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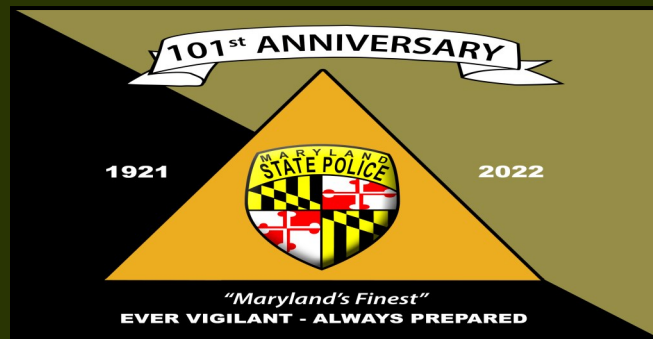
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Maryland State Police Celebrates 101st Anniversary

The large spike in cases of Coronavirus cases meant that for the second year in a row, the Maryland State Police were unable to gather to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the department.

However, Jan. 10 did provide the department with the opportunity to reflect on its 101 years of existence and look back on various ways we were able to mark 100 years of existence in 2021. Last year, two videos were produced that told the history of the department. Last July, more than 1,000 people gathered at Merriweather Post Pavilion for the graduation of the 152nd Trooper Candidate Class.

Finally, the Maryland State Police Museum hosted a soft opening as the department and alumni work to pre-

serve the history of the men and women who have protected and served the citizens of the state since 1921.

“One hundred and one years ago [on Jan. 10], three dozen individuals gathered to begin training and accept the new challenge of becoming the first to have statewide law enforcement authority in Maryland,” MSP Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III said.

“The organization they became a part of was named the Maryland State Police. The dedication and selfless service of those individuals became the foundation upon which thousands more sworn and civilian employees have continued to build a legacy of providing public safety services that has earned them the reputation as ‘Maryland’s finest.’”



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Helicopter Crew Hoists Tanker Ship Crew Member In Chesapeake Bay

A crewmember of a tanker ship was airlifted by the Maryland State Police near Kent Island on Jan. 5 after the individual experienced a medical emergency while the ship was underway in the Chesapeake Bay en route from Baltimore.

A Maryland State Police helicopter crew conducted an aerial hoist operation from the *Chem Jupiter*, a 462-foot oil/chemical tanker ship flagged out of Liberia.

As the tanker was underway in the Chesapeake Bay near Bloody Point, one of the ship's crewmembers began experiencing a medical emergency requiring immediate attention.

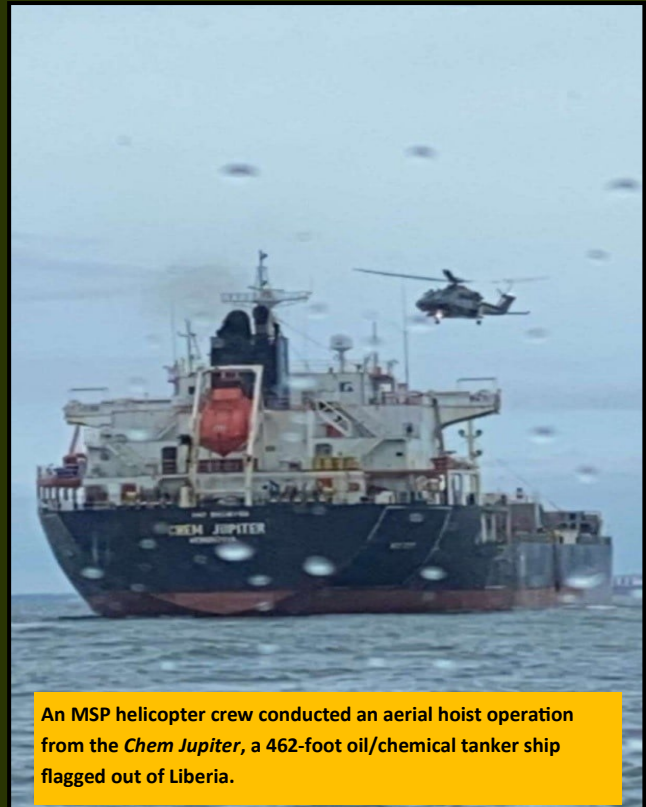
Shortly before 8:45 a.m., the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland contacted SYSCOM and requested MSP complete an aerial (hoist) extraction from the vessel. The patient's condition pro-

hibited debarkation onto a smaller Coast Guard vessel.

