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For the Year 1992



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Director of Criminal Justice
Richard H. Grgenti



Superintendent
Thomas A. Constantine

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Division members participating in the "Living History Display," commemorating the New York State Police's 75th Anniversary are, from left to right: Sgt./SC Francis T. Coots (Troop E - Henrietta), Sr. Inv. John M. Doyle (Troop D-Pulaski), T/Sgt. C. Fred Sherwood (Troop C-retired), Tpr. Darryl D. Clark (Troop E-Horseheads) and Tpr. Bridgett B. Lanphere (Troop E-Bath).

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THOMAS A. CONSTANTINE
SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Governor Cuomo:

It is with great satisfaction and pride that I transmit for your review the Annual Report of the New York State Police for 1992.

This was a milestone year for the State Police, marking the 75th anniversary of its establishment and three-quarters of a century of the highest quality professional police services to the people of the Empire State.

While it was a year of great historical significance for this agency, it also was one marked by individual and group achievements.

During this year, the State Police proudly recognized the remarkable bravery of Trooper Nestor L. Rodriguez (Troop T-Kingston), who, for saving the life of a motorist trapped in a burning van on September 21, 1991, received from you the 1991 Police Officer of the Year Award. Later, in 1992, Trooper Rodriguez was further honored with the Division's highest decoration, the Brummer Award, for his actions. It was indeed a privilege to bring the actions of this fine young man to your attention, and to that of every citizen of New York State.

As part of its commitment to breaking the grip of illicit drugs on our communities and our young people, the State Police also continued to provide the services of its Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (CNET) to local law enforcement agencies. CNET makes undercover Troopers and investigators available to local police agencies, primarily to make "street-level" purchases from local drug dealers.

CNET's effectiveness was demonstrated dramatically in August of 1992, when Division members, working with local law enforcement officers, conducted a successful sweep through Buffalo's East Side, arresting nearly 100 drug dealers and their customers. Dubbed "Operation Crackdown," this anti-drug offensive constituted one of the largest roundups of street-level criminals in New York State history.

Highway and traffic safety remained a top priority for the State Police during 1992, and in this area our efforts continued to show positive results. In addition to motorist education activities — which the Division aggressively pursues year-round, with special emphasis on holidays and other high-volume travel periods — Troopers again showed their determination to make the State's roads safer by removing intoxicated, impaired and reckless drivers from the highway. Data released in 1992 showed a record low highway fatality rate of 1.85 deaths per 100 million miles of vehicle travel in New York State. This marked the fourth consecutive year in which the State set a new low for highway fatalities.

Despite this progress, the men and women of the State Police confront an increasingly difficult and dangerous society in which they must strive to maintain law and order. Violent crime, facilitated by ready access to guns and fueled by the destructive engine of illicit drugs, continues to increase. Random acts of violence, drive-by shootings and serial killings, once considered rarities, have become almost regular occurrences in society, and now number among the expected crimes that a State Trooper must confront. Violence and predatory crime are growing alarmingly in our young people — a disturbing pattern that holds ominous portent for the future. Meanwhile, police officers everywhere find themselves the object of intense public scrutiny, their judgments questioned and their actions subjected to critical analysis and speculation.

In spirit of these difficulties, young people in ever increasing numbers continue to seek careers with the New York State Police, a fact which I find both encouraging and gratifying.

Throughout these pages, you will find facts, anecdotes and statistics which illustrate the duties and accomplishments of State Police members throughout New York. In assembling this document, we found ourselves confronted with a familiar dilemma: Which of the manifold acts of bravery, integrity and ingenuity performed by our members during the year should be highlighted?

As the New York State Police enters its 76th year of public service, it does so with a renewed commitment to excellence and a determination to uphold its proud tradition of integrity and professionalism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Constantine".

Thomas A. Constantine

The Executive Committee



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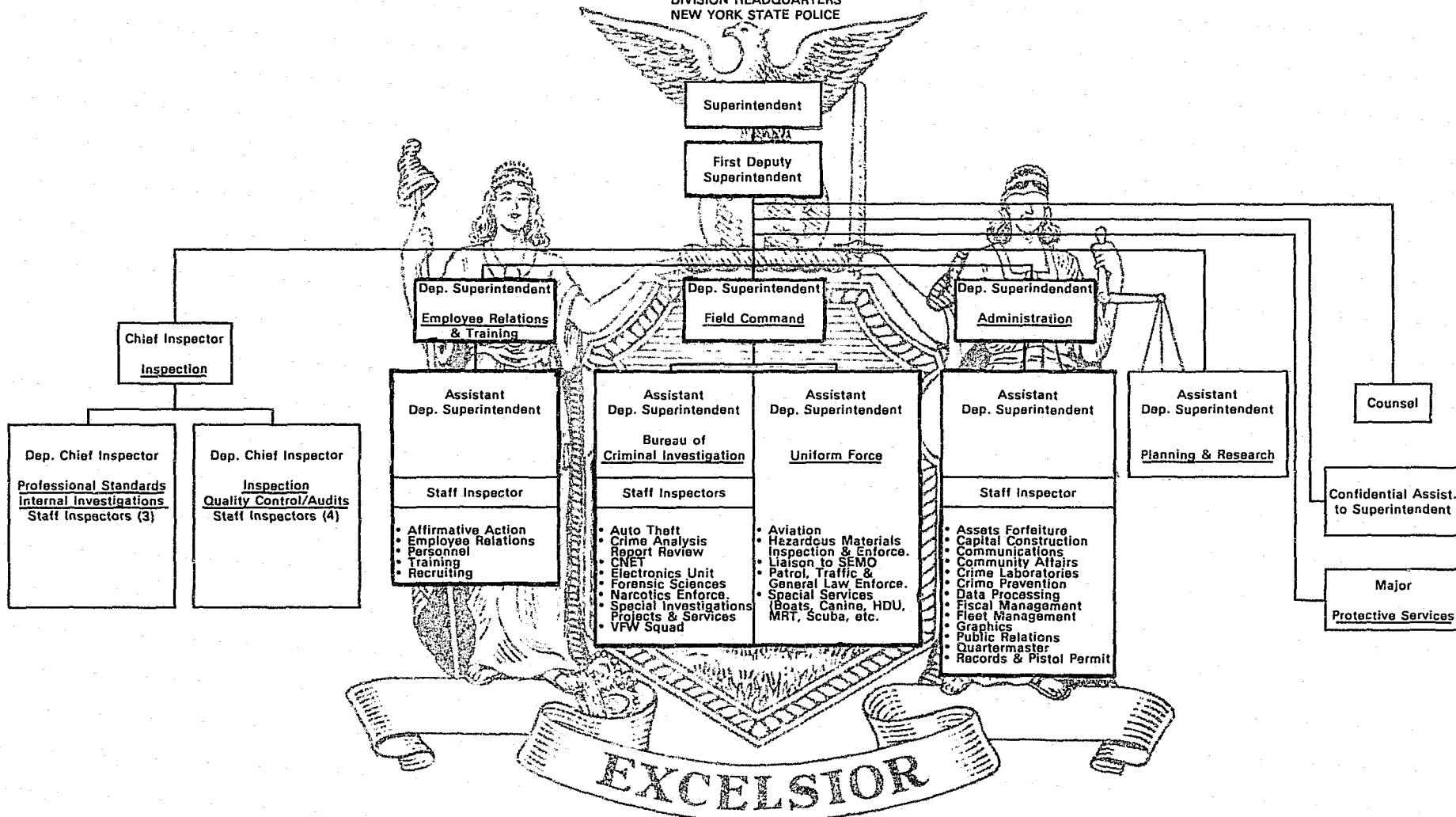


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Counsel

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK STATE POLICE



National Academy Graduates



Lt. Robert E. Gretschel Jr.

NATIONAL ACADEMY PROGRAM QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

The New York State Police has been allotted one position at each of the four FBI National Academy classes held every year. Normally, when the final results of the Lieutenant's Exam are established, the top eight members are selected to attend.

Each National Academy class is 11 weeks long and consists of physical training and classroom work. Courses are accredited by the University of Virginia and credits can be earned on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

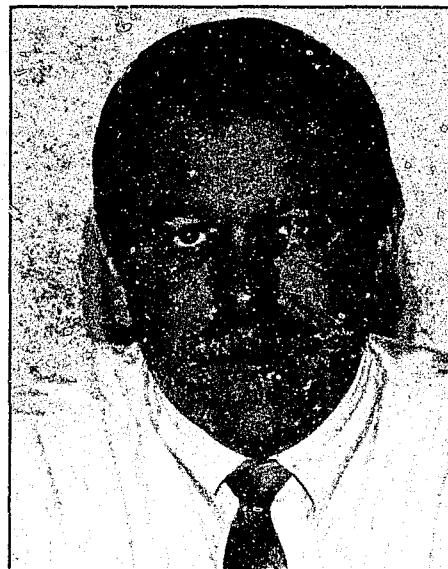
One National Academy graduate described his training as, "one of the finest experiences a law enforcement officer can have."



Lt. Michael A. Klusacek



Lt. Stephen J. Maher



Lt. Peter W. Person

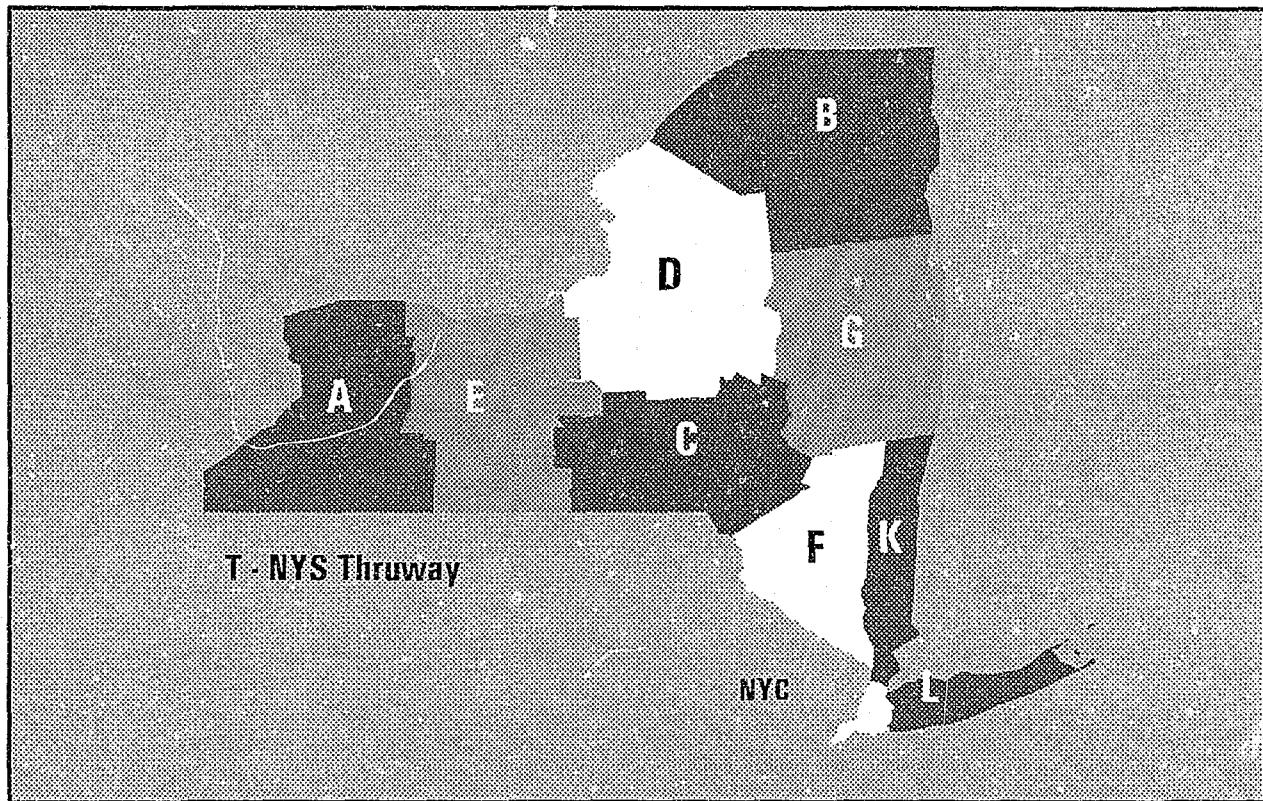
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To Protect the Inherent Right
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Freedom and Safety.

