

Legislation in 1965 gave the State Police responsibility for licensing qualified garages and other facilities to make inspections and corrections of equipment and mechanisms and to certify that used motor vehicles, for which titles are sought, meet the equipment standards promulgated by the Motor Vehicle Administration (Code Transportation Article, secs. 13-102, 103).

Reports of motor vehicle accidents investigated by any law enforcement officer in the State must be forwarded to the State Police. The Agency is charged with the responsibility of analyzing and preparing its statistical tables and charts based on these reports.

The Truck Weight Enforcement Division of the State Police, by contract and/or agreement with the State Department of Transportation, enforces the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code pertaining to size, weight, and load of vehicles (Code Transportation Article, secs. 24-101, 24-112); laws governing registration of aircraft and pilots (Code 1957, Art. 1A, secs. 22-23); and laws governing motor fuel tax (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 135-157) and fraud resulting from the sale of motor fuels and lubricants (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 231-233).

Chapter 452, Acts of 1968, provided for the administration of the State Aid for Police Protection Fund by the Superintendent of the State Police (Code 1957, Art. 15A, secs. 35-39).

The Aviation Division provides helicopter service throughout Maryland twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to effect the evacuation of seriously injured highway and other victims requiring immediate transport to medical assistance. Other missions include search and rescue, criminal investigation support, traffic control, and support in disasters and civil disturbances.

The Tactical Emergency Unit is responsible for providing logistical support to Agency personnel and other law enforcement and emergency assistance organizations during times of civil disturbances, plane crashes, natural disasters, and similar circumstances requiring special-purpose equipment and trained specialists. The Unit maintains a fleet of special-purpose transport and tactical vehicles capable of operating under adverse conditions, which may be dispatched anywhere in the State when needed.

The State Police maintains trained K-9 teams throughout the State. The primary purpose of the trooper/K-9 teams is crime prevention and detection. All teams are trained in basic police procedures, and a number have received special

training in the detection of explosive substances, narcotics, and firearms. Bloodhounds are currently being obtained and trained.

The State Police maintains radio, teletype, and other forms of communication between its own installations and those of other law enforcement agencies within the State and participates in a national teletype system. The Electronic Services Division maintains communication equipment for State Police and allied State, federal, and local agencies. The Division maintains electronic devices, including VASCAR and RADAR for the State Police, and assists other agencies when equipment is of similar design.

The State Police operates a Police Academy for the training of its personnel. These facilities are available to all other law enforcement agencies throughout the State.

The Executive Protection Division provides security for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller as required. To protect the safety of the legislative process, personnel are assigned when required.

The Intelligence Division is responsible for gathering information pertaining to organized crime, investigating violations of narcotics and dangerous drug laws, as well as gambling, bookmaking, and other crimes of vice.

The State Police Local Division provides police services as a result of a contractual agreement for a trooper(s) between the Superintendent, Maryland State Police, and the governing body of any county and/or Baltimore City. As a result of the entered into agreement(s), the State Police will act and take over all or a portion of a local police force for the county and/or municipality (Code 1957, Art. 88B, sec. 63).

The Agency carries on its field operations through barracks, posts, and detachments, located throughout the State as follows:

Baltimore Metropolitan Troop

Annapolis Barrack, headquarters
Glen Burnie Barrack
Randallstown Barrack
Valley Barrack

Washington Metropolitan Troop

College Park Barrack, headquarters
Forestville Barrack
Rockville Barrack