

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.

### STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR MISSING CHILDREN

#### Advisory Council

*Chairperson:* Wendy R. Sherman

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*Appointed by Governor:* Barbara A. Green, 1987; Helen Mennerick, 1987.

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Within the Investigation Division of the Special Operations Bureau, the State Clearinghouse for Missing Children was established in 1985 (Chapter 496, Acts of 1985). The Clearinghouse receives, collects, and distributes general information and annual statistics regarding missing children. The Clearinghouse also coordinates this receipt, collection, and distribution of information to law enforcement agencies and other interested persons or groups regarding children who have disappeared from or are thought to be located in Maryland.

The Advisory Council to the State Clearinghouse on Missing Children reviews the work of the Clearinghouse and reviews the training provided for, and investigatory procedures used by, law enforcement personnel in locating missing children. The Council also examines possible methods for identifying missing children prior to their enrollment in school. In addition, the Council is to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of using the Federal Parent Locator Service to find missing children.

The Council consists of nine members who serve terms of two years. Two members, representing the public, are appointed by the Governor. The remaining seven members include one representative each from the Juvenile Services Agency,

State Department of Education, Maryland State Police, Governor's Youth Advisory Council, and State Sheriff's Association, and the Director of the Office for Children and Youth who serves as chairperson (Code Family Law Article, sec. 9-403).

### FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Field Operations Bureau includes Headquarters support staff units and seven regional troops of two or more separate installations. Headquarters units are described below.

The State Police Local Division provides police services on contract to local governments in Maryland. Under agreements, the State Police assume responsibility for all or a portion of a local police force for a county or municipality (Code 1957, Art. 88B, sec. 63). In addition, the Superintendent of the State Police administers the State Aid for Police Protection Fund (Code 1957, Art. 15A, secs. 35-39).

The Special Tactical Assault Team Element (STATE) and the Hostage Recovery Team (HRT) are comprised of personnel skilled in special tactics to respond to barricade and hostage situations, sniper incidents, rescue operations, and other extraordinary occurrences.

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 also are used to search for lost and wanted persons.

The Crime Prevention Unit conducts crime prevention surveys of commercial and residential properties. The Unit provides training to State Police field personnel and all other Maryland law enforcement agencies. It also offers lectures, demonstrations, and literature for civic, business, and other target groups.

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

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| Baltimore Metropolitan Troop      | 761-5130 |
| Annapolis Barrack                 | 974-3301 |
| Glen Burnie Barrack, headquarters | 761-5130 |
| Security Barrack                  | 298-3101 |
| Valley Barrack                    | 828-5101 |
| Washington Metropolitan Troop     | 345-3100 |