OUR MISSION

To Fulfill the Law Enforcement
Needs of the People of
New York State With the
Highest Degree of Fairness,
Professionalism and Integrity.

TROOP A - - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major Bruce A. Roloff, Troop A commander, greets Governor Cuomo at Troop A's Open House for the 75th Anniversary Celebration.



Troop A troopers attended the "Drug Free School Zone" dedication at the Attica Central School.

Troop A provided the following case summaries for 1992:

- ❖ On June 21, investigators from SP Boston responded to a complaint from a real estate agent, who stated she was assaulted, raped and kidnapped by a man to whom she had been showing a house in a rural area nearby. After the assault, the man bound and gagged the woman, locked her in the trunk of his car and drove to Cattaraugus County. There, the woman managed to open the trunk and escape.

After determining the make of vehicle the suspect probably used, investigators contacted another police agency to obtain a composite drawing of the assailant. Investigators took the information to local media, who broadcast it on the evening news programs. Numerous viewers contacted the State Police with information about the suspect, who was identified less than a day later.

Investigators arrested the suspect on June 23, charging him with rape, kidnapping and robbery. Investigators later positively linked the assailant to the crime using DNA "fingerprinting" techniques.

- ❖ On July 9, a State court ruled that the State could collect taxes on cigarettes and gasoline sold to outsiders by residents of New York's Indian reservations. The decision led to public demonstrations by several Indians residing on the Cattaraugus and Allegany Reservations.

The situation turned violent on July 15, when residents from the Cattaraugus Reservation stormed onto the New York State Thruway near Silver Creek, attempting to block traffic and igniting tire fires. Thruway authorities received reports of fires along the Thruway, and Troop T Headquarters received several reports of vandalism and rock-throwing on the highway.

Peaceful attempts by State Police to remove protestors from overpasses were unsuccessful. As a result, approximately 175 State Police personnel from Troops A, D, E, and T were ordered into the area. The Thruway was closed to traffic and a command post was organized at the Silver Creek maintenance area.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., Major Bruce Roloff led a detail to the Thruway to regain control of the area and restore order. The detail was halved and sent to separate disturbances. Both squads confronted hostile demonstrators, but were able to regain control of the Thruway.

As Major Roloff's detail scaled an embankment, it was met with a fusillade of rocks and debris. Major Roloff was struck and seriously injured, but later recovered.

The protestors, forced from the Thruway, retreated to the reservation.

Ultimately, 14 subjects were arrested and charged. State Police continue to search for the parties responsible for the injuries to Major Roloff.

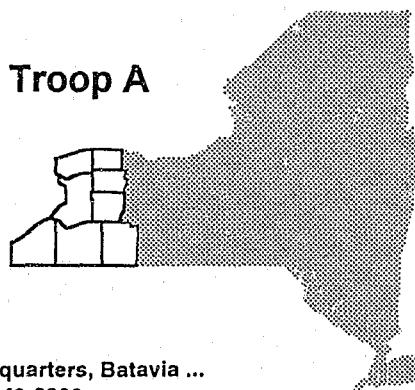
- ❖ On June 30, 1991, local police responded to a house where the nude body of an elderly woman was found in a bathtub, her wrists slashed and a razor blade in her hand. An autopsy was performed; the woman's death was ruled a suicide.

Further investigation, however, indicated the woman might not have committed suicide after all. On September 7, 1991, after inconsistencies were uncovered by the police and the dead woman's family, the county district attorney contacted the State Police for help.

The follow-up investigation uncovered new information, which implicated a former neighbor of the victim. The neighbor had moved to the state of Florida after the woman's death. In light of the new discoveries, the woman's body was exhumed, and a second autopsy performed.

- - - Western New York

Troop A



Covering the
Counties of:

Allegany
Cattaraugus
Chautauqua
Erie
Genesee
Niagara
Orleans
Wyoming

- Headquarters, Batavia ...
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The probe revealed that the new suspect had raped an 11-year-old girl during his brief residence in the village. Armed with this information, a State Police investigator and a village police officer travelled to Florida to interview the suspect. The suspect admitted he killed the woman and raped the girl.

On March 12, a grand jury indicted the man on a charge of Murder Second Degree. Four days later, he pleaded guilty to Manslaughter Second Degree and was sentenced to a prison term of five to 15 years, to be served concurrently with a 2 1/3-to-7-year sentence for rape.

❖ A furlough at home proved too uneventful for an Army Special Forces soldier, so he started a fight in a neighborhood bar which escalated into a "live-fire" exercise. After he and another combatant were thrown out of the bar, the soldier went to his car and retrieved his service-issue, laser-scoped, 9mm pistol. He then fired at his adversary and other patrons six times from across the parking lot. Fortunately, only one person was wounded. The soldier, a Seneca Indian, then fled to the nearby Cattaraugus Indian Reservation. A State Police detail, led by Inv. Kenneth Kellogg (SP Fredonia) and Tpr. Bill Lines (SP Perrysburg), met with Seneca Nation marshals on the



As president of the NYS Crime Prevention Coalition, Tpr. Charlene M. Mahony (Troop A-Batavia) addresses attendees at the Annual Crime Prevention Conference.

reservation and, after a short search, apprehended the would-be "Rambo." After agreeing to plead guilty to two felonies, the defendant turned his weapon over to authorities. He was dishonorably discharged from the Army and awaits sentencing on the felonies.

❖ On the afternoon February 12, SP Clarence received a report of an automobile accident and shooting at a shopping mall in the town of Clarence. A troop car was dispatched, as were Sr. Inv. James Hofmann and Inv. Thomas Askey. Their investigation revealed one of the involved vehicles had pulled out of a mall parking lot and had turned south when it was struck by a northbound pickup truck. Both vehicles pulled off the road and a passenger from the car approached and spoke with the truck driver. The two argued, the truck driver drew a handgun and shot and killed the other person. The trucker returned to his truck, dialed 911 from his cellular phone and told the dispatcher he had shot someone who had threatened him. The truck driver was still at the scene when Sr. Inv. Hofmann arrived; the handgun was recovered. On February 18, an Erie County grand jury indicted the defendant on two counts of murder.

❖ On September 29, the Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Police Department investigated the murder of a female who was stabbed and slashed several times. The killer disposed of her body and fled the state. An arrest warrant for murder was issued; investigators learned the killer possibly was traveling to Leroy, N.Y., to stay with relatives. On October 6, BCI and uniformed personnel approached a home in Leroy where the suspect was believed to be hiding. To avoid alarming the suspect, investigators, under the direction of Lt. Michael McManus, posed as utility service workers. After positively identifying the suspect, members arrested him without incident. When he was arrested, the defendant was wearing boots carrying traces of his victim's blood. He waived extradition and is awaiting trial.



Tpr. Shawn L. Wright (SP Warsaw-A) demonstrates the Convincer at the Wyoming County Fair.

TROOP B - - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major Kenneth T. Cook, Troop B commander, presents a recognition plaque to Ms. Jana Dreibelbis and Federal Corrections Warden William Perrill.

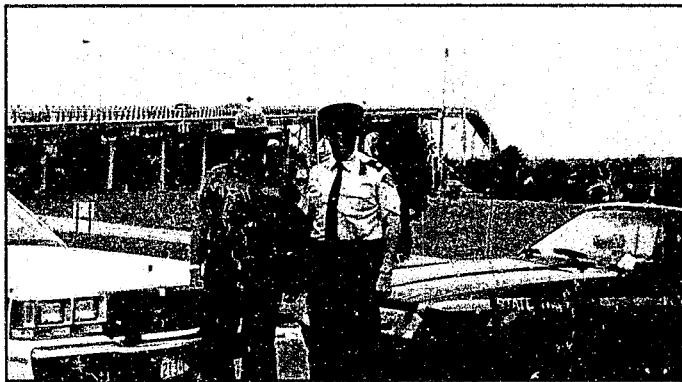
Troop B provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ Division members working in northern Troop B encountered more and more cases of cigarette smuggling. Not only did smuggling become more prevalent, but so did other crimes related to smuggling activities. One case, involving members from SP Malone and SP Massena, provided an example.

On June 11, while working a "B" tour on the St. Regis Indian Reservation, Tprs. Patrick J. Figueroa and Henry J. Abeel were advised by U.S. Customs agents at the International Bridge that a Canadian citizen had just entered the U.S., driving a truck with a concealed compartment. The hidden compartment was likely to be used to smuggle cigarettes. Tprs. Figueroa and Abeel believed the subject would head back to Canada using an alternate route. With the cooperation of customs agents in Fort Covington, the SP members set up a road check along the suspect's anticipated route of travel. A short time later, a Canadian male fitting the description given and driving a white pickup was stopped and checked. A close inspection of the vehicle revealed that by manipulating several hidden switches, the driver could raise what appeared to be a fuel tank in the bed of the truck. The compartment held more than 10 cases of untaxed cigarettes, which had just been purchased on the St. Regis Reservation. During an interview the driver revealed there were at least four more similarly outfitted vehicles making daily runs between Canada and the United States.

The Canadian was arrested, released on bail and scheduled to reappear in court at a later date on charges of Possession of Untaxed Cigarettes and Criminal Impersonation. He never made the trip back to court.

A short time later, Inv. John D. Pelkey (SP Malone) received a



As a symbol of ongoing partnership, a courtesy pamphlet was developed to help motorists with Thousand Islands Regional Information and safety tips. Meeting at the border for Partnership '92 was Sgt. Gary E. Johnson (Troop D-Alexandria Bay) and OPP Sgt. Timothy Murray.

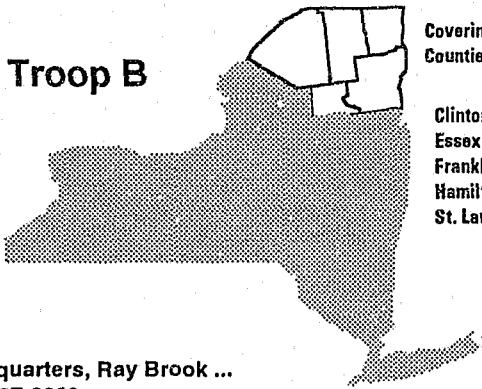
phone call from authorities in Montreal who were aware of the pending case involving the hidden-compartment cigarettes. The callers advised they had discovered the body of the smuggler, who was an apparent victim of retribution by elements of local organized crime.

