACU Headquarters. With the additional investigators the need for more Digital Forensic Analyst as well as Victim Services will arise.



## Staff Services – Troop 0, Executive Protection



**Captain Gregory S. Bowman**  
Director

The Executive Protection Section of the West Virginia State Police is charged with the responsibility of providing protection for the Governor, his or her immediate family, and other persons so designated. The section provides 24-hour security at the State Capitol and the Governor's residence.

During Fiscal Year 2014, the Executive Protection Section consisted of a director, deputy director, and ten (10) executive protection officers. These West Virginia State Troopers function in both uniformed and plainclothes capacities, as circumstances dictate, and accompany the Governor, his or her family, and other designated individuals to a variety of scheduled events.

Executive Protection Officers are also responsible for the security of all rooms and vehicles utilized by the Governor and other protectees and perform advance security checks at scheduled events as needed. When directed, executive protection officers provide protection and transportation to visiting dignitaries and schedule the utilization of any state aircraft, vehicle, or other transportation used by the Governor or other individuals under their protection.

## Staff Services – Troop 0, Recruiting



**Captain Reggie Patterson**  
Recruiting Coordinator

Our agency started the 63<sup>rd</sup> cadet class on September 16, 2013, with 21 cadets and graduated 19 troopers on March 7, 2014. This class started the testing process in early 2012, but the class was postponed for well over a year and we lost the bulk of the 53 applicants we identified as potential troopers to other agencies and employment.

The Superintendent initiated the first ever Accelerated Cadet Program class for the West Virginia State Police in September 2013. The caveat for the 64<sup>th</sup> cadet class was that the program was specifically designed and implemented to recruit, hire and train West Virginia Certified Law Enforcement Officers to become Troopers and deploy them to the field as expediently as possible. The applicants for the accelerated program had to have been law enforcement officers that attended the West Virginia State Police Basic Class and were currently certified. They had to be approved by a current member and they would attend an abbreviated academy, which would last for only 11 weeks versus the traditional 25 week academy. We tested at the beginning of November 2013 and hired 28 to attend the academy class on March 24, 2014. The 64<sup>th</sup> class graduated on June 6, 2014, with 27 troopers.

The West Virginia State Police initiated the process for the 65<sup>th</sup> cadet class in May 2014. Testing was scheduled to take place in mid July 2014 with a tentative start date of December 1, 2014 and there were approximately 1400 applications on file.

The recruiters have advertised by placing visual aids at each Detachment and various broadcasts via radio and television, as well as attended numerous career fairs and other events. The recruiters have received phone calls, e-mails and walk-in inquiries regarding future employment and testing schedules.

The State Police continue to recruit year-around by attending recruiting fairs and events throughout West Virginia and neighboring states. The State Police has made strides in promoting the honorable profession of Trooper to youth and teenagers throughout the State. The State Police face the yearly uncertainty as to when we plan on having our next cadet class, thus recruiting efforts are complicated.



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## Staff Services – Troop 0, Personnel Section



**Marsha Beasley**  
Director

The Personnel Section is responsible for the development and administration of personnel programs, personnel records management, employment applications and processing, and the observance of state and federal employment regulations. The section maintains records including background investigations, evaluations, assignments, promotions and retirement files of State Police personnel.

During the fiscal year office activities included scheduling and testing for the 64<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> Cadet Classes, participation in both the statewide WVOasis Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) initiative and the Statewide PLANS Project. Day-to-date activities for the office include the completion of all personnel transactions for agency new hires, transfers, separations, reclassifications, leave of absences, promotions and longevity increases. The section is also responsible for civilian job postings, preparation of voluntary transfer reports, managing the Leave Donation Program, overseeing workers compensation claims, certifying employee hours for the On-The-Job Training

Program governed by the Montgomery G.I. Bill, and leave certification under the Unused Sick Leave Program.

The section maintains the automated manpower report, voluntary transfer listing, and the current and former member directory available to the State Police membership on the Department Intranet.

FY 2014 PERSONNEL STATISTICS	SWORN	NON-SWORN
ACTUAL MANPOWER 7/1/2013	662	371.5
ACTUAL MANPOWER 6/30/2014	671	365.5
ENLISTMENTS / NEW HIRES	49	40
RE-ENLISTMENTS/REINSTATE	5	0
RESIGNATIONS:	14	43
RETIREMENTS:	28	9
PROMOTIONS	54	11
TRANSFERS	104	7
RANK REDUCTIONS/REASSIGN	0	1
TERMINATIONS/DISMISSALS	2	0
RECLASS/REALLOCATIONS	160	5

## Staff Services – Troop 0, Medical Unit



**Marjorie Bolyard**  
Registered Nurse

The Medical Unit of the West Virginia State Police is located at the Training Academy Complex in Dunbar, West Virginia and consists of three civilian employees which include one registered nurse, one medical billing expert, and one contractual physician. The unit is charged with the responsibility of providing a variety of medical services for the agency that include the following duties:

- Provide medical treatment for minor ailments and injuries that occur within the student population at the State Police Academy
- Coordinate the process for the physical examination of sworn personnel during annual in-service training
- Maintain individual medical files
- Administration of the physical examination requirements for the cadet screening process
- Review and processing of “line of duty” medical billing

The unit also manages the Temporary Alternative Duty (TAD) Program which provides a means of obtaining useful work for personnel who are unable to perform full police duties while recuperating from injuries or illnesses.

The Medical Unit, in cooperation with the Legal Section, is responsible for subrogation claims made on behalf of the agency when another party is at fault in an automobile crash.

## Staff Services – Troop 0, Procurement



**F/Lieutenant Donn P. Kitzmiller**  
Director

The Procurement Section is responsible for the acquisition and distribution of all goods and services integral to the day-to-day operations of the West Virginia State Police. In performing this task, every effort is extended to ensure that supplies, equipment and services obtained are of the highest quality available. Normally these items are obtained either by statewide contracts or by means of competitive bids solicited from reputable vendors who are registered to do business with the State of West Virginia.

Renovations continue on the West Virginia State Police Information Services Center. When the project is complete several sections located within Department Headquarters will be relocated to this building.

One Hundred Seven new vehicles were purchased or leased during the past fiscal year. Vehicles purchased were seventy-three Ford Interceptor Utilities, twenty-four Ford Interceptor Sedans, two Ford Econoline Vans, one Chevrolet Tahoe and six Ford F-250 Trucks. One Chevrolet Equinox was leased through Fleet Management for the Federal Tobacco Compliance Program.

During the past year the body shop repaired one hundred four vehicles, painted seventeen Humvees, painted the tops of ten Ford Interceptor Utilities and marked all of the new vehicles added to the fleet. A total of \$40,797.89 was spent in parts and materials for these repairs. During the course of the year vehicles that were deemed unserviceable were cannibalized and approximately \$15,000 was saved with this process.

The field supplies section of Procurement processed a large number of inter-departmental requisitions. The printing and graphic arts section also completed numerous projects throughout the year.



## Staff Services – Troop 0, Information Services



F/Lieutenant G.E. McCabe  
Director

The Information Services Section is responsible for specifying, purchasing, installing and maintaining infrastructure and end user equipment for Radio Communications and Electronic Equipment in police cruisers and Primary Dispatch Centers, Computer Information Services and the West Virginia Automated Police Network (WEAPON).

There are five radio electronics shops located throughout the state that support radio communications. The primary function of the radio shops is to install and maintain towers, base stations, RF links, mobile and portable radios, RADARs, in-car video systems and emergency warning equipment. They also work with other state agencies, counties and local municipalities on the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN).

Computer Information Services are responsible for all IT related work. They install and maintain all of the State Police Servers, Desktops, Laptops and Network Equipment. They are also responsible for Detachment Video and Telephone Systems.

The Information Services Section is responsible for the West Virginia Automated Police Network (WEAPON). The WEAPON Network is utilized by Federal, State, County, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies and is the gateway to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). All agencies, which include sheriff's offices, 911 centers, and local police departments, **must** use the WEAPON system to gain access to this type of information. Many non-law enforcement agencies such as DHHR, Education, and the Lottery utilize the WEAPON system and the criminal history information it contains for **all** applicant background investigations.

During Fiscal Year 2014, the Information Services Section improved various systems within the State Police including:

- WEAPON Auditors (Physical & Technical) continued triennial audits of law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies that access data contained within the WEAPON system.
- Developed an in house web-based portal system that allows law enforcement to query the state criminal history system, child abuser registry, sex offender registry, warrant system, automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) and license plate recognition systems.
- Troop 2 Electronic Technicians installed new Microwave controlled base stations at a new Cacapon State Park site to enhance radio coverage for both Romney and Charles Town units. Additional improvements are planned for interoperability with County entities and redundant use of the SIRN.
- Electronic Technicians completed installation of communications and electronics equipment in 66 new cruisers.
- Preliminary work has begun for Primary Dispatch Centers in the new State Police Troop Headquarters/ Detachments near Elkins for Troop 3, and near Fairmont for Troop 1.
- Deployed 275 APX 7000 dual-band portable radios for use on the P-25 SIRN and with the VHF vehicular repeaters for enhanced radio coverage.



