

## **FY10 STATE POLICE TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL REPORT**

First Quarter

December 1, 2009

Legislative action in the FY10 budget, PA 133 of 2009 included boilerplate language requiring a report on the status of the department's plan for a recruit school in FY10.

As of November 28, 2009, the MSP at-post trooper strength was 998. Section 218(2) of the department's FY10 appropriation states the legislature's intent that "every effort be made to identify funding sufficient to conduct a trooper school for the purpose of working toward the goal of establishing a minimum at-post trooper strength of 1,075 in this state."

Section 218(3) requires the department to "submit a proposal outlining a plan to accomplish the goal including an accounting of any additional funding necessary to that end." The department started the 121st trooper recruit school on August 10, 2008, with 101 recruits. Eighty-three recruits successfully completed training and graduated on Friday, December 19, 2008, at which time they were assigned to work sites across the state.

FY10 Appropriations bill removed funding for 45 of the 100 laid off troopers. As a result, 55 were recalled to service on November 16, 2009. However, the department is proactively identifying federal funds to recall the remaining laid-off troopers.