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SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Uniform Services Bureau focused efforts in the areas of crime, traffic, community, and emergency preparedness. The tragic attacks of September 11, 2001, intensified efforts aimed at site hardening and highlighted the need to work cooperatively.

Aviation Section

During 2001 the Aviation Section flew a total of 965.2 air hours--482.3 hours in helicopters and 482.9 hours in fixed wing aircraft. A total of 544 missions were flown--247 in helicopters and 297 in fixed wing aircraft. Mission types include those supporting the HEMP (Help Eliminate Marijuana Planting) program, conducting searches for lost and missing children and adults, assistance in various types of criminal investigations, and conducting administrative transport missions.

The MAC (Michigan Aviation Cooperative) continues to coordinate aviation resources in support of HEMP and other counter-drug operations. MAC has proved to be a viable force in providing aviation support to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies within the state of Michigan. In 2001, 203 MAC missions were completed supporting numerous law enforcement agencies throughout the state.



In November of 2001 the Aviation Section accepted delivery of the new Bell 430 helicopter. This helicopter replaced the aging 1970 Bell Jet Ranger and will give the department the ability to respond to critical situations anywhere in the state. The 430 is a twin engine aircraft that, for the first time, will allow the department to perform missions over the Great Lakes. This aircraft is equipped with a FLIR, (Forward Looking Infrared), color video camera with telephoto capability, 30-million candlepower, night sun, and live video downlink. The remainder of our fleet consists of a 1972 Cessna 421 twin engine seven passenger aircraft, a 1980 Cessna 404 twin engine nine passenger aircraft, a 1982 Cessna 182R single engine four passenger aircraft, and a 1990 Bell 206L Long Ranger helicopter.



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Traffic Services Section

Alcohol Enforcement

The Alcohol Enforcement Unit trained and certified 1,045 new breath test operators at nine locations around the state during calendar year 2001. The total number of operators now exceeds 23,500. The unit plans to test and approve a new PBT in fiscal year 2002. The Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus portion of the Standardized Sobriety Testing is being provided at in-service schools.

Traffic Crash Reconstruction

Traffic Crash Reconstruction Specialists investigated 234 cases for 2001. Field reconstruction specialists mapped 16 crime scenes for the crime lab using total station technology. Twelve traffic crash forensic animations were completed in 2001. All eligible reconstruction specialists are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR). A total of 233 traffic control order investigations were conducted statewide.

In-Car Video

In September 2001, 26 new in-car video systems were purchased and installed in patrol cars at posts around the state, bringing the total number of in-car video systems to 216 statewide. In addition, 1,350 8-hour VHS tapes were distributed.

Speed Measurement

In September 2001, 30 new radar units were purchased for replacement and 10 new Lidar units were purchased. The radar and lidar units were distributed to work sites that showed a need for newer units.

Operation C.A.R.E.

The Traffic Services Section annually coordinates Michigan's Operation C.A.R.E. program, working with over 35 non-profit volunteer organizations who provide coffee and traffic safety information to motorists at rest areas throughout the state during the three summer holidays. AAA of Michigan supports this effort by helping to fund all C.A.R.E. activities. Michigan hosted the regional Memorial Day kickoff on May 24 at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

Don't Wreck Your Life!

Six years after its inception, this statewide traffic safety campaign continues to impact young Michigan drivers. Billboard posters still appear along Michigan highways throughout the state and television commercials are still being sponsored by local businesses in a number of Michigan communities. In addition, this program continues to be used in the second segment of the driver education curriculum. Recently, the Traffic Services Section was contacted by an individual from Belgium requesting information on traffic safety campaigns in Michigan.



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They are researching traffic safety campaigns, especially those that have been placed on television. A copy of the "Don't Wreck Your Life" PSA and other information regarding traffic safety campaigns was sent to them for review.

Child Passenger Safety (CPS)

In October 2001 a four-day child passenger safety seat course was hosted and organized by the Traffic Services Section in Lansing at the Quality Suites Hotel. A total of 27 officers from throughout the state were trained in the four-day course and a member of the department received instructor training.

Work Zone Safety

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) renewed their agreement with the Michigan State Police to fund dedicated patrols in construction zones for 2001, expanding the pilot project that started in 1998. For 2000, MDOT allocated \$320,000 for the specific purpose of providing dedicated enforcement (overtime) within work zones. Districts worked directly with their local MDOT engineers in determining patrol needs. Over 5,500 patrol hours were spent in the work zones, resulting in 13,180 enforcement contacts, 12,321 total citations, and 6,605 verbal warnings issued.

Vehicle Code Instruction

Michigan Vehicle Code instruction was provided to the 119th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School, in-service schools, and to many other groups requesting instruction.

Recurring topics this year included power loss at signalized intersections, international driving permits, accessory lighting, signal timing, motorcycle helmets, motorized scooters, driver license identity fraud, and trains blocking grade crossings.

Traffic Grants

For FY 2001, the Michigan Comprehensive Traffic Safety Initiative (MCTSI) grant provided \$796,526 for: 402 Safety Belt Grant, 157 Innovative Safety Belt Grant, Wayne County Safety Belt Grant, Statewide Block Grant, You Drink & Drive. You Lose, Spotlight Project, Party Patrols, and Lookout Project. In FY 2001, there were 12,342.5 project hours, 9,303 patrol hours, 17,711 traffic stops, 5,380 restraint citations, 3,081 speeding citations, and 12,307 verbal warnings.

Field Support Section

The Field Support Section consists of the Underwater Recovery Unit, Emergency Support Team, Canine Unit and the mobile command vehicle. This section provides specialized services for all public safety agencies in the state.



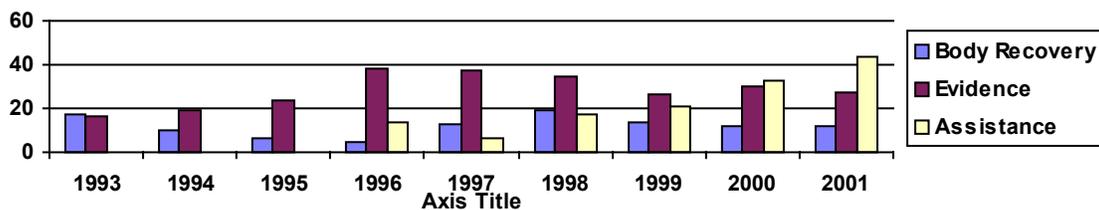
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Mobile Command Vehicle

The section maintains and schedules the mobile command vehicle, which adds a new dimension in providing support for improved public safety in Michigan. The unit provides mobile command ability and technology necessary to effectively manage any emergency situation that may be encountered.

Underwater Recovery Unit

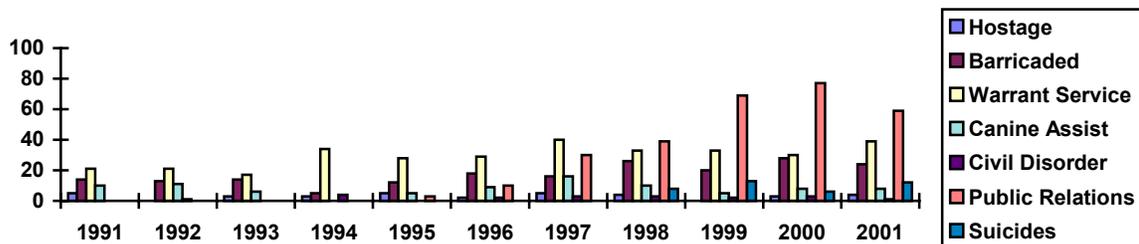
This unit provides diving expertise for the department, most generally in the areas of body recovery, gathering of criminal evidence, and recovery of stolen property. The unit has also assisted the Coast Guard and the Department of Natural Resources in a wide range of activities. The unit responded to 83 calls for service in 2001. Of these requests, 27 were for evidence in crimes. Body recovery accounted for 12 of the dives, and public relations and instruction accounted for another 24 of the service calls. There were 20 general assistance calls for the Coast Guard, Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation, and other agencies.



Emergency Support Team Unit

This unit utilizes equipment and training necessary for extremely difficult and/or dangerous tasks in such areas as hostage rescue, barricaded gunmen, high risk arrest and search warrant service, VIP security, nuclear plant terrorism to assist federal, state, and local law enforcement. The unit also provides specialized training for department personnel and local law enforcement in the areas of civil disorder preparedness and raid entry tactics.

