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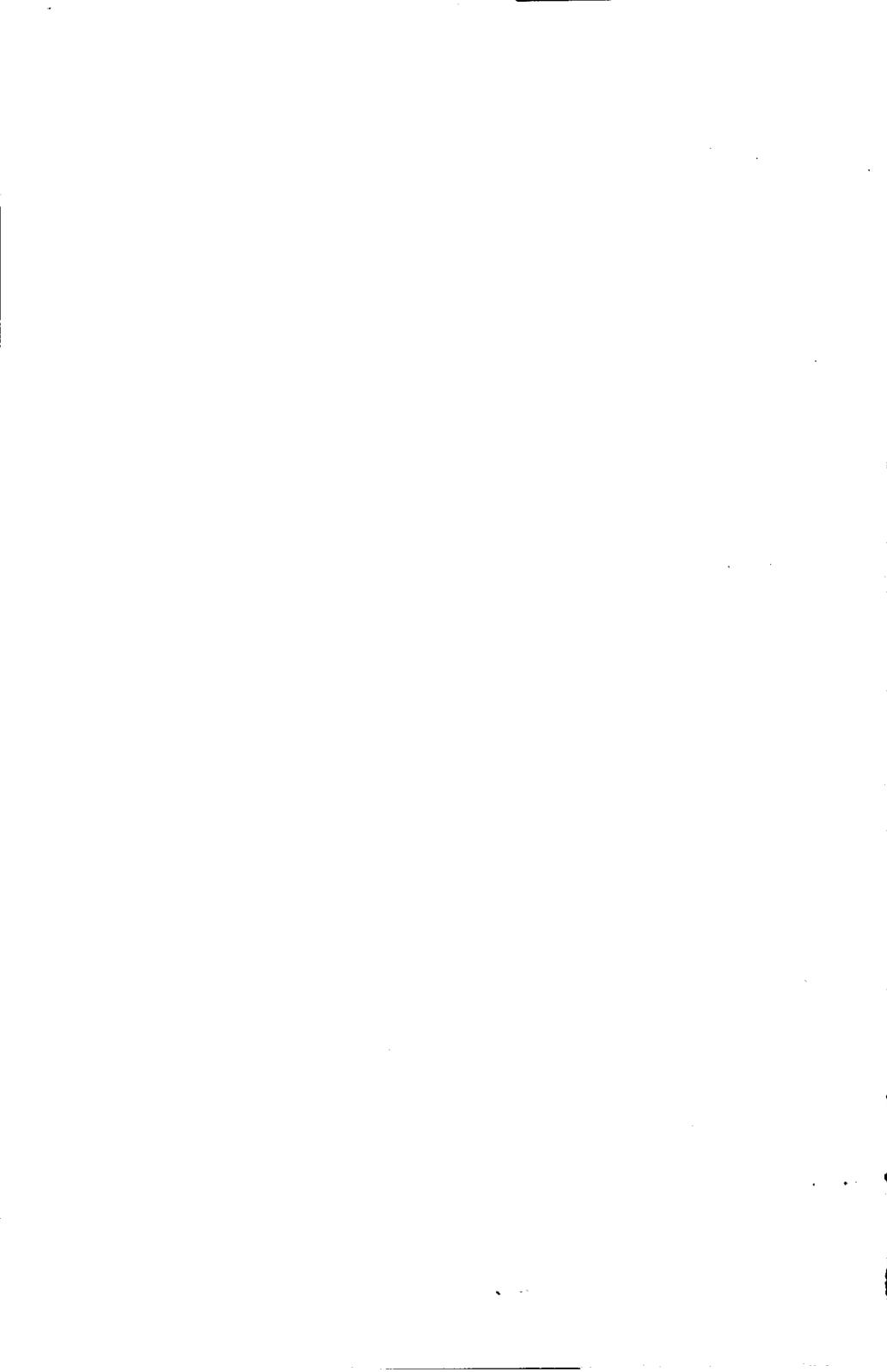
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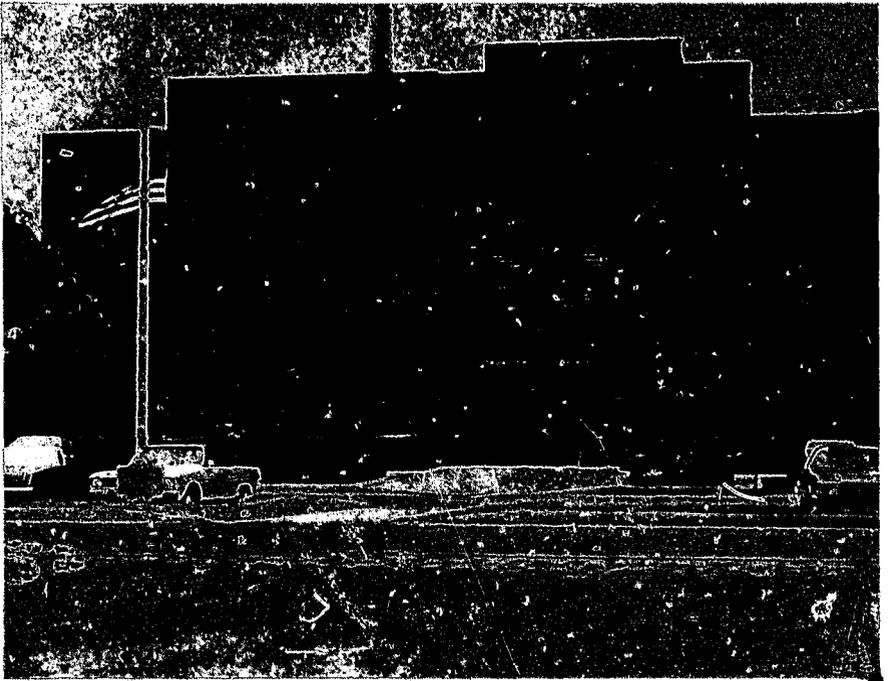
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## INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report for the Division of State Police presents the highlights of the year's services to the citizens of the state, and depicts as well the structure of the organization whose function it is to protect life and property through the preservation of law and order.

