

**SECOND DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS**  
**(Sta. 20)**

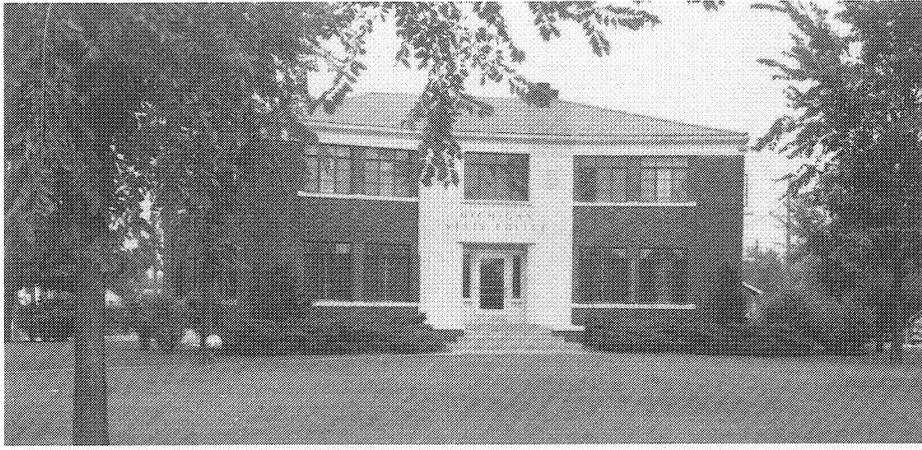
42145 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville, 48167

When the Michigan State Troops Permanent Force (State Constabulary) was organized in 1917, the Fourth Troop under Capt. C. E. Koch was sent to Detroit to guard warehouses and docks and to register enemy aliens. The troops occupied an old office building known as the Sophie Lyons House at the foot of Wayne Street.

Reorganized as the Michigan State Police after the war, the department maintained a small post and phone center at the State Fairgrounds near Woodward and Eight Mile Road in Detroit. Merged within the new Department of Public Safety in 1921, the uniformed State Police continued the Fairgrounds Detachment, but the Detroit "district" commander opened administrative offices in the Commerce Building downtown. He was joined by the "Free Lance Squad" of prohibition detectives in 1926.

Appointed as commanding officer of the newly established Second District in 1931, Capt. Donald S. Leonard maintained his office downtown until 1933, when state budget cuts forced him to move into the State Fairgrounds detachment building. In 1937, Second District Headquarters and the Detroit Post (Sta. 21) moved into the new brick WPA building at Seven Mile and Grand River.

The Second District Headquarters joined Sta. 21 and the Scientific Crime Laboratory in the present modern facility on Seven Mile Road in Northville in 1977.



**NORTHVILLE POST**

***(Post 21)***

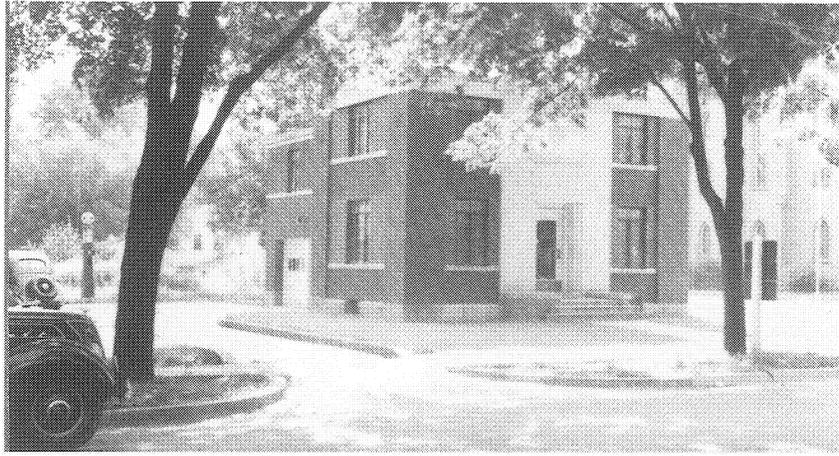
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The Michigan State Troops (State Constabulary) began guarding war production facilities along Detroit's waterfront in 1917. The postwar Michigan State Police opened a small phone center at the State Fairgrounds on Eight Mile Road. A larger post was opened in a portable wooden barracks at Plymouth, but this was dismantled in 1921. A small motorcycle detachment was also assigned at Farmington during the 1920's, and a post was established at Hamtramck to enforce prohibition in 1924.

