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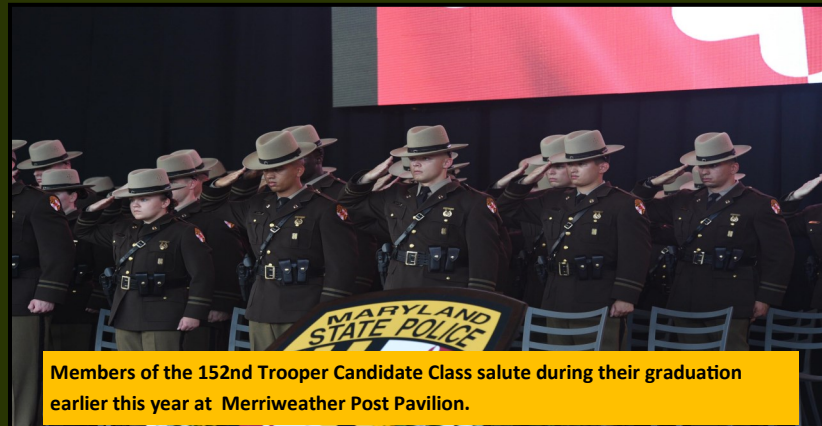
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Members of the 152nd Trooper Candidate Class salute during their graduation earlier this year at Merriweather Post Pavilion.

Recruiting Efforts For MSP Underway With Increased Starting Pay

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Maryland State Police are actively recruiting motivated young men and women to join one of the most prestigious law enforcement agencies in the state with an increased starting pay.

The Maryland State Police announced a salary increase for newly hired troopers as many law enforcement agencies around the country work to recruit qualified applicants. Effective January 1, 2022 the state will increase the starting pay of trooper candidates from \$35,000 to \$51,000.

Salary upon successful completion of the Maryland State Police Academy will be \$55,704 per year. Upon graduation candidates with verifiable prior law enforcement experience will be eligible for advanced placement on the Troopers Salary Schedule on a year for year basis up

to midpoint (Step 9).

The salary enhancement is a result of an agreement reached by the Maryland State Police, the State Law Enforcement Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) and the State of Maryland. This is a part of Governor Hogan’s recent law enforcement funding initiative to enhance public safety statewide.

The Maryland State Police is currently accepting applications for an Academy Class, slated to begin January 2022. The 153rd Maryland State Police Academy Class is almost at the half-way mark of their six months of training. Forty-two candidates are expected to graduate in March 2022 and join the ranks of Maryland’s Finest.

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RECRUIT: Starting Trooper Pay Upped To \$51K

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The minimum qualifications to apply to become a Maryland state trooper are as follows:

- Trooper applicants must be at least 20 years of age, having not reached their 59th birthday.
 - Applicants must be a United States Citizen.
 - Applicants must become a Maryland resident upon graduation as Trooper.
 - Applicants must have a High School Diploma or GED before being hired.
 - Applicants must have a valid driver's license in any state and have a satisfactory driving record.
- Applicants must have sound morals and a clean

drug history and criminal history.

While the basic duties of a trooper include investigating traffic crashes and criminal incidents, issuing citations and enforcing the laws of Maryland, many troopers are assigned to specialized divisions and units. For most troopers, the opportunities available make for a truly rewarding career.

Along with the variety of career opportunities, the Maryland State Police offers a competitive benefit package.

Troopers are provided take home vehicles, the ability to earn college credits, excellent health



coverage, paid leave, annual salary increases, a defined benefit retirement package, education and fitness bonuses, and a clothing allowance.

Anyone between the ages 20 through 59 is invited to an orientation, the first step in the process where applicants learn more about how to get started.

The Applicant Orientation is an open-house orientation conducted by members of the Maryland State Police recruitment staff both virtually and in-person.

In-person orientations are regionalized and take place throughout the state. Qualified applicants are being sought for an academy class that will begin in

January, 2022. It is during this phase that applicants complete the Initial Applicant Information packet, and receive more information on how to begin the career almost immediately.