The Division of State Police saw many outstanding accomplishments in 1977, however, the most important in terms of a long lasting contribution to the department were the arrival of both a new headquarter facility and a new director as well. In April, the entire headquarters operation was moved into the new Department of Safety Building which was named in honor of the first Executive Officer of the State Police and a former Governor's Councillor, James H. Hayes. This building housed, for the first time, the entire Department of Safety. Among the many features it provides, is one of the finest Forensic Laboratories in the country. The move from the cramped quarters in the Morton Building to new and pleasant surroundings has greatly aided in the efficiency of the entire division.



## THE JAMES H. HAYES SAFETY BUILDING

In September, upon the retirement of Colonel Paul A. Doyon - who served the division from 1955 to 1977 with the last 6 years as Director - a new Director was appointed by the Governor and Council. Colonel Harold E. Knowlton, the former Chief of Police in Laconia, took over the responsibilities of the Colonel's office. Colonel Knowlton is no stranger to the State Police, having served for seven years as a Trooper prior to becoming a Chief of Police, and he brought to the job a personal commitment to mold the State Police into the most efficient and effective state police department in the country.

The realignment of the top echelon was one of the first priorities of business. The senior officer of the division, LTC Paul F. O'Leary, was named to the post of Executive Officer - second in command of the division. Next in order of command, came the three bureaus: the Traffic Bureau, Detective Bureau, and a newly created Bureau for Communications and Administration. Promotions were the next order of business with Major George Iverson elevated to his position as Commander of the Traffic Bureau and Captain Daniel Dempsey as OIC of the Comm/Adm Bureau. In addition to these two officers, several other promotions were also made.



COLONEL HAROLD E. KNOWLTON

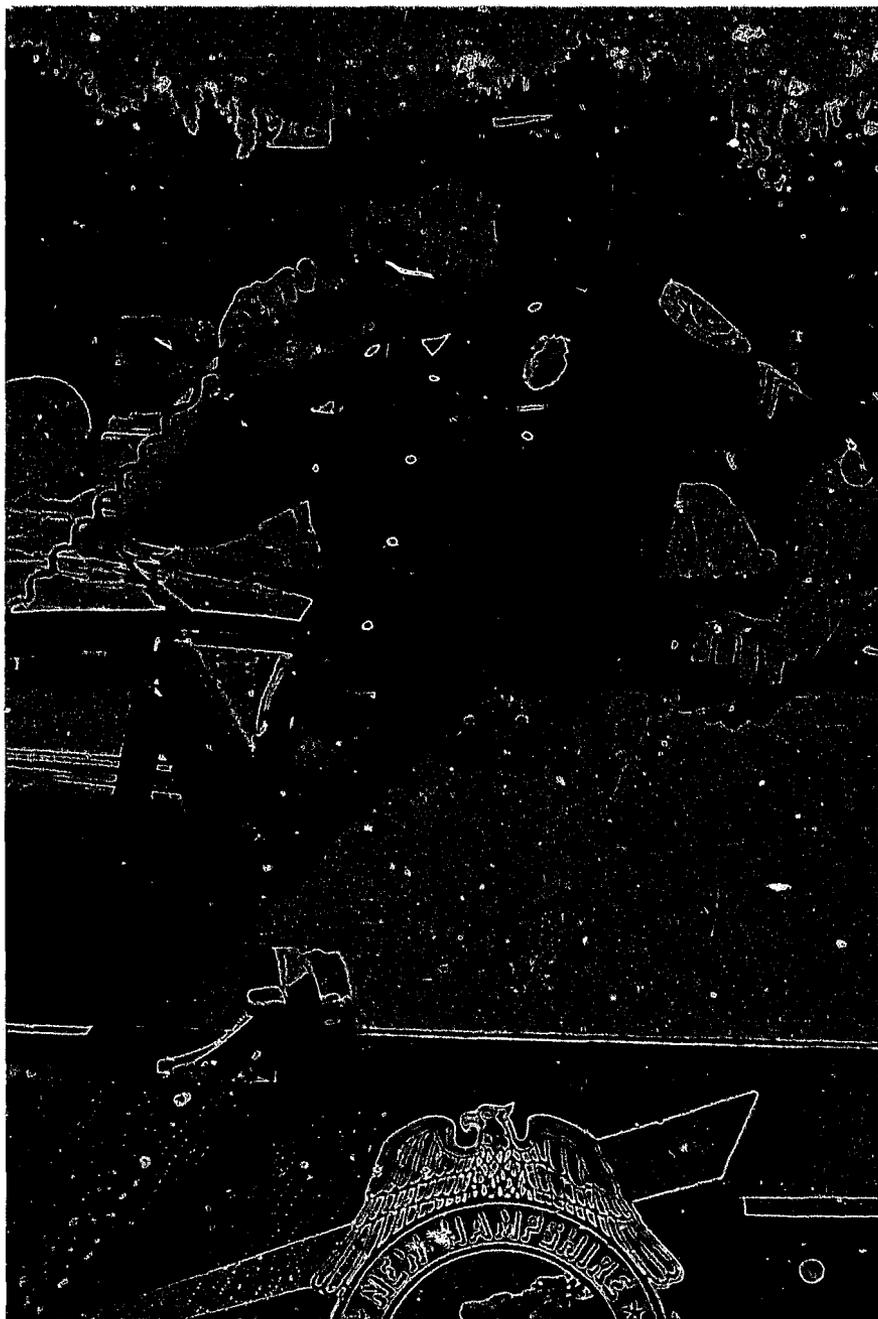
Perhaps the most notable operation of the entire year - besides the usual tumult at the motorcycle races - was the total State Police involvement in the Seabrook Demonstrations in the spring. Total dedication to duty by all members of the division was the key to the overall success of the mission. Augmented by NESPAC Troopers, local police and sheriffs, the New Hampshire State Police effected not only the largest peace time mass arrest in the history of the country, but also successfully booked and processed all 1,414 defendants without a loss of identity. Once again the total resources of the division were tested - and the Troopers of the New Hampshire State Police came out on top.