❖ Tprs. Dana R. Poirier and Patrick W. Keleher (SP Plattsburgh) responded to a complaint of gunfire. A tenant at the site of the complaint, known to possess at least two long guns, was emotionally disturbed over marital problems. The troopers checked the subject's residence and found all the doors and windows locked. They could see evidence of a disturbance through the windows, but were unable to contact anyone inside. Tprs. Poirier and Keleher forcibly entered the home and searched for the occupants. Tpr. Poirier found a man concealed behind a shower curtain in the bathroom, holding a 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber semiautomatic rifle. The man refused to cooperate with the troopers and attempted to provoke them into killing him. While Tpr. Poirier distracted the man, Tpr. Keleher rushed and disarmed him. The distraught man was taken safely into custody and arrested as a Mentally Ill Person. The man later admitted he was unable to kill himself and tried to provoke the troopers into killing him.

❖ On September 6, Tpr. Mark E. Klosowski (SP Massena) responded to the home of an elderly woman who was having difficulty breathing. When he arrived, local rescue squad members were trying to help the woman. The squad members had only recently completed their basic EMT training and were unsure what actions to take. Tpr. Klosowski, an advanced EMT graduate with additional medical training, saw the woman was in extremely critical condition. He took control of the situation, directing the actions of the ambulance crew, assisting with lifesaving techniques and accompanying the ambulance crew to the hospital. On the way, he continued to treat the woman, who regained consciousness and returned to normal breathing by the time they arrived at the hospital. She was admitted, and within a few days had fully recovered from her brush with death. The rescue squad, appreciative of the

- - - North Country Region

Troop B



Covering the
Counties of:

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Essex
Franklin
Hamilton
St. Lawrence

- Headquarters, Ray Brook ...
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March 1992 brought flooding to the Town of Jay, when the Ausable River overflowed its banks. Photograph shows the ice that caused the flooding.

trooper's demeanor and actions, informed his troop commander of the outstanding service Tpr. Klosowski performed.

❖ On April 2, a suspicious car and tractor-trailer were observed in a pull-off area near Plattsburgh. Upon closer inspection and interviews of the two drivers, State Police seized 140 pounds of cocaine. The cocaine was being transferred to the truck for transportation to a distribution point in Montreal. A joint effort followed with New York State Police, the R.C.M.P., U.S. Customs, the Montreal Urban Community Police and the DEA setting up a "sham" delivery, resulting in the arrest of two Canadians. Charges have been filed in both countries; investigation continues into the sources and extent of the distribution network.

❖ On April 9, a check of a Greyhound bus at the Champlain port of entry resulted in the seizure of one pound of high-grade heroin and the arrest of a Nigerian national. A joint investigation by New York State Police and U.S. Customs revealed that the arrestee intended to travel to Montreal by air, then travel by bus to New York City. From there, he was to fly to Chicago, Illinois. An undercover officer was substituted to make the "delivery" in Chicago, where two other persons were arrested.

❖ A month-long cocaine trafficking investigation was concluded on June 18, with the arrest of three persons, two from New York City. Investigators also seized two ounces of cocaine and a 9mm semiautomatic handgun. The two New York City residents had traveled to a college campus in Canton, New York and sold cocaine to students. The dealers made weekly runs to New York City to replenish their supply. They kept the pistol loaded and within easy reach while in transit. The Troop B Narcotic Enforcement Unit was able to make hand-to-hand purchases from the pair, and arrested them without incident.

❖ On November 24, personnel from Troop B and the City of Plattsburgh Police Department conducted an early morning raid in which they arrested 25 people for Criminal Sale of A Controlled Substance and Criminal Sale Of Marihuana. The

charges resulted from indictments handed down by a Clinton County grand jury after a six-month investigation by the Troop B Narcotics Enforcement Unit, Plattsburgh police and CNET personnel. The arrests eliminated a network of downstate residents who moved into Plattsburgh to traffic in crack cocaine.

❖ A joint investigation by the Troop B Narcotic Enforcement Unit, Plattsburgh city police, the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, and the Clinton County District Attorney's Office resulted in the arrest of 19 persons on various drug-related charges. The investigation focused on street dealers in the city of Plattsburgh and surrounding communities. Most of the arrestees moved to the Plattsburgh area from Albany and New York City to ply their trade. The investigation began in September 1991 and concluded in March 1992. Various amounts of cocaine, marihuana and drug paraphernalia were seized during the arrests.

❖ On December 12, at 11 p.m., Tprs. John D. Durling and Larry E. Cragle responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the town of Peru. At the scene they interviewed a woman who had seen a man in a gray hooded jacket, prowling around her house carrying a flashlight. When she screamed, he fled on foot through light snow. After securing the residence, the troopers observed a nearly perfect footprint in the snow on the front lawn. A K-9 Unit and BCI personnel were summoned. Tpr. Michael J. MacIntosh and canine "Max" tracked the subject to a small cabin in the woods, approximately half a mile away. The patrol interviewed the occupant of the cabin and arrested him for Burglary Second Degree. The troopers also observed several chain saws, VCRs, TVs, tools, and other items around the property, possession of which the defendant could not satisfactorily explain. The troopers remembered that many of these items were similar to those reported missing in burglaries and larcenies committed during the past few years. Members obtained a search warrant and seized more than \$20,000 worth of stolen property which had been amassed over the past three years. Further charges are pending.

TROOP C - - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major Robert J. Farrand, Troop C commander, exchanges gifts with Vladimir Lavrov, a lieutenant colonel in the Soviet Police and the chief of police in Borovichi, Russia.

Troop C provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ Two tense standoffs between barricaded subjects and police were resolved successfully as a result of cooperation between the State Police and the Chenango County Sheriff's Department.

In the first incident, a 42-year-old man held 25 to 30 officers at bay for approximately six hours while stating he wasn't afraid "to kill as many cops" as he could. Earlier, he had threatened a 12-year-old boy with a rifle as the youth attempted to retrieve a stolen dog. State Police and sheriff's department hostage negotiators talked with the man for more than four hours before he agreed to come out of his trailer. He was armed with a semiautomatic rifle with a 30-round magazine, four other firearms and a large quantity of ammunition for all of the weapons. Once outside, the man aimed his rifle at the officers. A struggle ensued, but the man was taken into custody without further incident.

❖ In the second incident, Inv. Skinner (SP Binghamton) talked a distraught man who had threatened to kill himself with a shotgun into surrendering. The 31-year-old Smithville Flats man had telephoned his wife, threatened her, then threatened suicide. When members from SP Norwich and SP Binghamton arrived at the wife's home, the man was sitting in his car, the shotgun aimed at his chest. Inv. Skinner spoke with the man for about an hour, and ultimately took him to a crisis center for treatment and observation.

❖ Members from SP Margaretville investigated a deer-jacking complaint. They located the suspects, and a special file check revealed that one of their rifles was stolen. The next day, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's apartment, revealing a cache of chain saws, binoculars, all-terrain

vehicles, radios, stereo equipment, shotguns, rifles and miscellaneous hunting equipment. The recovered property, worth nearly \$10,000, represented 15 burglaries. Members of the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Schoharie County Sheriff's Department assisted with the investigation.

❖ State police in Oneonta received a frantic call from an elderly woman who reported her 91-year-old husband missing. She told the trooper her husband had gotten up in the middle of the night, wondering if he had locked his car, and went outside to check. When he didn't return, the wife searched unsuccessfully for him. State Police found the man approximately two hours later, entangled in a barbed wire fence. He had gotten lost in the heavy fog, wandered away from his trailer, walked through a thickly wooded area, fell into a creek and became snagged in the barbed wire. He was transported to a local hospital and treated for exposure.

❖ 75th Anniversary ceremonies at Troop C headquarters in Sidney were unique. Troop C's celebration took place on June 13. The day began with a parade down Main Street in the village of Sidney, then along the Susquehanna River.

The parade included more than 100 participants, led by Tpr. Tom Brady, who rode, appropriately, a spotted horse; Inv. Sue Mulvey also rode horseback. The Troop C honor guard was followed by Governor Mario Cuomo, DCJS Director Richard Girgenti, Superintendent Thomas Constantine, First Deputy Superintendent. David M. Luitweiler, Col. James McMahon, Col. Edward Vanderwall, Col. Wayne Bennett, Maj. Robert Farrand and a uniformed detachment of 75 troopers, led by F/Sgt. Robert MacNaught. Next came the honorary parade marshals, William Waldron and Michael Palombo, both former members of Captain Dan Fox's Rough Riders of the 1920s.

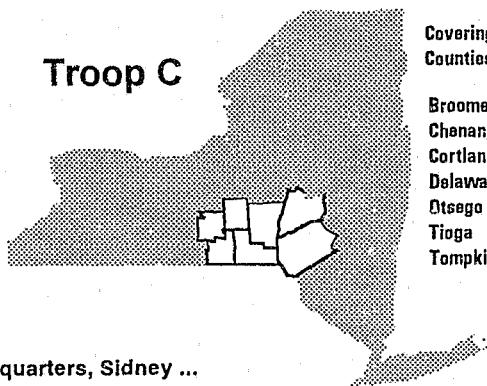
The parade ranks were further swelled by some 40 high school bands, the Rochester Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps, army tanks and horses. An open house at Troop C Headquarters



Tprs. Michael G. Compton and June E. Worden (SP Cortland) prepare to transport a man to arraignment who is charged with the hit-and-run automobile accident that killed a six-year-old boy.

- - - Southern Tier Region

Troop C



- Headquarters, Sidney ...
607-563-9011



The Troop C Color Guard leads the 75th Anniversary Parade.

followed later that afternoon. The day culminated with a community recognition dinner at the high school. In the highlight of the evening, local businessman Thomas Mirabito presented a check for more than \$5,000 to Dr. William Trigg and J. Bruce Stauffer of the Trooper Foundation.

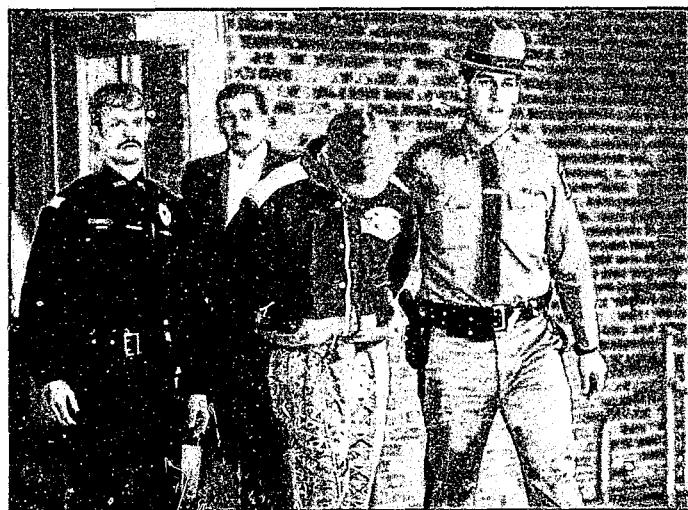
❖ State Police in Binghamton received a call from a homeowner who said he had found the body of a child in the woods. A detail of uniformed and BCI personnel was dispatched, led by Lt. Thomas P. Kelly. The body was that of an eight-year-old girl, shot three times with a shotgun. Investigating members learned the child had been seen with a woman carrying a picnic basket, walking towards the woods shortly before the body was discovered. As State Police continued to investigate, the Broome County Sheriff's Office received a call from a custodian who found a second body, in the cemetery where he worked. The second corpse turned out to be the child's mother. Investigators concluded from available information that the distraught mother removed her daughter

from school that day, intending to kill them both. She concealed the murder weapon in a picnic basket. After killing her daughter, the woman traveled two miles to the cemetery and killed herself with the same shotgun. The remaining family members were located later that evening, safe and unharmed.