MSP Aviation Command Trooper 6, based at the Easton Airport in Talbot County, responded and located the ship, which was moving north at 12 knots. The MSP helicopter crew established communications with the Coast Guard crew and the ship's captain. A delivery point was determined, at which time a Trooper/Paramedic was lowered onto the ship's deck via the aircraft hoist.

The MSP crew used the "screamer suit" style harness to hoist the patient

and Trooper back into the aircraft. This style harness allows the Trooper and patient to be hoisted together. After the patient and Trooper/Paramedic were safely loaded into the aircraft, Trooper 6 transitioned to a medevac and flew the patient to Anne Arundel Medical Center in An-



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napolis. The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970 and operates a fleet of ten AW-139 helicopters from seven bases throughout Maryland. Each aircraft provides coverage 24/7/365 to Maryland residents and visitors. The MSPAC missions

include medevac, law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment.

The success of the missions relies heavily on the cooperative efforts of local fire, rescue, EMS, law enforcement agencies, and our partners at the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Park Police.



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Troopers Arrest Woman After Being Indicted For Murder In 2014 Cold Case Homicide

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Maryland State Police arrested a woman on Dec. 23 in North Carolina after she was indicted on charges related to a 2014 murder in Carroll County.

The suspect, Charity Sophia Goodwin, 38, of Mecklenberg County, North Carolina, was indicted Dec. 17 by a Carroll County grand jury.

Charges include first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to commit kidnapping, armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, theft, conspiracy to commit theft, motor vehicle theft, conspiracy to commit motor vehicle theft, use of a firearm in the

commission of a crime of violence, and conspiracy to use a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence. She remains detained in North Carolina by the Mecklenberg County Sheriff's Office while awaiting extradition back to Maryland.

The body of the victim, Prakash Rampatsingh, 50, of Hanover, Pennsylvania, was found shortly before 8 a.m. on June 27, 2014 off a dirt road in the area of the 3300 block of Falls Road in Hampstead, Maryland. According to investigators, Rampatsingh was Goodwin's landlord at the time of the murder.

Maryland State Police homicide detectives believe Rampatsingh

went to the rental property in Baltimore on or about June 24. A confrontation occurred at the property and Rampatsingh was kidnapped and driven away in his vehicle before being shot and killed in Carroll County. Rampatsingh's vehicle, a Dodge truck, was later discovered abandoned in Prince George's County.

Maryland State Police homicide detectives, along with prosecutors from the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office, continued to investigate this case over the past seven years until an indictment could be issued against the suspect.

The case remains under investigation.



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Traffic Stops Lead To Arrests On Weapons, Drug Charges

One thing any law enforcement officer can tell you is that there is no such thing as a “routine” traffic stop.

There is no telling whom a trooper may encounter when they approach a driver or what they will find when they search a vehicle. Three recent traffic stops from three different barracks highlights just that.

At about 1:15 a.m. on Jan. 6, troopers from the North East Barrack were on patrol on Pulaski Highway near MD 272 in North East, when they saw a vehicle which had been sitting stationary for an unusual amount of time at the PNC Bank ATM drive through location.

The trooper stopped and made contact with the occupants of the vehicle to check on their well-being. Upon contact with the occupants, the trooper saw a suspected controlled dangerous substance in plain view, which led to a probable cause search. During the search, the trooper seized a handgun, 49 Ecstasy pills and marijuana.

Two male suspects were placed under arrest and transported to the barrack for processing. The



A traffic stop on Jan. 6 in Cecil County led to the arrest of a suspect, who had a handgun, ecstasy and marijuana in the vehicle.

suspects were then taken before a Cecil County Court Commissioner for an initial hearing on handgun related charges, possession with intent to distribute, and open warrants.

On Jan. 21, troopers from the Glen Burnie Barrack made an arrest seizing a loaded handgun and over 4 pounds of marijuana. At about 1:09 a.m., TFC White conducted a traffic stop in the area of westbound I-695 and Hollins Ferry Road in Baltimore County, for a vehicle with expired registration plates and displaying tags issued to another vehicle.

While troopers were speaking to the driver, the driver fled the scene before being located a short time later. A probable cause

search of the vehicle was conducted which yielded the gun and drugs. The suspect also had an open warrant through Baltimore City.