The 2001 unit activity included 147 activations for service. These service calls included 24 for barricaded gunmen, 39 for high risk warrant service, 1 for civil disturbance, 12 for suicide incidents, 8 as assistance to the Canine Unit, and 59 for public relations, critical incident and civil disorder training, and workplace and school violence programs.

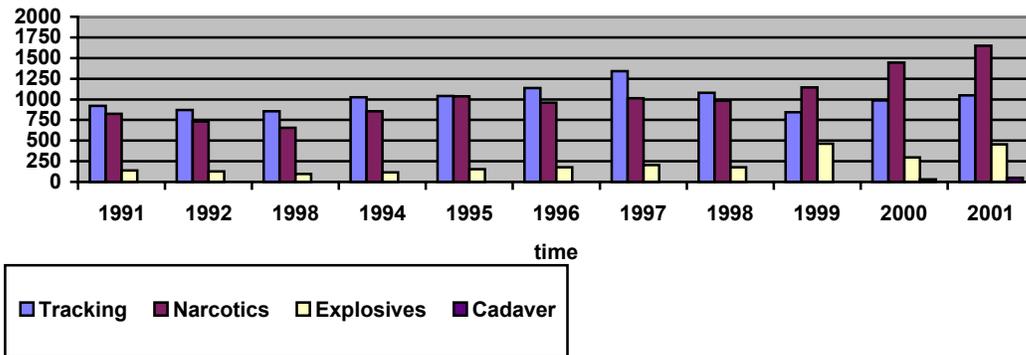


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Canine Unit

The Canine Unit provides narcotics, explosives, and cadaver detection, in addition to tracking capabilities, tactical entry ability, and search and rescue coordination. They work closely with the Underwater Recovery Unit in underwater cadaver detection and the Emergency Support Unit in a number of areas such as tactical entry for barricaded gunmen, bomb detection in VIP and public assembly security, and high-risk suspect tracking. They provide training for local law enforcement and specialized military units. They also provide narcotics detection for the Department of Corrections. The unit has capabilities in tracking, narcotics detection, explosive detection, cadaver detection, collapsed building searches, and crowd control. The unit has responsibilities for the Michigan State Police in search and rescue operations.

The 2001 activity for this unit totaled 3,522 calls in the following areas. There were 1,049 calls for tracking, 1,648 calls for narcotic detection, 454 calls for explosive detection, 50 calls for cadaver detection, 321 public relations programs, and assistance in other areas.



Operations Section

In 2000 the Special Operations Section noted an increase in requests from the field for translation and interpretation services. In 2001, the interpreter service Language Line was activated. The service is provided through the Michigan State Police Operations Center and is a private service available to law enforcement agencies. Language Line provides interpreters in 140 languages, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, within seconds of receiving a request. The interpreter is connected to the parties through a three-way conference call and they can communicate in virtually any language. The service has proved to be a valuable service to the department and in assisting members in providing professional police services.

In 2001 Operations assisted the Secretary of State (SOS) by providing 55,000 digital image photographs to police departments nationwide for use in investigations and arrests. These digital images are photographs stored in the SOS files and accessed via computer in Operations.



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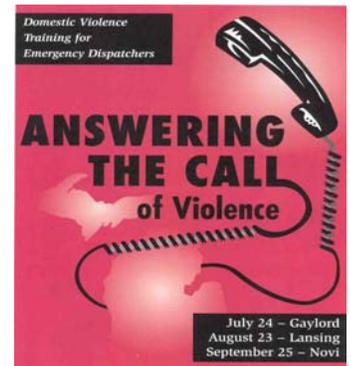
A new Honeywell alarm system was installed at Operations when the Lansing Forensic Science Laboratory was built. This system allows monitoring of entry, exit, fire, and motion in the laboratory as well as in the explosive bunker.

Prevention Services Section

Domestic Violence

Emergency Dispatcher Training

By virtue of the telephone, 911 Emergency Dispatchers are the first on the scene of a domestic violence call. How these calls are handled can often resolve life or death situations. **“Answering the Call of Violence”** domestic violence training was provided in August and September by the Michigan State Police in partnership with the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. This specialized training was designed to provide emergency dispatchers with enhanced training on understanding police emergency response, victim and suspect dynamics, liability issues, and a legal update on domestic violence laws. More than 125 dispatchers attended.



Firearm Safety Devices

Master Lock – Model 97

Firearm safety devices (trigger locks) were selected in a coordinated effort, by establishing a task force consisting of law enforcement and community health representatives. The Master Lock, Model 97, 15-inch stranded steel cable; four-pin tumbler cylinder; 29mm wide laminated steel body lock was selected and 455,944 locks were purchased. Application packets to obtain these trigger locks were mailed to Michigan law enforcement agencies, including DNR, university and college public safety departments, Regional Air Authority Police, CSX Transportation Railroad Police, Department of Defense, and Tribal Police. Agencies were able to apply to the Prevention Services Section via mail, fax, or online. A total of 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies participated in this safety campaign.

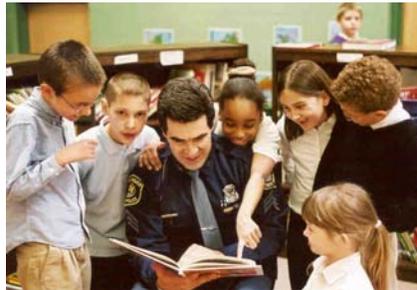


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TEAM School Liaison Program

TEAM Curriculum

The Michigan State Police introduced the TEAM (Teaching, Educating, And Mentoring) School Liaison Program in 1998, in a proactive effort to make schools and communities safer and promote an understanding of relevant laws to Michigan youth. In 2001, the TEAM program grew to include more than 200 state and local law enforcement officers with an estimated 250,000 students receiving instruction.



In 2001, a new TEAM curriculum was developed specific to firearm safety for grades K-12, and was reviewed by public and private school educators, Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education, and Central Michigan University.

Training in 2001 included:

- ❑ TEAM (Teaching, Educating, And Mentoring), 43-hour MCOLES certified training for 120 police officers.
- ❑ “Guns & Kids” Conference with Michigan State University, 18-hour MCOLES certified training for 235 police officers.

TEAM Curriculum Assessment Completed

An initial quantitative and comparative assessment of the literal comprehension and attitudinal response in pre- and post- measures for the high school TEAM curriculum was completed through Central Michigan University.

School Safety

School Safety Checklist Developed

A joint letter was composed with the Department of Education that provided security information to schools in the aftermath of September 11. Attachments with this letter included: A Checklist for Evaluating School Building Security, A Checklist for Preventing Terrorism, and How To Take Action for a Safer School. More than 3,000 copies were distributed.



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School Violence Hotline

On May 28, 2001, the Michigan State Police installed a dedicated toll-free telephone line (1-800-815-TIPS), answered by the Operations Center 24-hours per day, 7 days a week. A database was created within the Prevention Services Section to track activity generated on this hotline. At 2001-year end, there were a total of 502 telephone calls to this hotline, 89 of those calls were determined to be credible and were forwarded on to an appropriate law enforcement agency.



Missing and Exploited Children

Michigan's Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse

The clearinghouse, housed in the Prevention Services Section, received a total of 614 tips on possible missing children from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 2001. From this total, 475 tips were forwarded to local law enforcement for further investigation.

The clearinghouse combined efforts with Don Sak Motor Sports in placing the image of a missing Michigan child, Tori Wollangur from Cheboygan, on the hood of a racecar during the 2001 Detroit Grand Prix. As a result of the national coverage of the Grand Prix, the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Office received several useful tips resulting in the recovery of Tori in Mexico.

Family Abduction

TORI WOLLANGUR



DOB: aug-30-1993
Missing: dec-27-2000
Age Now: 7 years
Sex: F
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Blue
Height: 3'11" - 119 cm
Weight: 40 lbs - 18 kg
Missing From:
CHEBOYGAN
MI
USA

ELIZABETH WETZEL



Abductor
DOB: jul-01-1973
Sex: F
Hair: Lt. Brown
Eyes: Blue
Height: 5'2" - 157 cm
Weight: 110 lbs - 50 kg

Tori was abducted by her non-custodial mother, Elizabeth Dora Wetzel. A kidnapping warrant was issued for the abductor on January 3, 2001. They may be traveling in a 1985 Dodge van with Michigan license plates 4112GW or a red 1992 Dodge Shadow. Tori and the abductor both suffer from an eye condition. Elizabeth Wetzel has scars on her side.



ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
1-800-843-5678 (1-800-THE-LOST)

Cheboygan County Sheriff's Office (Michigan) - 1-231-627-3155

RECOVERED MISSING

Date: 7/23/2001
Case #: 07-25-2001
SOC. SEC. #: 305-17-0975
Name: TORI WOLLANGUR
Address: 8861 GALBRAITH ROAD
CHEBOYGAN, MI 49721
Height: 4 Feet
Weight: 43
Age: 7
Sex: F
Eyes: BLUE
Hair: BLONDE
Complexion: FAIR
Race: WHITE
BirthDate: 8/30/1993



OTHER INFORMATION BELOW

Tori Wollangur was recovered and returned to her father on July 20, 2001. Her non-custodial mother Elizabeth Wetzel was arrested and is waiting extradition to Michigan.

<http://www.missingkids.com/cgi-bin/dbmlparser.exe?casenumber=902876&DBMLFILE=poster.dbml&postertype=c1a1&language=6/14/01>

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY SHERIFF
(231) 627-3155

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TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids)

TRAK remains operational in the Prevention Services Section, with 49 activations sent to 10,210 locations throughout the country in 2001.

Amber Alert of Michigan

Amber Alert of Michigan, a statewide program similar in nature to an activation of the emergency broadcast system, was developed in a cooperative effort between the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB), Michigan State Police, Michigan Chiefs of Police, and the Michigan Sheriffs Association. The Prevention Services Section was instrumental in developing criteria and forms to be used when law enforcement agencies activate this system. Equipment was purchased and training was provided to the MSP Operations Center to use during the dissemination of any endangered missing child report. A press conference was held in June. In 2001, Amber Alert was activated on eight cases.

Eagle Eye/Child Net Program

Eagle Eye/Child Net Program, a partnership between the United States Postal Service and the Michigan State Police, was activated on four separate cases of missing children in 2001. The missing child was recovered in three of the four reported cases.

Safe Delivery Act

In 2001 Michigan enacted the "Safe Delivery Act," a law allowing an avenue for parents of infants to anonymously surrender their newborn to an emergency service provider. The Prevention Services Section served on a Task Force with the Family Independence Agency to establish guidelines and help inform law enforcement agencies of their responsibility under this legislation.

- Informational packets were sent to each MSP post location. The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Michigan Sheriffs Association were provided copies of informational packets for distribution to their respective agencies as well.
- In 2001 the clearinghouse was involved with ten investigations of surrendered newborns.

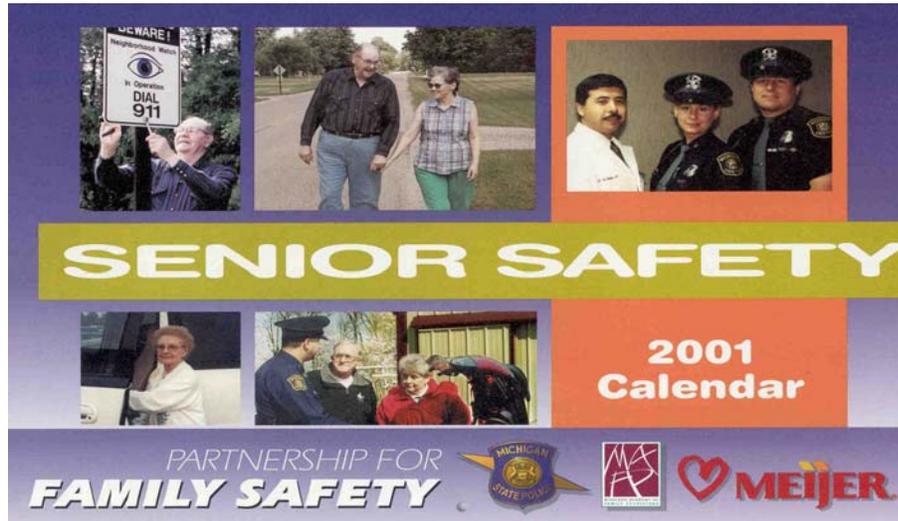
Senior Citizen Safety

Senior Safety Calendar

A "2001 Senior Safety Calendar" was created, in partnership with Meijer and the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians. More than 10,000 copies were distributed statewide at Meijer Pharmacies, Family Physician Offices, and MSP posts.



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Juvenile Justice Issues

Youth Violence Assessments

Youth Violence Assessments were provided in Berrien, Eaton, Jackson, Berry, and Kent counties, in cooperation with the Michigan Public Health Institute, Michigan Department of Community Health, and the Michigan State Police. During each assessment, three days are dedicated to solicit testimony from the public, juvenile justice professionals, and law enforcement. The goal is to identify community standards, address unmet needs, and to help develop a strategic plan regarding youth violence prevention within that respective community.

MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION

Homeland Security

The tragic events of September 11 turned the focus of the Motor Carrier Division to providing for Homeland Security. In response to a concern that future terrorist attacks could involve the use of a commercial vehicle transporting a hazardous material, motor carrier officers began conducting random inspections of hazardous materials transportation vehicles. Over 1,000 hazardous materials inspections were conducted with special emphasis on the driver. While no suspected terrorist activities were found, several cases of possible fraud involving the issuance of Commercial Driver's Licenses were identified.



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Also in response to the events of September 11, Motor Carrier Division Investigators conducted Security Sensitivity Visits at all Michigan-based carriers of hazardous materials. During their visits to 445 carriers, Motor Carrier Investigators surveyed business practices to identify vulnerabilities and to educate carriers on how they can avoid having their employees or equipment involved in a breach of homeland security.

13th Motor Carrier Recruit School

The Motor Carrier Division began 2001 with 38 vacancies in its enforcement ranks. In response, the division embarked on an aggressive recruiting, selection, and training campaign for new motor carrier officers.

This successful effort resulted in the graduation of 19 probationary officers from the 13th Motor Carrier Recruit School on November 16, 2001. Preparations continued for the 14th Motor Carrier Recruit School scheduled to begin in January 2002, bringing the Motor Carrier Division to full staffing.

Safety Partnership with Roadway Express, Inc.



The Motor Carrier Division entered into a safety partnership with trucking industry leader Roadway Express, Inc. Roadway Express, with headquarters in Akron, Ohio, dedicated a semi tractor-trailer combination and a professional truck driver to provide full-time safety training and educational messages to law enforcement and the general

motoring public. Roadway Express actively assisted the Motor Carrier Division with training hundreds of local law enforcement officers in *Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Awareness*. In addition, they assisted in the training of members of the 13th Motor Carrier Recruit School in CVSA North American Standard Commercial Vehicle Inspection Techniques, and also helped deliver “Sharing the Road” and “No Zone” safety messages to passenger car drivers throughout Michigan.

Partnering with Other State Agencies

The Motor Carrier Division continued its enforcement partnerships with the Departments of State and Treasury on investigations relating to Michigan carriers that are illegally plating their vehicles in other states. These investigations have revealed that not only are these carriers failing to pay appropriate registration fees to Michigan which amount to thousands of dollars per vehicle, but they are also not paying the required sales tax on newly purchased vehicles, again amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Two recent investigations



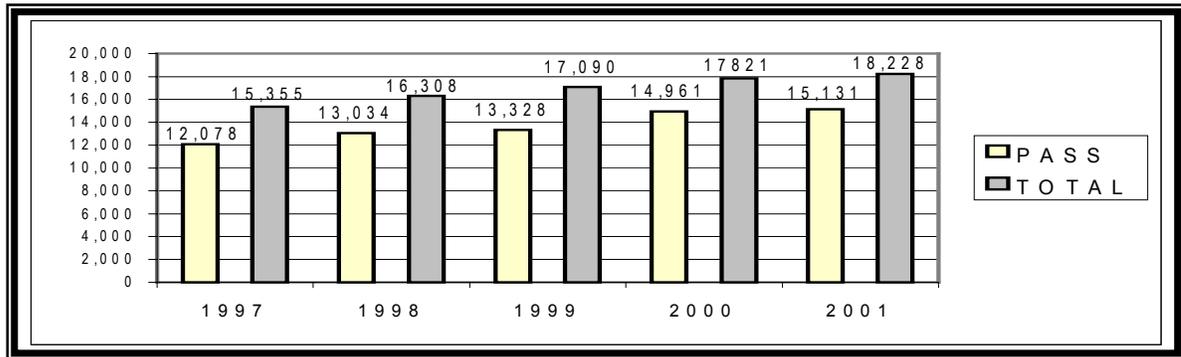
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resulted in the collection of \$20,000 - \$25,000 in unpaid sales tax. Additionally, the carriers were required to properly plate their vehicles.