❖ A woman stopped at SP Binghamton and asked for help for her 26-year-old daughter, who was giving birth in the back seat of her car outside. Members made the pregnant woman as comfortable as possible. Three or four contractions later, a healthy baby girl was born. Members bundled the newborn in a jacket; she and her exhausted-but-happy mother were quickly transported to the hospital.

❖ Troopers at SP Binghamton received a complaint in December from an elderly woman who said that earlier that month she had given a \$150 car insurance payment to a neighbor to deliver to her agent. When the neighbor returned, she gave the woman a receipt, presumably from the agent. Later that month, however, the woman received notice from her insurance company that the premium had gone unpaid. Investigators obtained her receipt and contacted the insurance company; they learned receipts had been forged. After interviewing the neighbor, State Police arrested her for forgery and petit larceny of the \$150. Inv. Skinner notified the victim of the outcome. The woman, although grateful, expressed her sadness over having no cash to purchase Christmas gifts for her family. The Christmas money had gone to pay the insurance premium.

Inv. Susan Mulvey (SP Binghamton) mentioned the woman's plight to Steve Levine of the *Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin* and told him she was wishing for a "Christmas miracle" on the victim's behalf. Levine wrote a story for the newspaper about the victim. When the morning edition of the *Bulletin* hit the streets, scores of readers contacted SP Binghamton to offer their assistance to the woman. With the assistance of radio station WMXW's Christmas Wish campaign, a check for \$360 was presented to the overwhelmed woman, ensuring a merry Christmas for her and her family.



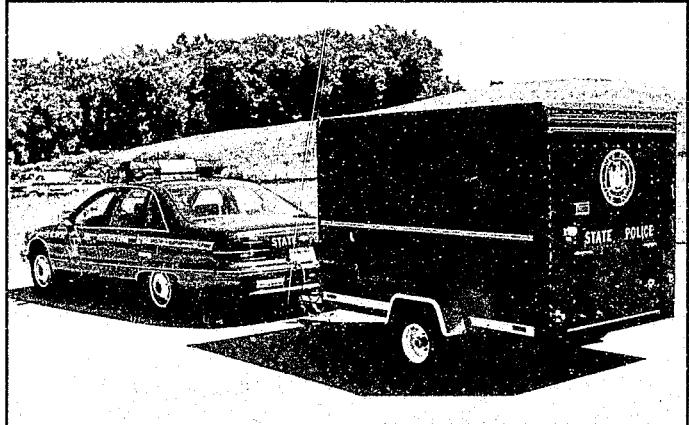
Tpr. Ricky J. Parisian (SP Oneonta) and Walton Police Officer Paul Walsh remove a 15-year-old shooting suspect from the school where he shot a teacher in the face. Photo by Julia Lewis, Daily Star.

TROOP D - - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major Howard E. Allen, Troop D Commander, addresses members of the Oneida Rotary Club on the history of the State Police.



Troop D received a trailer, donated by the Nationwide Insurance Company, to assist in DWI enforcement efforts. The trailer enables Troop D to efficiently store and transport equipment necessary to conduct a sobriety road check. The trailer was allocated through the Trooper Foundation.

investigation. The case went before a grand jury and the two former kitchen employees were charged with arson.

❖ Fort Drum Military Police requested the assistance of Watertown State Police with a homicide investigation. The body of a female military dependent was found in the woods near the post, stabbed numerous times. A 16-year-old boy, accompanied by his mother, reported the murder to the military police. State Police investigators determined that the murder was committed by four youths calling themselves the "Lost Boyz." While in school, the four discussed how they might scare or even kill their 14-year-old victim. To symbolize their pact, the quartet branded and scarred themselves.

The victim was asked to meet the four at an outdoor basketball court. After a short walk, two of the assailants seized and held the victim while the other two repeatedly stabbed her with hunting knives. The killers hid the murder weapons in two different storm drains and ran home. Both knives were recovered and all four of the "Lost Boyz" were indicted on charges of Murder, Conspiracy and Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

❖ Investigators, following up on a child abuse complaint, found second-degree burns, bruises and bite marks all over the body of the one-year-old victim, several in different stages of healing. The investigation revealed that the victim's mother and the mother's boyfriend had inflicted the injuries to discipline her. Both adults were charged with Assault in the Third Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The child was placed in foster care, where it is hoped she will recover from all of her injuries.

❖ A logging accident highlighted the need for interagency cooperation between State Police and local emergency agencies. A logger, working in the woods five miles from the nearest road, was trapped beneath a fallen tree. Tpr. Martin

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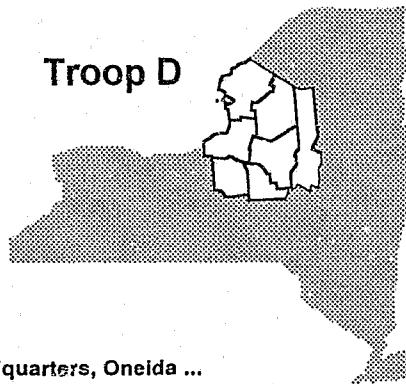
❖ A young man came to the New Hartford station, confessing to the murder of two people and stating he wanted to be stopped before hurting another. Investigators interviewed him and proceeded to the crime scene. They found a deceased elderly couple on the kitchen floor of their home.

The young man was their neighbor. While drinking heavily the previous night, he planned to break into their home to steal cash. As he broke through the kitchen door, he was confronted by the 71-year-old husband. During a struggle, the inebriated young man stabbed the victim to death. When his 86-year-old wife came to help, she was also killed. The killer then removed \$600 cash from the pockets of the victims. He spent most of the money partying with friends through the weekend. On Monday, he turned himself in. The killer was later indicted on 23 charges, ranging from murder to parole violations. He pleaded guilty to murder.

❖ An arson investigation at a local country club appeared to come to a standstill, with no suspects. Investigators interviewed the employees and residents at the country club, but to no avail. Inv. Dennis Blythe (SP Lafayette), however, continued to work the case and his persistence paid off. He discovered that two former employees of the country club had left and moved to Texas at approximately the same time the arson was committed. Both were employed in the kitchen, though they continued to collect welfare. Sheriff's deputies apprehended and arrested the pair for Welfare Law violations. Inv. Blythe suspected that the two believed they were turned in by the country club staff. Inv. Blythe contacted the Texas Rangers and requested they interview the two suspects. The results of the interviews prompted Inv. Blythe and an Onondaga County investigator to travel to Texas to complete the

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Williams (SP Poland) quickly responded and coordinated the actions of the arriving fire department and ambulance corps. Five miles into the woods, the victim was found in dire need of medical care. Tpr. Williams organized an airlift; a Division helicopter pilot skillfully landed his aircraft in a narrow opening cleared by personnel on the ground. The victim was whisked to a nearby trauma unit, and has since made a full recovery.



Without any leads to a homicide, Troop D, with the assistance of the Division Video Unit, staged a re-enactment of the murder of a 15-year-old teenage boy who was found weighted down in shallow water in Cazenovia.

❖ A state police patrol from the West Winfield station overheard the radio transmissions of a Herkimer village patrolman involved in a high-speed chase. The patrolman had pulled over a car for a traffic violation when the operator grabbed his license back from the officer and fled. The troopers, still several minutes away, were unable to assist the Herkimer patrolman but noted the car's description and plate number. Later in the shift, the troopers spotted a vehicle fitting the description of the one encountered earlier. They followed the vehicle into a private driveway, whereupon the operator got out of his car and attempted to flee. The man was arrested for DWI and was charged with several V&T violations by the Herkimer Village Police.



Tprs. Bernard W. Kenneff (SP Oneida) and Tracy Cass (SP Morrisville) escort a murder suspect who turned himself in to the New Hartford station. The defendant confessed to the murder of two elderly residents and directed troopers to the scene.

TROOP E - - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major John J. McQueeney, Troop E commander, presents Certificates of Appreciation to two N.Y.S. citizens who helped nab two bank robbers in the Rochester area.

Troop E provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ State Police and other agencies responded to a "shots fired" complaint at the Schuyler County Office Building in Watkins Glen. Responding troopers and officers encountered a man holding a gun to his head. He had previously killed four women in the building. Attempts to negotiate with the gunman were unsuccessful. He ended the siege by taking his own life. State Police investigators learned the county child support unit had been tracking the man for the past 20 years in an attempt to obtain overdue child support payments from him. Several days before the shooting, the support unit had located him and garnisheered his paycheck, an action which apparently helped trigger the gunman's killing spree.

❖ A man awaiting sentencing on charges of beating his wife and son went on a drinking binge at a local lounge. Drunk and armed, he stole a truck and returned to his residence. He broke in, taking hostage his sons and a family friend. The eldest son escaped and summoned Waterloo police. As one responding officer tried to enter the house, the father fired at him from an upstairs bedroom. State Police responded with an SP robot. The robot entered the home and provided investigators with a view of the interior. Using the robot, police instructed the man to disarm himself and assume a non-threatening position while the responding team entered the house. He was taken into custody without further incident.

❖ The Troop E Narcotics Enforcement Unit, aided by other police agencies and private entities, had an outstanding year. Two major drug investigations within a local business resulted in 81 drug purchases and the arrest of 25 employees. A third investigation concluded with 32 arrests.

❖ Two investigations in northern Troop A resulted in 12 arrests and the seizure of 15 kilos of cocaine, \$36,500 in cash, 7 vehicles and 4 handguns. In all, the Troop E Narcotics Unit made 264 arrests and seized 120 pounds of marihuana, 4,342 grams of cocaine, 199 grams of crack, and 3,121 D.U. of LSD, in addition to other contraband.

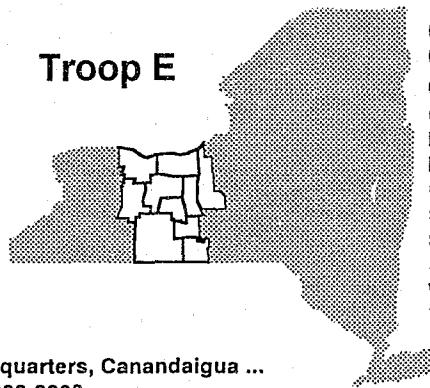
❖ Concerned residents called SP Horseheads when they heard what sounded like an airplane malfunctioning. Minutes later, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reported a plane missing. A detail was organized to search for the missing plane, but was hampered by darkness, rain and heavy fog. The search was resumed next morning by uniformed and BCI personnel, supported by the Division Aviation Unit, the State Forest Rangers, Civil Air Patrol and area fire departments. After five days, the downed plane was located in a heavily wooded area. All three occupants had been killed on impact. The FAA determined that instrument failure caused the crash.



Inv. Robert R. Phenes and Tpr. Lawrence S. Wolkonowski (SP Newark) stand beside two "one-arm bandits" that were confiscated after Troop E members received an anonymous tip.