After the State Administrative Board ordered the State Police to evict the State Fairgrounds secretary/manager from his state-owned residence in 1925, Capt. Jack Fagan and several troopers moved in and opened the first full-fledged Detroit Post as the State Fairgrounds Detachment. Both the post and Second District Headquarters moved into the new brick WPA barracks at Seven Mile Road and Grand River Avenue along the border of Detroit and Redford Township in 1937.

The present Northville facility on Seven Mile Road was dedicated in January, 1977. It became the first Michigan State Police facility to house three separate entities: Second District Headquarters, Post 21, and the Scientific Crime Laboratory. Second District Regional Dispatch began operating from the Northville Post in 1991.

Plans are currently being made to move the Northville Post to a more centralized location in Detroit's northern suburbs, which will allow district headquarters and the crime lab to expand within the existing facility.



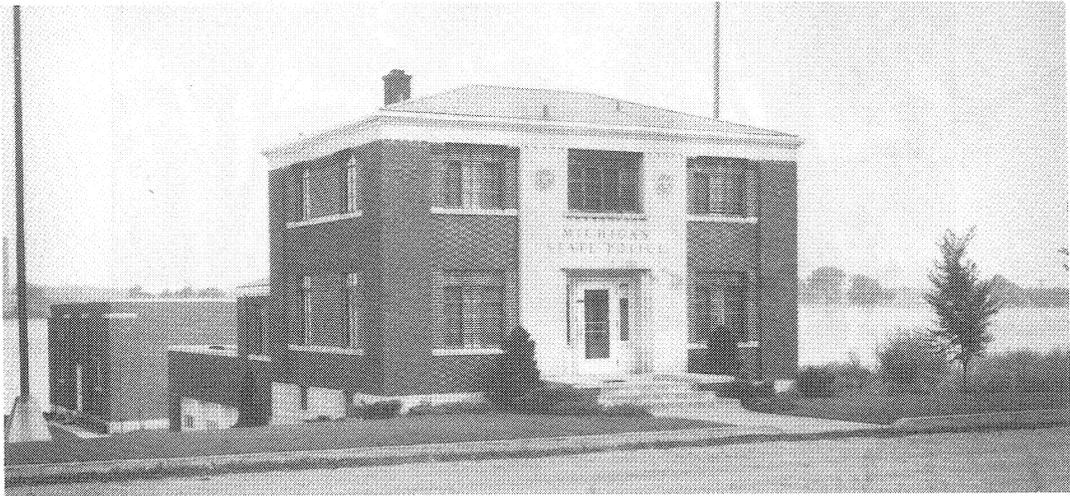
**ROMEO POST**  
**(Post 22)**

290 N. Main Street, Romeo, 48065

During the early 1920's, the Michigan State Police maintained small detachments at Mt. Clemens and Muttonville under the supervision of the St. Clair Post to enforce state prohibition laws in Macomb County. Many raids were made at the famous Blossom Resort in St. Clair Shores. The Mt. Clemens Detachment operated a marine patrol and was sometimes called the Clinton River Post.

The department embarked on a major expansion in 1936 and the WPA constructed a number of standardized, two-story brick post buildings which also served as barracks. On October 6, 1936, the Romeo Post became one of 12 such posts opened that year. Commanded by Cpl. Clarkson Ochs, the original staff consisted of four troopers and two patrol cars.

The Romeo Post provides full law enforcement services to northern Macomb County and is the only post in Michigan which has housed both Michigan State Police troopers and sheriff's deputies.



