

weight, and load of commercial vehicles (Code Transportation Article, secs. 24-101, 24-112). The Division also enforces laws governing motor fuel tax and fraud resulting from the sale of motor fuels and lubricants (Code 1957, Art. 56, secs. 135-157) Art. 27, secs. 231-233). Within the Division is the Motor Carrier Safety Program.

*DIVISION OF CORRECTION
INVESTIGATIVE UNIT*

Lt. John Fortune, *Commander*
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BUREAU OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Lt. Col. Thomas H. Carr, *Chief*

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Formed in 1990, the Bureau of Drug Enforcement investigates violations of narcotics and dangerous drug laws. The Bureau concentrates on long-range and covert investigations that affect large scale dealers and distributors.

*STATE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC DRUG
ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION*

C. Thomas Bowers, *Commander*
(410) 290-0050

The State Office of Strategic Drug Enforcement Coordination (SOSDEC) develops and recommends strategies to coordinate State law enforcement efforts to reduce the supply of and demand for controlled dangerous substances. The Commander of the Bureau of Drug Enforcement serves as the chairperson of the Office, which is composed of representatives from numerous criminal justice agencies and associations. The Strategy and Program Development Section serves as staff to the Office.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

John P. Cook, Jr., *Commander*
(410) 290-0050

The Drug Enforcement Division investigates violations of the controlled dangerous substance statutes. The Division includes four Regional Enforcement Units; the Drug Diversion Unit; the Major Violator Section; and the Administrative/Evidence and Property Control Section.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Forrest E. Meeks, *Commander*
(410) 290-0873

Supporting the activities of the Bureau of Drug Enforcement Division, the Support Services Division is composed of three units: Drug Interdiction; Asset Seizure; and Training and Education.

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

Robert L. Thomas, *Chief*

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The Field Operations Bureau was organized by 1985. The Bureau includes Headquarters support staff units and seven regional troops of two or more separate installations. State Police field operations are conducted through barracks and detachments located throughout the State.

RESIDENT TROOPER PROGRAM UNIT

James J. Bowman, *Commander*
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Formerly the State Police Local Subdivisions Section, the Resident Trooper Program Unit provides police services on contract to local governments in Maryland. By these agreements, the State Police assumes 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 Maryland State Police administers the State Aid for Police Protection Fund (Code 1957, Art. 15A, secs. 35-39).

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS SECTION

Houston E. Karnes, Jr., *Commander*
(410) 799-4548

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

Throughout the State, the State Police maintains trained K-9 teams. Their primary purpose is to prevent and detect crime. All teams are trained in basic police procedures, and some are specially trained in detecting explosive substances, narcotics, and firearms. Bloodhounds also are used to search for lost or fugitive persons.

**POLICE & CORRECTIONAL
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