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Troop E

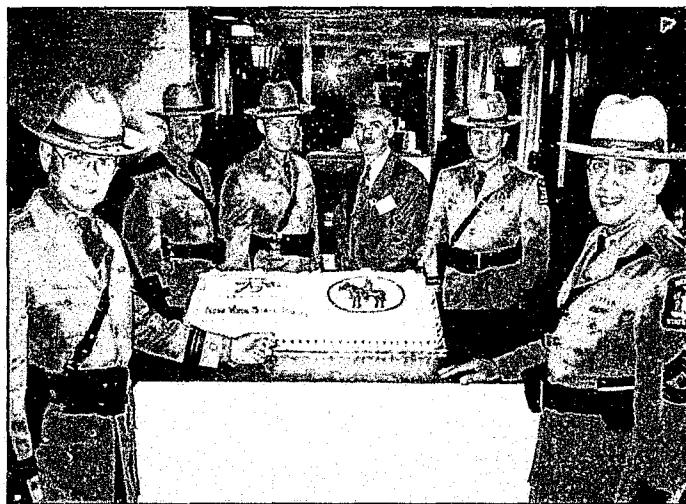


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❖ Troopers from SP Dundee responded to a domestic dispute between a husband and wife in Yates County. Upon arrival, the wife advised them that her husband had left, but not before binding her and threatening her. When he left, the husband was dressed in camouflage clothing and armed with several guns and ammunition. The woman was also fearful her husband, a Vietnam veteran, would suffer flashbacks.

Troopers soon located the husband's abandoned car and searched a heavily wooded area nearby. Several hours later, troopers found the man attempting to break into a residence. Although troopers attempted to calm the man, he fled into the nearby woods. As they approached the subject, he turned suddenly, pointing a 16-gauge shotgun in their direction. While members attempted further negotiations with the man, he fired at them. Troopers returned fire, killing the assailant.



Troop E Open House Cake Cutting Ceremony, from left: Major John J. McQuenney, Troop E Commander; Capt. Curtis E. Anderson; Capt. James D. Hoffman; Lt. George B. Brown; Capt. David L. Christler; and F/Sgt. Bruno M. DiMatteo.



During Troop E's celebration of the 75th Anniversary, Tpr. Timothy H. Olszowy (MRT) demonstrates rappeling from a hook-and-ladder fire truck before numerous interested spectators.

❖ The Troop E Narcotics Enforcement Unit joined forces with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Rochester Police Department, the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization Services, the Rochester Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and the U.S. Customs Service on an extensive drug investigation. The target: upper-level cocaine dealers in the City of Rochester. The cooperative effort paid off when investigators executed a federal search warrant at a popular local business and seized 13 kilos of cocaine. In addition, officers seized \$30,000 in U.S. currency, four vehicles and four handguns, and arrested five individuals on federal drug charges.

TROOP F - - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major James D. O'Donnell, Troop F commander, addresses the crowd at the Troop F 75th Anniversary Open House.

Troop F provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ The Mid-Hudson Drug Enforcement Task Force in Newburgh investigated a major Columbian drug cartel that was shipping cocaine base and other chemicals used to produce cocaine into New York City. The finished product then was shipped elsewhere in New York State.

The cartel built two clandestine cocaine laboratories, which investigators placed under constant surveillance. The laboratories were capable of producing 2,000 to 3,000 kilograms of cocaine per month.

The New York State Police, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), New York City Police and Mid-Hudson DETF arrested 30 individuals for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine, seizing 50 kilograms of cocaine base and \$100,000 in U.S. currency.

❖ In Greene County, several seasonal homes near a ski resort were burglarized. Investigators discovered a pattern: The burglars used a propane torch to heat up and break window glass, to avoid attracting attention from neighbors. Thousands of dollars of ski equipment, video equipment and weapons were reported stolen. SP Catskill investigators and the Windham Police Department developed leads on a 16-year-old male who possessed a shotgun that was reported stolen. During an interview, the suspect implicated five other youths, who were arrested for committing 42 burglaries. Over \$15,000 in property was recovered.

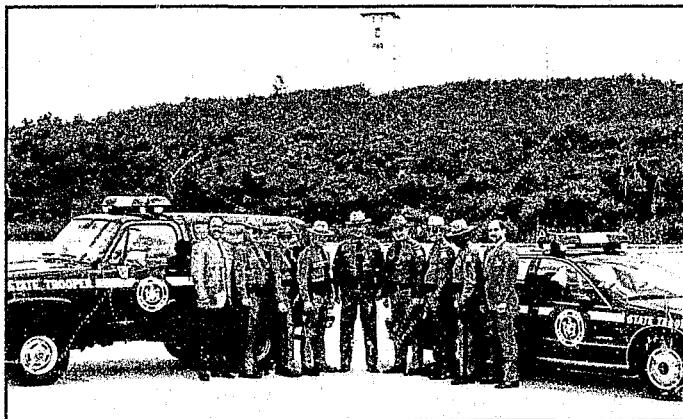


Trooper Michael A. McDarby and Inv. Kevin V. McGrath (SP Middletown) escort Nathaniel White.

❖ SP Kingston received a report from a cellular 911 caller of a serious motor vehicle accident. The responding trooper discovered that a rock had been dropped from an overpass, killing the driver. He quickly upgraded the accident to a homicide. The 52-pound rock crashed through the windshield, lacerating the driver's heart.

Investigators worked long hours to identify the person responsible. The NYS Thruway Authority offered a \$5,000 reward which later increased to \$10,000. After nine months, an informant provided Troop F investigators with information leading to the arrest of three subjects. One arrestee pleaded guilty to a charge of Criminal Facilitation First Degree, in exchange for his testimony against the others. A second man was tried and convicted of Murder Second Degree and the third was convicted of Manslaughter.

❖ Personnel from the SP Middletown BCI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), the City of Virginia Beach and State of Virginia Police Departments, and the City of Middletown Police began an undercover investigation to halt the illegal sale of handguns and explosives within their jurisdictions. Investigators learned of a 19-year-old man who was buying handguns in Virginia and selling them in New York. After several transactions with the suspect, an undercover State Police investigator agreed to purchase two pipe bombs from him. Warrant searches resulted in the seizure of



Members of Troop F Stewart Airport Detail flanked by Sr. Inv. Daniel K. Brown (left) and Inv. John G. Richichi (right) assigned to SP Newburgh.

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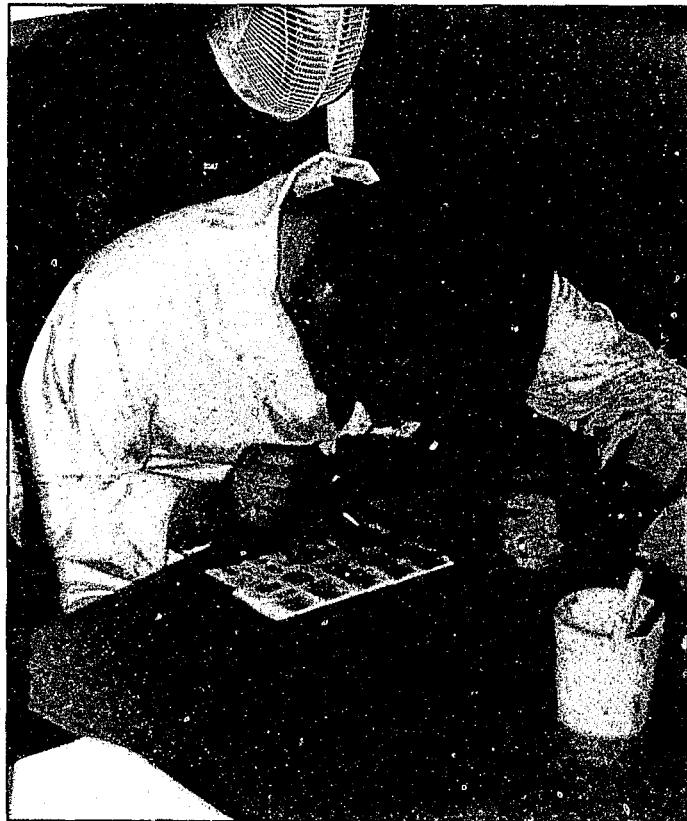
additional materials used to build bombs, and four other arrestees pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of Weapons Possession and Manufacturing.

❖ State Police participated in the largest manhunt in Rockland County history, in an effort to locate two escaped convicts, one of whom remains at large. The pair were wanted by the FBI, the New York State Police, and the Rockland County Sheriff's Department. Two State Police investigators responded to a stolen car report and found a road map of Bergen County, N.J. near the stolen car. The map had various notations and locations circled. The investigators contacted Bergen County Police and learned that local businesses had been besieged with several burglaries. Descriptions of the perpetrators matched those of the escapees. Pertinent information was relayed to the New Jersey authorities. Soon thereafter, New Jersey State Police located the stolen vehicle in a shopping mall and monitored it. One half-hour later, police in New Jersey advised SP Palisades that they had taken one fugitive into custody as he returned and attempted to enter the stolen car.

❖ Tprs. Sean Ruane and Keith Lucas noticed two persons sitting on a vehicle on Main Street in a small hamlet. As the troopers approached, they noticed the passenger reaching under the seat. While interviewing the occupants of the vehicle, they found a portable radio, a pager and approximately \$1,200 in change. The occupants had no explanation and no driver's licenses. The car was impounded. A short time later a local grocery store owner called to report a burglary. After further investigation the two subjects were arrested for the burglary.

A lengthy investigation by the SP Liberty BCI revealed that these subjects and others had been involved in more than 100 burglaries along the East Coast.

❖ Tpr. Randall McGregor, on patrol, stopped a vehicle for a headlight violation. He noticed an odd odor coming from the vehicle and called for a back-up. During a search of the



Trooper William J. Moloney (SP Liberty) examines fingerprints in Troop F ID Section.

vehicle, Tpr. Anthony Paul located a package containing approximately 13.5 ounces of cocaine, and the subjects were placed under arrest. Two of the three subjects fled on foot. Tpr. McGregor called for additional assistance. The two subjects were apprehended approximately 90 minutes later and committed to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. One of the subjects had only two weeks left on parole for a previous conviction of cocaine possession.

❖ Tprs. Henry T. Wise and Steven M. Hikade were investigating a report of an erratic driver on Route 17 in the Town of Wallkill. Members approached the vehicle and observed a woman who was gasping for air, apparently suffering an asthma attack. In fact, the woman was suffering from a rare disorder known as a "larynx spasm." The woman collapsed over the steering wheel and the members, with the assistance of Lt. James McDowell, administered CPR, saving the motorist's life.

The incident prompted a letter of thanks from the woman which said, "I would like you to know that not a day has gone by that I did not think about you at least once...I thank God that you were there. The doctor told me that you saved my life. How can you thank two people for saving your life? I still cannot answer that question."

TROOP G - - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major Lloyd R. Wilson Jr., Troop G commander, escorts Governor Cuomo at Troop G's Open House 75th Anniversary celebration.



Troop G troopers investigate a serious PIAA. The driver of a Mazda Miata collided with a tractor-trailer, and the vehicle and operator became pinned beneath the rear wheels of the trailer.