The Motor Carrier Division partnered with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to investigate suspected shipments of hazardous waste from Canada into Michigan. While no violations were discovered, this effort did serve to provide an effective deterrent to would-be transporters of illegal hazardous waste.

School Bus Inspection Program

A record number of school bus safety inspections were conducted during 2001. The number of buses successfully passing the initial inspection continues to increase each year, as shown on the graph below. The combination of an effective State Police School Bus Inspection Program and a strong commitment to safety by the pupil transportation industry has resulted in school bus transportation being the safest form of transportation in Michigan.



Motor Carrier Officer of the Year

Ofcr. Barry Archer of the Adrian Post earned the honor of 2001 Motor Carrier Officer of the Year.

Motor Carrier Inspector of the Year

Hazardous Materials Investigator Jeffrey Snyder of the Richmond Post competed to win the honor of being the 2001 winner of Michigan's Inspector Challenge.

Motor Carrier Division Employee of the Year

Mr. Dan Shotwell, Vehicle Safety Inspector assigned to First District Headquarters, was honored as the Motor Carrier Division Employee of the Year 2001.

Motor Carrier Division Leadership Award

Sgt. Patrick H. Morris of the Bridgeport Post, was selected to receive the Division's coveted Leadership Award for 2001.



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FIRST DISTRICT

The First District CITE Team (Criminal Interdiction and Traffic Enforcement) successfully concluded its third year of operation. The CITE Team works the various post areas within the First District on a rotating basis independent of the local posts. Numerous times throughout 2001, they provided supplemental patrols to the various posts and worked with the MAGNET narcotics enforcement team on an interdiction effort. They were involved in a wide range of activities including stolen vehicle arrests, CCW arrests, narcotics arrests and forfeitures in excess of \$20,000. Moreover, they participated in cooperative alcohol enforcement teams with the city of East Lansing each Friday night before home football games. The Team has proven to be a valuable resource.

Lansing Post

The Lansing Post continued to serve the citizens of Eaton and Ingham counties with freeway patrols. Post personnel served the citizens of Clinton County with full police patrols. During the fall of 2001, the Lansing Post assisted the Michigan State University Police Department with crowd control at home MSU football games. Additionally, post personnel assisted with crowd control at the October 6 "Cold War," billed as the world's largest audience to attend an outdoor hockey event.

Brighton Post

A trooper from the Brighton Post received a call that a subject passed a counterfeit check at a local business. Upon investigation, the trooper was able to identify ten different victims that received counterfeit checks. The products purchased were mostly tools and building supplies. The trooper was able to print a picture of the suspect from a store surveillance camera. From that photo, a poster was made and a possible suspect was identified who owned and ran a campground in northern Michigan. A subsequent search warrant at the Campground proved fruitful as the majority of the property purchased with the counterfeit checks was recovered.

During the interview and interrogation process, the suspect provided information on an accomplice who helped procure false identification. A subsequent search warrant of the second suspect's residence revealed additional purchased (stolen) construction equipment. The second suspect was then taken into custody. The second suspect had several previous arrests and federal convictions.

The first subject has been convicted on several charges and is currently serving his sentence. The second subject is pending prosecution. The State Police Brighton Post is being assisted in this investigation by the Drug Enforcement Agency, Detroit, Denver, Houston and Overseas offices, and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office



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Ithaca Post

This was a very busy year for personnel at the Ithaca Post. Although the post staffing level has decreased by two troopers, the total number of incidents investigated and calls for service increased by nearly 38%.

The Ithaca Post investigated information received from an informant that a local emergency room doctor was trying to hire someone to murder his wife. The post detective contacted the MSP Criminal Investigation Division for assistance. An undercover trooper made contact with the doctor and was hired to murder his wife. During this recorded meeting, the doctor offered to pay cash for the murder. The doctor was arrested, convicted, and has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term. Because of the tenacity of Ithaca Post personnel, the investigation did not stop there. The post detective and troopers followed up on information they obtained during various interviews and learned the doctor was also illegally dispensing prescription medication. From information developed in this new narcotic investigation, it was learned that the doctor had previously tried to hire two other individuals to murder his wife. These two additional individuals have also been arrested, convicted, and sentenced to prison terms.

Owosso Post

The Owosso Post detective solved a 28-year-old homicide. The victim, a popular local high school graduate was murdered in early 1973. The solution of the case resulted from a combination of great detective work and DNA technology. This case would have been difficult to solve without DNA evidence. The Livingston County Jury found the suspect guilty of felony murder. He is now serving a life sentence without the chance of parole.

Capitol Post

As a result of the anthrax scare following the terrorist attacks in September, the post has been involved in a number of investigations concerning mail reportedly contaminated with unknown substances. Fortunately, none of the mail examined tested positive for contaminants.

Four officers participated in the Capitol Post bike patrol during the months of May through October. This is the second year of this project, which provides significant benefit to the Capitol Complex community. A total of 3,194 miles were traveled by the four security officers on the patrol. The following statistics were gathered concerning overall activity during 2001:

Public Assist	3,798
Identification Checks	42
Cars investigated	23
Verbal Warnings	72
Patrol Original Complaints	55
Property Inspections	1,057
Hours on Patrol	1,074



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Jackson Post personnel arrested an eight-person ring involved in over 300 larceny from automobile complaints, 8 UDAA's, 2 B & E's, and a chop shop. These various crimes took place from July through December of 2001. The ring operated out of Jackson County and spread into Ingham, Hillsdale, Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Monroe counties. The post worked in cooperation with a number of police agencies to coordinate prosecution in their investigations. One common factor in most of the incidents or investigations led detectives to a tire store in Jackson. Three of the suspects worked there and, during the course of their employment, wrote down customers' names and addresses. They would later target those customers' vehicles with expensive stereo systems.

Adrian Post

The Adrian Post continues to be a leader and innovator with regard to law enforcement in Lenawee County. The post was recently recognized for its outstanding achievements in the area of Motor Carrier enforcement. The Adrian Post was named winner of the 2001 Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Award for excellence in Commercial Vehicle Safety.

The Adrian Post also continues to be a leader with regard to alcohol enforcement. Troopers have averaged over 285 drunk driving arrests over the past five years. Troopers from the midnight shift have been recognized statewide and have received the M.A.D.D. "Michigan Lifesaver Award" 11 of the past 12 years for their outstanding contributions in arresting drunk drivers.

The post assisted the Jackson Post in the investigation of a homicide in Brooklyn, and was involved in other major investigations in Lenawee County, including several drive-by shootings. The post enjoys an excellent cooperative atmosphere with other law enforcement agencies in the area due to bimonthly investigator meetings held at the post by the post detective.

Jonesville Post

While conducting property inspections on businesses that had previously been broken into in the Allen area, two troopers observed a vehicle pull out from behind a building and enter onto the roadway. Troopers initiated a traffic stop and observed two green crowbars in the vehicle. Green paint was found at the point of entry of several of the breaking and entering scenes. The suspect was lodged on charges of possession of burglary tools and possession of marijuana.

The detective sergeant had the suspect vehicle searched a second time which produced evidence to link the suspect to break-ins of veterinary clinics within the city limits of Jonesville. The coordinated investigative work of MSP Jackson, MSP Adrian, and the Hillsdale County Sheriff Department resulted in the arrest of eight suspects. All eight were arrested for their part in a tri-state breaking and entering ring. The estimated property damage and property stolen could total well over \$100,000.



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SECOND DISTRICT

Metro North Post

Several local officers have been trained and certified by Metro North Post troopers in the operation of the traffic enforcement LASER. This initiative has received wide spread support from many surrounding local jurisdictions. Similar campaigns have now been initiated in Lathrup Village, Royal Oak, Pleasant Ridge, and Ferndale. Variations of this concept have been initiated in several other state police districts and by the local sheriff's department, as well.

Operation Bottleneck was initiated because the I-696 and I-75 expressway interchange has been rated as having the highest number of traffic crashes of any other single interchange within the State of Michigan. Troopers and motor carrier officers have been assigned to this interchange to eliminate the unsafe and unlawful practice of vehicles stopping on the main traveled portion of the expressway. The courts, public, and the media have strongly supported this enforcement campaign. There have been no reported traffic crashes during the hours the operation was being conducted. Operation Bottleneck has been so successful the Traffic Safety Statewide Block Overtime Grant has been allocated to ensure continuance of this traffic safety/enforcement operation.

Trooper BUCKLEBEAR is a cute, cuddly, 4' 6" tall teddy bear who effectively spreads his safety belt message. He is partnered with a trooper who controls his voice and actions via a wireless headset and radio remote control.



