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Celebrating 100 years of service to the people of Maryland in 2021, the Maryland State Police includes nearly 2,400 dedicated sworn and civilian employees.

‘Ever Vigilant, Always Prepared’ For 100 Years

Maryland State Police Celebrates Centennial Anniversary

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – The Maryland State Police is proud to announce the 100th anniversary of its founding as a statewide, full-service law enforcement department that has continually provided dedicated and professional police services to the people of Maryland.

The idea was born of necessity. The dawn of the 1920’s brought a perplexing problem to the office of Maryland Governor Albert Ritchie. The advent of the automobile was providing criminals with the means to expand their criminal enterprises and the ability to quickly flee their crime scenes and travel out of the area to

avoid detection and arrest.

Governor Ritchie proposed a solution that changed the landscape of law enforcement in Maryland. He decided a police force was needed that had statewide jurisdiction and would provide both criminal and traffic enforcement across the entire state of Maryland.

On January 10, 1921, the Maryland State Police became a reality as 36 recruits began training in the first academy class.

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MSP 100: Maryland's Finest Making A Difference Since 1921

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One month later, Governor Ritchie presided over the graduation of the first members of the Maryland State Police. He charged them to "...protect the men, women and property of the State of Maryland and to preserve law and order." The members of the Maryland State Police have proudly done so ever since.

"Every hour of every day for the past 100 years, the men and women of the Maryland State Police have served the people of Maryland with a dedication to duty and a commitment to service that is second to none," Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III, said. "The stories of their selfless service, their courage and their sacrifice would fill volumes.

"Through the years, thousands of sworn employees who have worn this uniform and thousands who have served in civilian support have built a legacy of excellence in public safety services. The Maryland State Police family is proud of these past 100 years of service to the people of our state. We look forward to the history we will write in the years ahead as we continue to uphold the reputation and tradition of 'Maryland's finest.'"



Maryland State Police troopers and civilian personnel have been making a difference in Maryland since 1921.

With an authorized strength of just under 2,400 employees, the Maryland State Police continues its mission of purposed policing in every corner of the state, in coordination with and support of local law enforcement agencies in each county. Patrol troopers are assigned to 23 barracks and patrol in every county. State Police criminal investigators work in every jurisdiction, focusing on cross-border and inter-jurisdictional criminal activity.

Each Maryland State Police function is supported by a dedicated staff of civilian employees. Civilian employees work as police communications operators, scientists, automotive and aviation technicians, administrative officers, helicopter pilots, building maintenance and a variety of other important roles.

Providing quality public safety services has not occurred without a cost. During the past 100 years, 43 Maryland state troopers and one deputy state fire marshal lost their lives in the line of duty. The service and sacrifice of our Fallen Heroes will never be forgotten.

In 1935, the Maryland State Police was separated from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and was established as its own department of state government. During the 1930's, women were hired to replace men as civilian stenographers, clerks, radio and teletype operators.

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In 1950, Maryland State Police Headquarters moved from its location at the Pikesville Armory to a refurbished military garrison originally built in 1816. The new headquarters location in Pikesville housed the State Police Training Academy, where trooper candidates lived for their six-months of training.

On July 8, 1957, Milton Taylor became the first African American Maryland state trooper. He led the way for a proud history of African American troopers. He held the rank of captain upon his retirement in 1982.

The 1960's saw the development of specialized units within the Department. The Aviation Unit was formed in 1960, followed by the K-9 Unit and what is now known as the Underwater Recovery Team in 1961.

The Automotive Safety Enforcement Division was formed in 1965 and is still responsible for overseeing compliance at Maryland vehicle inspection stations. That same year, the first tactical team was organized and trained. Maryland State Police tactical teams would respond to multiple disturbances on college campuses, in Maryland cities and in state prisons during that decade and the next.