## BOOKING PROCEDURE FOR SEABROOK

Notable events aside, it is the every-day activity of the division that continues the importance of the division. The many and varied activities are best displayed by looking at the work performed by the various bureaus.



NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE TROOPER

## TRAFFIC BUREAU

In their ever present role of protecting life and property throughout the state the Division of State Police, specifically the Uniformed Troopers are mandated with the awesome, even seemingly insurmountable task of not simply "holding the line" but effectively reducing injury related crashes. This, in turn, affects the total number of accident fatalities.

During the year of 1977 the Traffic Bureau applied apparently effective countermeasures such as the SET (Speed Enforcement Teams) Program, NESPAC Patrols (New England State Police Compact) and a highly intensified "Christmas Vigil" patrol program which zeroed in on the drunken driver. The Bureau not only effectively caused a decrease of the escalating injury-causing crashes but, in cooperation with the local law enforcement community, was

successful in lessening the total fatality court for 1977 in relation with 1976.

Knowing that alcohol related crashes were taking a rising toll of youthful operators and passengers, State Police were not content solely with enforcement countermeasures. The Bureau, again cooperating with local law enforcement officials and the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency, carried the combat from the field into the high schools throughout the state. The problem was attacked at that level by presentation of a factual program entitled "DWI is Dumb."

The Bureau is not content to rest on laurels and is constantly and consistently applying the principles of selective enforcement, high visibility patrols, and numerous other countermeasures to attack the ever present impaired operator as well as the careless, negligent motorist.

Applying the motto "Service Above Self," State Police in 1977 logged a record number of hours serving the public in many diversified activities such as delivering emergency blood to hospitals, delivering emergency messages, searching for lost children with the aid of K9's, aiding motorists with breakdowns, etc.

The Traffic Bureau made giant steps toward the objective and for reaching the goal of preventing injury-causing crashes and elimination of the drunken driver from New Hampshire highways. Troopers fully realize that the problem is ever present and the combat continues. In future months new countermeasures will accompany the already, effectively established programs to reduce injury-causing crashes and a pledge to step up enforcement to counteract the ever existing problem of the drunken driver.

The activity of the Traffic Bureau is best portrayed by the following table of hours spent on different types of activity:

Hours Spent On:	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Patrol	258292	293095	278394
Criminal Invest.	54061	55921	55844
Accident Invest.	5741	5957	6964
Court	11698	16472	16092
Training	16055	26241	21497
General Services	19916	25702	27614

The hours on patrol were generally spent on the enforcement of the following types of traffic violations:

	<u># Courts</u>	<u># Warnings</u>
Hazardous Moving Viol.		
Speeding	20391	12189
Traffic Signs/Sig.	920	644
Passing	1614	1686
Right of Way	165	462
Turning Movements	287	188
Wrong Side	82	129
Following too Close	191	255
DWI	1456	0
Other	1441	2232
Other Violations		
Inspection	5505	5809
License	1335	2010
Registration	1896	2117
Motorcycle	314	239
Truck	1123	570
Other	892	779

Total traffic activity for a three year period is compared in the following table:

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Number of:			
Summonses	35327	33997	37449
Warnings	30501	25544	29302
Checkups	28042	27180	25217
DE's	16702	15246	15042
Suspensions	810	326	410