Troop G provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ In mid-October, patrols in Rensselaer County were alerted to watch for a New England man wanted in New Hampshire for kidnapping, rape and weapons charges. The subject, released from prison after 16 years for a prior sexual assault conviction, was believed to be somewhere near the New York-Vermont border. On October 5, troopers from SP Brunswick and SP Sand Lake were patrolling State Route 7 in the Town of Hoosick, near the Vermont border. Shortly after 5 P.M., the subject was seen operating a vehicle which had been the subject of a radio advisory from SP Loudonville earlier that day. One trooper followed the subject east on Route 7, then requested assistance with a high-risk felony stop. When two troopers attempted to stop the car, the suspect fled at high speed into Vermont. After approximately three miles, the suspect crashed; he was taken safely into custody. A search of the defendant's vehicle yielded a large folding knife, tape, rubber gloves and a mask. Police in New Hampshire and Vermont are investigating the possibility that the objects may have been used in the sexual attack in New Hampshire and other, similar attacks.

❖ On June 5, at 4:20 p.m., SP Wilton received an Emergency 911 call from an 11-year-old girl, who said her father was sexually assaulting her 16-year-old stepsister in their Schuylerville, Saratoga County, home. She further stated her mother had tried to intercede in the assault, but had been beaten by the father. Dispatchers kept the youngster on the line, while Tpr. Daniel B. Larkin (SP Schuylerville) responded to the residence.

Upon arrival, the complainant stated the assault was still going on in her parents' bedroom. She led Larkin into the house, where he confronted the assailant. He took the father into

custody at gunpoint without further incident. He was charged with Attempted Rape First Degree, Sexual Abuse First Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Assault Third Degree. Tpr. Steven E. Meacham assisted Larkin.

❖ On May 13, Z/Sgt. John R. Lustyik (SP Wilton) received two awards at the Glens Falls Kiwanis Club 1992 Police Officer Recognition Luncheon in Glens Falls. The first was the 1992 Outstanding Police Officer Recognition Award from Kiwanis International, for service to the community and work with youth programs. The second award was a Certificate of Merit from U.S. Congressman Gerald B. Solomon, citing Lustyik's dedication as a police officer and his outstanding citizenship. Lt. William S. Sprague (SP Wilton), Zone Two Commander, was the guest speaker at the event. The several hundred people in attendance included area community and civic leaders, representatives of local police and county sheriff's departments and Kiwanis members.

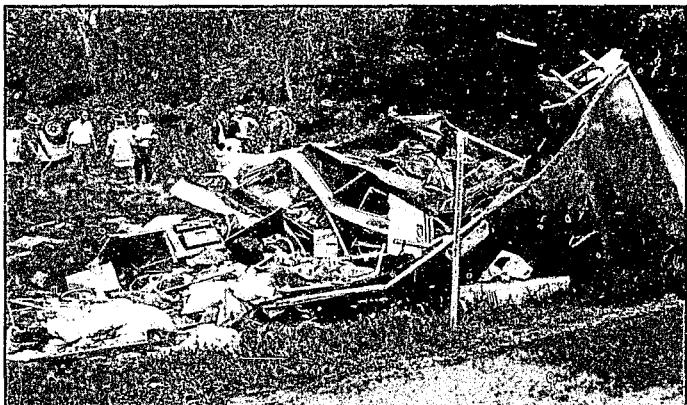
❖ A joint investigation by the Troop G Narcotics Unit and the Albany office of the DEA ended in the seizure of the largest MDMA lab ever located in northeast New York. The investigation was initiated by the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force, after several individuals were arrested for the illegal possession and sale of the hallucinogenic drugs LSD and MDMA. Leads from that investigation indicated that a clandestine drug laboratory was operating town of Blenheim, Schoharie County. The lab was built inside a seasonal residence in a remote area of the Catskill Mountains. In addition to the illicit MDMA production, the lab operators expected to use their facility to make methamphetamine, a powerful stimulant. Investigators followed leads into upstate New York, New York City and New Jersey. Police surveillance in New York City revealed the lab workers were using an apartment to store finished quantities of MDMA and methamphetamine prior to sale. Other surveillances revealed the residence of the lab's chemist, which was

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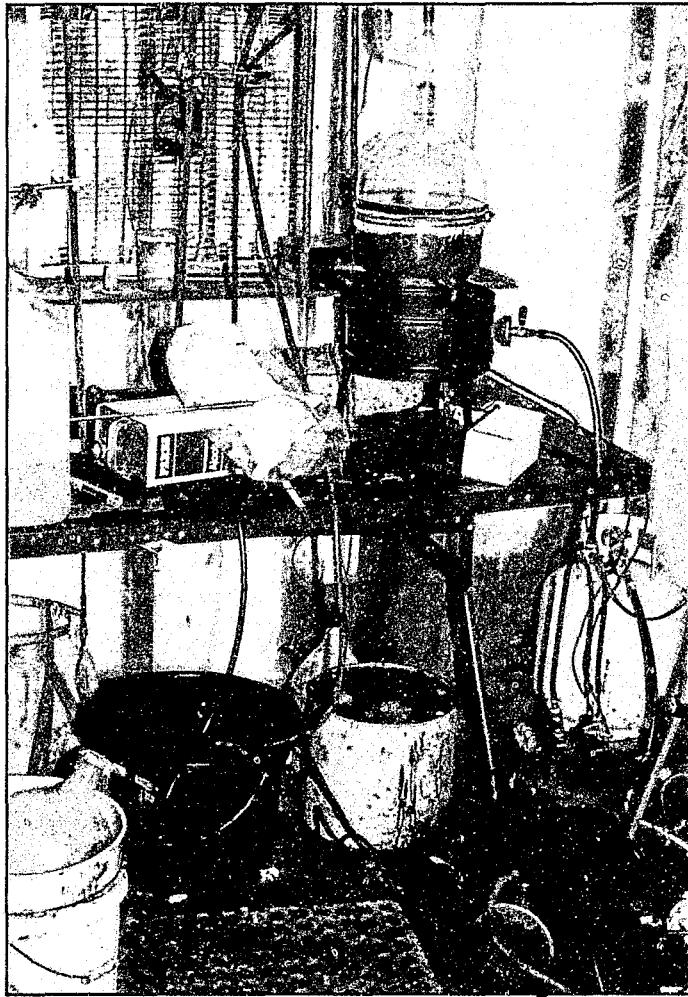
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Loudonville members investigated a fatal camper trailer-auto accident in which a four-year-old boy was killed. The boy's mother lost control of the swaying camper trailer, causing the van/trailer to over-turn several times. Of the five passengers, two were ejected. The camper trailer was demolished.



State-of-the-art electronic and computer equipment was seized at a clandestine lab site. The fully operational lab was capable of producing more than 50 pounds of MDMA (a hallucinogenic designer drug) and 30 pounds of methamphetamine daily. The lab was the largest of its kind seized in the Northeast, possibly the largest in North America.

being used as an electronics and computer room for the laboratory.

Investigators encountered a major obstacle in their plan to seize the drug lab: a sophisticated security system at the site, including electric eyes, ground vibration detectors, motion detectors, dogs and video monitors. Police also received reliable information that the defendants were armed, and that the chemist frequently booby-trapped a nearby building, used to house chemicals and equipment, to avoid its seizure by the police.

Police obtained search warrants for the lab, the chemist's residence in Woodstock, and an apartment in West 58th Street in Manhattan. On the morning of April 23, Maj. Lloyd R. Wilson, Jr. and BCI Capt. Jeffry R. Hines led a search detail, including the Division Mobile Response Team and the DEA Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team, to the lab site. The search revealed a sophisticated operation capable of producing more than 50 pounds of MDMA and 30 pounds of methamphetamine with the materials on hand. The chemist and his 18-year-old assistant were found sleeping, loaded weapons at their sides. They were taken into custody. Investigators also seized hypodermic syringes, 200 decks of heroin, and state-of-the-art electronic and computer equipment. Police seized similar equipment at the chemist's home in Woodstock. He used the computers to analyze chemical reactions and store formulae necessary to produce the dangerous drugs. A search of the apartment in New York City turned up a quantity of MDMA, drug records, U.S. currency and equipment used for the packaging and distribution of the drugs.

Evidence seized during the raids indicated the drug dealers intended to distribute the drugs in the Auburn, Woodstock and New York City areas, with a quantity destined for distribution in Europe. Three defendants arrested in the case pleaded guilty to federal drug charges. Two are serving lengthy sentences in federal prison.

TROOP K - - -



Major Peter J. Brennan, Troop K commander, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Esther Werner. Through the efforts of she and her husband, Troop K Narcro members were able to obtain search warrants for a residence growing large amounts of marihuana. Investigators seized 850 pounds of marihuana and shut down a distribution network of more than \$3 million worth of contraband.

Troop K provided the following case summaries for 1992:

- ❖ Personnel from the Troop K Narcotics Enforcement Unit, SP Rhinebeck and SP Claverack culminated a year-long investigation with the arrest of a 19-year-old Red Hook resident for Criminal Possession of Marijuana First Degree. The man had been engaged in growing, cultivating, transporting and distributing large quantities of marijuana and concentrated cannabis from Dutchess County to areas throughout New York State. During a warrant search of the man's residence, investigators discovered numerous marijuana plants and an elaborate processing and packaging operation. They also seized 500 pounds of processed marijuana, cooling fans, packaging equipment, assorted tools, scales and a steel press. A loaded shotgun also was confiscated.
- ❖ SP Peekskill personnel arrested a Peekskill youth who slashed the throat of a gas station attendant in the Town of Cortlandt and made off with \$200 from the till.

After the attack, the severely wounded attendant managed to get to a nearby store for help. Division members interviewed the victim and a witness, then created a composite drawing of the suspect. From this picture and hours of investigation, troopers and BCI personnel were able to arrest a suspect. The youth later admitted to the slashing and described the robbery in detail. He was charged with Attempted Murder Second Degree. The victim survived the attack and, in a gesture of appreciation, publicly acknowledged State Police and emergency personnel for their roles in saving his life and bringing his assailant to justice.

- ❖ A 17-hour manhunt for a fugitive from Arizona ended when State Police arrested him as he attempted to escape by swimming across the Hudson River. The fugitive was wanted in Arizona for trafficking in stolen goods, and was the focus of an extensive search involving Division K-9s, Aviation and the Mobile Response Team. Although the manhunt concluded in Dutchess County, troopers initially encountered the fugitive in East Greenbush. Further investigation revealed the man also was wanted in Putnam County on forgery charges. Following his apprehension, the man told troopers he was a strong swimmer with a surfing background.



Tpr. Lisa A. Galbraith (SP Fishkill-K) Investigates a head-on auto accident.

- ❖ State Police in Peekskill arrested a Westchester man in connection with the death of a neurologist whose body was discovered in a wooded area in Putnam County. The doctor died from a gunshot wound; local authorities asked the State Police to assume control of the case when it became apparent that the investigation would extend well outside the county. Following leads that took them as far away as New Jersey, investigators ultimately arrested a sports card dealer in Westchester County. The motive for the killing was apparently a \$70,000 baseball card deal which had gone sour.

- ❖ Troopers from SP Brewster investigated a holdup alarm at a local bank near State Route 22. When they arrived, they were advised that a lone white male had entered the bank and produced a handwritten note demanding money and threatening the use of a concealed weapon. The man fled after receiving \$2,000 in currency.

SP Brewster immediately broadcast a description of the robbery suspect and his vehicle to all patrols. A sergeant, on his way to a zone meeting, noted the broadcast and set up a stationary post on I-84. Within minutes, the sergeant observed the suspect in his vehicle pass his post. He stopped the suspect and safely took him into custody. Although no weapon was found, all of the stolen currency was recovered.