**ST. CLAIR POST**  
**(Post 23)**

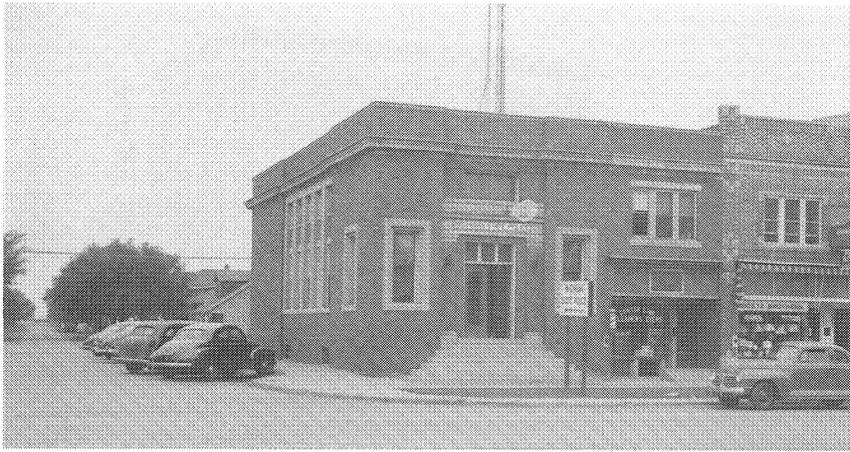
1419 Oakland Avenue, St. Clair, 48079

Enactment of national liquor prohibition in 1920 turned the St. Clair River into a major conduit for illegal booze from Canada. Rumrunners used all kinds of craft on open water, or crossed the ice in automobiles and ice boats when the river froze.

To intercept rumrunners, the Michigan State Police (then part of the Department of Public Safety) stationed a small detachment at Marysville in 1921. The first permanent post was opened in a portable wooden building on South Riverside Drive in St. Clair on January 1, 1922. The building's location moved many times, always on the same block.

In 1924, Commissioner Harry Jackson formed a river patrol at St. Clair. Using specially designed speedboats and the fast cabin cruiser "Alladin," troopers engaged in many wild chases with rumrunners on the river. A new commissioner, Alan G. Straight, disbanded the river patrol in 1926. Sub-posts at Muttonville and Mt. Clemens were closed and the troopers reassigned to St. Clair.

In the early 1930's, the post moved into an old house at 1432 South Riverside. Michigan State Police proposals to relocate the post on a major trunkline outside the city prompted St. Clair officials to donate waterfront property for a new post. The new standardized WPA post building opened in 1938. A new boat was assigned to the St. Clair Post in 1957 for general marine safety patrols, but the marine patrol has since been abandoned.



**NEW BALTIMORE POST**  
**(Post 24)**

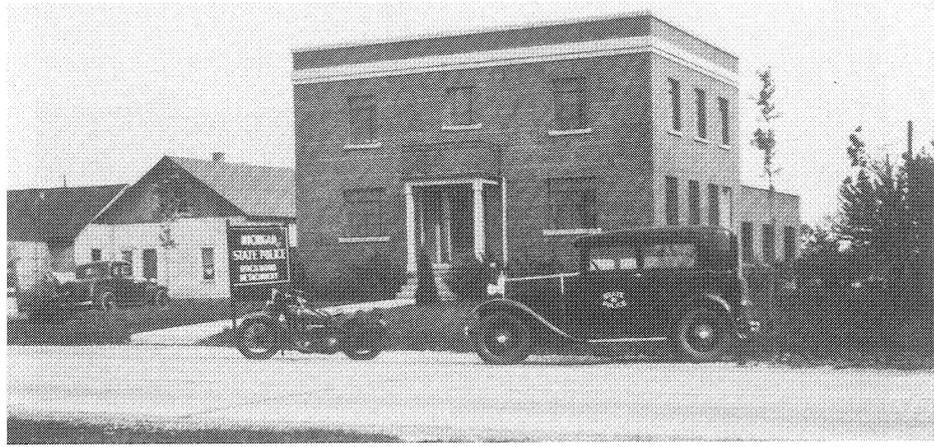
35555 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore, 48047

On June 1, 1942, the Michigan State Police occupied rented quarters on the second floor of the fire station in Centerline. The post was opened to provide traffic control for the major war production plants on Detroit's north side. Cpl. Carl S. Anderson was the first post commander.

A new post building was completed at 30950 Van Dyke Road in Warren Township in 1955. The name of the Centerline Post was changed to Warren when the township was incorporated as a city in 1964. A Scientific Crime Laboratory satellite began sharing the same building in 1969.

In March of 1971, the post moved into a leased building in New Baltimore. This allowed the crime laboratory to expand at the Warren facility.

The post moved to its present location on 23 Mile Road in New Baltimore, just east of the former leased building, in June of 1981.



**FLAT ROCK POST**  
**(Post 25)**

15005 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock, 48134

Created as a wartime home guard in 1917, the Michigan State Constabulary became involved with prohibition enforcement when Michigan went "dry" in 1918. The newly-paved Dixie Highway became the primary route for rumrunners smuggling booze to Detroit from the "wet" border state of Ohio.