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His safety messages include:

- Safety belt and child safety restraint issues
- Proper use of 9-1-1
- Gun safety issues
- Bicycle safety issues
- Stranger issues

Since the inception of this unique program in 1998, Trooper BUCKLEBEAR has visited 492 schools, churches, and community functions. He has “spoken” and spread his safety messages to over 44,000 children.

The Metro North Post was responsible for the 2001 Woodward Dream Cruise, which spans three days and draws over 1.2 million visitors, and the 153rd Michigan State Fair, which drew more than 375,000 visitors.

Second District Regional Dispatch Center (SDRD)

A Dispatch Focus Group was formed to improve operations. Results included revised maps and a new training program for newly hired dispatchers.

Preparations have been made for the installation of a new phone system that will permit Phase 1 caller identification for wireless 9-1-1 calls in 2002.

Following the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York, an evacuation plan was developed, including the transfer of telephone and radio service. Immediately after the attacks, many downtown Detroit offices evacuated. Michigan State Police dispatchers remained on the job, providing exceptional public safety support to a distraught citizenry.

One dispatcher composed a tribute to the brave dispatchers of New York City (to follow). This tribute was professionally framed, signed by all SDRD dispatchers, and sent to their colleagues in New York.



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“Invisible Angels”

Dedicated to the Telecommunicators of New York City - September 2001



When it seems your entire world has come down around you, others expectations are at there highest. Amid the cries for help for the dead and the dying you maintain a measure of composure and focus that is unimaginable to others, yet we know that just below the surface you all ride the roller coaster of emotions that accompanies every plea for help. We are a band of invisible angels, and we understand your vital role.

Collectively you have been brought to the precipice of hell itself, and stared down the demons that seek to destroy us. Perched above the abyss of torment and despair, you have held your head high even as the tears for the fallen stream down your unseen faces.

The calls for assistance seemingly never stop, yet your work doggedly continues. Resources are strained beyond limits, yet you do not reveal your limitations. The lifeline does not compromise or break because you do not allow it. You are the tie that binds us together in a unique struggle never before really contemplated. For that we should be eternally grateful, but how does one give thanks to an invisible angel?

Invisible angels are not without fear or emotion. Invisible angels clearly have a sense of dedication and purpose that pushes everything else aside when aid is needed. Very few have actually seen you, yet all around you know and rely on you. As humans, you are not infallible. As invisible angels you are called upon to perform acts of heroism every single day - this is your role. It is the role you have chosen because of you are unique, and uniquely qualified. It provides you with a comfortable means of support, certainly. But others in your profession know there is much greater compensation. When you answer the call for help it is understood that events which you cannot control must be controlled. It is this paradox that very few can comprehend; yet we understand because we also heed the call. We are, indeed, a community of invisible angels.

When your shift is finally done and the next band of invisible angels takes over, when no one is around to see the tears, when no other person could possibly know the hurt and anger and compassion coursing through your minds, you may each take comfort in knowing that there are others around the country that are with you in spirit. You are the unseen heart and soul of our society - "Invisible Angels" - the Telecommunicators of New York City. The Emergency Dispatchers of the Michigan State Police wish you all the best, and hope you take some solace in the knowledge that there are thousands of other invisible angels around you.

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Richmond Post

The Richmond Post utilized all of its 2001 Statewide Block Grant funds to conduct traffic enforcement efforts along the M-59 corridor. This cooperative initiative involved several local agencies whose jurisdictions border M-59. This traffic safety effort was publicized in the local media as well as by highly visible signs along M-59 in Macomb County.

The Richmond Post conducts random bicycle patrols within three large mobile home communities to establish a closer rapport with the residents and to provide troopers with an “up close” view of criminal activity. This project began in 1999 with the purchase of two bicycles and associated equipment. There are currently four officers trained in police bicycle patrol procedures through IPMBA. Troopers worked through July and August providing police coverage at the mobile home parks, special events, and festivals. To date, a total of 150 hours have been spent on bicycle patrol. Richmond’s Post commander also participated in a committee to standardize the uniform and equipment utilized by the growing number of bike patrol officers within the department.

Ypsilanti Post

The major issue facing state police in Washtenaw County during 2001 was facilitation of a smooth transition to contract policing by the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department.

The Sheriff’s Department received a mandate from the County Board of Commissioners to eliminate general-funded road patrol by December 31, 2001. The sheriff’s department was directed to provide road patrol services only to those townships that contracted with them for the service. The mandate required 16 townships that relied upon both sheriff’s department and state police road patrol to decide whether to contract full-time, part-time, or not at all.

State police and sheriff’s department officials attended many meetings throughout the year, involving county and township officials and citizens, to discuss the probable outcomes of the mandate. In addition, each agency outlined their respective areas of responsibility and how they would work cooperatively within the established guidelines. In September of 2001, eight townships either contracted full-time or joined with another township and collectively bought full-time coverage, seven elected to have the state police respond to their calls for service, and one township elected to contract for one deputy while using the state police the remaining time.

The Ypsilanti Post devised new patrol areas, which incorporated these townships with the freeway system. Troopers attend each township meeting with a monthly report of activity. Activity has increased slightly, but the positive public reaction to the state police has increased tenfold. The response and visibility of the state police has quieted any initial anxiety about changes in police service.



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Groveland Team

Three investigations resulted in the arrest of three suspects involved in a string of home invasions and vehicle larcenies in Northern Oakland County. Numerous items of stolen property were recovered, which aided the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in solving several crimes. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department Fugitive Team was very prompt in locating and arresting the two primary adult suspects.

The investigations started when northern Oakland County experienced several home invasions and numerous vehicle larcenies during the month of February. A break came in the case in March when two Holly Township homeowners arrived home and discovered a home invasion in progress. Three suspects fled on foot, leaving behind their vehicle, which was parked on a side road near the scene. Oakland County Sheriff's detectives provided assistance. MSP detectives continued follow-up and returned to the suspect's address in Clarkston. The suspect was not there but it was learned the suspects returned to the apartment later that evening and were taking bags and boxes of items out to the trash dumpster. Upon examining the trash dumpster, the detectives recovered several plastic bags, tote-type bags, and boxes containing items that were later determined to be stolen from several home invasions and larcenies from vehicles in northern Oakland County. The suspect was a convicted felon and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. During an attempt to locate the suspect on the warrant, officers entered his apartment. While checking inside, firearms were observed in the closet. A search warrant was obtained for the apartment and the subsequent search recovered stolen firearms and other items of stolen property. The suspect was subsequently located and arrested.

Monroe Post

While investigating a parked car at a rest area in Monroe County, troopers found the occupant of the vehicle to be in possession of open intoxicants and marijuana. After conducting a search of the vehicle, troopers recovered 32 long guns from the trunk of the car. Further investigation revealed that the suspect, along with other individuals, committed a home invasion in Defiance County, Ohio, and stole in excess of 60 long guns. As a result of the troopers' actions, Defiance County Sheriff's Office was able to recover more than half of the stolen firearms and connect one of the suspects to the crime.



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Detroit Post



Detroit Post 25th Celebration Of Service

October 11, 2001, marked the 25th anniversary of the Detroit Freeway Post. The post was honored during a ceremony that was well attended by a crowd of nearly 200, including law enforcement executives throughout the metro area.

In 1976 the Michigan State Police began patrolling the 62 miles of freeways in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck. The economy was down, crime was endemic, and the city became known as the “murder capital.”

Following a vicious assault on a Detroit freeway, Mayor Coleman Young asked Governor William Milliken to “send in the troops.”

Troopers, most of them volunteers from around the state, came to Detroit in what was originally supposed to be just a temporary assignment. Citizens flooded Lansing with letters and phone calls, demanding the state police remain in Detroit. The post became permanent in 1977.



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Today, the Detroit Freeway Post, with approximately 80 troopers, is located on the ground floor of the Executive Plaza Building, on Sixth Street, overlooking the Lodge Expressway, where it all began 25 years ago.

Fraudulent Driver's License Identification and Investigation

Two troopers from the Detroit Post initiated a training program in the proper investigation and identification of a false driver's license, credit card, or social security card. With research, they were able to get some tips on how to detect them through the FBI, Mall Task Force, and SOS in Michigan. The training touches on induced identities as well as counterfeit social security cards and credit cards.