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❖ Members from SP Claverack arrested two escapees from Connecticut, following a seven-hour standoff. After their escape from a Litchfield, CT jail, the two men committed numerous crimes, including robbery, burglary and kidnapping. When they arrived in New York, their stolen car ran out of gas. They entered a residence in New Lebanon and took the owner hostage. While conducting house-to-house interviews, one trooper discovered the stolen vehicle and walked to the captive homeowner's house. As the trooper interviewed him, the homeowner managed to alert the member to the presence of the escapees without arousing their suspicions. A State Police hostage negotiation team was called to the scene and, after many hours of negotiation, the escapees released the hostage in exchange for some cigarettes, then gave themselves up without a fight.

❖ The Troop K Narcotics Unit, working in Columbia County, learned of a marijuana-distributing operation in a secluded area in the Town of Gallatin. Division members conducted a warrant search at the target site, recovering more than 850 pounds of high-quality marihuana. The contraband was valued



Troop K members are honored by the community and the victim of a brutal robbery. The victim thanked the troopers for bringing his assailant to justice.
Photo courtesy of North County News, Stan Gitner.



An Arizona fugitive is led from the Hudson River after a 17-hour manhunt. Tpr. Joseph G. Todaro retains custody of the fugitive, after pursuing him into the river. Photo by Margaret Flitsch.

at more than \$1.5 million. A Texas man was arrested at the location and charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana First Degree.

❖ A traffic stop in Yonkers ended with the seizure of \$5 million in proceeds from criminal activity. A trooper on patrol saw a vehicle turn the wrong way onto a one-way street at night, without headlights. The trooper stopped the operator and issued summonses for the violations. During the stop, the trooper noticed an unusually large sum of money in the vehicle, nearly \$300,000. The driver, a Colombian national, told the trooper that he didn't know how the money got in the car, nor did it belong to him. Further investigation allowed State Police to obtain a search warrant for a Westchester residence. When investigators searched the house, they discovered another \$4.5 million behind a false wall. The operator of the vehicle was released and charged only with the traffic infractions.

TROOP L

TROOP COMMANDER



Major Timothy M. Rabbett, Troop L commander, stands with State Senator Kemp Hannon at a meeting at Troop L Headquarters.



Tpr. Thomas H. Paton (SP Islip Terrace) fingerprints a young visitor at the 1992 Troop L Open House at SP Farmingdale. A friend looks on. The open houses in all 11 troops commemorated the Division's 75th Anniversary in 1992. Photo by Troop L ID Section.

Troop L provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ Two Huntington men, driving to Riverhead to visit their girlfriends, ran out of gas as soon as they arrived in town. Having no money, they walked from their girlfriends' home to a nearby motel and stole a car. The car belonged to a computer salesman from California, and in its trunk was a prototype computer worth \$45,000. A short distance from the Holiday Inn, the car ran out of gas, so the thieves walked to a nearby apartment complex and stole another car. They returned to their van and siphoned the gas they needed, then went back to the first car and removed the computer. While traveling on the Long Island Expressway, their van got a flat tire. They abandoned the vehicle and stole a Jeep from a parking lot.

In the meantime, the computer salesman had reported his car stolen to State Police. Tpr. Derrick S. Parker and Invs. Roger W. Chillemi and Robert L. Olson recovered the car, then broadcast an all-points description of the stolen computer. After the two thieves returned to their van, a Suffolk County Police officer arrived and became suspicious at the condition of the Jeep. He soon learned it was stolen and recovered the computer from the van. The two thieves were arrested and charged with several crimes, including Grand Larceny Third Degree. They are presently in the Suffolk County Jail.

❖ The Troop L Narcotics Enforcement Unit and the Mobile Response Team arrested a Suffolk County drug dealer who had boasted that no police officer could ever "take him down." State Police arrested forty other defendants as well and seized cocaine, anabolic steroids, 13 luxury cars, seven semi-automatic weapons and a marihuana processing farm.

❖ Uniformed and BCI members from SP Islip Terrace investigated a two-car auto accident on the Northern State Parkway

in which three persons were killed. A westbound pickup truck crossed the highway's center divider and struck an eastbound car head-on. The car contained five occupants; the driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the pickup truck was flown to the Stony Brook University Hospital but died the following day from his injuries. A passenger in the car died five days later.

The truck driver was found to have more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his bloodstream at the time of the accident. Further investigation revealed he had two prior DWI convictions and that his driving privileges were revoked.

❖ While patrolling the Southern State Parkway, troopers from SP Valley Stream pursued a speeding vehicle into New York City. The target vehicle struck a guiderail and numerous curbs on the parkway and became disabled. The fleeing driver and passenger were both apprehended. The car they were driving had been stolen earlier that day. Both subjects possessed a wallet containing identification which obviously did not belong to either of them. Investigators contacted the owner of the wallet and learned that the two suspects had assaulted and robbed him on the Hempstead Turnpike. The pair were charged by both State and Nassau County Police.

❖ Two legal challenges to new traffic enforcement methods were adjudicated in Suffolk County courts in 1992 and involved Troop L personnel.

In January, the Division placed into service a Laser Technology laser speed measuring device, received the previous October from the Geico Insurance Company. Tpr. Lee N. Gasparik (SP Riverhead) was trained and certified by the manufacturer to operate the device. Tpr. Gasparik issued more than 2,000 traffic citations using the laser gun. In April, a

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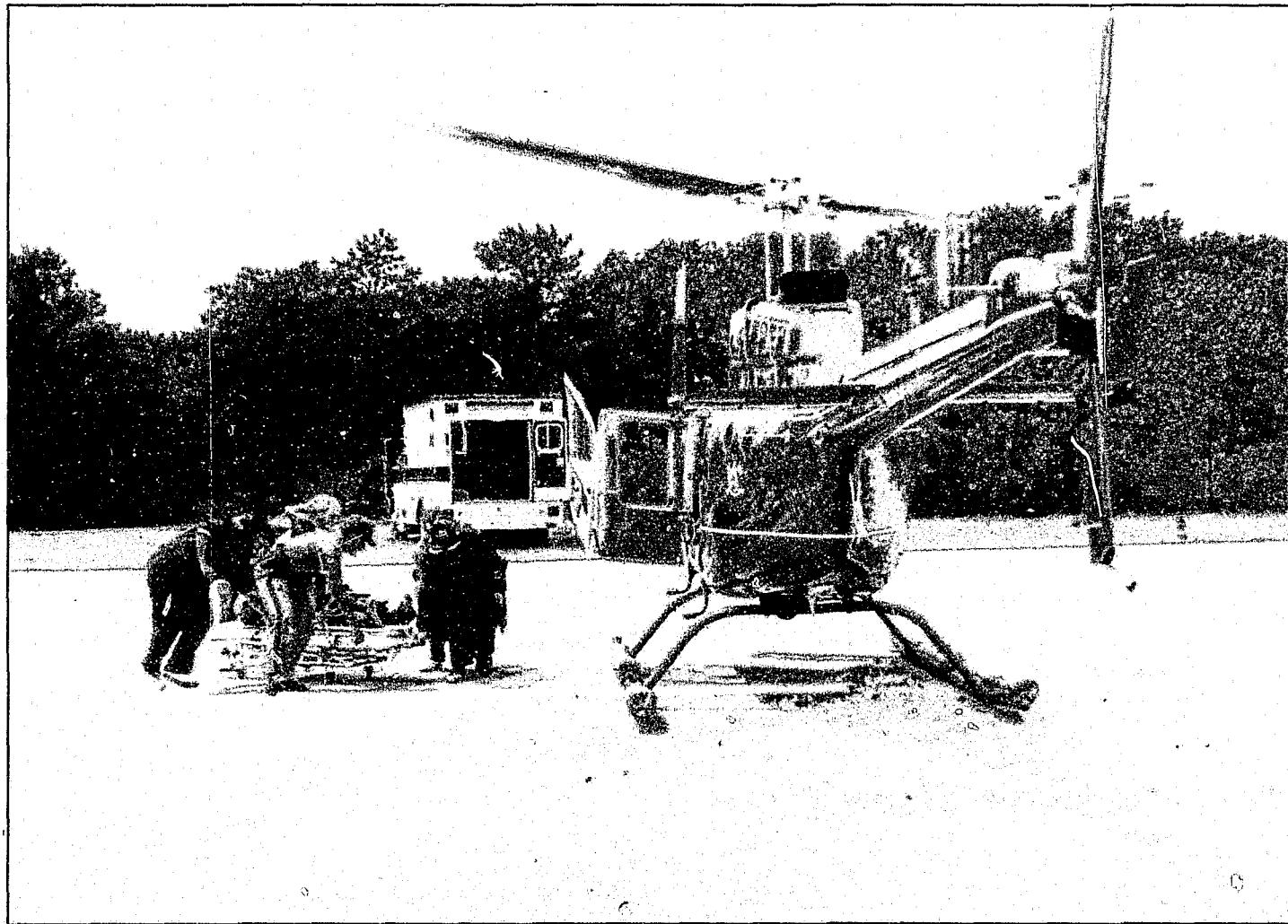
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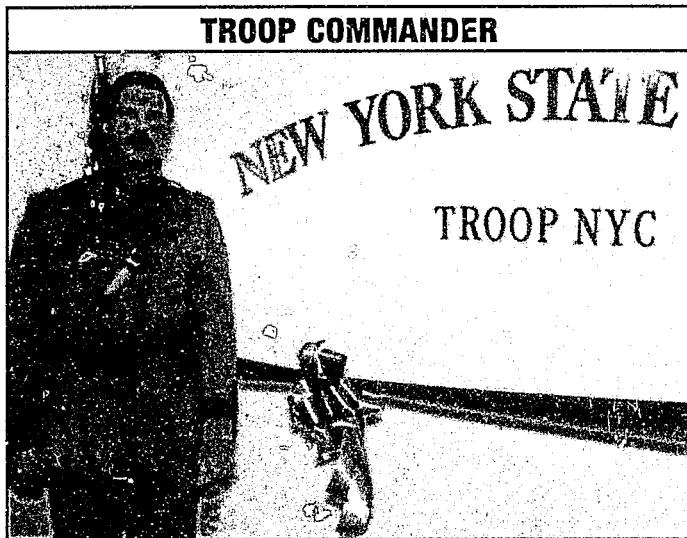
ticketed motorist challenged the validity of the device in Southampton Town Court, claiming that he was driving in a cluster of cars when he was stopped and cited. The motorist tried to persuade the court that his was not the vehicle whose speed was indicated on the laser gun. The case necessitated testimony by Jeremy Dunn, the inventor of the Laser Gun and Chief Engineer for Laser Technologies.

In the second case, a motorist was convicted in January of driving with her ability impaired by drugs. A key element in the prosecution's case was the 12-step drug testing procedure conducted by a trooper trained as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). The arrest took place in 1988. In November 1991, a Suffolk County District Court judge ruled that the test was scientifically valid and admissible as trial evidence. DRE testing and certification was introduced in New York State by the Division of State Police and the Nassau County Police. The program has since been expanded and is now used by the New York City and Suffolk County Police Departments, among others.



MEDEVAC demonstration at the 1992 Troop L Open House at SP Farmingdale.

TROOP NYC --



Major William J. DeBlock, the first Troop NYC commander, prior to Troop NYC's dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony.