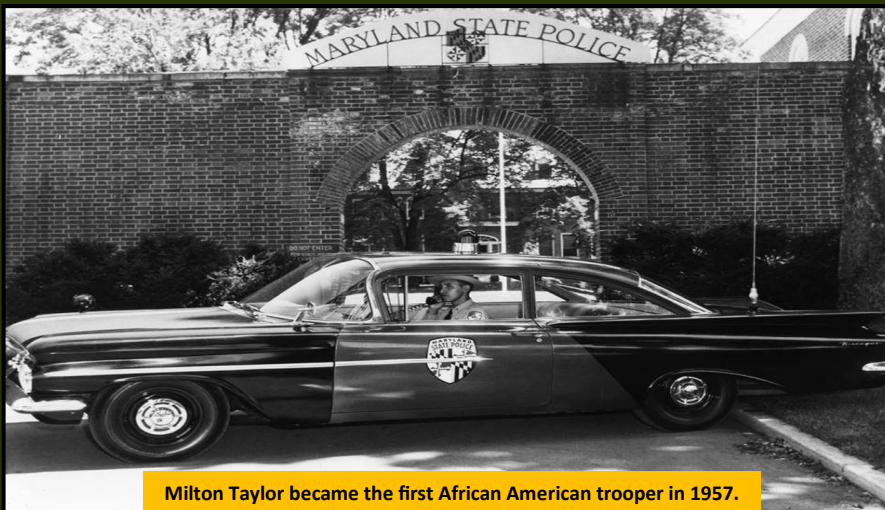
What is now known as the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division was organized in 1967 and the State Police Cadet Program was begun. Troopers, truck inspectors and cadets continue to



MSP moved to its current headquarters in Pikesville in 1950.

help keep Maryland highways safe through strict enforcement of commercial vehicle safety laws.

In March 1970, the Maryland State Police Aviation Command began a new mission that would change the face of medical services in our state forever.



Milton Taylor became the first African American trooper in 1957.

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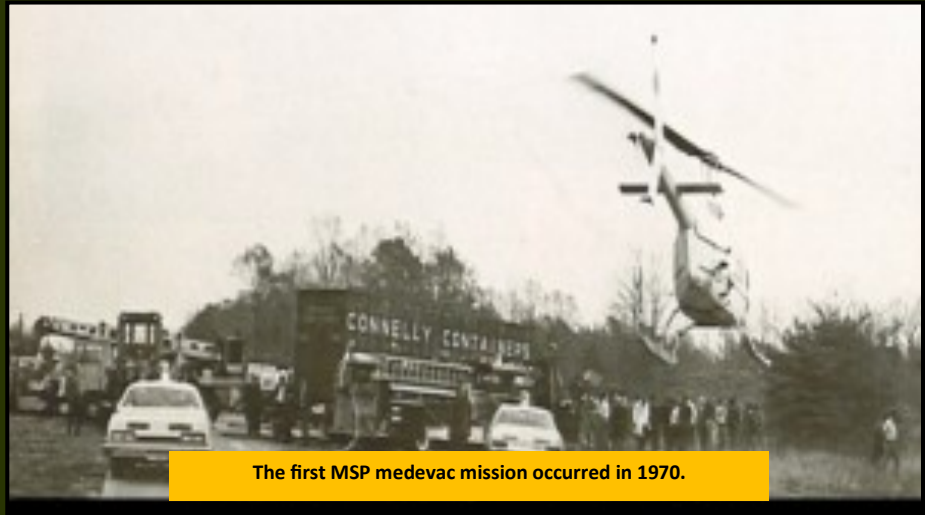


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MSP 100: Saving Lives, Solving Crimes

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A State Police pilot and medic were dispatched in a Bell Jet helicopter to the scene of a traffic crash on the Baltimore Beltway. They picked up the critically injured patient and flew him to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, where Dr. R Adams Cowley was pioneering trauma care and the concept of the 'Golden Hour.' Since then, more than 150,000 people have been flown to lifesaving care by our helicopter crews.



The first MSP medevac mission occurred in 1970.

During the decade of the 70's, the Crime Laboratory Division was established and quickly became a vital part of Maryland State Police investigations.

The Special Traffic Enforcement Unit was formed and the work of troopers across Maryland helped establish a national reputation for excellence in speed, impaired

driving and related traffic enforcement initiatives.

The Special Tactical Assault Team Element and Crisis Negotiation Team were formed and became integral to Maryland State Police responses to barricade or other high-risk incidents.

In 1974, the first six female troop-

er candidates entered the Maryland State Police Academy. These women set a standard of excellence and led the way for the hundreds of women who have followed them into the ranks of the Maryland State Police.

The 1980's saw continued growth in the State Police. New barracks and a new crime lab were built to replace aging facilities. Motorcycles were again part of the patrol fleet and the Aviation Command began transitioning to new helicopters. Operation Spider and other traffic enforcement efforts were launched. By the end of the decade, impaired driving arrests had nearly tripled from the decade before.