## **Information Services Critical Needs:**

### **Staffing:**

Currently, the primary issue is manpower. At a minimum, three additional high-level IT staff members are needed to help maintain the ever-growing infrastructure of the West Virginia State Police and WEAPON/Criminal History system. These higher-level staff members not only maintain the systems, but are also the staff members who implement all new systems, administer the systems, and are on call 24/7 to respond to the technical needs and issues of those systems. Also, due to new Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) requirements, the section's two auditors/trainers are now required to audit not only terminal agencies, but **any** agency handling WEAPON data. This increased the required number of audits from approximately 350 to approximately 4,500 — a 1,200% increase. This increase necessitates the addition of six auditor/trainer positions to comply with CJIS requirements.

The salary of West Virginia State Police Electronic Technicians (ETs) is far below that of other West Virginia state agencies, by as much as \$6,000 to \$8,000. Other state agencies, though higher than State Police salaries, are as much as \$12,000 below other industry salaries. This places State Police technicians \$20,000 below that normal range. It is becoming more difficult to find and hire qualified ETs for the rate of pay the West Virginia State Police offers. During this past one and one-half years, the West Virginia State Police hired six electronic technicians (50% of WVSP ETs) to fill vacancies noted in the last Annual Report, and already one of these technicians resigned for a higher paying job. One other technician retired, and two others could do so at any time. The Department is still down two technicians with only one qualified applicant currently to be hired.

### **Criminal History System:**

The West Virginia State Police is in dire need of a new Criminal History System (CHS). The current system has been modified throughout its 20 years of existence and has been modified repeatedly to meet the ever changing state and federal requirements, but has not had any significant upgrades to keep it up to date with the changes in technology. The current CHS has been modified beyond what the current vendor is capable of supporting and therefore prevents the State Police from adding any new registries. The CHS encompasses several registries such as child abuser, domestic violence and sex offenders. Should there be a state or federal mandate to implement a new registry, the State Police would not be able to comply due to the obsolete system still in place.

To replace the current CHS, the State Police would be looking at approximately a \$5,000,000 investment and then an annual maintenance fee of approximately \$750,000. An optional solution to this problem is to hire and allocate three new software developer positions to create the system needed. There are several benefits to creating a new criminal history system in-house. One of which is the initial cost would be completely eliminated and the total salary of the needed developer staff would be significantly less than the annual maintenance of a purchased system and therefore is additional savings. Also, the end product would be exactly what the State needs and would be serviceable for years to come with only the cost of regular hardware updates and the developer's salaries.

### **Redundant Core Infrastructure:**

The **core** network and telephone infrastructure at the agency's South Charleston Headquarters has little redundancy, and should that infrastructure fail, the entire West Virginia State Police network, which includes WEAPON and the Criminal History system, would have an outage until the infrastructure could be replaced or repaired. Such an outage would prevent anyone in the state, or the nation, from accessing law enforcement data for the state of West Virginia. The cost to implement sufficient redundancy in this infrastructure is approximately \$250,000, which is roughly half of the annual budget that Information Technology splits and shares with the Radio Communication Section.



**In-Car Video Systems:**

The West Virginia State Police in-car video camera systems currently in use are more than seven years old and are no longer serviceable by the manufacturer for repairs, as the systems have been discontinued. The majority of these systems are non-operational, in whole or in part. The West Virginia State Police is in need of at least 550 in-car camera systems at a cost of \$5,548.90 each (Total Cost: \$3,051,895).

**Dual-Band Portable Radios:**

The West Virginia State Police is in need of 325 dual-band portable radios at \$5,702.80 each, and 400 vehicular repeaters at \$938 each, to provide Troopers with portable radio communications with West Virginia State Police and 911 Dispatch Centers, while outside of their cruisers (Total Cost: \$2,228,610).

**Dispatching Radio Consoles:**

The West Virginia State Police is in need of new dispatch radio consoles, as five of the current dispatch consoles are obsolete, and spare parts are no longer available. Upgrading the consoles would greatly enhance communications with Troopers as well as interoperable communications with other agencies across the state. The four newest consoles in use by the State Police are not capable of full functionality with the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) efficiently. The SIRN P-25 Trunked radio system utilizes a direct microwave connection to the Zone Controller allowing real time connection to any talk group available in the system, thus providing redundancy for State Police Dispatch Centers to cover other areas in the state as needed. The current need is to replace the dispatch console equipment at South Charleston (four positions) and Elkins (three positions) for an approximate \$85,000 per position, for a total of \$595,000.00. There are an additional thirteen radio console positions that will need to be updated to provide adequate SIRN connectivity. (Total Cost: \$1,700,000.00).

**Microwave Connectivity for Primary Dispatch Centers:**

The West Virginia State Police is in need of additional microwave radio equipment for connection of the State Police primary radio dispatch centers into the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) for direct connectivity into SIRN. This allows not only the ability to use the microwave as a transport method for all radio system connections, but additionally gives the required and desirable connections of consoles to the SIRN Zone Controller for access to all SIRN talkgroups. The State Police has already installed the equipment for the SIRN microwave connectivity at four primary dispatch centers (Elkins, Romney, Shinnston and South Charleston). There are five remaining primary dispatch centers needing SIRN microwave connectivity (Beckley, Huntington, Logan, Moundsville and Parkersburg) at a cost of approximately \$160,000.00 per location. (Total Cost: \$800,000.00)

**Other Needs:**

All other needs of the Information Services Section stem from the needs of other West Virginia State Police Sections, e.g., a new Criminal History System; the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) which currently needs a hardware/software refresh; and the Unified Crime Reporting System should be replaced due to new reporting requirements that the existing system is not capable of supporting; and the need for five (5) service vehicles to be used by radio and IT technicians and WEAPON auditors. Most all of the technician's service vehicles have well over 100,000 miles and repairs are becoming more routine.



## Staff Services – Troop 0, Criminal Records



**Sergeant Scott Pettry**  
Director

The Criminal Records Section was established in 1935 by Legislative Act. The original purpose was to receive and file fingerprints, photographs, records and other information pertaining to the investigation of crime and the apprehension of criminals. Further legislation has required the clerk of any court of record or magistrate to report to the Criminal Records Section any sentence or other disposition of criminal charges brought against any person. Since the inception of the section, Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) has been processed and maintained in a manner fashioned from procedures followed by the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and has done so with few procedural changes over the past 63 years. Criminal Records is comprised of six distinct sections, including:

- \*Criminal Records
- \*Bail Bond Enforcer Registry
- \*Sexual Offender/Child Abuse Registry
- \*Concealed Handgun Permits Registry
- \*Central Abuse Registry
- \*Uniform Crime Reporting

### During the past year, the Criminal Identification Bureau processed approximately:

- 15000 Sex Offender Registrations
- 86500 Criminal Arrests
- 70000 Applicant Background Investigations
- 63000 Concealed Weapon Permits Processed
- 1445 Expungements Processed

### Current Projects of Criminal Identification Bureau:

- Working with IT Section on the RAPBACK project
- Mobile ID Project with the FBI
- Working with the Supreme Court on Court Disposition Reporting System
- New NIBRS System with UCR
- Applicant Background Check process

### Criminal Records Critical Needs:

The West Virginia State Police houses the State Criminal Identification Bureau. All arrest information from all law enforcement, court dispositions, fingerprint submissions, sex offender registry, child abuse registry, concealed weapon permit registry and bail bondsman registry is stored in the Criminal History System. The current system was developed in the late 1980's and implemented in the mid 1990's for the West Virginia State Police. The West Virginia State Police have made numerous modifications in the last 20 years to the system. While the modifications and changes have ensured functionality, the system cannot be modified to handle new information, technology, architecture or new security features.

With new Federal and State Guidelines in record management, along with state of the art advances in technology, and new security measures in place, the current system that the Criminal Identification Bureau uses has become obsolete. A new Criminal History System would meet the standards and enable the department to meet the needs of all law enforcement in collecting and maintaining criminal records.

The West Virginia State Police utilizes Livescan devices for criminal arrest and sex offender registration. The system was implemented in 2009 with the purchase of a new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). There is no current funding allocated for the continuation of this system.



## Staff Services – Troop 0, Planning and Research



**F/Sgt Michael Lynch**  
**Planning Officer**

The Planning and Research Section of the West Virginia State Police serves as support for the superintendent and his staff. The responsibilities of the section include general planning and policy development and implementation.

General planning responsibilities include development of short and long-range goals for the West Virginia State Police at the direction of the superintendent, providing research and development support to other sections throughout the agency, and working cooperatively with Field Operations as may be required to meet established objectives and improve agency law enforcement and non-law enforcement responses.

