

**SOUTHERN, CENTRAL & WESTERN  
REGION COMMAND**

Edward E. (Earl) Dennis, Jr., *Region Commander*  
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The Southern, Central and Western Region Command coordinates investigations in the southern counties of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's; the central counties of Anne Arundel, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's; and the western counties of Allegany, Garrett and Washington. It works with local law enforcement agencies and the Field Operations Bureau on community policing to pinpoint and alleviate local crime.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS & SUPPORT SERVICES**

Stephen T. Rupard, *Region Commander*  
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Created in 1995, Special Operations and Support Services assists Bureau operations statewide with special technical support. It supervises special investigative groups that work on drug diversion and interdiction, technical surveillance, firearms, auto theft, insurance fraud, and environmental crimes.

**CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION**

Louis C. Portis, Ph.D., *Director*  
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The Crime Laboratory Division collects, preserves, and analyzes physical evidence in criminal cases for all Maryland law enforcement agencies. It analyzes controlled dangerous substances, blood alcohol, arson propellants, questioned documents, and other physical evidence. In each region, the Division maintains mobile units to collect evidence.

**LICENSING DIVISION**

Milbert T. Rose, *Commander*  
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The Licensing Division administers laws and conducts investigations concerning the sale, transfer, and registration of handguns, shotguns, rifles, machine guns, and electronic listening devices. It licenses private detectives, security guards, and canine unit dogs used by law enforcement agencies. The Division also regulates firearms dealers; investigates applicants for special police commissions; and issues permits for outdoor music festivals.

**SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SUPPORT SECTION**

Robert L. Scruggs, *Commander*  
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Under the Special Investigations Support Section are five units: Auto Theft; Firearms Investigation (Operation Cease Fire); Special Operations Support Services; Technical Surveillance; and White Collar Crimes.

**FIREARMS INVESTIGATION UNIT**

Contact: Sgt. Jack R. Simpson  
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The Firearms Investigation Unit was created within the Criminal Investigation Division in 1995. Later that year, it was placed under the Special Investigations Support Section.

To reduce the availability of firearms to criminals, the Unit initiated Operation Cease Fire. Investigations focus on the illegal sale, transport, possession, and use of firearms. Unit work is coordinated with other state, federal and local law enforcement agencies.

**SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION**

Thomas C. Hejl, *Commander*  
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The Support Services Section aids the work of the Drug and Criminal Enforcement Bureau. The Section includes the Violent Fugitive Task Force; Marijuana Eradication; Drug Diversion, Drug Interdiction; Warrants; Asset Forfeiture; and polygraph coordination. The Section also supervises Department personnel assigned to federally funded High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) programs.

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**FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU**

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Lt. Col. Ernest J. Leatherbury, *Chief*

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The Field Operations Bureau was organized by 1985. The Bureau is responsible for traffic program planning and administers twenty-three field installations — State Police Barracks — in Maryland.

Under the Bureau are the Resident Trooper Program and three main units: Automotive Safety Enforcement; Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; and Emergency Operations.

**RESIDENT TROOPER PROGRAM**

Contact: James J. Bowman (410) 653-4384

The *Resident Trooper Program* began as the State Police Local Subdivisions Section and received its present name in 1990. To local governments in Maryland, the Program provides police services on contract. By these agreements, the Department of 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 Secretary of State Police administers the State Aid for Police Protection Fund (Code 1957, Art. 15A, secs. 35-39).