Women joined MSP's trooper ranks in 1974.

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MSP 100: Changing With The Times



The K-9 Unit has been a vital part of the State Police since 1961.

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In 1994, state law established Maryland's DNA database and assigned its coordination to our Forensic Sciences Division. That Division still coordinates the database which has been used to identify suspects and connect cases thousands of times over.

The Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Unit was established during the 1990's and was the first among Maryland law enforcement agencies. Today, that unit continues to be a vital part of both criminal and traffic investigative work due to the ever expanding use of electronic devices and technology.

The new century brought new challenges. The terrorist attacks

in 2001 changed the face of law enforcement forever and added new homeland security responsibilities to the State Police mission.

In 2006, the newest Forensic Sciences Division facility was opened. This is the largest crime laboratory facility in Maryland and houses scientists who perform a wide range of forensic services. Seventy-percent of the cases analyzed in the Maryland State Police crime laboratory are in support of local law enforcement agencies that do not have these capabilities.

In 2007, members of the Maryland State Police Information Technology Division developed and launched the Electronic Traf-

fic Information Exchange, which dramatically improved the process for issuing citations and warnings. This system is now used by most Maryland law enforcement agencies.

The Regional Automated Property Information Database, known as RAPID, was developed in an effort to track stolen property. This database is widely used by law enforcement and has significantly improved the ability of police officers to close property crime cases with arrests.

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The newest Forensic Sciences Division facility opened in 2006. More than 70 percent of the cases analyzed by the MD State Police lab are for local police departments without lab resources.



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This past decade has seen the launch of the State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort, a full-time team targeting impaired drivers. The Maryland State Police continues to be a leader in impaired driving enforcement.

The State Police Mobile Field Force program was implemented that can assemble and deploy hundreds of specially-trained and equipped troopers to the scene of a disturbance within hours.

The State Police Aviation Command implemented the conversion to a new helicopter fleet and doubling the size of the crew on each aircraft. Today, these state-of-the-art aircraft and the crews who staff them continue to save lives in our skies every day.

“While much has changed in 100 years, the two things that have remained constant are our mission and our commitment,” Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III, said. “We continue to have a statewide mission to serve and protect the citizens of Maryland. The shield we proudly wear continues to represent help and hope to people who are in danger or in need of care. The dedication to duty of the men and women who wear this uniform and serve in civilian support has not changed. The members of the Maryland State



Police family are individuals committed to our core values of integrity, fairness and service. They are willing to set themselves apart from the rest, with a deep and

relentless commitment to be the best. We are proud to serve the people of Maryland.”

For more information about the Maryland State Police, please visit www.mdsp.maryland.gov or watch a video celebrating the milestone at https://youtu.be/GIL1Z_BaHUY



Each year, the Maryland State Police family remembers the 43 troopers and one deputy chief state fire marshal who lost their lives in the line of duty.



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MSP Polar Bear Plunge Goes Virtual Due To COVID-19 Pandemic



Lt. Diane Hansen, commander of the Golden Ring Barrack, and Special Olympics Maryland President/CEO Jim Schmutz participate in a virtual Polar Bear Plunge.

Thanks to the generosity of so many Marylanders and their courage to 'bear the cold,' the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge has become a Maryland tradition and an important fundraiser for Special Olympics Maryland.

During the past 25 annual Plunges, tens of thousands of people have ignored water temperatures in the 30's and air temps that have been even colder, to jump into the Chesapeake Bay at Sandy Point State Park to raise millions of dollars to fund the sports training and competition provided free-of-charge to children and adults with intellectual disabilities by Special Olympics MD.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has created an unprecedented challenge during this 25th anniversary year. However, the Plunge Nation



Superintendent Colonel Jerry Jones led by example and plunged into the Bay at Sandy Point State Park. Watch his plunge on the MSP Facebook page.

remains undaunted, just like the athletes we support. The Plunge has gone virtual and, in reality, provided limitless opportunities for fun and creativity while still supporting Special Olympics MD.

In a recent Maryland State Police

podcast, Jim Schmutz, president and CEO of Special Olympics Maryland, talks about the importance of this organization in the lives of those it serves and the importance of the generous people who support the Plunge and other fundraising efforts.