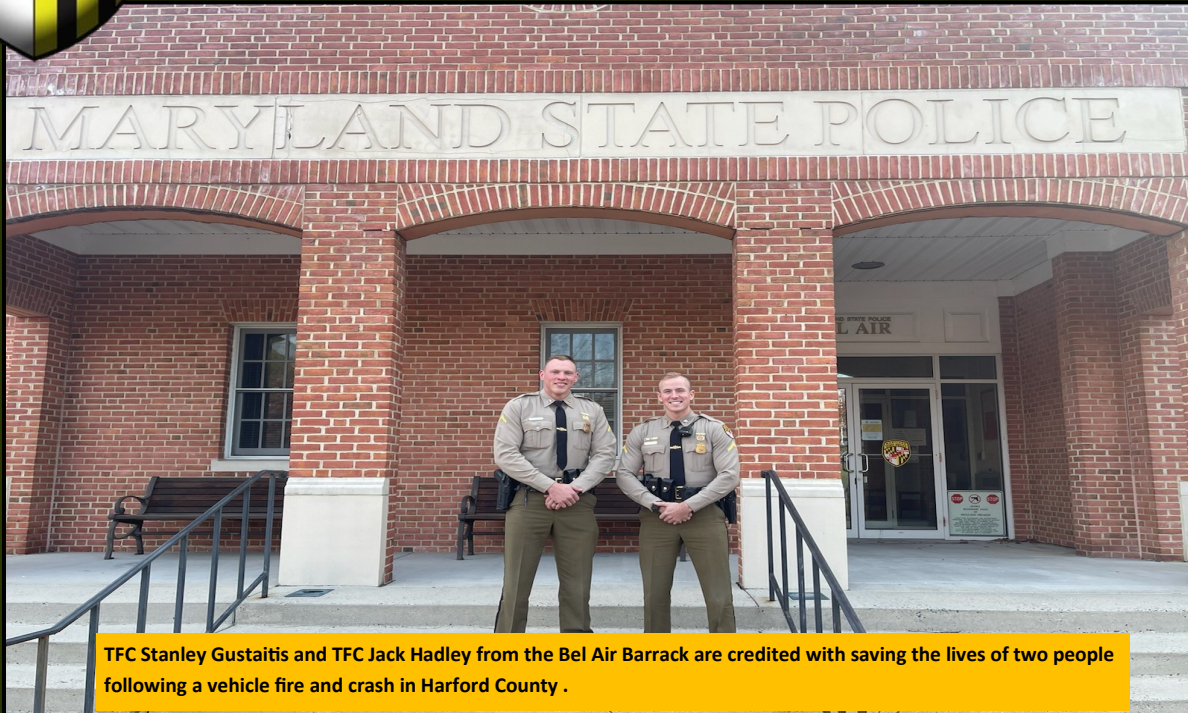
The Maryland State Police Recruitment & Selection Unit strives to achieve diversity and an inclusive workforce, representative of the citizens served.

Anyone interested in learning more about a career with the Maryland State Police is encouraged to visit with one of our recruiters. Call 410-653-4420 or visit the MSP Careers website at <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Careers/Pages/default.aspx>





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TFC Stanley Gustaitis and TFC Jack Hadley from the Bel Air Barrack are credited with saving the lives of two people following a vehicle fire and crash in Harford County .

Troopers Rescue Two People From Vehicle Fire Follow Harford County Crash

(BEL AIR, MD) –Maryland state troopers rescued two men from a vehicle fire following a crash on Oct. 30 in Harford County.

At about 6:15 p.m. on Oct. 30, Trooper First Class Jack Hadley and Trooper First Class Stanley Gustaitis, both assigned to the Maryland State Police Bel Air Barrack, were in the area of the 2800 Block of Belair Road when they observed a gray Volkswagen traveling south at an excessive speed on Belair Road.

According to a preliminary investigation, shortly after the

Volkswagen passed, the troopers heard a loud crash and observed smoke in the area.

Both troopers responded to the crash scene, which occurred at the intersection of Belair and Reckord roads. According to a preliminary investigation, the Volkswagen struck a Jeep Cherokee, which had pulled out from Reckord Road. The Jeep crashed into a utility pole and caught fire.

The two troopers extricated a male victim from the burning Jeep and moved him to safety. The driver of the Volkswagen was also

trapped. Concerned the fire could spread to the Volkswagen, the troopers rescued the driver and moved him to safety.

The driver of the Volkswagen was flown by Maryland State Police helicopter to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore while the driver of the Jeep was transported by ambulance to Johns Hopkins Bayview for treatment of their injuries.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.



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MSP Collects More Than 800 Pounds Of Unwanted Prescription Drugs On Take Back Day

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — The Maryland State Police collected more than 800 pounds of unwanted and expired prescription medications as part of a National Drug Take Back Day event on Oct. 23.

All 23 state police barracks throughout Maryland participated in the effort. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day effort, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency, aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, the majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs are finding an unlimited supply in their family's medicine cabinet.

On Oct. 23, Maryland State Police collected about 838 pounds of medications. This included the Frederick Barrack, which collected a department-best 194.6 pounds. The Westminster Barrack was second with 108.35 pounds with the Rockville (45.82 pounds), Annapolis (28.04) and Cumberland (27.2) barracks rounding out the top five.



According to a report published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a majority of people who misused a prescription medication obtained the medicine from a family member or friend.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that last year, more than 93,000 people died of drug overdoses in the United States, marking the largest number of drug-related deaths ever recorded in a year. Opioid-related deaths accounted for 75 percent of all overdose deaths in 2020.

As part of Maryland's combined effort to reduce opioid abuse, Maryland State Police barracks across the state have become around-the-clock drop-off locations for unused prescription medications.

All 23 Maryland State Police barracks are now equipped with secure drug collection boxes and available around-the-clock for unused medication drop off.

