

offender or suspected offender; (2) in search of an offender or suspect wanted for a crime committed in another jurisdiction; (3) when seeking to interview a witness to a crime; or (4) when requested by the chief executive officer or the chief police officer of the municipality, or when ordered by the Governor; or (5) when enforcing the Motor vehicle laws of the State (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 88, secs. 3, 21, 24).

To aid in the carrying on of its work, the Department operates a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Statistics. The Bureau maintains fingerprint and photograph files and cooperates with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the police forces of other jurisdictions in the exchange of information relating to the identification of offenders or suspects. The General Assembly in 1941 authorized the establishment of the Traffic Collision Statistical Bureau. This Bureau receives reports of accidents from the various local police departments throughout the State, tabulating and analyzing such reports and preparing a monthly summary and analysis of all accidents which is published in cooperation with the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission. A Traffic Staff has been organized within the Department for the purpose of promoting traffic safety and traffic safety educational programs. The members of the staff speak before civic groups and organizations and plan to build a library of motion pictures and related visual aids to augment its work.

The Communication Bureau, established in 1935, provides radio and teletype communication service with the various police barracks throughout the State. It is a unit in a teletype network covering fourteen States and the District of Columbia. The Bureau also provides radio communication service to the patrol boats of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries. Through the Communication service the latest weather forecasts are transmitted to the local barracks for dispatch to County Agricultural Agents; such reports are also transmitted to the District headquarters of the State Roads Commission. During 1947, the Bureau handled 236,000 teletype messages and 350,000 radio messages. The Department provides ambulance service to rural areas as well as emergency service in the case of accidents. It maintains ten ambulances throughout the State for this purpose. A Training School is operated by the Department at Fort Meade for the purpose of training recruits for the State Police service. The School is also available for the training of local peace officers. The work of the Department is carried on through its local barracks located throughout the State as follows:

Southern Maryland, Troop A

Headquarters,  
Barrack A. Waldorf  
Barrack H. Waterloo

Western Maryland, Troop B

Headquarters,  
Barrack B. Frederick  
Barrack C. Cumberland

Central Maryland, Troop C

Headquarters,  
Barrack D. Benson  
Barrack F. Conowingo  
Barrack G. Randallstown