DOWNLOAD: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1469332/7151515>



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Police Task Force Dismantles Shore Drug Trafficking Organization

(CENTREVILLE, MD) – A combined law enforcement investigation led to the arrests last month of six people alleged to be part of a significant drug trafficking organization on the upper Eastern Shore.

The investigation, initiated by the Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force, looked into information concerning the operation of a drug trafficking organization believed to be distributing large amounts of opioid pills and cocaine in the county. The task force requested and received assistance from the Maryland State Police Heroin Investigative Unit during the summer and fall of 2020. Multiple law enforcement agencies ultimately provided assistance with the investigation.

The ensuing investigation confirmed that an organization believed to be headed by Terrance D. Brooks Jr., was involved in the daily distribution of both powder and crack cocaine and illegal opioid prescription pills in Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Evidence was developed that enabled investigators to obtain 12 search warrants for four residences, five vehicles and two individuals. The homes searched were located in Millington and Chestertown. (Two of the search warrants were served at the same address.)



Police recovered suspected powder cocaine, oxycodone, adderall and alprazolam pills, and suboxone strips. An assault pistol, a shotgun and two handguns were also recovered. Police took custody of four vehicles and more than \$17,000 in cash believed to be connected to the drug operation.

"The relentless commitment of dedicated state troopers, deputies, police officers and prosecutors working together has once again resulted in the successful dismantling of a criminal enterprise negatively impacting the lives and safety of Eastern Shore citizens," Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III said. "I commend the initiative, courage and perseverance of each member of the task force and

the others who assisted with this investigation. I am committed to continuing this type of teamwork as we work together to make Maryland safer."

The Queen Anne's County Drug Task Force is comprised of members of the Maryland State Police, the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, and the Queen Anne's County State's Attorney's Office. It is also supported by the Centreville Police Department and the Maryland Natural Resources Police.



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Traffic Initiative On B-W Parkway Leads To Multiple Drug, Fugitive Arrests

(GLEN BURNIE, MD) — A focused traffic and criminal enforcement initiative by a team of troopers on Rt. 295 in northern Anne Arundel County resulted in multiple arrests of individuals wanted on warrants and in possession of suspected heroin and fentanyl.

The initiative occurred during the last three days of December and the first two days of the new year. A team of troopers from the Glen Burnie Barrack focused their enforcement on southbound Rt. 295 from Baltimore to near

BWI.

During the enforcement, troopers arrested seven individuals for possession of drugs other than marijuana. They recovered more than 180 capsules of suspected heroin/fentanyl and more than one dozen vials of suspected cocaine/crack. Multiple items of drug paraphernalia and small amounts of marijuana were also recovered.

In addition, troopers found six of the individuals they encountered were wanted on warrants for

outstanding criminal violations. Two other people were arrested for active probation violations.

Traffic violations observed by troopers on this stretch of highway resulted in 68 citations and 52 warnings being issued. Future focused enforcement efforts in this area are planned.



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Traffic Stops Lead To Weapon Arrests In Prince George's, St. Mary's Counties

Troopers arrested several suspects on weapons charges following traffic stops in Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties in recent weeks.

Shortly before 10 a.m. on Jan. 19, troopers stopped a Chevy Cobolt for a traffic violation on I-495 South at Arena Drive in Largo, Maryland.

When the trooper contacted the driver, an odor of marijuana was detected from inside of the vehicle. During a probable cause search of the vehicle, troopers located marijuana and a Smith and Wesson SD40 VE handgun.

The driver, JaQuan Demetric Ross, 25, of Lanham, Maryland, is prohibited from possession of a regulated firearm. The driver was arrested and transported to the



Maryland State Police Forestville Barrack for processing prior to seeing a District Court Commissioner.

Troopers also arrested two men on weapons charges following a traffic stop Dec. 30 in St. Mary's County. Shortly before 9:15 p.m. troopers from the Leonardtown Barrack stopped a vehicle for

failure to stop at a stop sign.

During this time, the trooper observed a weapon sticking out from under the center console of the vehicle. Upon additional units arriving on scene, a search was conducted and two handguns were located in the vehicle.

Both the driver, Corey Lakeith Bowman, 24, of Waldorf, Maryland and the passenger, Gerald Edward Gross, 21, of Lusby, Maryland were placed under arrest for numerous gun related charges and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention Center.

