

The Advisory Council to the State Clearinghouse on Missing Children reviews the work of the Clearinghouse and the training of and investigatory procedures used by law enforcement personnel to locate missing children. The Council also studies methods for identifying children prior to their enrollment in school. In addition, the Council explores the feasibility 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 the Director of the Office for Children and Youth, who serves as chairperson, and 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 (Code Family Law Article, sec. 9-403).

AIRPORT DIVISION

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

AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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 Motor Carrier Safety Program, which detects safety violations on commercial trucks, is an additional responsibility of the Division.

AVIATION DIVISION

Throughout Maryland twenty-four hours a day, the Aviation Division provides helicopter service to evacuate those seriously injured on highways and other persons requiring immediate transport to medical assistance. Its other missions include search and rescue, criminal investigation support, traffic control, and support in disasters and civil disturbances.

CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION

The Crime Laboratory Division analyzes evidence submitted by all Maryland law enforcement agencies investigating or prosecuting 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.

EXECUTIVE PROTECTION DIVISION

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

INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Investigation Division of the State Police investigates crimes that occurred in Maryland. The Division detects and arrests criminal offenders, recovers lost and stolen property, and handles extradition proceedings. The Division also investigates gambling, bookmaking, and vice crimes, and conducts other investigations as directed by the Superintendent.

LICENSING DIVISION

The Licensing Division licenses private detectives and security guards (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 543-606). It conducts investigations and makes recommendations to the Secretary of State regarding railroad police commissions (Code 1957, Art. 23, secs. 256-266). The Division also 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 persons who acquire or own firearms that are not controlled by other statutes.

NARCOTICS DIVISION

The Narcotics Division investigates violations of narcotics and dangerous drug laws. The Division concentrates on long-range and covert investigations that affect large scale dealers and distributors. The Division also operates regional task forces to coordinate local, State, and federal enforcement efforts.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Truck Enforcement Division enforces Motor Vehicle Code provisions on 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).

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

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