The increased number of hours spent on accident investigation is due to the increased number of accidents investigated by Troopers as compared to previous years:

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Number of Accidents			
Property Damage	1386	1554	1795
Personal Injury	992	701	834
Fatal	48	74	56

Finally, the number of hours spent on General Services has also increased over previous years. These special types of called-for services have little to do with either traffic or criminal work, but are still a part of the everyday life of a Trooper:

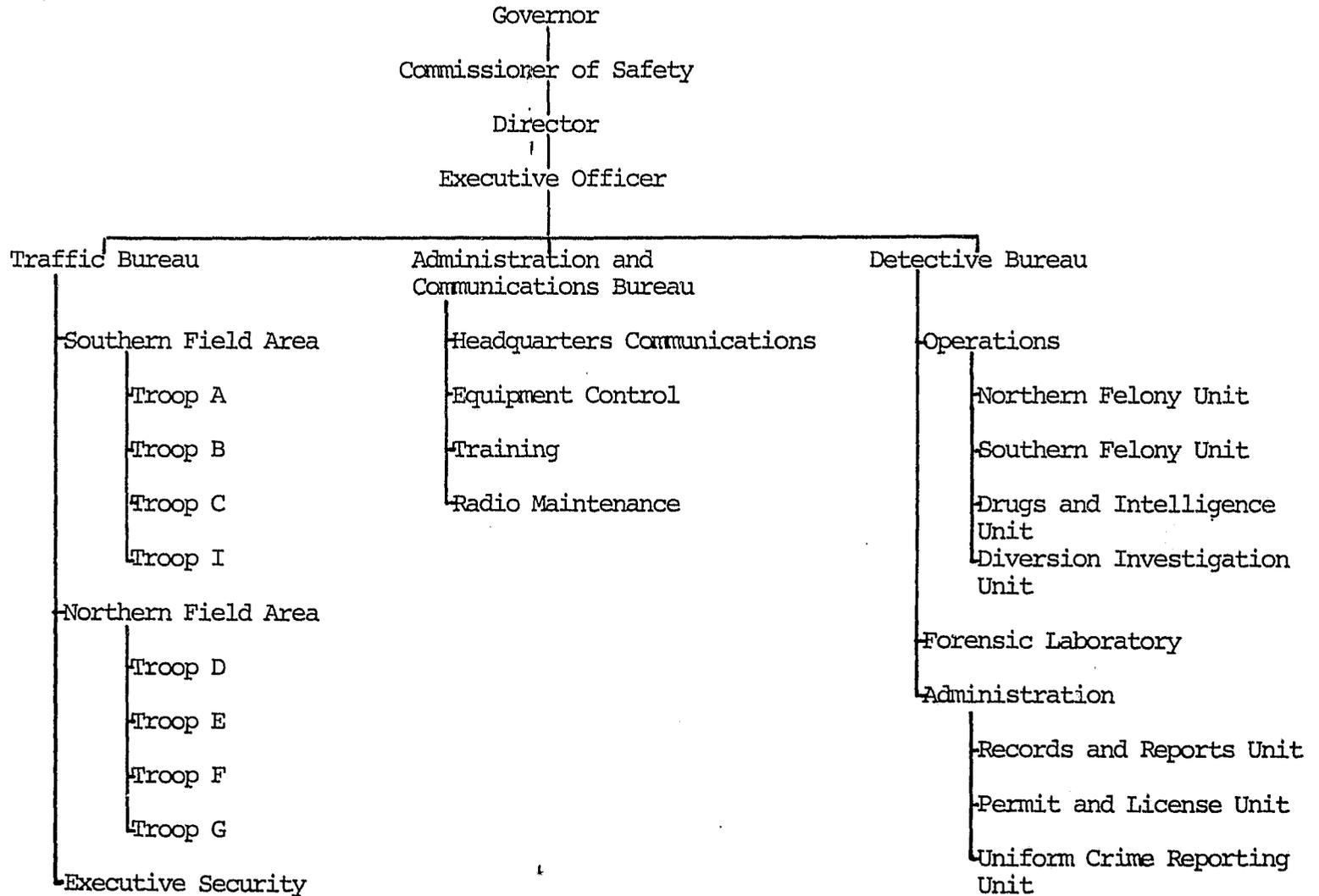
	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Hours Spent on:			
Relay/Escorts	na	3895	4360
Traffic	3366	2819	2881
Technical Serv.	2454	3843	4253
Emergencies	544	395	488
General Police	3896	2926	4577
Crime	2282	3228	2720
Special Act.	5128	6354	6425
Special Units	na	2242	1910

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is charged with the responsibility of investigating all major crimes for the division. In addition, it contains several special units, each with its own unique area of concentration. Under the direction of Captain Richard J. Campbell, Jr., the Bureau continued to provide the many investigative and identification needs of the state while expanding into new areas of assistance.

