

Analysis of figures indicating trends and other pertinent statistical data appear in quarterly reports and an annual report entitled *Crime in Maryland* (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 742-755). Under the State Police, the Criminal Records Central Repository is responsible for the collection, storage, and dissemination of criminal history record information.

The Central Accident Records Division is responsible for receipt compilation, analysis and distribution of motor vehicle accident reports from all Maryland law enforcement agencies. Aggregate accident data is provided to the State Highway Administration, and police agencies; individual records are provided as requested to individuals.

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.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Special Operations Bureau is responsible for specialized investigation functions, specific industry regulatory activities and certain statewide law enforcement support functions.

The Special Services Division gathers information pertaining to organized crime, and investigates violations of narcotics and dangerous drug laws, as well as gambling, bookmaking, and other vice crimes. The Division concentrates on long range and covert investigations that affect large scale dealers and distributors.

The Investigation Division of the State Police has the responsibility to conduct requested criminal investigations that occur anywhere within Maryland. This responsibility includes detection and arrest of criminal offenders, recovery of lost and stolen property, handling extradition proceedings, and performing other investigations as directed by the Superintendent.

The Licensing Division is charged with licensing private detectives and security guards (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 75-92) and Maryland railroad police (Chapter 469, Acts of 1979). It also registers firearms (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 441-448) and issues special police commissions (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 60-70). The Division is responsible for

investigating all applicants desiring to wear, carry, or transport a handgun (Code 1957, Art. 27, sec. 36). The Division also operates a voluntary firearms registration service for those acquiring or owning firearms that are not controlled by other statutes.

The Automotive Safety Enforcement Division is responsible for licensing Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations, including investigation of complaints, initial certification, routine inspections and revocations. The Division also processes all safety equipment repair orders issued by police agencies to ensure compliance or vehicle registration suspension.

The Executive Protection Division provides security for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller as required. The Security Services Unit provides security to other members of the Executive Branch and the leaders of the General Assembly.

The Truck Enforcement Division enforces Motor Vehicle Code provisions pertaining to size, weight, and load of vehicles (Code Transportation Article, secs. 24-101, 24-112). It also enforces 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).

The Aviation Division provides helicopter service throughout Maryland twenty-four hours a day to evacuate 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 Crime Laboratory Division analyzes evidence submitted by all Maryland law enforcement agencies pursuing the investigation or prosecution of a criminal or motor vehicle offense. Division personnel analyze controlled dangerous substances, blood alcohol, arson propellants, questioned documents, and other physical evidence. The Division maintains mobile evidence collection units in each troop area.

By contractual agreement with the State Aviation Administration, the State Police provide security and investigative and patrol services for Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Field Operations Bureau includes Headquarters support staff units and seven regional