

SERVICES BUREAU

Formerly known as the Logistical Services Bureau, the Services Bureau includes agency support functions such as Finance, Personnel Management, Capital Improvements, Training, Supply and Motor Vehicle, as well as the Criminal Records Central Repository, the Central Accident Records Division, and the Electronic Services Division. The Criminal Records Central Repository compiles and analyzes statistics on criminal activity received from all law enforcement jurisdictions in the State. 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 receives, compiles, analyzes and distributes 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 local, State and federal 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. 543-606). It conducts investigations and makes recommendations to the Secretary of State regarding the issuance of railroad police commissions (Code 1957, Art. 23, secs. 256-266) and issues special police commissions (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 4-901 through 4-913). The Division investigates all applicants desiring to wear, carry, or transport a handgun (Code 1957, Art. 27, sec. 36) and registers firearms (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 441-448). 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 licenses Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations. The work includes 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 the 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