

FY11 STATE POLICE TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL REPORT

Third Quarter

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The FY11 Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) budget bill, 2010 PA 163, includes boilerplate language requiring the MSP to submit a report on the status of the department's plan for a recruit school in FY11.

As of May 14, 2011, the MSP at-post trooper strength was 935. Section 218(2) of the department's FY11 budget bill 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". In October 2010, the department was awarded a \$5.8 million U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program grant to hire 21 troopers. The grant provides 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for entry level officer positions over a three year period. The MSP is required to retain the grant-funded positions for a fourth year. As a result of receiving this grant, the MSP began the 122nd Trooper Recruit School on December 26, 2010 with 38 recruits.

On May 13, 2011, 35 new troopers graduated and were added to the trooper ranks.