No questions will be asked when deposits are made. Citizens can locate the closest Maryland State Police barrack by visiting: <http://mdsp.maryland.gov/Organization/Pages/FieldOperationsBureau/allbarracks.aspx>

The Maryland State Police is a partner in the Opioid Operational Command Center, which facilitates collaboration between state and local public health, human services, education, and public safety entities to combat the heroin and opioid crisis and its deadly impact on Maryland communities.

Before It's Too Late is the state's effort to bring awareness to this epidemic—and to mobilize resources for effective prevention, treatment, and recovery.



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MSP, MADD Promote Responsible Driving Ahead Of Holiday Season

Troopers from the Frederick and La Plata Barracks were among those in law enforcement and other state agencies who joined with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to launch an impaired driving awareness campaign ahead of the holiday season.

The “Tie One On For Safety” is part of MADD’s 35th annual designated driver campaign. They are asking adults to display a red ribbon on their vehicles as a reminder to plan ahead for a designated driver before holiday celebrations begin.

In addition, troopers from each of the 23 Maryland State Police barracks statewide will be focusing enforcement efforts on impaired driving, aggressive

driving, speeding, distracted driving and other violations that often contribute to highway tragedies, especially during holiday seasons.

Additional troopers will be working overtime assignments funded by highway safety grants from the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration’s Highway Safety Office.

At the MADD event in La Plata, the organization acknowledged Sgt. Justin Zimmerman, for the work throughout his career as a member of the Maryland State Police Crash Team.

“Troopers are always on the lookout for impaired drivers traveling on the roadways throughout Maryland.” La Plata

Barrack Commander Lt. Everett West said.. “We want to take this opportunity to remind the public that drinking and driving do not mix and have potentially fatal consequences.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve in 2019, there were 926 drunk driving fatalities across the country, accounting for 29% of all traffic fatalities.

In addition, preliminary estimates show a 9% increase in drunk driving deaths in 2020, and a study by NHTSA shows an alarming increase in the presence of alcohol and other drugs among traffic crash victims during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Centreville Kickball Tournament Raises Money For Upper Shore Special Olympians



The Maryland State Police Centreville Barrack WAR ON THE SHORE kickball tournament returned on Oct. 27 after a year hiatus. Troopers and civilians from the Centreville and Easton Barracks, along with troopers from the SPIDRE team, ASED and CED raised money and awareness to support Special Olympics Maryland Upper Shore Athletes. The five teams raised almost \$1,500 in donations that will go directly to the local athletes.



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Golden Ring Barrack Celebrates 30th Anniversary With Community Open House



The Maryland State Police Golden Ring Barrack on Nov. 6 hosted an open house to celebrate the barrack's 30th Anniversary. To celebrate the occasion, the barrack had food, multiple specialized units with equipment, an antique state police cruiser and fire/EMS equipment all on display for the public to view. We're grateful to all of those from the community who came out to mark the occasion with us.



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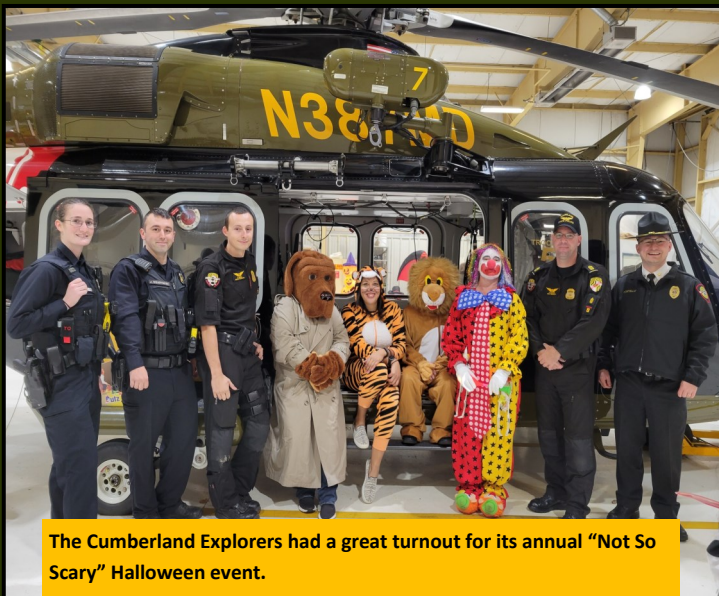
PHOTOS: Troopers Celebrate Halloween With Local Communities



Trooper Clark from the Forestville Barrack attended the Prince George's County Police Department's District III annual drive thru Trunk or Treat event.



Trooper J. Engleman from the Leonardtown Barrack participated in a Trunk or Treat event held at St. Matthew Pentecostal Church in Hollywood, Md.



The Cumberland Explorers had a great turnout for its annual "Not So Scary" Halloween event.



The Hagerstown Barrack was pleased with the community support for its inaugural Trunk or Treat event.



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Can You Spot The Differences In The Photos?



Maryland State Troopers are committed to reducing alcohol and drug-related crashes by removing impaired drivers from Maryland's roads. In this picture, a trooper can be seen administering Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.

As part of their training, troopers are taught to pay close attention to details. In last month's IMPACT, we asked you to find the 12 items that are different in the picture? (The answers are in the bottom photo)