Finally, on Jan. 25, troopers from the La Plata Barrack arrested a suspect on weapons charges following a traffic stop various violations in Charles County. Shortly before 2 p.m. troopers observed a black Toyota Camry committing numerous traffic violations.

During the traffic stop, the troopers discovered a loaded handgun and ammunition in the vehicle. The operator, and sole occupant of the vehicle, was prohibited from possessing the firearm and was arrested.



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Troopers Rescue, Adopt Abandoned Kittens In Salisbury

(SALISBURY, MD) — Flight paramedics are used to rescuing those who are hurt or trapped. One recent rescue was much different that they are used to, albeit still a very rewarding one.

In the morning hours before sunrise on Nov. 28, Trooper Stacy Wolf and TFC Matthew Walsh were traveling down Fooks Road en route to Trooper 4 in Salisbury for their early shift. As they both rounded a bend they slowed their vehicles and took notice to a group of eyes reflecting against their headlights just to the side of the roadway.

Trooper Wolf and TFC Walsh both decided to investigate and



came across a small cluster of kittens that had clearly been intentionally abandoned with a small plate of food nearby. The Wicomico County Humane Society was just down the road, however it was closed.

TFC Walsh and Trooper Wolf reached out to TFC Courtney Sturgill and Sgt. Jenna Turner, who were working and awaiting their respective relief. The kittens were approximately 8 weeks old and very friendly, it was clear they knew helping hands when they saw them.

After a flea bath and some scrub-

bing the four kittens were taken for evaluation and given a clean bill of health.

A few days later while TFC Walsh was traveling home following a night shift at Trooper 4, a fifth kitten was found in a storm drain in the same area. With some assistance from Sgt. Turner, the kitten was rescued.

All five kittens are happy and healthy and have been adopted to new loving homes. TFC Walsh adopted two of the kittens, his mother took one and TFC Sturgill adopted the final two.

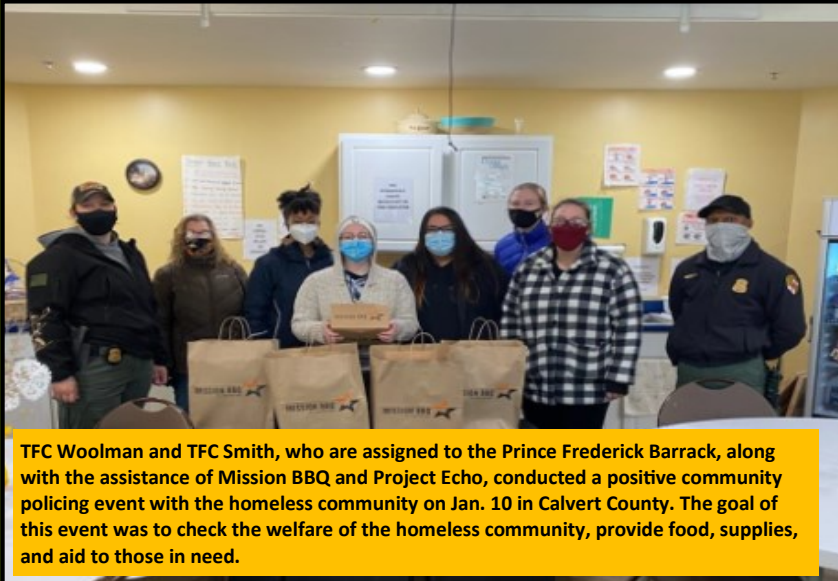


Trooper Stacy Wolf, TFC Matthew Walsh, TFC Courtney Sturgill and Sgt. Jenna Turner helped rescue and seek new homes for five cats found abandoned last year.



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PHOTOS: Around The Community



TFC Woolman and TFC Smith, who are assigned to the Prince Frederick Barrack, along with the assistance of Mission BBQ and Project Echo, conducted a positive community policing event with the homeless community on Jan. 10 in Calvert County. The goal of this event was to check the welfare of the homeless community, provide food, supplies, and aid to those in need.



TFC Brandon Skrodinsky, who is assigned to the Bel Air Barrack, was recognized on Jan. 13 by the American Legion today for his outstanding service to the community and the Maryland State Police



Ms Carlton and her two children Cairo and Cassandra came by the Forestville Barrack on Jan. 17 to meet some of our personnel and sit within the emergency vehicles. What made today even more special was it was Cairo and Cassandra fifth birthday. Happy Birthday Cairo and Cassandra we hope we made it memorable!!!