

Post Closure Report to the Michigan Legislature August 15, 2011

Section 219 of Act 163 of 2010 states:

The Department of State Police shall notify the House and Senate Appropriations subcommittees on State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs and the House and Senate fiscal agencies not less than 180 days before recommending to close or consolidate any state police posts. The notification shall include a local and state impact study of the proposed post closure or consolidation.

On March 24, 2011, the Michigan State Police announced a plan to restructure the department's Field Services Bureau. To satisfy the 180 day notification, the Department provided the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriation subcommittees with documents detailing the Regional Policing Plan. The plan focuses on providing services through a more flexible, mobile work force that is less reliant on the use of buildings. Communities should not experience any decline in the services they receive from the Michigan State Police as a result of this plan. This correspondence provides written notification of the posts the department will close as part of the restructuring plan.

The department's budget for fiscal year 2012 relies on savings from the restructuring plan and our goal is to close posts as quickly as possible in order to achieve the targeted budget reductions. The scope of the restructuring will likely result in closures occurring on or after September 30, 2011, for the following posts:

Post Name	Post Name
Adrian	Ithaca
Battle Creek	L'Anse
Bridgeport	Manistee
Bridgman	Munising
Corunna	Richmond
Detroit	Stephenson
Gladwin	Ypsilanti
Iron River	

Adoption of the regional policing model is designed to provide increased services while relying less upon traditional "bricks and mortar." Service levels throughout the state will either be unchanged or enhanced given the increased flexibility in deployment and scheduling provided by this service delivery model. The Department has prepared and attached an operational overview related to the Regional Policing Plan that includes additional information on state and local impact.

Post Closure Report to the Michigan Legislature Impact Study August 10, 2011

The proposal to change the service delivery model of the Michigan State Police (MSP) focuses on shifting resources away from buildings and into communities. All post areas have been expanded, eliminating artificial jurisdictional boundaries, and new patrol regions have been created.

The value of the Michigan State Police posts has changed throughout the history of the agency. Initially, the buildings contained sleeping quarters and were utilized to house troopers. Over a period of time, the sleeping quarters were converted into functional office and administrative space within the buildings.

In the past, posts were open to the public 24 hours and provided a dispatch function to the State Police and many local agencies. The advent of central dispatch organizations and 911 service resulted in additional changes to the traditional role of the state police posts.

Each post operates under the statewide leadership of the Department of State Police but also operates independently with its own command structure and administrative processes. The reduction of 62 posts to 29 posts flattens the command structure of the department and minimizes independent administrative functions. The result is a greater span of control that keeps more troopers on the road. Sergeants and troopers will be deployed on the freeways, state trunk lines, and in communities, allowing for increased visibility and mobility to address public safety needs.

The posts that will remain open were selected based upon statewide service delivery needs. The MSP structure divides the state into seven districts. Each district encompasses a number of regions. There are 29 regions in the state where troopers can traverse across county, township, and municipal lines to address public safety issues. Each region houses a state police post where MSP command accepts responsibility for public safety issues and deploys troopers to carry out the MSP and collective law enforcement mission(s) of the region. Technology will be leveraged within this regional policing model to provide for greater mobility and faster response to emerging crime trends.

Factors considered when selecting posts to remain open were: 1) location for service delivery within the region, 2) role of MSP uniform services within the region, 3) proximity to freeways and state trunk lines, 4) opportunities for law enforcement partnerships, 5) state owned vs. leased facilities, 6) overall cost, and 7) future opportunities for service delivery. Once the regions were finalized, the above factors were utilized to determine which post would remain open, and which post would be scheduled to close.

There was no single factor that was used to determine whether a post would remain open or be proposed closed. The decisions were made to ensure that state police services will be provided in the most effective manner within each respective region.

As mentioned, there should be no negative impact on public safety as a result of implementing the Regional Policing Model. Public safety should be enhanced as more officers will be available to work in our communities, and there will be greater flexibility in how they are deployed.