Policy development and implementation involves research, drafting, dissemination, and training of new and revised policies. The section receives and applies input regarding operational practices from a variety of sources and continually reviews and modifies existing policy and develops new policies as directed by the superintendent.

Planning and Research provides direct assistance to the office of the superintendent and other senior agency managers in matters of daily and special operations.

### Active Shooter Survival Training

In 2010, the West Virginia Board of Risk Insurance Management (WVBRIM) approached the West Virginia State Police with an out-reach program designed to teach civilian employees on ways to survive an active shooter in the workplace. The WVBRIM personnel had purchased a training video that taught survival skills consistent with the Houston Model of “Run, Hide, Fight” and inquired on whether there was additional information they could incorporate to increase the effectiveness of their program. First Sergeant Michael Lynch from the Planning & Research Section was contacted and reviewed WVBRIM’s video and training program and was then asked to develop a training program to coincide with the video’s training objectives. F/Sgt. Lynch developed a training program that consisted of a Powerpoint presentation, lecture, demonstrations, and dynamic exercises that would involve the course participants. The very first presentation of this combined program was later in 2010 and received resounding approval and heartfelt appreciation. Over the next few years, the program continued to develop and gain in popularity. Word eventually got out to other states about this unique program, resulting in F/Sgt. Lynch and his WVBRIM partners presenting this training to groups in Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina. Given that this program was so unique, the Los Angeles Times dispatched a reporter to attend two of these trainings and then write a feature story which was then published in the LA Times as well as other syndicated newspapers.

During the 2014 fiscal year, this training was provided to various federal, state, and local agencies at 53 venues and to a total of 1,815 course participants.



## Staff Services – Troop 0, Forensic Laboratory



**Sheri Lemons**  
Acting Director

The Forensic Laboratory of the West Virginia State Police has been providing forensic services since its inception in 1935. The Laboratory is supervised by a Director; an Assistant Director/ Quality Assurance Manager and eight Section Supervisors; and is staffed with twenty-nine Analysts, five Evidence Technicians and four support staff. The Laboratory Analysts are qualified through education (Bachelor's or Master's degree), training and experience to testify to the results of forensic testing in state and federal courts.

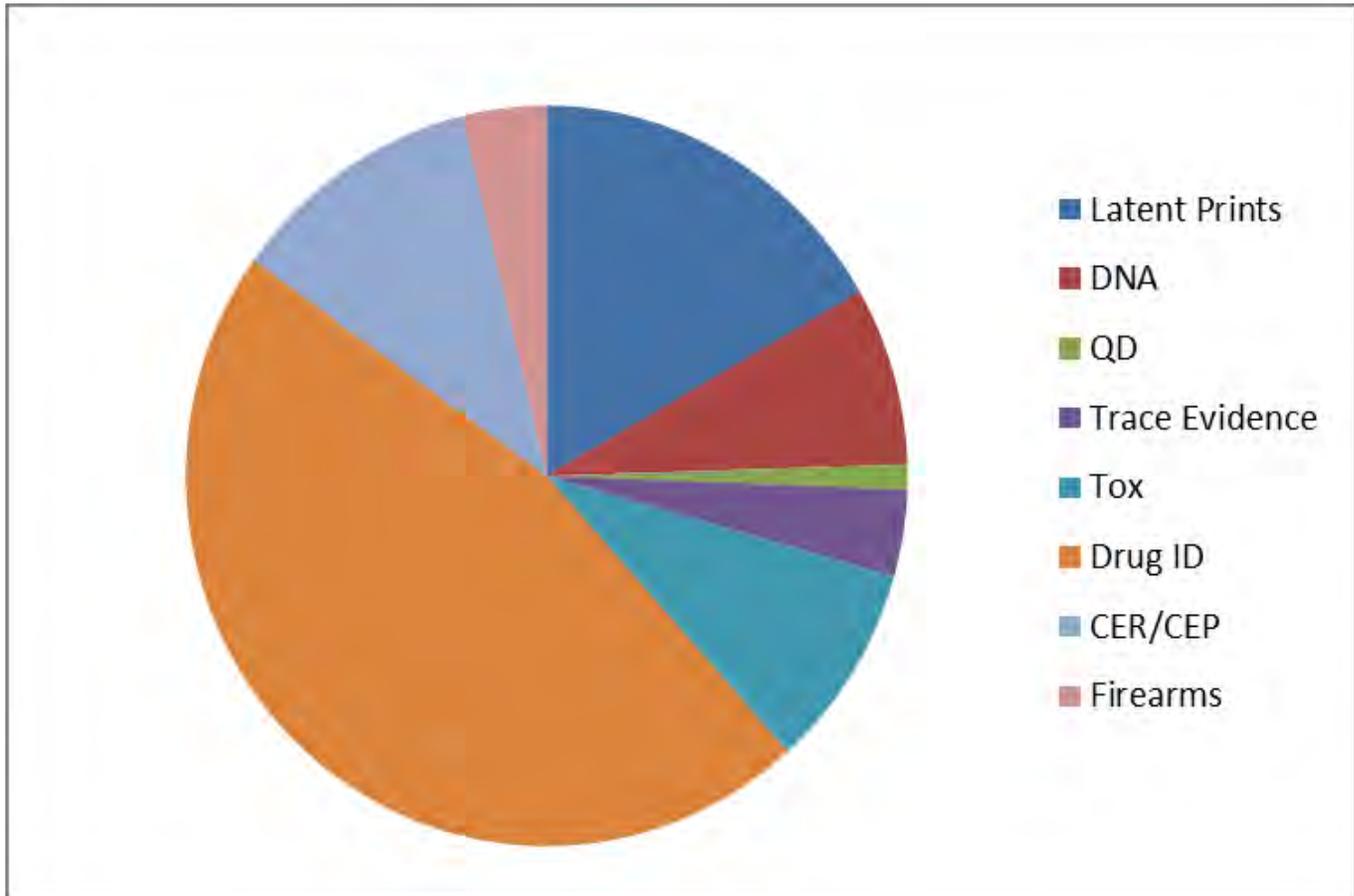
The Forensic Laboratory offers a broad range of forensic services, scientific examinations and expert testimony, without charge, to all law enforcement agencies operating within the State. Examinations are conducted in connection with a crime, in support of a criminal investigation, or in the interest of the public safety. The Laboratory is organized in eight forensic disciplines including Drug Identification, DNA, Firearms/Toolmarks/Impression Evidence, Latent Prints, Toxicology, Trace Evidence, Questioned Documents, and Evidence Processing.

The Laboratory has been accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) since 1994 and will undergo ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation by the same accrediting body in October of 2014.

Section	Number of Cases Fiscal Year 2014	
	Received	Reported
Drug Identification	3716	2576
Evidence Processing	566	626
Firearm & Toolmarks	158	209
Latent Prints	881	925
Trace Evidence	229	210
Toxicology	614	497
Documents	57	60
Biochemistry (DNA)	580	431
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6801</b>	<b>5534</b>

For fiscal year 2014, the Laboratory received approximately **6800 cases** from various law enforcement agencies across the state and tested approximately **20,000 samples**. The total cost of operations for the Forensic Laboratory was approximately **4.7 million**. The Laboratory was awarded \$56,700 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program and \$396,320 in DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction from the National Institute of Justice (for use only in DNA analysis and related disciplines). Funds are allocated for overtime to decrease the backlog of cases, continued education for forensic analysts/technicians, renovation for newly acquired space and to purchase instruments and software necessary to stay abreast with current technologies and emerging trends in the area of forensic analysis.





The Laboratory continues to work on the customization process of Laboratory Information Management System, Forensic Advantage LIMS. This system will provide on-line access of laboratory reports and case status information to law enforcement agencies and officers of the court. This system will enhance communication between all law enforcement agencies and enable stakeholders to take decisive actions. The projected implementation date is January 1, 2015.

The Drug Identification Section, comprised of six full time analysts and one trainee, continues to receive the majority of cases submitted to the laboratory (close to 4,000 submissions last fiscal year) with heroin and marijuana being the most common drugs tested. With the recent hire of one full-time and impending hire of one part-time analyst, the Section continues to work toward decreasing their tremendous backlog of approximately 2,000 drug cases. The most critical needs for the Drug Identification are at least 2-3 Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometers to replace current instruments that can no longer be serviced because of age. Even with a tremendous backlog and instrument needs, the Section continues to build its database of new synthetic drugs and has worked diligently to ensure state legislation is current with national synthetic drug trends and that the state code (most recently HB 4208) mirrors federal code.

The Latent Print Section, currently comprised of three full time analysts, one vacant position and one part-time analyst, received close to 900 cases from various law enforcement agencies throughout the state and finished the fiscal year 2014 with a statistically negligible backlog for the fourth year in a row. With the loss of one fully-trained analyst, but anticipated hire of another fully-trained replacement, the Latent Print Section still remains current with testing requests. The Section now boasts two Certified Latent Print Examiners, of which there are less than one thousand world-wide.