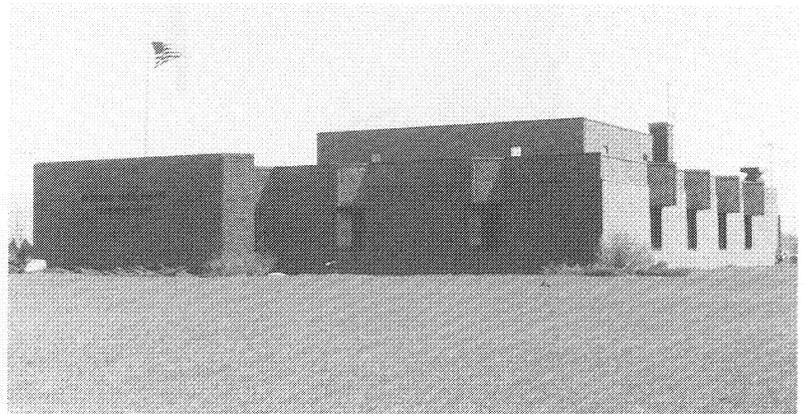
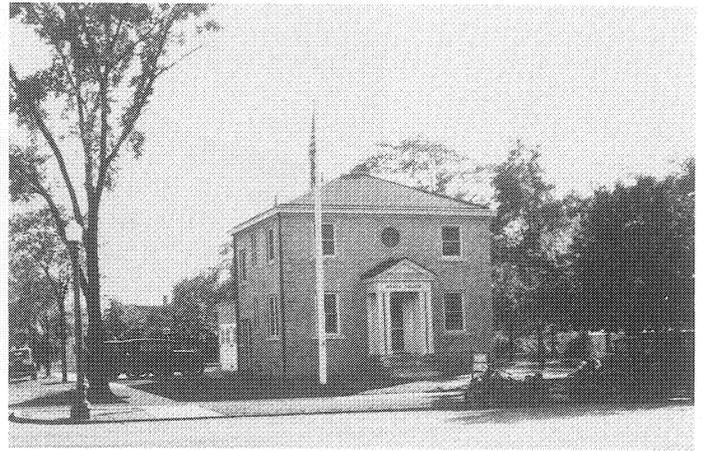
A constabulary detachment opened in a small shack at South Rockwood in 1918 under Cpl. Erwin Masters. Troopers patrolled the Dixie Highway on horseback and in an armored car. Portable wooden barracks which had formerly served as the Michigan State Police Plymouth Detachment were reassembled at South Rockwood in 1921.

Enactment of national prohibition made the Detroit River the major highway for illegal booze from Canada. Responsible for downriver Wayne County and all of Monroe County, South Rockwood led the state in liquor arrests during the 1920's.

A new brick building was completed on land donated by the city of Rockwood across the Huron River in Wayne County in 1930. The building was intended to serve as the model for standardized posts around the state; however, newer designs were later adopted.

The present Flat Rock Post was erected in 1940 on land donated by Ford Motor Company straddling the Monroe and Wayne County border. The Flat Rock Post was the last of the old WPA style posts built during the Great Depression.

Today, Flat Rock's responsibility is to patrol Wayne County freeways for narcotics traffickers, car thieves, and traffic violators; a mission very close to the original one 75 years ago.