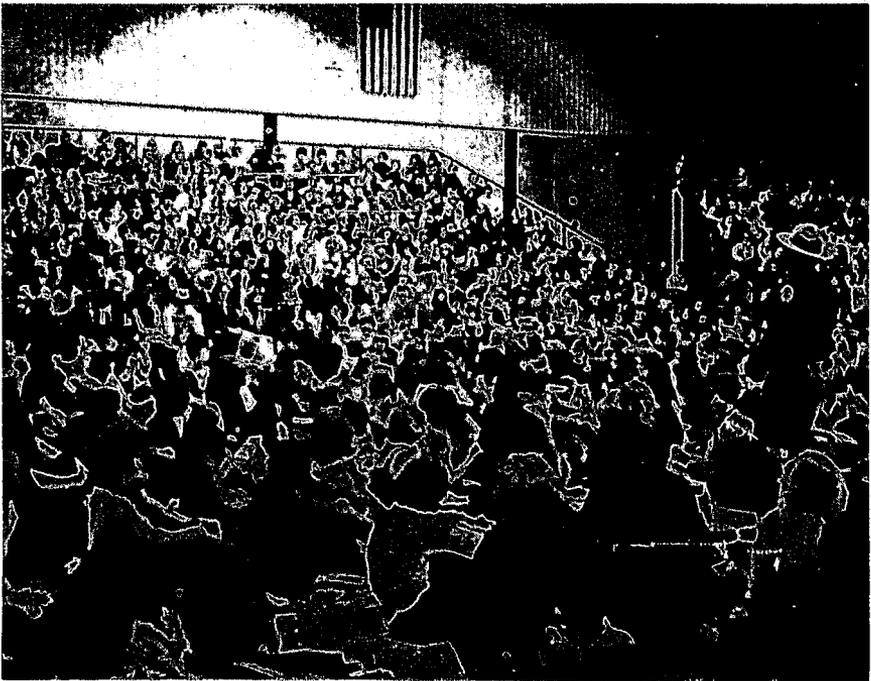
In 1977, the Detective Bureau initiated three major programs in the areas of drug investigation, crime reporting, and explosive licensing. Through a Drug Enforcement Administration/Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant, the Diversion Investigation Unit was formed to investigate the diversion of legally manufactured drugs from legitimate sources. In the area of crime reporting, the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit began gathering and compiling statewide crime statistics. We now have factual data, as opposed to estimated data in previous years, allowing for all law enforcement agencies to effectively plan crime fighting programs. And, the New Hampshire Legislature enacted RSA 158:9 which placed the entire responsibility of explosive licensing and enforcement in the hands of the State Police. These new responsibilities have been added to the other areas of interest in the Bureau, making for a very diversified organization.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION  
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE



Primary emphasis is on investigation, and, to that end, some of the more notable accomplishments of 1977 were:

- investigation of 17 homicides
- arrest of one individual responsible for 5 bank robberies
- processing 1414 demonstrators from booking through court
- a drug surveillance resulting in 12 arrests, 700 lbs of marijuana and \$90,000 in cash recovered.



**PUBLIC RELATIONS - A KEY TO GOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The following table shows a comparison of offenses investigated by the division for the last three years:

<u>offense</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Homicide	20	13	17
Rape	25	20	20
Robbery	32	15	24
Assault	75	51	72
Burglary	723	628	582
Larceny	339	402	393
Auto Theft	60	52	97
Other Assaults	40	58	92
Arson	58	25	30
Forgery	11	7	21
Fraud	27	15	16
Embezzlement	0	3	2
Stolen Property	33	42	60
Malicious Damage	85	138	222
Poss. of Weapons	11	11	9
Prostitution	1	1	0
Other Sex Offenses	25	35	33
Drug Violations	343	195	253
Gambling	8	1	0
Offenses v. Family	4	3	5
Liquor Laws	13	7	9
Drunkness	26	26	35
Disorderly	41	50	55
all others	436	399	383
total	2436	2197	2429

One of the major units of the Detective Bureau is the Forensic Laboratory. This year saw a 13% increase in forensic examinations with a corresponding increase in the time required to perform these examinations. One of the highlights of the new building, our laboratory is one of the finest in the country. A breakdown of the year's activity for the forensic unit is as follows:

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Forensic Exams	605	623	707
Drug Analysis	1882	1906	1678
Total Analysis	2487	2529	2385
State Police Cases	242	206	558
Other Police Cases	2245	2323	1827

Within the new laboratory facilities, a new darkroom capability was designed not only to provide for an automated black and white operation, but also for an automated color processor as well. The success of this program is indicated in the increased number of color prints developed:

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
black and white	14006	12371	10474
color prints	344	306	1392

Three other sections fill out the various administrative sections of the Detective Bureau. These are the Records and Reports Unit; the Uniform Crime Reports; and the Permit and License Unit. These have been consolidated under one supervisor for ease of operation. The UCR Program was new in 1977, and, through the cooperation of all major police departments, catalogued more than 35,000 Part I Offenses and over 11 million dollars in stolen property across the state.