The Biochemistry (DNA) Section, made up of eight qualified analysts and two DNA technicians, is the largest staffed section of the Laboratory and receives approximately 500 cases annually from across the state. The

Section analyzes DNA from violent crimes such as sexual assault and murder as well as from non-violent crimes such as breaking and entering. In addition to comparing DNA obtained from evidence with DNA collected from a suspect/victim, the Biochemistry Section will upload eligible DNA results obtained from evidence to state and national databases, known as Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), in hopes of linking the evidence to other crimes or a possible perpetrator. The West Virginia State Police DNA Laboratory is the only CODIS facility for the state. The number of convicted offender DNA profiles contributed to the National Database as of June 2014 was 21,355. In addition, the number of forensic casework DNA results entered into the National Database reached 944 this year. Our DNA Laboratory has aided over 192 investigations with the use of CODIS since its inception. With the reallocation of building space and hiring of staff to meet the demand for DNA analysis, the Section hopes to begin decreasing its approximate 300 case backlog.

The Questioned Documents Section, comprised of one full-time qualified analyst, one part-time qualified analyst and one analyst in training, can provide less than 90-day turn-around time for testing results. The Section provides analysis in the areas of Handwriting and Questioned Documents Examination often using a Visual Spectral Comparator (VSC) which aids in examination of damaged documents, identifying forged documents, and examination of currency and security features on official documents. With only one in the Section, which is shared with analysts requiring its use in other disciplines, another VSC is essential for efficient operations. Over the past year, the trend in this forensic discipline has moved from minor forgery cases to more complex forgeries, drug-involved cases and crimes against persons. Notable cases for the year included identification of a bomb threat writer at a WV high school, an identification in which a writer was soliciting false testimony from a court witness, and a bank robbery note associated to a suspect through handwriting analysis.

The Trace Evidence Section, made up of one fully trained analyst and two partially trained analysts, offers analyses of ignitable liquids, gun shot residue, glass, and paint. The section received over 200 cases requesting these various types of analyses in fiscal year 2014, lost an analyst with 30 years of experience due to retirement, must outsource certain casework review (a requirement for laboratory accreditation), and still maintains a minimal backlog. With increased staffing and additional equipment, the Section could perform all technical reviews in-house and explore the expansion of testing, such as fiber, hair, and explosives residue analysis.

The Toxicology Section, currently comprised of one fully trained analyst and two vacancies, offers testing services in the areas of Blood Alcohol Analysis and Drug Toxicology. The Section lost two of its three analysts in FY 2014 which has caused a significant increase in case backlog. The Laboratory is currently working to fill the open vacancies. The Section received approximately 600 cases during the past year and currently must outsource a majority of its casework to a contract analyst due to the lack of a second qualified analyst within our Laboratory. Needs of the Section included an additional Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (tandem) to train new employees and meet casework demands simultaneously. Important to note, over the past year, the Toxicology Section, in conjunction with the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention, has been instrumental in supporting the initialization of the state's first Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program.

The Firearm and Toolmark Section, comprised of three full trained analysts and one trainee, received approximately 150 cases in FY 2014 and, due to an almost fully trained staff (for the first time in seven years), saw a tremendous decrease in their overall case backlog (currently at just over 100 cases). The Section offers analysis in firearm and toolmark comparisons, distance determination, impression evidence, physical match and shooting reconstruction. Notable for the Section over the last year, were increased firearm examination requests related to officer-involved shootings from various law enforcement agencies across the state. The Section will soon need to purchase an additional comparison microscope and update existing equipment to stay current with testing technologies and requests. Upon acquisition of space, progression to another fully trained analyst, and retention of our current examiners, the Firearm and Toolmark Section will continue to meet the goal of a zero backlog.



Processing (CEP) Section, currently the only fully trained technical section comprised of five analysts, examines evidence for the presence of biological material. They received over 500 cases in FY 2014 and decreased their backlog (due in part to having/retaining fully trained staff) by almost 70 cases to 175 cases. If current staff is retained and case submissions remain similar, the section will have no backlog in approximately two and one-half (2 ½) years. One of the most significant issues facing the Processing Section is the number of expedited testing requests made by investigators/officers of the court. Approximately 20% of cases processed in FY 2014 were “rush cases”, meaning they were processed out of received order for a significant reason (impending court date, danger to the public, etc.). Should the backlog diminish to near negligible in CEP and in all backlogged sections, investigators from around the state should no longer need to submit expedited requests because case analysis will occur in a more timely manner.

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## Staff Services – Troop 0, Traffic Records



**F/Sgt Chris Zerkle**  
**Director**

The Traffic Records Section is a staff function of the West Virginia State Police. In this capacity, the section is responsible for collecting reports of accidents investigated by Troopers. These reports are indexed and made available to interested parties, such as insurance companies and persons involved in the accidents.

Although many projects were undertaken and completed by the Section during the 2014 Fiscal Year, including the update of all the Intoximeters state wide, the Traffic Records Section is also looking at the Fiscal Year with hopes of completing the development and implementing the Electronic Citation (E-Citation) on a state wide level for all agencies. The Section has updated the Motor Vehicle Inspection (MVI) Manual and is currently in the process of updating the Modified Vehicle Inspection Manual in addition to improving computer technology for the MVI and Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention (CDDP) Units. This includes the computerization of the inspection stations to enable them to have a paperless audit trail and allow for ordering of stickers via Credit Card, Check and Electronic Funds Transfer.

### Motor Vehicle Inspection:

The West Virginia Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, which is administered by the Traffic Records Section of the West Virginia State Police, consists of an annual inspection of all motor vehicles registered in the state, where motor vehicle brakes, exhaust, steering and other mechanical aspects of a motor vehicle are closely evaluated.

While imposing the responsibility and duty of annual inspection upon the motoring public, the West Virginia Inspection Program has also assumed certain obligations to the motorists. It assumes the normal obligations to ensure the program is responsible to public complaints and that it does, in fact, meet its stated objective of promoting public safety and welfare by eliminating mechanical defects in motor vehicles.

The Traffic Records Section has continued monitoring motor vehicle inspection stations for compliance of inspection regulations. Civilian Investigators began utilizing laptop computers to perform their daily inspection station audits which are electronically transferred to the State Police Headquarters, thereby eliminating the paper copy, allowing for a more timely review of the Investigators work.

### STATISTICS FOR MVI IN WEST VIRGINIA July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

TOTAL VEHICLES INSPECTED	1,261,852
REPAIR COST OF VEHICLES INSPECTED	\$367,727
AVERAGE COST PER VEHICLE INSPECTED	\$29.14
TOTAL VEHICLES REJECTED	16,830
TOTAL INSPECTION STATIONS	1,762
TOTAL INSPECTOR MECHANICS	10,132
NEW STATIONS LICENSED	113
STATIONS VOLUNTARILY CANCELLED	38
STATIONS SUSPENDED	75
INSPECTOR MECHANICS SUSPENDED	52



## REPAIRS, ADJUSTMENTS OR REPLACEMENTS MADE TO VEHICLES INSPECTED

HORNS	821
WIPERS	12,256
MIRRORS	1,379
BRAKES	22,556
BODY	2,136
STEERING	12,526
EXHAUST SYSTEM	7,226
LIGHTS	42,409
SAFETY GLASS	1,756
TIRES	63,833
VEHICLES CORRECTED	109,994

## FY 2014 HIGHWAY FATALITIES BY COUNTIES INVESTIGATED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

COUNTY	Crashes	Fatalities	COUNTY	Crashes	Fatalities
BARBOUR	97	2	MINERAL	161	0
BERKELEY	631	5	MINGO	100	1
BOONE	112	1	MONONGALIA	624	5
BRAXTON	75	2	MONROE	56	1
BROOKE	22	0	MORGAN	90	0
CABELL	106	0	NICHOLAS	80	1
CALHOUN	63	1	OHIO	42	0
CLAY	58	2	PENDLETON	105	7
DODDRIDGE	77	1	PLEASANTS	26	1
FAYETTE	198	0	POCAHONTAS	71	0
GILMER	61	0	PRESTON	178	0
GRANT	65	2	PUTNAM	81	0
GREENBRIER	123	2	RALEIGH	360	2
HAMPSHIRE	323	3	RANDOLPH	137	1
HANCOCK	7	0	RITCHIE	89	1
HARDY	80	2	ROANE	71	1
HARRISON	193	5	SUMMERS	34	2
JACKSON	116	6	TAYLOR	63	1
JEFFERSON	113	1	TUCKER	64	3
KANAWHA	574	7	TYLER	8	0
LEWIS	93	5	UPSHUR	159	1
LINCOLN	149	2	WAYNE	159	2
LOGAN	163	1	WEBSTER	49	0
MARION	231	0	WETZEL	57	0
MARSHALL	36	0	WIRT	41	0
MASON	65	1	WOOD	175	0
MCDOWELL	98	1	WYOMING	26	1
MERCER	332	0			

<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>Crashes</b>	<b>Fatalities</b>
	<b>7,367</b>	<b>68</b>



## **Commission On Drunk Driving Prevention:**

The Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention (CDDP) is required to develop and maintain a comprehensive program to prevent drunk driving; enhance the enforcement of laws defining drunk driving offenses; inquire and determine from state and local law enforcement agencies the availability and need for equipment and additional personnel for the effective enforcement of laws defining drunk driving offenses; provide grants to state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase equipment or hiring of additional personnel. The Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police shall be the chairman, Ex-Officio of the Commission and an appointed member of his staff shall be the Executive Director, to oversee the Commission activities.