Since early spring of 2001, these two troopers have taught over 800 local, state, and county law enforcement officers. Interest in the class has continued to grow since its inception. Scenario traffic stops were recently incorporated into the class to assist officers in detecting false ID's. They have estimated that arrests in fraudulent driver's license in Detroit are up 400% since teaching the class to the Detroit Post.

With this inception, they have satisfied hundreds of warrants, including homicide, child support, escape, and probation violation warrants.

THIRD DISTRICT

Third District Headquarters was recognized for innovations in cooperative traffic safety programs. A "Migrant Family Traffic Safety and Child Restraint Program" was recognized by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police with an "Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety" for outstanding contributions in breaking down cultural and language barriers while educating migrant families about the importance of traffic safety. The "Migrant Family Traffic Safety and Child Restraint" and the "Aim for Safety" programs were recognized by the Michigan State Safety Commission for outstanding contributions in driving safety. "Aim For Safety" was a cooperative program with the Department of Natural Resources and the media to educate the public about the dangers of car/deer crashes and gaining compliance with applicable statutes during the annual firearms deer season.

Sandusky Post

An area non-profit organization that raises funds to benefit student athletes contacted the Sandusky Post last year to report missing money. They had no inventory and little historical purchase records. The detective sergeant asked the 12 members of the organization to complete View (Scan) questionnaires. One of the persons confessed and returned the money immediately, another person contacted an attorney and refused to complete the questionnaire, and responses from a third appeared deceptive. Search warrants and subpoenas were served on various vendors serving the organization and sufficient evidence was developed to show



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that between \$7,000 and \$14,000 had been embezzled. The person who returned a portion of the money was not charged at the request of the organization. Two other individuals are being charged with embezzlement.

Flint Post

Flint Post detectives conducted an extensive criminal enterprise investigation, which resulted in the recovery of an estimated \$300,000 in stolen property and several arrests. The thefts of heavy equipment were occurring in Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee, Eaton, Gratiot, Osceola, Ingham, and Tuscola counties. Detectives developed a suspect who was placed under surveillance with the assistance of the Flint Area Narcotics Group. During surveillance the suspects were observed burglarizing a local construction company where they took \$100,000 in heavy equipment. The suspects were followed from the site to where they delivered the stolen property. Several arrests were made at this time and additional suspects developed. The arrests resulted in solving multiple larcenies and ended a ring of thefts where the suspects were filling orders for stolen property.

West Branch

An informant contacted the West Branch Post and reported that his friend was plotting to kill his ex-wife, her new husband, and two of their children. After several fruitless attempts by the informant to try and convince the suspect otherwise, he elected to notify the police. The suspect, once associated with a Detroit Area Biker Club, operates his own business in the West Branch area. Ultimately, through the informant, the suspect was provided a phone number of a "hit man" (MSP undercover officer). The suspect called the hit man and agreed to meet him. The entire transaction (exchange of money, descriptions of the victims, photographs) was captured on a surveillance video. S.T.I.N.G. narcotics unit conducted technical and perimeter surveillance. The Technical Services Unit provided the installation of the camera in the meeting car. The suspect ultimately pled guilty in a plea agreement to one count of solicitation for murder.

Caro Post

On July 11, 2001, a trooper and a motor carrier officer responded to a complaint of a fraud involving a driveway-paving scam. Investigation revealed that several subjects from Indiana were bilking local residents by paving driveways with a thin coat of material that would break up several days later. Troopers seized 11 vehicles and were able to identify two suspects as the leaders of this traveling group. One suspect pled guilty to five misdemeanor violations and made restitution to all identified victims. Charges are still pending on the other suspect under Michigan's RICO statute for maintaining a continuing criminal enterprise.

Gladwin Post

A 29-year-old homicide case involving the robbery and murder of a shoe store manager from Flint was reopened for investigation. Detectives developed information on two suspects who allegedly abducted the victim, placed the victim in the trunk of a car, and drove to Gladwin



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County where the victim was brutally beaten to death. Detectives received information that the two suspects had made admissions reference their involvement. Investigating officers interviewed one of the suspects who admitted being present when the victim was murdered. The other suspect died from a seizure in 2001. Warrant authorization is being sought from the Gladwin County Prosecutor.

A Gladwin trooper was contacted at his home by a subject selling fraudulent Dish Network/Direct TV access cards. The trooper obtained a telephone number and advised the subject that he would contact him at a later date. The trooper made contact with the subject a week later to inquire about the product. The subject advised that he could sell a "replacement" card which would allow the trooper to receive all the pay channels without being billed by the Dish Network companies. The subject advised that the initial cost of installing and programming the card would be \$300 and \$50 for each time the card would have to be reprogrammed because of scrambling. The trooper was able to get a search warrant for the subject's residence where troopers seized numerous items related to the fraudulent operation. An additional suspect, the subject who actually programs the cards, was developed. The suspect who originally contacted the trooper was arrested and sentenced to one year and two years probation.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Due to a large number of citizen complaints received by the Cass County Prosecutor's office regarding activities on a farm (Rainbow Farms) located within the county, the Southwest Enforcement Team agreed to conduct an undercover operation on the property. On three different occasions undercover officers successfully infiltrated Hemp festivals hosted by the property owner and made numerous drug purchases on each occasion. These festivals escalated in popularity and generated a tremendous amount of revenue. Many drug arrests of festival attendees occurred off the property. During one of the festivals a young man left driving while under the influence of drugs. He disregarded a stop sign, slammed into a loaded school bus, and was killed. He was still wearing his Rainbow Farm entry bracelet.

A search warrant was served on the property and a marijuana grow operation was discovered within the owner's residence. State Treasury personnel were brought in to assess tax liabilities. The owner and others were charged with multiple drug law violations. Forfeiture action against the property was initiated and the owner was ordered to cease any further Hemp festivals. The owner defied the court orders and mailed a letter to the Cass County prosecutor threatening bloodshed. On August 31, 2001, the owner burned all of the buildings on his property with the exception of his residence. He became involved in an armed confrontation with Cass County deputies and firefighters who were responding to the fires. He then shot at and struck a news helicopter. A standoff began over the Labor Day weekend holiday.



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Along with the Fifth District command staff, troopers from the White Pigeon, Niles and Bridgman posts, the Grand Rapids Crime Lab, Cass County Sheriff Department, and the FBI were involved in the standoff that began on Friday, August 31, and concluded on Tuesday, September 4, 2001. The owner of the property was shot and killed by the FBI as he attempted to shoot one of their SWAT team members. During the early morning hours of September 4, another individual housed on the property set fire to the owner's residence. Dressed in full camouflage and black face paint, the subject, armed with an assault rifle, retreated to the rear of the burning residence and prepared to engage approaching Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team members. He was shot and killed by a State Police officer after pointing his weapon at another MSP officer. MSP Grand Rapids Crime Lab and the FBI lab personnel conducted an exhaustive investigation of this incident. The Cass County prosecutor in conjunction with the State Attorney General's office ruled the shootings as justifiable.

In response to the September 11 terrorist attacks, posts within the Fifth District aggressively worked with local departments and the private sector in assessing vulnerable local assets. District personnel continued goals of preparing for any terrorist activity by collaborating and educating the private sector on terrorism preparedness.

Paw Paw Post

At the Paw Paw Post, staff members remembered one of their fallen troopers, Rick L. Johnson, by hosting a tribute on May 22, 2001. Law enforcement from throughout southwest Michigan came to the Post for the dedication of a memorial stone and plaque. Trooper Johnson was killed when he was struck by a car during a routine traffic stop on May 6, 2000.

White Pigeon Post

The White Pigeon Post post detective and troopers conducted an exhaustive investigation into the murder of a 23-year old female, who was brutally shot and killed while fleeing from her residence during a botched robbery and assassination attempt on her boyfriend. The investigation identified two possible suspects responsible for this homicide. Both suspects had attempted to flee to the southern United States. Following a BOL, an alert state trooper located and subsequently arrested these suspects during their travels across the state of Louisiana. Two subjects are presently serving life sentences without parole in the state penitentiary.

Niles Post

About a month after a armed home invasion incident, the victim came to the Niles Post and advised that she had just seen the suspect responsible for her home invasion at a Wal-Mart Superstore in South Bend, Indiana. The trooper contacted South Bend Police Department and gave them the information on the suspect and vehicle. Within approximately eight minutes, the suspect was stopped and detained for questioning. During the initial contact with the suspect, the Niles trooper observed the suspect wearing shoes that made the same imprints as those left at the scene of the crime. The suspect was ultimately arrested on a



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three-count felony warrant for Home Invasion. The suspect agreed to cooperate with the investigation and 57 Breaking & Entering complaints were identified and cleared, and \$90,000 in property was located and returned to owners in Michigan and Indiana.