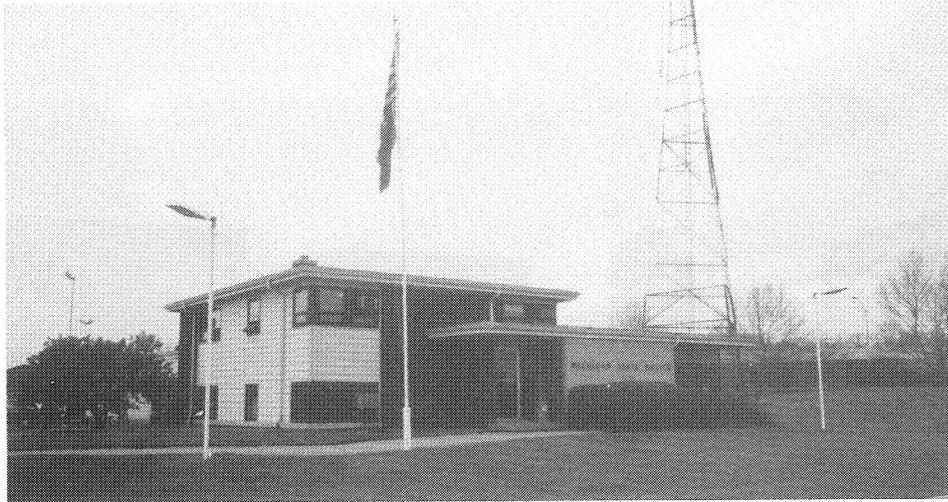
**YPSILANTI POST**  
**(Post 26)**

1501 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, 48197

In 1932, the State Police post which had been located in the city of Wayne since 1921, was moved to Ypsilanti. The new brick building at Michigan Avenue and Park Street was largely the contribution of Henry Ford, who had urged the department to open a post at Ypsilanti. Sgt. Bruce McGlone and six men patrolled portions of Wayne County and all of Washtenaw County from the new post. The present modern facility, just south of Ypsilanti off I-94, was dedicated in 1975. The post now exclusively serves all of Washtenaw County, including the cities of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

Building on a tradition of close and supportive inter-agency cooperation, the Ypsilanti Post recently joined with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Huron Valley Ambulance, and a number of area fire departments to form a consolidated dispatch operation. The consolidation includes the use of an 800 MHz trunked radio system, enhanced 9-1-1 emergency calling, computer aided dispatching, and other state-of-the-art technologies.

The Ypsilanti Post has traditionally taken a leadership role in many major criminal investigations such as the John Norman Collins co-ed murder case, which prompted the book, The Michigan Murders.



**PONTIAC POST**  
**(Post 27)**

1295 N. Telegraph Road, Waterford, 48328

Sgt. Albert McGuire, a former Canadian Mountie, opened a motorcycle detachment at Lake Orion in 1919. A detachment opened at Bloomfield in 1921, and a house owned by a Mrs. Mudge at 144 Hamilton Street in Birmingham served as a post from 1925 - 1927. However, the first permanent post in Oakland County was not established until 1942, when the Keego Harbor Post (Sta. 27) was opened above the West Bloomfield Township Fire Hall. The post was moved into a converted house at 2905 Dixie Highway in Waterford Township in 1953.

A parcel of land was leased by the state from Oakland County in 1956 to build a new post. The present Pontiac Post was completed in November of 1958 at a cost of \$70,086. The post currently patrols all Oakland County freeways and provides primary police services to several northern townships.

The Pontiac Post is part of the proposed Metro-North reorganization program which calls for the building of a new post in northern Oakland County.



**ERIE POST**  
**(Post 28)**

120-75 Telegraph Road, Erie, 48133

When Michigan enacted state liquor prohibition in 1918, the Michigan State Constabulary opened a command post in Monroe with detachments at South Rockwood and Dundee. Using mounted patrols, roadblocks, and armored car patrols, they tried to halt rumrunning from the "wet" border state of Ohio. The Dundee Post, a converted two-story house, was abandoned in 1926. In the mid-1920's, the State Police also supervised a convict-labor road building camp near Erie.

As part of a major State Police building program, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) completed a new Erie Post in 1936 on Telegraph Road (US-24) about five miles north of the state line. Originally part of the Fourth District, the Erie Post was reassigned as Post 28 of the Second District in 1959.

The post moved to its present location on Telegraph Road, 1 1/2 miles north of the former location, in 1964. This former tourist information center was obtained from the State Highway Department. The post currently patrols all of Monroe County and includes a detachment of Motor Carrier officers who operate the Erie Scales on I-75.



**DETROIT POST**  
**(Post 29)**

1200 Sixth Street, Detroit, 48226

On August 27, 1976, the Michigan State Police began patrolling the freeways within the city of Detroit on an interim basis under the command of Lt. Lowell French. Governor William Milliken ordered the State Police to take over the patrol of the freeways in Detroit to help city police control a crime wave on the freeways.

The post operated out of the Chene Garage located in downtown Detroit. Troopers were assigned (122 total) on a temporary and rotating basis. In February of 1977, the post was moved from the Chene Garage to the Detroit Plaza Building and 110 troopers were assigned on a permanent basis.

On October 13, 1977, Governor Milliken signed the State Police budget permanently establishing the Department of State Police in the city of Detroit.