Short term goals for the CDDP include design and implement an interactive web site for the CDDP that will include data retrieval, download capabilities and links to additional useful sites and purchase additional equipment to assist with testing of drunk drivers. Other goals include the continuation of providing law enforcement agencies throughout West Virginia with funding through grants for the detection and apprehension of drunk drivers, continue statewide training of law enforcement officers on the Intox EC/IR II, Alco-Sensor III and S-D2 PBT devices, which covers field sobriety testing, methods of detection, apprehension and prosecution of drunk drivers, and develop and implement printers for use with the EC/IR II to streamline the paperwork during a DUI arrest.

## **FDA:**

The Traffic Records Section is now over the FDA Tobacco Program (Federal Grant), which has eight employees. The employees check businesses that sell tobacco products to ensure the business in is federal compliance with selling tobacco. Tobacco has to be secured behind the counter, cannot be near any candy or food items and advertisement of same has to be handled in the same manner. Once the compliance checks are completed, a report is sent to the DHHR with the investigator's findings.

## **Staff Services - Troop 0, Accounting**



**Connie Gundy**  
Comptroller

The Accounting Section of the West Virginia State Police is located at the agency's headquarters in South Charleston, West Virginia and comprises Accounts Payable, Budget, Payroll, Cash and Grants Management, Fringe Benefits, and Auditing. Accounting is staffed with 11 full-time civilian employees. Supervision falls within the responsibilities of the Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller.

Accounting personnel are responsible for all revenue and expenditure transactions which include payroll, travel, vendor payments, cash deposits and refunds, fringe benefits plan maintenance, and preparation and expenditure monitoring of the annual operating budget. It is also charged with grants management to ensure compliance with state and federal grant regulations.

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE  
GENERAL REVENUE FUND - ACCOUNT 0453  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO APPROPRIATION  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**A. PERSONAL SERVICES - 001**

Appropriation		\$46,509,813.00	
	Appropriation Adjustments	<u>(3,000,000.00)</u>	
	Net Appropriation		\$43,509,813.00
Expenditures			<u>\$43,491,901.07</u>
Expired Appropriation			<u>\$17,911.93</u>

**B. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - 010**

Appropriation		\$10,088,464.00	
	Appropriation Adjustments	<u>(200,000.00)</u>	
	Net Appropriation		\$9,888,464.00
Expenditures			
001	Overtime	\$8,931.76	
010	Public Employees Insurance	\$110,177.26	
011	Social Security	1,253,510.34	
012	PEIA Insurance	4,881,640.83	
013	Other Health Insurance (Aetna)	67,272.25	
014	Workers Compensation	91,157.68	
015	Unemployment Compensation	11,187.90	
016	Retirement Contributions	1,393,552.10	
093	Less: Reimbursements	(316,799.23)	
160	WV OPEB Contribution	<u>1,795,180.67</u>	
	Total Expenditures		<u>\$9,295,811.56</u>
Expired Appropriation			<u>\$592,652.44</u>

**C. Line item omitted.**

**D. CHILD PROTECTION ACT - 090**

Appropriation		\$893,993.00	
	Appropriation Adjustments	\$0.00	
	Net Appropriation		\$893,993.00
Expenditures			\$861,387.91
Expired Appropriation			\$32,605.09

**E. CURRENT EXPENSE - 130**

Appropriation		\$10,922,384.00	
	Appropriation Adjustments	(30,000.00)	
	Net Appropriation		\$10,892,384.00
Expenditures			
020	Office Expenses	\$220,531.98	
021	Printing & Binding	35,048.68	
022	Rental Expense	41,256.64	
023	Utilities	199,704.52	
024	Telecommunications	863,314.28	
025	Contractual & Professional	111,480.20	
026	Travel	88,880.76	
027	Computer Service	232,817.57	
029	Vehicle Rental	62,194.80	
030	Rentals (Machine & Misc)	22,075.08	
031	Association Dues & Professional	9,620.00	
033	Food Products	96,731.06	
034	Clothing, Household & Recreational	442,183.42	
035	Advertising & Promotional	15,928.51	
036	Vehicle Operating Expense	591,935.84	
037	Research, Educational & Medical	309,136.06	
038	Routine Maintenance Contracts	351,529.04	
041	Cellular Charges	87,539.39	
042	Hospitality	196.00	
043	Educational Training	1,512.00	
044	Energy Exp. Motor Vehicle/Aircraft	3,165,446.29	
046	Subsistence	989,960.35	
047	Energy Expense Utilities	947,117.47	
051	Miscellaneous	697,087.16	
052	Training & Development	12,942.82	
053	Postage & Freight	169,349.08	
054	Computer Supplies	193,863.89	
058	Miscellaneous Equipment & Pur-	195,499.83	
063	Household Repairs	390.00	



070	Office and Communication Equipment	(2,520.00)	
075	Vehicles	16.91	
089	Bank Costs	128.40	
093	Reimbursement	(465,511.44)	
096	Other Interest and Penalties	1,192.52	
100	Fund Transfers	40.00	
110	PEIA Reserve Fund	426,166.00	
153	Debt Service (Leases - Principal)	80,302.22	
154	Debt Service (Leases - Interest)	71,760.43	
156	Medical Services Payments	508,523.46	
175	State Treasurer's Office Fees	545.00	
	Total Expenditures		<u>\$10,775,916.22</u>
	Expired Appropriation		<u>\$116,467.78</u>

**F. REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS - 064**

	Appropriation	\$450,523.00	
	Expenditures		
061	Office & Communication Equipment Repairs	\$40,759.86	
062	Research & Educational Equipment Repairs	9,191.49	
063	Building & Household Equipment Repairs	18,918.85	
064	Routine Building Maintenance	89,931.83	
065	Vehicle Repairs	267,769.18	
066	Routine Maintenance of Grounds	2,036.82	
067	Farm and Construction Equip. Repairs	7,063.02	
068	Other Repairs & Alterations	14,259.59	
	Total Expenditures		<u>\$449,930.64</u>
	Expired Appropriation		<u>\$592.36</u>

**G. VEHICLE PURCHASE - 451**

	Appropriation		\$2,269,600.00
	Expenditures		<u>\$2,259,281.50</u>
	Expired Appropriation		<u>\$10,318.50</u>

**H. COMMUNICATION & OTHER EQUIPMENT - 558 (FY**

	Appropriation		\$63,901.61
	Expenditures		<u>(\$47,823.21)</u>
	Reappropriated		<u>\$111,724.82</u>



**I. COMMUNICATION & OTHER EQUIPMENT - 558 (FY**

Appropriation	\$392,251.43
Expenditures	<u>(\$191,162.16)</u>
<b>Reappropriated</b>	<b><u>\$583,413.59</u></b>

**J. COMMUNICATION & OTHER EQUIPMENT - 558 (FY**

Appropriation	\$828,968.00
Expenditures	<u>\$607,569.44</u>
<b>Reappropriated</b>	<b><u>\$221,398.56</u></b>

**K. TROOPER RETIREMENT FUND - 605**

Appropriation	\$4,740,327.00
Expenditures	<u>\$4,738,565.38</u>
Expired Appropriation	<u>\$1,761.62</u>

**L. CAPITAL OUTLAY & EQUIPMENT SURPLUS - 677**

Appropriation	\$3,240,677.72
Expenditures	<u>\$3,240,677.72</u>
<b>Reappropriated</b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>

**M. HANDGUN ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE - 747**

Appropriation	\$78,163.00
Expenditures	<u>\$75,081.61</u>
Expired Appropriation	<u>\$3,081.39</u>

**N. CAPITAL OUTLAY & MAINTENANCE - 755 (FY 09)**

Appropriation	\$40,150.24
Expenditures	<u>\$36,517.58</u>
<b>Reappropriated</b>	<b><u>\$3,632.66</u></b>



**O. CAPITAL OUTLAY & MAINTENANCE - 755 (FY 10)**

Appropriation	\$99,136.04
Expenditures	<u>\$79,555.45</u>
Reappropriated	<u>\$19,580.59</u>

