

FY10 STATE POLICE TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL REPORT

Second Quarter

March 1, 2010

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

As of February 6, 2010, the MSP at-post trooper strength was 1,021. 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.

In FY09, 100 troopers were laid off due to budget reductions. The FY10 Appropriations bill provided funding to allow 55 of those troopers to be recalled to service on November 16, 2009. Additionally, the receipt of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus grants and Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne/JAG) provided funding for the return of 31 more troopers on January 11, 2010. The remaining troopers on lay off were either terminated through the probationary separation process or declined the first offer of recall.