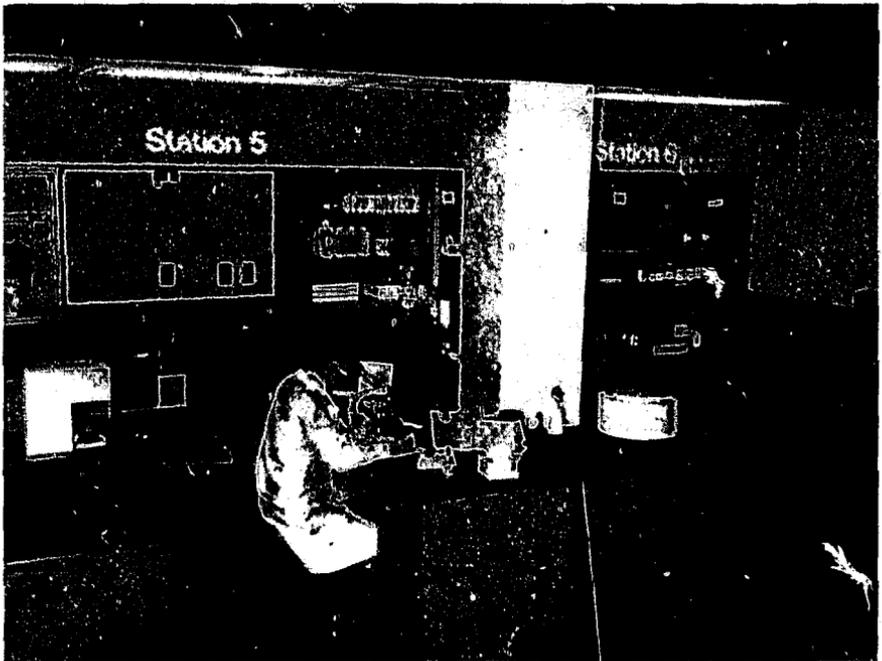
The two other units continue to grow as indicated in the following tables:

Records and Reports Unit

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
#Fingerprints rec'd	4892	5600	7800
#Court Abstracts	26000	24000	28000
#Record Requests	21314	26350	31000

Permit and License Unit

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Det/Guard Licenses	754	906	1045
Pistol Permits	2142	2190	2015
Explosives Lic.	44	38	476



FORENSIC LABORATORY

## COMMUNICATIONS & ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

In the fall of 1977, a new Bureau was established within the Division of State Police to cope with the ever increasing role of communications and the expanding areas of in-house administration within the organization. Captain Daniel Dempsey was designated to head this new bureau which currently consists of the Headquarters Communications Center and the Communications Maintenance Section. The administrative responsibilities of the Bureau are beginning to materialize and will become more fully developed in the years to come.

It has often been said that "...communications is the backbone of law enforcement..." and the Headquarters Communications Center and Communications Maintenance Section are certainly no exception to this adage as evidenced by the varied and ever increasing volume of service. Headquarters Communications serves not only as the central communications center for State Police, but also provides vital information to all levels of law enforcement in the state. It acts as a link with the law enforcement agencies nationwide, via the National Law Enforcement Teletype System and the National Crime Information Center. In addition, it also functions as the coordinating agency in the initial stages of any disaster that may occur in the state.

The regional dispatch centers in Epping, Moultonboro, and Twin Mountain have also shown a substantial increase in message traffic. Because of the increased activity both at headquarters and the troop stations, the entire scope of operations is being reviewed with the goal of substantially upgrading capabilities and performance through advanced data processing techniques.

The increase in activity at the Headquarters Communication Center is evidenced by the following table:

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Radio Trans.	1549939	1566373	1571659
Teletype Msgs.	186616	229299	228179
Telephone Msgs.	102000	106000	121000
NCIC Trans.	250436	346394	385866

Headquarters communications was not the only active spot in comm-centers across the state. With the addition of Troop E in Moultonboro as a 24 hour a day operation, we now have three full-time troop stations, and their total activity has increased tremendously over the past three years.

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Troop A-Stratham			
Radio Trans.	127488	399508	430075
Telephone Msgs.	45480	58048	63852
Troop E-Moultonboro			
Radio Trans.	106441	210750	373262
Telephone Msgs.	21296	25750	43352
Troop F-Twin Mt.			
Radio Trans.	128768	348482	483857
Telephone Msgs.	45496	49217	51391