**P. CAPITAL OUTLAY & MAINTENANCE - 755 (FY 11)**

Appropriation	\$235,156.40
Expenditures	<u>\$65,100.74</u>
Reappropriated	<u>\$170,055.66</u>

**Q. CAPITAL OUTLAY & MAINTENANCE - 755 (FY 12)**

Appropriation	\$242,837.56
Expenditures	<u>\$206,410.25</u>
Reappropriated	<u>\$36,427.31</u>

**R. CAPITAL OUTLAY & MAINTENANCE - 755 (FY 13)**

Appropriation	\$0.81
Expenditures	<u>\$0.81</u>
Reappropriated	<u>\$0.00</u>

**R. CAPITAL OUTLAY & MAINTENANCE - 755 (FY 14)**

Appropriation	\$250,000.00
Net Increase to Appropriation	\$1,870,000.00
Expenditures	<u>\$28,054.78</u>
Reappropriated	<u>\$2,091,945.22</u>

**S. RETIREMENT SYSTEM - UNFUNDED LIABILITY - 775**

Appropriation	\$25,146,000.00
Expenditures	<u>\$25,146,000.00</u>
Expired Appropriation	<u>\$0.00</u>



**T. BARRACKS LEASE PAYMENT - 556**

Appropriation	\$246,478.00
Expenditures	<u>\$246,478.00</u>
Expired Appropriation	<u>\$0.00</u>

**U. AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM - 898**

Appropriation	\$666,711.00
Expenditures	<u>\$646,409.67</u>
Expired Appropriation	<u>\$20,301.33</u>

**V. BRIM PREMIUM - 913**

Appropriation	\$4,946,608.00
Expenditures	<u>\$4,946,608.00</u>
Expired Appropriation	<u>\$0.00</u>

**GRAND TOTAL**

Appropriation	\$112,352,143.81
Appropriation Adjustments	<u>(\$3,230,000.00)</u>
Net Appropriation	\$109,122,143
Total Expenditures	<u>\$106,958,272</u>
Expired Appropriation	\$795,692.44
Reappropriated	<u>\$3,238,178.4</u>

**Comparison to Expended vs. Expired Gen. Rev. Appropriations**

Total Appropriations	106,959,064.00
Appropriation Adjustments	<b>3,230,000.00</b>
Total Expenditures	102,933,371.56
Total Expired Funding	795,692.44



**WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE  
APPROPRIATED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

FUND	6501	6513	6516	6519	6527	6532	6544	TOTAL
Cash Balance 7/1/13	\$2,034,896	\$3,722,527	\$195,468	\$492,115	\$529,825	\$8,495	\$6,303	\$6,989,629
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	1,695,770	1,139,303	-	83,811	266,871	600	48,794	\$3,235,149
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>								
001 Personal Services	691,613	-	-	-	110,911	-	-	\$802,524
003 Payroll Reimbursements	(20,914)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$20,914)
004 Annual Increment	30,052	-	-	-	780	-	-	\$30,832
010 Employee Insurance Fees	5,003	-	-	-	1,330	-	-	\$6,333
011 Social Security Matching	44,548	-	-	-	7,955	-	-	\$52,503
012 Public Employees Insurance	116,727	-	-	-	22,735	-	-	\$139,461
014 Workers Compensation	3,958	-	-	-	732	-	-	\$4,689
016 Pension & Retirement	78,237	-	-	-	16,165	-	-	\$94,402
110 Public Employee Transfer	-	-	-	-	1,220	-	-	\$1,220
160 WV OPEB Contribution	37,306	-	-	-	9,680	-	-	\$46,986
020 Office Expenses	4,569	-	-	689	-	-	44	\$5,302
021 Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
022 Rental Expense (Building)	-	-	-	650	-	-	-	650.00
023 Utilities	2,049	-	-	27	-	-	-	\$2,076
024 Telecommunications	1,359	-	-	2,113	-	-	-	\$3,472
025 Contractual & Professional	0	902,584	-	250	-	-	-	\$902,834
026 Travel	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$126
027 Computer Services	582	-	-	-	33,442	-	-	\$34,024
029 Vehicle Rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
033 Food Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
030 Rentals-Machine&Misc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
031 Association Dues and Professional Membership	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
032 Fire, Auto, Bond & Other Insur	116,066	59,275	6,605	-	7,109	-	-	189,055
033 Food Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
034 Clothing,Household supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,295	1,295
035 Advertising & Promotional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
036 Vehicle Operating Expense	-	-	-	467	-	-	-	\$467
037 Research, Educational,Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
038 Routine Maintenance Contracts	1,776	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,776
040 Merchandise for Resale	71,486	-	-	-	-	-	28,007	\$99,493
041 Cellular Charges	1,440	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,440
042 Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
044 Energy Expense Motor Vehicle/Aircraft	36,875	-	-	139	-	-	-	\$37,014
046 Subsistence	2,590	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,590
047 Energy Expense Motor Vehicle/Aircraft	15,824	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15,824
051 Miscellaneous	571	-	-	148	-	-	-	\$719
052 Training & Development	839	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$839
053 Postal & Freight	44,061	12	-	16	-	-	567	\$44,656
054 Computer Supplies & Equip	5,492	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,492
058 Misc Equipment Purchases	1,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,240
061 Office & Comm. Equip Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
062 Research, Educ, Med Equip Rep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
063 Building and Household Equip Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
064 Routine Building Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
065 Vehicle Repairs	4,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,500
066 Routine Maintenance of Grounds	-	-	-	2,382	-	-	-	2,382
067 Farm and Const. Equip. Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
068 Other Repairs and Alterations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
070 Office & Comm. Equipment	-	-	-	1,096	-	-	-	1,096
072 Research & Educational Equip.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
073 Household Equip.&Furnishings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
074 Building Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
075 Vehicles	135,035	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$135,035
076 Livestock, Farm&Const Equip	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
078 Other Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
083 Grants, Awards, Scholarships, and Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
089 Bank Fees	7,778	-	-	-	-	-	734	\$8,512
092 Building Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
093 Reimbursement	-1,019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1,019
099 Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund - Uncl.	7,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,360
110 Public Employees Insurance Ins. Res. Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
122 Consultant Payments for Capital Asset Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
143 Building Improvements	534,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	534,000
150 Building Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
153 Debt Service (Leases-Principal)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
156 Medical Service Payments	-	-	-	7,821	-	-	-	\$7,821
161 Imprest Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
170 Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
171 Computer Software	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
426 Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
913 Brim Premium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,981,629</b>	<b>961,871</b>	<b>6,605</b>	<b>15,798</b>	<b>212,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,647</b>	<b>3,208,607</b>
Cash Balance 6/30/14	\$1,749,037	\$3,899,959	\$188,863	\$560,128	\$584,637	\$9,095	\$24,450	\$7,016,171



**WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE  
FEDERAL FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

FUND	<b>8741</b>
<b>Cash Balance 6/30/13</b>	\$1,503,505
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	2,859,575
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
001 Personal Services	954,888
003 Payroll Reimbursements	311,100
010 Employee Insurance Fees	720
011 Social Security Matching	7,456
012 Public Employees Insurance	3,185
014 Workers Compensation	326
016 Pension & Retirement	8,810
160 WV OPEB Contribution	2,288
020 Office Expenses	2,884
024 Telecommunications	1,379
025 Contractual & Professional	127,514
026 Travel	41,558
027 Computer Services	5,029
029 Vehicle Rental	96,739
033 Food Products	844
034 Clothing, Household supplies	44,601
036 Vehicle Operating Expense	169
037 Research, Educational, Medical	1,139
051 Miscellaneous	25,831
052 Training & Development	36,584
053 Postal & Freight	2,510
054 Computer Supplies & Equip	40,827
058 Misc Equipment Purchases	84,534
092 Building Construction	90,679
161 Imprest Funds	217,268
062 Research, Educ, Med Equip Rep	4,221
063 Building and Household Equip Re-	0
064 Routine Building Maintenance	0
065 Vehicle Repairs	0
067 Farm and Const. Equip. Repairs	1,103
068 Other Repairs and Alterations	536
072 Research & Educational Equip.	29,665
074 Building Equipment	31,468
075 Vehicles	247,542
078 Other Capital Equipment	209,583
170 Computer Equipment	260,488
122 Consultant Payments for Capital	
171 Computer Software	50,120
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,943,588</b>
<b>Cash Balance 6/30/14</b>	<b>\$1,419,492</b>



**WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE  
NON-APPROPRIATED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - OTHER  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