Bridgman Post

A peaceful resolution to a barricaded gunman/hostage situation occurred in Weesaw Township on August 14, 2001. After working for years to connect the suspect with numerous crimes he was suspected of committing in Berrien County, troopers from the Bridgman Post were able to secure a two count felony warrant for his arrest. During the attempt to serve the arrest warrant the suspect barricaded himself and two bystanders inside his heavily fortified home. After lengthy negotiations between the suspect and the MSP Emergency Support Team, the suspect eventually surrendered and was placed under arrest.

South Haven Post

Troopers from the South Haven Post continued their community involvement with several worthwhile events. Interacting with local charitable organizations, the Post obtained funds to purchase 20 child car seats for distribution to local families who were unable to purchase them on their own. During the 2000 holiday season, South Haven troopers “adopted” a deserving family with four children. One of the children is stricken with leukemia. The family was provided holiday gifts and food donated by post officers.

Wayland Post

Interacting with the Allegan County Alliance for Safer Communities and the Wayland Post, a Mothers’ Against Drunk Driving Chapter was started in Allegan County. This MADD Chapter will play an important role in enhancing traffic safety in Allegan County.

The Wayland Post applied for and received an \$18,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health to provide child seat training to law enforcement agencies in Allegan County and to provide car seat checkup events across Allegan County in 2002. Twenty officers received the 4-day National Traffic Safety Administration training as child safety seat technicians, with one being certified as an instructor. There have been two child seat clinics held with 66 seats being checked and 30 of those being replaced. During the clinics approximately 90% of the seats were found to be improperly installed.

Battle Creek Post

The Battle Creek Post was a pilot test site for the new Digitized Information Retrieval System (MIDIRS) for the Secretary of State. The MIDIRS is an automated system that allows authorized operators to access digitized information directly from Michigan Department of State as an alternative to making requests through the MSP Special Operations Division in East Lansing. This is a great new tool to assist law enforcement in quickly obtaining photos of a driver’s license for use in criminal investigations.



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Hastings Post

During the fall of 2001, the Hastings Post received frequent complaints from area schools about motorists failing to stop for school buses while loading and unloading children. These were difficult to prosecute due to the inability of the bus drivers to sufficiently identify the drivers and vehicles involved. Hastings Post troopers were assigned to ride the bus routes experiencing the most problems. When troopers observed violations, they radioed nearby marked units who then effected traffic stops and issued citations. The program and school bus safety issues were highly publicized and received national radio attention. The combination of enforcement and increased public awareness quickly reduced the number of violations. This enforcement effort was well received by school officials and the community.

Hastings Post established a local database for storage and retrieval of digital photographs. Installed software allows side-by-side comparison of digital photographs. This gives troopers the ability to immediately compare suspect footwear and tire impressions against photos taken as evidence at various crime scenes. Using this comparison technique, troopers obtained two search warrants that resulted in the recovery of property taken from 15 home invasions and four car larcenies and the arrest of two subjects. In another case, tire impressions matched to crime scenes resulted in the arrest of a subject for five breaking and entering complaints. In a third case, footwear impressions and tire impressions resulted in arrest warrants for a Kalamazoo man for two separate larcenies in Barry County. A search warrant was obtained to place a tracking device on the subject's car. Tracking data correlated with daytime larcenies from homes and construction sites in a three-county area. A surveillance crew was assigned to follow the subject and at the end of the day he was stopped and arrested on a Barry County warrant. Property located in his vehicle was traced back to two thefts he committed just that day and resulted in a multiple count felony warrant being issued by Kalamazoo County.

Coldwater Post

An investigation conducted by personnel from the Coldwater Post involved the vicious rape of a 16-year old female abducted from the driveway of her family home during nighttime hours. Troopers conducted an exhaustive neighborhood search and learned that a college student driving home had noticed a vehicle with Indiana plates parked along side of a storage facility. Thinking this vehicle looked out of place, the witness wrote down the license plate and provided it to troopers. Even though the victim never saw her assailant, she was able to describe his voice and that he seemed to have long hair. The Coldwater post detective immediately followed up on this single lead into Indiana and was able to locate the vehicle's owner at his business. Present also was the owner's 35-year old son, whose voice and length of hair matched the description provided by the victim. The detective observed the subject recently incurred skin abrasions to both of his knees. The subject denied any involvement in this crime. DNA samples were obtained from both the victim and the suspect. Subsequent testing revealed no suspect DNA on the victim. However in a strange twist of events, and because of the thoroughness of investigators, the Michigan State Police Crime Lab was able



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to detect the victim's DNA on the suspect. He was charged with CSC 1st degree and brought to trial. He was convicted and sentenced to 32 to 56 years in the state penitentiary.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Traverse City Post

A collaborative effort among numerous Northern Michigan police agencies, Michigan National Guard, MMRMA, MCOLES, and community colleges have produced the Camp Grayling Regional Training Center. This facility currently has funding available to design and create a paved driving track. The facility will also provide mechanized shooting targets and controlled rheostat lighting for simulation of low light and night firearm scenarios. There are plans to develop several buildings in Camp Grayling into classrooms and dormitory style lodging facilities. This Regional Training Center (RTC) will be available to all law enforcement or emergency service agencies throughout the state.

The Traverse City, Kalkaska, and Houghton Lake posts, in addition to Seventh District Headquarters, have formed partnerships with MSU's School of Criminal Justice, Regional Community Policing Institute. This consortium has charged itself with implementing community policing and client based policing practices throughout their respective jurisdictions. The members of this Northern Michigan Consortium include three sheriff departments, five municipal agencies, one tribal agency, one dispatch center, three MSP posts, and one District Headquarters.

Gaylord Post

The Gaylord Post brought several cases to culmination with the conviction of suspects in four high-profile and very serious crimes. In 2001 an ongoing investigation of the 1994 disappearance of a 16-year-old female from the Traverse City area resulted in the conviction and sentencing of a 36-year-old suspect. Two separate cases involving kidnapping and rape were also solved. The suspects in these two cases were apprehended quickly with the assistance of the local community. The suspects were convicted of their crimes and sentenced by the circuit court judges. The fourth case involved a young woman who drove into a restaurant building, killing two people and injuring five others. The woman pled guilty to deliberately driving into the building causing the death of the innocent people.

All Otsego County emergency service agencies converted to the 800 MHz Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) during 2001. This has enhanced communications in the county and allowed for multiple agencies to respond to emergencies and coordinate activities using the same radio system. Police, Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management have experienced many benefits with the MPSCS system while still retaining the ability to communicate effectively as independent agencies. Public safety response has become more effective as the users become familiar with the capabilities of the enhanced system.



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Alpena Post

Members of the Alpena Post held an “Open House – Dedication” on July 27, 2001, to celebrate their move into a new facility. Troopers took possession of the building on January 16, 2001, after vacating the old facility that had housed Alpena Post operations since 1935. The new 10,540 square foot facility features a much improved reception area, larger property room, and evidence processing area. The celebration featured presentations and displays from the past and present. Over 400 citizens took part in the open house celebration, including retired troopers who had patrolled the Alpena Post area as far back as the late 1930s.

Manistee Post

On October 7, 1973, a 53-year-old Manistee resident was reported missing. Neither he nor the 1972 Jeep he was driving could be located. On Thursday, June 7, 2001, the Manistee County dive team inadvertently discovered the Jeep in the Manistee River in about 15 feet of water. A joint effort between the Michigan State Police Manistee Post, Manistee County Sheriff’s Department, Manistee City Police, the MSP Underwater Recovery Team, and Seng’s Excavation was undertaken in an attempt to recover the Jeep. On June 12, 2001, the Jeep was successfully retrieved. Personnel from the Manistee Post and the MSP Grayling Crime Lab then hand sorted through sediment in the Jeep and successfully recovered the skeletal remains of the missing person along with several personal items. No evidence of criminal foul play was discovered, thus ending a 28-year mystery.

Petoskey Post

Charlevoix County and Beaver Island officials requested MSP presence on Beaver Island. Officials felt the added police patrols on the island would further augment Charlevoix County Sheriff Department’s efforts in promoting traffic safety during the busy summer months. From mid-June through mid-September two troopers worked two days a week on the Island. Positive feedback was received from the islanders and local officials.