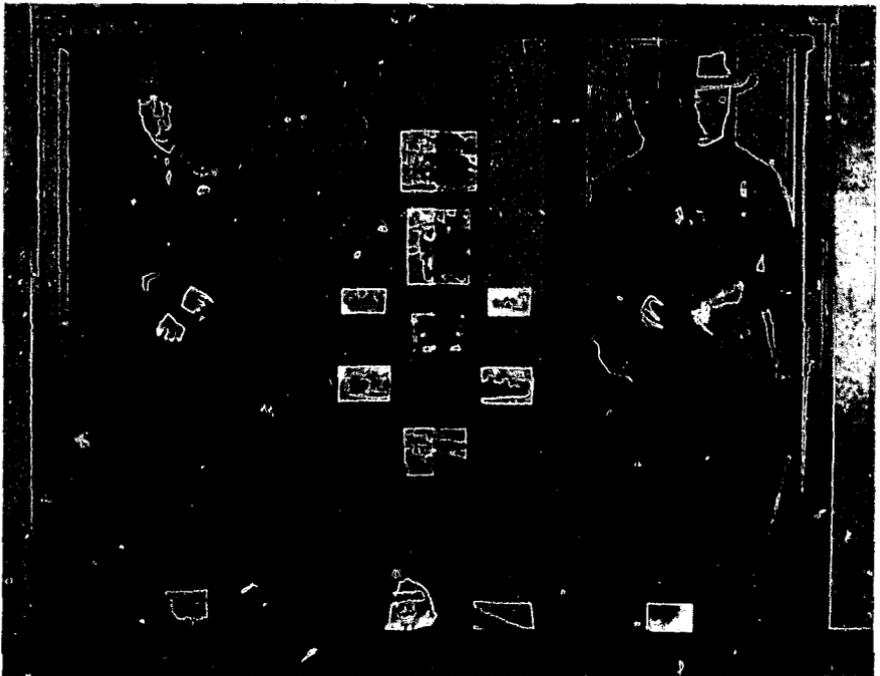
The Communication Maintenance is responsible for the installation and maintenance of communications related equipment for almost every state agency. In addition, it installs and maintains a majority of the communications related equipment utilized by law enforcement state wide. Both the total workload and units serviced went down in 1977. This was due to a reduced budget for operations and several special projects such as: the installation of a new microwave system which will carry voice communications from the Headquarters Communications Center to Mt. Washington for the activation of base station equipment on state and local channels; the adding of the National Law Enforcement common channel to all 1900 law enforcement mobile and portable units; and the moving of the entire communications center into the new facilities at the Hayes Building.

In spite of the tremendous number of hours spent on the above special projects, the maintenance section tallied the following work hours:

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Repairs	7370	7573	7639
Preventative Maint.	166	203	76
Construction	4541	4395	3503
RCC Measurements	985	1013	906
Shop Time	1355	1303	1184
Travel Time	1953	1692	1873
Research/Eng.	275	495	297

Units were serviced for the various agencies as indicated in the following table:

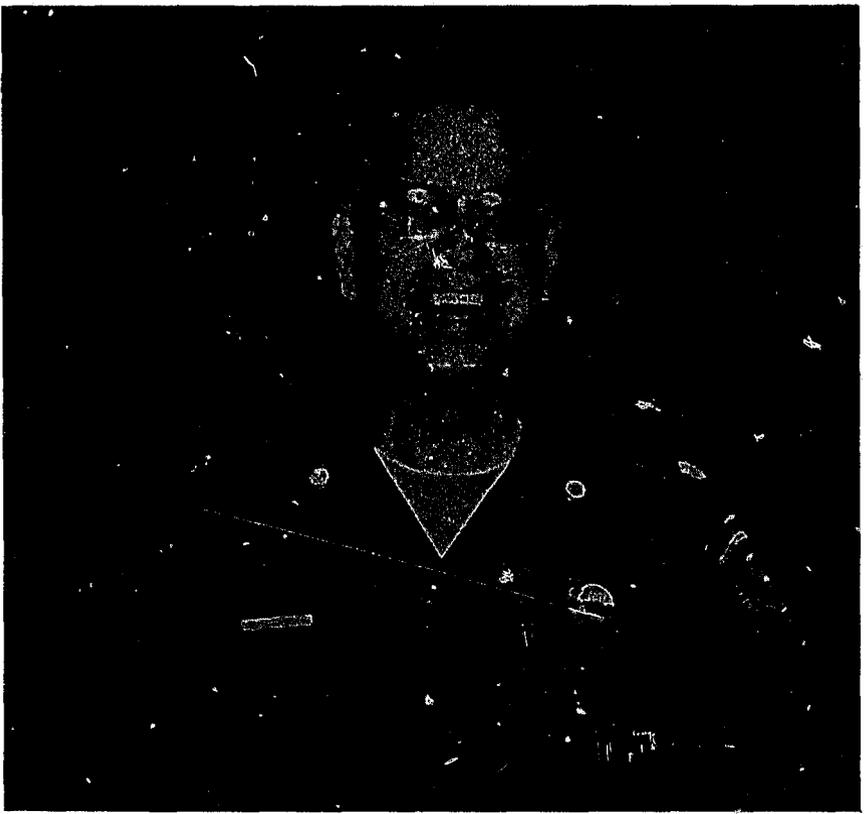
	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Safety/State Police	4010	4096	3323
Local Police	1575	1542	1639
Public Works/Hwy	776	948	924
D.R.E.D.	253	251	213
Fish and Game	235	171	181
all others	82	188	117



1977

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

1937



LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENNETH M. HAYES (RET.)

## RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Alfred Foisy  
Commanding Officer, Troop E  
26 years

Trooper David H. Brothers  
Troop C  
7 years (disability)

Major Herbert W. Bean, Jr.  
Detective Bureau Commander  
22 years

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth M. Hayes  
Traffic Bureau Commander  
38 years

Captain Henry M. Genest  
Northern Area Commander  
32 years

Technical Sergeant Raymond Sturviis  
Communications  
30 years

Detective Sergeant Maurice Gagnon  
Diversion Investigation Unit  
20 years

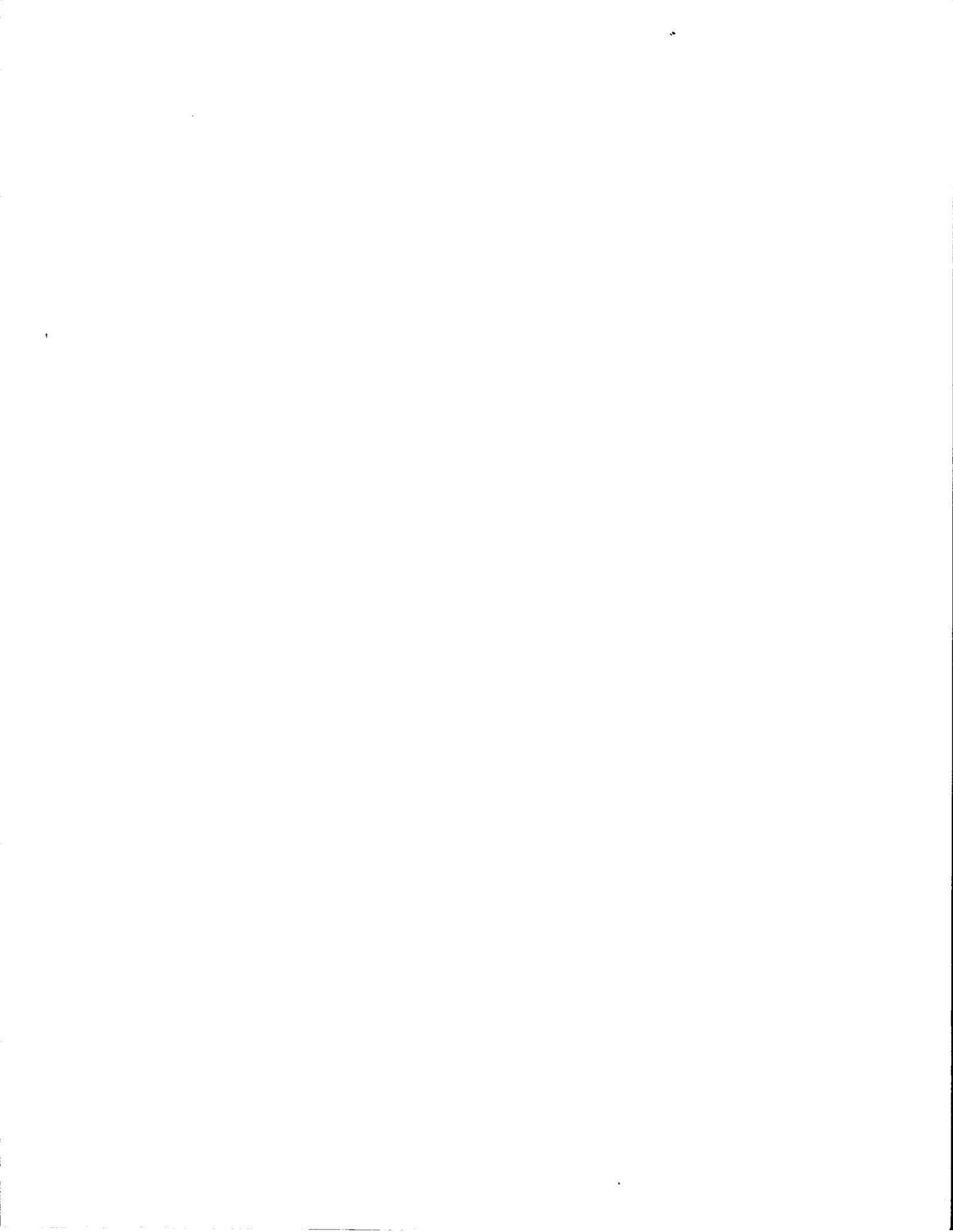
Corporal Paul Ellis  
Troop B  
15 years (disability)



With families looking on, 15 new officers and NCO's were sworn in by the Colonel in September.

The below listed individuals were promoted to the following ranks and positions:

MAJOR G. Iverson	CO Traffic Bureau
CAPTAIN J. Newhall	Field Area Commander
DET/CPT R. Wilson	Operations Commander
DET/LT D. Bazin	Drug Unit Commander
CAPTAIN D. Dempsey	CO Comm/Adm Bureau
DET/SGT R. Lamy	Detective Bureau
LIEUTENANT J. Feenstra	Troop A Commander
LIEUTENANT N. Russell	Troop E Commander
SERGEANT M. Thompson	Records Unit
DET/SGT J. Broderick	Detective Bureau
TECH/SGT D. Golden	Ass't K-9 Unit Cmdr
SERGEANT R. Phelps	Troop B
CORPORAL R. Mercier	Troop C
CORPORAL R. Mailhiot	Troop B
SERGEANT R. Foote	Troop C
CORPORAL D. Call	Troop B
TECH/SGT B. Mozrall	Armorer
DET/SGT D. Lance	DIU Detective Bureau
DET/CPL P. Edney	DIU Detective Bureau



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