FUND	6502	6504	6505	6506	6508	6518	6528	6529	6531	TOTAL
<b>Cash Balance &amp; Investments * 7/1/13</b>	\$1,014,485	\$1,575,344	\$93,544	\$732,287	\$70,767	\$1,364,631	\$57,943	\$4,849	\$168,863	\$5,082,714
<b>*RECEIPTS</b>	3,481,280	1,954	741,822	273,061	1,533,215	81,798	39,770	-	6,568	6,159,468
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>										
001 Personal Services	1,007,669	-	384,257	30,332	1,517,525	-	-	-	-	2,939,783
003 Payroll Reimbursements	208,650	-	(513.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	208,137
004 Annual Increment	9,900	-	3,190	540	-	-	-	-	-	13,630
010 Employee Insurance Fees	1,560	-	420	370	-	-	-	-	-	2,350
011 Social Security Matching	22,619	-	6,893	2,060	22,001	-	-	-	-	53,573
012 Public Employees Insurance	31,190	-	16,804	15,432	-	-	-	-	-	63,426
014 Workers Compensation	2,480	-	714	278	-	-	-	-	-	3,472
016 Pension & Retirement	27,521	-	27,682	4,477	-	-	-	-	-	59,680
020 Office Expenses	14,729	-	653	590	-	-	-	-	-	15,972
021 Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
022 Rental Expense (Building)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
023 Utilities	11,284	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,284
024 Telecommunications	-	-	902	-	-	-	-	-	-	902
025 Contractual & Professional	6,875	-	79	12	-	5	-	-	-	6,971
026 Travel	14,473	-	4,493	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,966
027 Computer Services	42,725	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,751
029 Vehicle Rental	57,645	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,645.00
030 Rentals-Machine&Misc	-	-	11,922	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,922.00
032 Fire, Auto, Bond & Other Insur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
033 Food Products	230,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230,777.00
034 Clothing,Household supplies	4,857	-	218	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,075
035 Advertising & Promotional	-	-	9,950	233	-	-	-	-	-	10,183
036 Vehicle Operating Expense	1,604	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,628
037 Research, Educational,Medical	1,330	-	64,743	5,529	-	-	-	-	-	71,602
038 Routine Maintenance Contracts	-	-	13,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,546
041 Cellular Charges	20,293	-	1,090	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,383
040 Merchandise for Resale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
042 Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
044 Energy Expense Motor Vehicle/Aircraft	23,671	-	12,118	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,789
046 Subsistence	-	-	3,120	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,120
047 Energy Expense Motor Vehicle/Aircraft	44,986	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,056
051 Miscellaneous	62,735	-	3,466	4,356	-	-	-	-	-	70,557
052 Training & Development	48,322	-	5,000	1,586	-	-	-	-	-	54,908
053 Postal & Freight	3,066	-	2,179	198	-	67	-	-	-	5,510
054 Computer Supplies & Equip	91,200	-	2,431	3,861	-	941	-	-	-	98,433
058 Misc Equipment Purchases	1,012,788	-	50,394	61,398	-	21,306	-	-	-	1,145,886
061 Office & Comm. Equip Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
062 Research, Educ, Med Equip Repairs	-	-	8,015	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,015
063 Building and Household Equip Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
064 Routine Building Maintenance	4,136	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,136
065 Vehicle Repairs	4,391	-	6,563	150	-	-	-	-	-	11,104
066 Routine Maintenance of Grounds	-	-	-	1,485	-	-	-	-	-	1,485
067 Farm and Const. Equip. Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
068 Other Repairs and Alterations	2,898	-	-	3,576	-	-	-	-	-	6,474
070 Office & Comm. Equipment	27,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,400
072 Research & Educational Equip.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
073 Household Equip. & Furnishings	15,093	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,093
074 Building Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
075 Vehicles	(6,850)	-	0	-	-	672,040	-	-	-	665,190
076 Livestock, Farm&Const Equip	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
078 Other Capital Equipment	30,883	-	13,798	(16,895)	-	-	-	-	-	27,786
083 Grants, Awards, Scholarships, and Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
092 Building Construction	-	-	23,468	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,468.00
093 Reimbursement	-	-	(7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
110 Public Employees Insurance Ins. Res. Transfer	2,350	-	1,223	302	-	-	-	-	-	3,875
122 Consultant Payments for Capital Asset Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
143 Building Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
148 Land Improvements	10,000	-	-	9,900	-	-	-	-	-	19,900.00
150 Building Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	152,953	-	-	-	152,953
153 Debt Service (Leases-Principal)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
156 Medical Service Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,162	-	-	-
160 WV OPEB Contribution	12,848	-	5,280	4,224	-	-	-	-	-	22,352
161 Imprest Funds	27,951	-	-	(1,495)	-	-	-	-	-	26,456
170 Computer Equipment	21,199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,199
171 Computer Software	300,694	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,694
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,457,942</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>684,211</b>	<b>132,499</b>	<b>1,539,526</b>	<b>847,312</b>	<b>21,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,661,497</b>
<b>Cash Balance &amp; Investments 6/30/14</b>	<b>\$1,037,823</b>	<b>\$1,577,298</b>	<b>\$151,155</b>	<b>\$872,849</b>	<b>\$64,456</b>	<b>\$599,117</b>	<b>\$76,551</b>	<b>\$4,849</b>	<b>\$175,431</b>	<b>\$4,580,685</b>

\*Receipts for Fund 6504 are Fund Transfers to Fund 8741 Per S.B. 2018  
\* Funds 6504,6506,6518, & 6513 balances include both Cash and Investments with Treasurer



**WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE  
EXPENDITURES  
BY FUND TYPE AND ACTIVITY  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	0453 GENERAL REVENUE	APPROPRIATED SPECIAL REVENUE	8741 FEDERAL FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL	%
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 44,254,746	\$812,442	\$1,265,988	\$3,161,550	\$49,494,726	41.32%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 39,469,604	\$345,594	\$22,785	\$204,853	\$40,042,836	33.43%
CURRENT EXPENSES	\$ 17,021,876	1,366,198	\$729,410	2,010,197	\$21,127,681	17.64%
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS	\$ 780,192	\$6,882	\$5,860	\$31,214	\$824,148	0.69%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,111,318	136131	\$778,746	\$756,668	\$3,782,863	3.16%
BUILDINGS	\$ 3,242,730	541,360	\$90,679	196,321	\$4,071,090	3.40%
OTHER	\$ 77,807	-	\$50,120	\$ 300,694	\$428,621	0.36%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,958,273.00</b>	<b>\$3,208,607</b>	<b>\$2,943,588</b>	<b>6,661,497</b>	<b>\$119,771,965</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL</b>	<b>89.30%</b>	<b>2.68%</b>	<b>2.46%</b>	<b>5.56%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE  
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

	WV Parkways Authority	Division of Motor Vehicles	Insurance Commission	Lottery Commission	Total
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,711,216.68	\$0.00	\$ 161,847.67	\$ 165,162.34	\$2,038,226.69
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$222,170.35	\$0.00	\$22,239.44	\$24,387.53	\$268,797.32
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$84,909.08	\$16,160.82	\$4,055.11	\$4,680.00	\$109,805.01
BARRACKS LEASE PAYMENT	-	\$137,825.49	-	-	\$137,825.49
EXPIRING FUNDS	-	\$908.12	\$4,701.34	\$0.00	\$5,609.46
TROOPER RETIREMENT FUND	\$226,366.73	\$0.00	\$20,396.16	\$24,228.10	\$270,990.99
<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,244,662.84</b>	<b>\$154,894.43</b>	<b>\$ 213,239.72</b>	<b>\$ 218,457.97</b>	<b>\$2,831,254.96</b>



**WVSP FY 2014 INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES & ACTIVITY**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>7/1/12 Beg. Bal.</b>	<b>Investments</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>6/30/13 End. Balance</b>
<b>6504</b>	\$1,575,343.79	-	-	1,954.28	\$ 1,577,298.07
<b>6506</b>	\$622,608.41	-	-	769.68	\$ 623,378.09
<b>6518</b>	\$2,398.09	-	-	3.73	\$ 2,401.82
<b>6531</b>	\$46,734.04	11,801.00	(5,421.94)	57.70	\$ 53,170.80
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,247,084.33</b>	<b>\$ 11,801.00</b>	<b>\$ (5,421.94)</b>	<b>\$ 2,785.39</b>	<b>\$ 2,256,248.78</b>

## Headquarters – Troop 0, Legal Section



**John Hoyer**  
Chief Legal Counsel

The Legal Section of the West Virginia State Police consists of two attorneys, both of whom are Assistant Attorneys General and one paralegal. The section is housed within agency headquarters and deals with a multitude of legal issues ranging from civil to criminal matters that affect the agency.

The Legal Section is also responsible for administrative grievance hearings from grievances filed by agency employees. The section also handles Circuit and Supreme Court appeals that arise from these cases, as well as handling any unemployment hearings resulting from employee or member termination.

The section prepares written briefs or oral arguments on all civil or criminal appeals that directly affect the West Virginia State Police, such as those pertaining to sexual offender registration, expungements, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation, and concealed weapons.

On occasion, the Legal Section is called upon to provide instruction during annual in-service training for West Virginia State Police members. In this capacity, the Legal Section updates sworn members of pending or decided West Virginia Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court decisions that affect law enforcement. The Legal Section aids in the development of new policies and procedures, training for key personnel, and answering both administrative and field questions pertaining to the agency. In addition, the attorneys answer a wide variety of legal questions from members in the field on a daily basis.