Concerns Rise Over Somerset County Gift Card Scams

The Princess Anne Barrack has seen a rise in gift card scams, mainly targeting the elderly.

Most often, consumers that use gift cards to pay a scammer are drawn in by an imposter scam. These can take on many forms, but the ones most likely to rely on gift cards as a payment method were government imposters, fami-

ly imposters, business imposters, and tech support scams.

In these scams, the scammers convince consumers that they must pay using gift cards. The reasons they present vary, but they always come back to the idea that a consumer must go to a retail outlet, purchase physical gift cards, and then provide the PIN numbers on

the cards to the scammer. Reports suggest scammers favor certain brands of gift cards, and those change over time.

Anyone who encounters one of these scams should report the fraud to the Maryland State Police Princess Anne Barrack at 443-260-3700.



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State Police Helicopter Hoists Victim Out of Mountainous Area In West Virginia

(MORGAN COUNTY, WV) - Maryland State Police rescued a victim who was injured by a falling tree in West Virginia.

Shortly before 3:30 p.m. on January 18th, Maryland State Police Helicopter Trooper 5, based at Cumberland Airport was dispatched to Morgan County, West Virginia to hoist a victim who was injured by a falling tree. Due to the multiple sustained injuries, steep terrain and the extended extrication time by ground, Trooper 5 was requested to perform an aerial hoist rescue.

The helicopter crew configured Trooper 5 for an aerial hoist operation and arrived overhead. The pilots maneuvered the AW-139 helicopter into a steady hover position 180 feet above the rescue crews due to terrain and obstacles.

A Trooper/Rescue Technician with medical equipment was lowered to the scene.

The Trooper/Rescue Technician assisted with patient stabilization. The Trooper/Rescue Technician then secured the patient into the rescue litter with the assistance from Morgan County EMS.

Once the patient was ready to be hoisted, Trooper 5 repositioned and maneuvered the helicopter into a steady hover position 130 feet above the victim. The Trooper/Rescue Technician and the victim were hoisted up to the helicopter.

Once the patient was secured inside the aircraft, Trooper 5 transitioned to its medevac role and transported the patient to UPMC Western Maryland Medical Cen-

ter for further treatment.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970, and operates a fleet of ten (10) helicopters from seven (7) bases throughout Maryland on a 24/7/365 basis.

Missions include medevac, law enforcement, search & rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of rescues performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on the cooperative effort of local fire, rescue, EMS and law enforcement agencies.



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Lt. Col. Roland Butler (L), Chief of the MSP Field Operations Bureau, joined state transportation officials and the MDTA Police as the law enforcement agencies received donated car seats.

MDOT MVA Donates Child Safety Seats to MSP, MDTA Police to Safely Transport Children During Emergencies

Law enforcement officers often find themselves carrying precious cargo in unexpected situations.

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) is making sure that when officers need to transport children, they have the tools to do so safely.

MDOT MVA presented Maryland State Police (MSP) and Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police with new Graco 3-in-1 child safety seats, which will be available to officers at each of the 23 MSP barracks and seven MDTA Police detachments.

The project was made possible through a partnership between MDOT MVA's Highway Safety Office and the Maryland Department of Health's Kids in Safety

Seats initiative. Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Law requires that children under age 8 be secured in an approved car safety seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches.

MDOT MVA Administrator Chrissy Nizer was joined by Lt. Colonel Roland Butler, Chief of the MSP Field Operations Bureau; Lt. Colonel Joseph Scott, Operations Bureau Chief for MDTA Police; and other officers at the MDOT MVA Glen Burnie Headquarters for the presentation. Thirty car seats were distributed to MSP barracks and MDTA Police detachments as the first of a three-part initiative. When the project is complete, nearly 100 car seats will be distributed to law enforcement agencies across Maryland.

“The new child safety seats we are receiving today are an important resource to have available and will be put to good use at each of our 23 barracks across Maryland,” Lt. Colonel Butler said. “Whether in a personal vehicle or a police vehicle, it is vital that each driver ensures children are transported safely and securely.”

An easy to use pictorial guide was developed by MDOT MVA's Highway Safety Office and secured to each car seat to assist law enforcement with proper installation. Law enforcement members are also encouraged to watch a short, pre-recorded presentation, with additional tips for properly securing the seat.