During the summer months of 2001, the Seventh District formulated two multi-unit traffic enforcement teams. These two Traffic Initiative Program teams, TIP, consisted of a north team and a south team. The objective of this initiative is to increase patrol visibility throughout the district by having units working in problem traffic areas and during various festivals identified by local police chiefs, sheriffs, and post commanders. Input is obtained from local and county departments when developing the work schedule. The TIP team travels throughout the district from mid-June through mid-September. Motor Carrier, local and county involvement is also solicited to further enhance the effort.

Kalkaska Post

A Criminal Enterprise complaint led to the investigation of a business in Wexford and Kalkaska counties involving numerous fraudulent practices by employees and management. The investigation involved the Michigan State Police, Michigan Department of State and the FBI. Initially the full scope of the illegal activities was not known. The investigation



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culminated in the execution of search warrants at the businesses in the two counties. A review of the evidence revealed numerous state and federal criminal statutes had been violated systematically over a long period of time. It was well documented that numerous customers had been defrauded of more than \$200,000 over a three-year period. Criminal Enterprise charges are pending against the business and several employees under the state RICO statute.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

A major construction project took place to build the new Negaunee Regional Dispatch Center and provide space and equipment for the MPSCS 800 MHz radio system. The Negaunee Post leases space to Marquette Central Dispatch and houses it at the Post. The Negaunee Post and Marquette County partnered to pool resources in purchasing high tech equipment for the facility. In this partnership, Marquette County purchased all dispatch consoles and dispatch center furniture; and, they will be purchasing digital mapping equipment. The Michigan State Police provided all console electronics and will be providing the new phone switch for the center. The equipment is state of the art and ergonomically designed to provide comfort and ease of operability for dispatch personnel. The partnership between MSP and Marquette County will enable the Negaunee Regional Dispatch Center to become a state of the art facility that will be a showcase for other centers throughout Michigan while saving the State Police large amounts of capital outlay.



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Newberry Post

Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) had been absent from Luce County for many years. A concerted effort by the local criminal justice community, concerned citizen groups, and the local media led to local government bodies being convinced that drugs are a problem and that SANE expertise and resources would be beneficial and worth the cost. The Newberry Post committed a trooper to the detail. The first year has seen many positive results by the team and these results hopefully will convince local government to continue funding and support.

St. Ignace Post

The effects of the September 11 terrorist attacks impacted the St. Ignace Post dramatically. Utilization of federal, state, county, and local law enforcement as well as other community agencies proved extremely beneficial in efforts to secure the Mackinac Bridge and the surrounding community. Because of the new heightened state of alert, procedures have been developed in cooperation with the Mackinac Bridge Authority and all other agencies involved with the security for the bridge. These procedures outline security measures to be taken for the various levels of terrorist alerts. These procedures were also sent to the Ambassador Bridge and the International Bridge to assist them in their immediate security needs.



Manistique Post

On June 10, 2001, two persons were reported missing north of Manistique. The individuals were a well-known business owner, Marvin Grover, and his grandson, Jeff Zellner. The men had gone into the woods on June 9 to train their hunting dogs at an unknown location.



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Marvin and Jeff were well known outdoorsman who were respected in the community. The men's vehicle and dogs were located near the Manistique River on June 10 and a large-scale search and rescue operation began. The Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department received the initial call but soon realized they would need large scale assistance. The Sheriff's Department worked quickly with local agencies to call in other resources. Routine patrols were curtailed and troopers were assigned to assist while on duty. Numerous personnel helped the effort in their off duty time.

An incident command center was set up with the use of a Federal Forest mobile unit. Personnel from the Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, Department of Natural Resources, and the Federal Forest Service manned this center.

MSP Manistique personnel assisted with their search efforts and through the donation of a watercraft and necessities for the searchers. Tents were set up at the staging area by family and friends of the missing men. The staging area was on a portion of the Manistique River known as the 'highbanks' where it drops almost vertically 30 feet to the water surface. The entire staging area was filled with persons waiting for word or taking a break from the search.

The offer of assistance by MSP K9 units was accepted. Seven K9 handlers responded from throughout this state and worked tirelessly.

An off-duty police officer from Marquette had volunteered to help in the search and quickly flew to the area with his private helicopter. His co-pilot was another off-duty Marquette police officer who was a personal friend of the missing men. At one point, with the adjacent bank full of onlookers, the helicopter had an equipment failure and crashed into the river in full view of those at the staging area. After the aircraft had sunk out of sight, the men emerged without serious injury. The aircraft was towed up the bank by an Army National Guard Unit who had been assisting with the search. Other aircraft assisting were the U.S.Coast Guard, who used heat sensing equipment, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Searching began on the river with boats and personnel from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Police, Schoolcraft County Search and Rescue, MSP Manistique Post and private citizens.

The search continued into June 11 with no sign of the men. The numbers of volunteers continued to grow as time passed and a tremendous outpouring of community support was felt by everyone involved. The intensity of the search grew and the MSP dive team was called to assist in searching the river.

An extensive area had been thoroughly searched by June 13 and efforts became more focused on a recovery effort from the river. An MSP K9 cadaver dog was utilized on a boat in the river and showed great interest in an area near the "highbanks."



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On June 14 the body of Marvin Grover was located in the river close to the surface near the staging area. On June 16, the body of Jeff Zellner was also located in the river. This was indeed a tragedy felt by the entire community. Surviving family members expressed their gratitude for the efforts of all departments and citizens.

Personnel from this post, as well as others, worked sunrise to sunset to bring this case to a close. This incident was a learning experience for our community. They now know that while we may live in a remote, sparsely populated area, high specialized services are readily available and only a phone call away.

Gladstone Post

Members of the Gladstone Post expended many personal hours during 2001 to bring a very labor intensive "Pyramid Scheme," one step closer to prosecution. The original investigation of the scheme was initiated in September of 2000, and ultimately involved between 1,400 and 2,000 participants countywide.

The scheme was called a "High School Activity Board," and labeled as a gifting activity by the lead players. The design of the pyramid was such that the persons at the top of the pyramid, called a "senior," two "juniors," and four "sophomores," recruited and collected a \$500 payment from each of eight "freshman," who were listed at the bottom of the board. Once the senior collected his \$4,000 the activity board would split, having the two juniors become seniors, the sophomores becoming juniors, and the eight freshmen now becoming sophomores. At this point, 16 new freshmen were recruited to complete the two boards. The scheme was classified as an example of the mathematical "doubling principle." In time, the scheme could feasibly involve more residents than actually live in Delta County after just 13 board splits.

Working in conjunction with the Delta County Prosecutor's Office and the Michigan Attorney General's Office, a decision was made to grant amnesty to all those involved if they would cooperate with law enforcement and pay back the unlawfully gained monies. More than 800 people took advantage of the offer. In light of the amnesty and good cooperation by local residents, prosecution was sought and arrests made on six of the identified "key" players who refused to cooperate with law enforcement. To date, four of the six have plead guilty, one case was dismissed, and the other is scheduled for trial in January of 2002. Punishment for participation in an activity such as this is set as a 7-year felony and/or a fine of up to \$10,000. Charges are also being investigated for several Wisconsin residents who were identified during the Delta County investigation.

It was estimated that during the course of the pyramid, as much as a million dollars could have been involved, with over \$250,000 leaving the Delta County area going to out-of-state players.



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Calumet Post

The Calumet Post received a Child Passenger Safety Grant in the amount of \$32,500. This grant is being used to educate the public on the importance of child restraint seats. Several clinics will be conducted in which parents bring their children in their car seats for inspection. If a seat is found to be recalled or in bad shape, it will be replaced with a free seat provided under the grant.

Another part of this grant is to provide the education of child passenger safety where it would be most appropriate. It was decided to contact local hospitals and incorporate child passenger safety training into their birthing classes. This was well received by the hospitals to the point that they wanted to train some of their personnel to become certified technicians. A class was then scheduled for April 2002.

The grant is a cooperative grant working with BHK Child Development, the Health Department, and various local law enforcement agencies.

Munising Post



Snowmobile patrol for the Eighth District was conducted from January through March in the Upper Peninsula. The patrol area was limited to the trail systems in Alger and Luce counties. One trooper from Munising and one from Newberry, working together throughout the winter, conducted the patrols.

The State Police snowmobile patrol program started in 1995 at the St. Ignace Post. Since that time, it has evolved into two MSP leased machines permanently assigned to the Munising Post.

The patrols are credited with 1,260 miles of patrol; 105 hours on patrol, numerous arrests, tickets, verbal warnings, and property checks were made. They worked in conjunction with the DNR and both county sheriff departments to help increase trail patrol visibility. This effort helped reduce the number of fatal snowmobile accidents this winter.