## Headquarters – Troop 0, Professional Standards Section



**Captain C. J. White**  
**Director**

The Professional Standards Section is the Superintendent's principle point of contact regarding the professional conduct of both sworn members and civilian employees of the agency. It serves as a collection and dissemination point for all allegations of misconduct lodged against West Virginia State Police employees and ensures these allegations are thoroughly investigated. It provides an avenue through which the public can have complaints addressed and through which the Superintendent can receive complete and accurate information when determining appropriate action to address these complaints. The operation of the Professional Standards Section is governed by West Virginia Legislative Rule 81CSR10. The rule addresses procedures for receiving and investigating complaints, employee rights, the early identification system, psychological assessment, and progressive discipline.

The Professional Standards Section is supervised by a section director who holds an appointed rank position from one of the Superintendent's principal supervisor positions and answers directly to the Superintendent. In addition to the Director, the section is staffed with a Deputy Director and a secretary at the agency's headquarters and an inspector at each troop headquarters who perform investigations and inquiries on behalf of the section. Investigations and inquiries are reviewed by the director for thoroughness, accuracy, and completeness before being submitted to the Superintendent for closure.

The Superintendent closes all allegations in one of six ways: Sustained, Not Sustained, Unfounded, Exonerated, Policy Failure, or Withdrawn. During Fiscal Year 2014 the section received and investigated 149 complaints involving 263 allegations of misconduct. A complaint may allege more than one act of misconduct or additional acts of misconduct may be uncovered during an investigation. The accompanying chart illustrates the adjudication of those allegations.

Complaints or allegations of misconduct are generated externally from citizens, and internally by employees of the agency and by the West Virginia State Police Crash Review Board who determines if an employee is at fault in vehicle crashes involving an agency vehicle. Complaints are accepted from the public by any means including those received in person, by mail, by the internet or by telephone. During Fiscal Year 2014, 64 percent of the complaints were received from citizens and 36 percent received from within the agency.

Legislative Rule 81CSR10 authorizes the Professional Standards Section to maintain and administer the early identification system that identifies employees who may be at risk of job-related or other stressors that increases the likelihood of performance problems and complaints of misconduct. Additionally, the section also administers both the uniformed and non-uniformed employee grievance procedures and the random drug-testing program utilized by the agency. The section is also tasked with conducting inspections of West Virginia State Police owned, leased, or maintained facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure compliance with West Virginia State Police Policy and Procedure. Professional Standards also reviews vehicle pursuits and reports of response to resistance or aggression by members of the agency to ensure compliance with established policies and procedures.



Allegations and Dispositions July 2013 to June 2014		
Sustained	101	38%
Not Sustained	37	14%
Unfounded	20	8%
Exonerated	69	26%
Policy Failure	1	0%
Withdrawn	4	2%
Pending	31	12%
Total	263	100%

In addition to supervising the Professional Standards Section, the director is also responsible for maintaining and facilitating the West Virginia State Police Career Progression System. The system provides troopers of the West Virginia State Police with career-advancement opportunities throughout the member's career, in both supervisory and non-supervisory roles, and is governed by Legislative Rule 81CSR3. These duties include coordination of all promotional events and reclassification requests for sworn members. In addition to the administration and oversight of the Career Progression System, the director provides recommendations to the superintendent concerning impending promotions to the ranks of sergeant, first sergeant, and lieutenant when vacancies are identified. Promotional candidates for these ranks are identified through a series of written and practical tests, oral interviews, educational background, and other criteria to identify qualified candidates to occupy these supervisory positions. Recommendations made by the director are based upon a rank-ordered list of promotional candidates for these supervisory positions and their availability to accept promotions to various locations throughout West Virginia in accordance with Legislative Rule.



## Directory of State Police Facilities and Offices

### Agency Headquarters

#### Superintendent

Colonel C. R. "Jay" Smithers 746-2115

#### Deputy Superintendent

Lieutenant Colonel Jack C. Chambers 746-2253

#### Chief of Field Services

Major Timothy D. Bradley 746-2112

#### Deputy Chief of Field Services

Captain Anthony L. Cummings 746-2106

#### Chief of Staff

Major William J. Scott 746-2205

#### Deputy Chief of Staff Services

Captain Michael G. Corsaro 746-2103

#### Executive Office

Kelly Carson 746-2115

#### Professional Standards

Captain C. Joe White 746-2114

First Lieutenant M. LaFauci 746-2164

Tara Davis 746-2110

#### Planning and Research

First Sergeant Michael D. Lynch 746-2107

First Sergeant Aaron Nichols 746-2190

Sergeant James Murphy 746-2109

Joy Cunningham 746-2195

#### Medical Unit

James Rucker 766-5821

#### Crimes Against Children Unit

First Lieutenant Daniel Swiger 293-6400

#### Personnel

Marsha Beasley 746-2118

Sandy Handley 746-2119

Sherry Dunlap 746-2117

Jeanie Jordan 746-2130

#### Accounting

Connie Gundy 746-2203

Angie Metzger 746-2200



**Promotional Standards**

Captain C. Joe White 746-2114  
 Joy Cunningham 746-2195

**Special Operations**

Captain Ron Arthur 766-5877  
 First Sergeant Eddie B. Starcher 766-5880

**Academy**

Captain David Lee 766-5801

**Professional Development Center**

First Sergeant Shallon Oglesby 766-5807

**Executive Protection**

Captain Gregory S. Bowman 558-0514

**Legal Services**

John Hoyer 746-2471  
 Virginia Lanham 746-2425

**Photography**

Robert D. Carson 746-2213

**Information Services**

First Lieutenant G. E. McCabe 746-5899  
 Sergeant Jeff Perry 746-2154

**Criminal Records**

Sergeant Scott M. Pettry 746-2498  
 Sergeant Russ Greene 746-2489

**Forensic Laboratory**

Sheri Lemons 746-2181

**Procurement**

First Lieutenant Donn P. Kitzmiller 746-2136  
 Sergeant Michael Dickerson 746-2139

**Traffic Records**

First Sergeant Chris K. Zerkle 746-2191  
 Sergeant S. D. Schoolcraft 746-2490

**Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention**

First Lieutenant Chad J. Tierney 285-3200  
 First Sergeant Jay Powers 746-2207



**Detachment Directory**

<b><u>Detachment</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number (304)</u></b>
BCI	Statewide	766-5560
Beckley	Raleigh	256-6700
Berkeley Springs	Morgan	258-0000
Bridgeport	Harrison	627-2300
Buckhannon	Upshur	473-4200
Charles Town	Jefferson	725-9779
Clay	Clay	286-3185
Elizabeth	Wirt	275-8961
Elkins	Randolph	637-0200
Fairmont	Marion	367-2701
Franklin	Pendleton	358-2200
Gauley Bridge	Fayette	779-2161
Glenville	Gilmer	462-7101
Grafton	Taylor	265-6101
Grantsville	Calhoun	354-6334
Hamlin	Lincoln	824-3101
Harrisville	Ritchie	643-2101
Hinton	Summers	466-2800
Hundred	Wetzel	775-4488
Huntington	Cabell	528-5555
Jesse	Wyoming	682-4717



<b><u>Detachment</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number (304)</u></b>
Keyser	Mineral	788-1101
Kingwood	Preston	329-1101
Lewisburg	Greenbrier	647-7600
Logan	Logan	792-7200
Madison	Boone	369-7800
Marlinton	Pocahontas	799-4101
Martinsburg	Berkeley	267-0001
Mason County	Mason	675-0850
Moorefield	Hardy	538-2925
Morgantown	Monongalia	285-3200
Moundsville	Marshall	843-4100
New Cumberland	Hancock	564-3854
Oak Hill	Fayette	469-2915
Paden City	Tyler	455-0913
Parkersburg	Wood	420-4600
Parsons	Tucker	478-3101
Philippi	Barbour	457-1101
Princeton	Mercer	425-2101
Quincy	Kanawha	949-3136
Rainelle	Greenbrier	438-3000
Richwood	Nicholas	846-6510
Ripley	Jackson	372-7850
Romney	Hampshire	822-3562



<b><u>Detachment</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number (304)</u></b>
South Charleston	Kanawha	558-7777
St. Marys	Pleasants	684-7101
Spencer	Roane	927-0950
Summersville	Nicholas	872-0800
Sutton	Braxton	765-2101
Union	Monroe	772-5100
Wayne	Wayne	272-5131
Webster Springs	Webster	226-3200
Welch	McDowell	436-2101
Wellsburg	Brooke	737-3671
Weston	Lewis	269-0500
West Union	Doddridge	873-2101
Wheeling	Ohio	238-1100
Whitesville	Raleigh	854-0101
Williamson	Mingo	235-6000
Winfield	Putnam	586-2000