Troop NYC provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ The New York State Police Manhattan office became the Division's 11th troop in 1992. Members of Troop NYC, although not assigned to perform patrol functions, conduct multi-faceted investigations throughout New York City. The new troop is composed of nine units.

The Confidential Unit conducts background investigations on trooper applicants, New York State executive appointees, and out-of-state police applicants. It also assists with protective services for the Governor and visiting dignitaries, when necessary.

The Major Case Unit conducts major investigations within the city upon requests from Division members and other police agencies elsewhere in the country. It executes misdemeanor and felony arrest warrants.

The Attorney General Unit conducts investigations in cooperation with the New York State Attorney General's Criminal Prosecutions Bureau. This unit also includes the Crime Proceeds Strike Force, which consists of investigators from the New York State Police, the State Banking Department, the State Department of Taxation and Finance, and the State Attorney General's office. This unit targets criminal money laundering and violations of state banking regulations.

The District Attorney's Unit comprises three squads assigned to conduct investigations for any of the five district attorneys in the city. Currently, one squad is deployed in Queens and two are in Manhattan.

The Special Narcotics Prosecutor Unit has two squads whose members conduct narcotics investigations throughout the five

boroughs. The majority of their investigations are conducted with agents from the U. S. Customs Service. The Special Narcotics Prosecutors Office also works with other law enforcement agencies throughout the world, conducting numerous lead investigations for members of Interpol.

The Drug Enforcement Task Force contains the largest proportion of investigative personnel assigned to Troop NYC. This unit, working with personnel from the Drug Enforcement Agency and the New York City Police Department, investigates major narcotics-related crimes all over the world. The majority of these investigations originate in New York City. The NYCDETF is the premier agency in providing the Division with seized cash, narcotics and property. This operation is headquartered in a newly renovated building in downtown Manhattan.

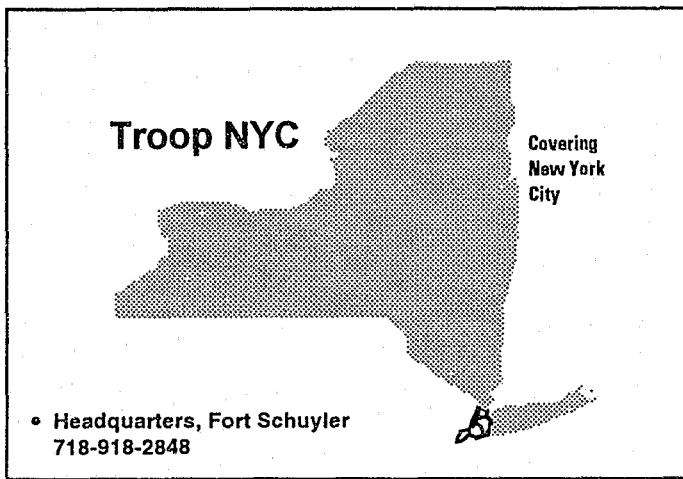
In late 1992, Troop NYC created the Computer Crime Unit, which investigates crimes committed through illicit phone and computer "hacking." The unit also investigates complaints from the major long-distance telephone carriers in the city, particularly those involving "hackers" who sell long distance service at a fraction of its actual cost; the actual cost of these calls are then borne either by the customer or his phone carrier. As computer crime becomes more popular, this unit is expected to grow and increase in productivity.

Members of the District Attorney Squad assigned in the borough of Queens arrested five individuals involved in the counterfeiting of audio tapes. The counterfeiters duplicated albums, then packaged and labeled them as they would appear in retail stores. The arrests and subsequent searches yielded nearly \$500,000 worth of recording equipment and audio tapes. According to officials from the Recording Industry Association of America, it was the largest audio tape counterfeiting operation ever found in the northeastern United States. It is estimated that the recording industry loses more than \$400 million each year to similar counterfeit operations.

❖ The Crime Proceeds Strike Force of the Attorney General's Unit investigated several incidents of money laundering and illegal wire transfer enterprises in 1992. These investigations resulted in the arrest of six individuals and the forfeiture of more than \$380,000.

❖ Members of the Major Case Unit assisted the New York State Investigation Commission with an investigation into the financing of the Hudson Falls Incinerator Project in Hudson Falls. The primary financing was provided through the use of Warren and Washington County Industrial Development Agency Bonds. Troop NYC members actively researched documents obtained by the Washington County District Attorney, and other documents subpoenaed from other agencies and financial institutions associated with the project. An independent investigation conducted by the Washington County District Attorney to date has resulted in two indictments.

- - - New York City



❖ The Major Case Unit arrested an individual wanted by the Nassau County Police Department on a 41-count indictment. The subject had beaten his wife and left her for dead, and telephonically threatened the Nassau County detectives on the case. Major Case investigators found the defendant living in New Jersey. Unit members and New Jersey State Police arrested the man in East Orange, after a brief struggle. The subject was incarcerated in New Jersey pending extradition to New York.



Members of Troop NYC were honored by the Recording Industry Association of America for their actions in closing a counterfeit audio tape recording operation. From left: Queens A.D.A. George Freed; Queens District Attorney Richard Brown; Major William J. Deblock; Captain Thomas F. Weber; Sr. Inv. John F. Cassino; NYCPD Det. Oscar Flowe; Sr. Inv. James J. Schoepfer, and Inv. Henry Devries.

❖ The Special Narcotics Prosecutor Unit, working on information provided by an informant, searched a Valley Stream residence and found more than \$317,000 in U.S. currency.



Sr. Inv. Wayne F. Mackey receives congratulations from Superintendent Constantine for an award he received from the New York Centurian Foundation for his part in a 1991 case involving organized crime in the garment industry. From left: NYCPD Chief of Detectives Joseph R. Borrelli, Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, Superintendent Constantine, Mr. Lawrence Loenthal of the Centurian Foundation, and Sr. Inv. Mackey

Investigators also seized three vehicles and arrested three subjects. Leads from this search led to a second, in New Rochelle, where members found 100 kilograms of cocaine and arrested two more individuals.

❖ NYCDETF members, after analyzing seized records belonging to the Cali Drug Cartel, identified several bank accounts the cartel used to launder money. Investigators obtained search warrants and seized nearly \$3.3 million in cash and more than \$584,000 in U.S. money orders.

❖ NYCDETF members and DEA agents from Houston, Texas, cooperated to arrest a drug dealer in Queens and seize 195 kilograms of cocaine. The dealer was the subject of a seven-month investigation. The same group of DETF investigators also arrested five individuals and seized 660 kilograms of cocaine at another Queens location. The cocaine was part of a controlled delivery from Los Angeles; the arrest and seizure were conducted jointly by the NYCDETF, the DETF and DEA agents in Houston and Los Angeles.

❖ NYCDETF members advanced their investigation into Columbian involvement in the illegal heroin market. Working with the U.S. Customs Service at JFK International Airport, investigators seized three pounds of 90 percent pure heroin, concealed in the hollowed-out bases of several wooden shipping pallets. The investigation identified several routes and methods of Columbian heroin importation. The ongoing investigation indicated that Columbian drug traffickers are shifting their interest from the cocaine trade to the more lucrative heroin market.

TROOP T - -

TROOP COMMANDER



Major George J. Meyers III, Troop T commander, converses with visiting Under Secretary of State Ian M. Burns of London, England, who was on tour. Looking on is F/Sgt. William E. McLean Jr.



Under the supervision of Troop T commander Maj. George Meyers, a search detail for burglary suspects was organized. In photo, MRT members finalize search plans prior to the suspects' capture.

Troop T provided the following case summaries for 1992:

❖ Tpr. James Nohavicka (SP New Rochelle) was patrolling Interstate Rte. 95 on a C-line when he observed a 1992 Ford make an unsafe lane change. After stopping the vehicle, he file-checked the operator and began writing out a summons. The file check revealed the operator was wanted by the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Police for two counts of Robbery First Degree, a violent felony. Tpr. Nohavicka arrested the operator without incident. A search of the arrestee and his vehicle revealed a loaded 9mm semiautomatic pistol, a spare magazine of ammunition, a bulletproof vest, and a ski mask. The arrestee was remanded to Westchester County Jail pending grand jury action.

❖ Tpr. Timothy Santiago (SP Tarrytown) and canine "Shimmy," of the Troop T K-9 Unit were working the afternoon shift on Interstate 87 when Santiago observed a 1992 Toyota speeding. Santiago observed the occupants try to hide something between the front seats. When Santiago approached the car and spoke with the driver, he observed a bag containing marijuanna. He immediately arrested the occupants of the vehicle. A vehicle search revealed two additional bags, containing roughly 10 ounces of cocaine in all. All three occupants were remanded to the Westchester County Jail to await grand jury action.

❖ On another occasion, Tpr. Santiago was patrolling Interstate 95 when he observed an automobile being driven unsafely. Before stopping the vehicle, Tpr. Santiago radioed for a DMV registration check of the car. The DMV check revealed that the owner of the car was wanted in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for felony drug trafficking, and should be considered extremely dangerous. Tpr. Edwin Ocasio (SP Tar-

rytown) was monitoring his radio and assisted Santiago with the vehicle stop. The operator was, in fact, the individual wanted by out-of-state authorities. Although he violently resisted arrest, Tpr. Santiago and Ocasio subdued the fugitive and arrested him without serious injury to anyone.

❖ Tprs. Edward Meyers and Charles Jablonski (SP Tarrytown) were working the midnight shift when they responded to a minor automobile accident on Interstate 87 in the village of Tarrytown. A routine license check of one of the involved drivers revealed he was wanted for bank robbery by the FBI/New York City Police Department Robbery Task Force. The troopers arrested the man and during a search, found a small amount of a controlled substance. After lodging a misdemeanor drug charge against the defendant, trooper turned him over to federal authorities on the bank robbery warrant.

❖ Interagency cooperation between the Division and local police resulted in the capture of two fugitives who had beaten a Schenectady woman, burglarized her home, then stolen her car.

On July 9, Tprs. Clayton Powell and Edwin Reyes were working an A-line when they monitored a radio broadcast from Troop G regarding a burglary which had just occurred in the city of Schenectady. Powell and Reyes members observed a car fitting the description of the stolen vehicle traveling southbound on the Thruway near Albany. When the patrol tried to stop the vehicle, a pursuit ensued, ending at the Catskill interchange. There, the two occupants abandoned the car and fled into the dense woods on foot.

A search detail was organized under the supervision of Troop T Commander Maj. George J. Meyers, with personnel from Troops T and F, the Mobile Response Team, the Division K-9 and Aviation Units, and local agencies from Greene County. Within four hours, the first subject was apprehended. The

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second was later apprehended trying to secrete himself in dense undergrowth. Both were charged with Burglary First Degree and Grand Larceny Third Degree and were turned over to the Schenectady Police Department. Continued interagency cooperation enabled several Capital District police agencies to close numerous burglaries perpetrated by these two individuals.

❖ On March 17, a sudden snow squall caused a major tie-up on the state Thruway in Ulster County between the New Paltz and Kingston exits. The squall covered the highway with wet snow, causing slippery conditions and numerous accidents, including a seven-car pileup, in a one-mile section of the highway. One accident involved a tanker truck carrying highly flammable liquid petroleum naptha. The tractor-trailer went off the road attempting to avoid an accident, separated into two sections, then rolled over. Luckily, the trailer remained intact, and the only leakage occurred from the trailer's top hatches. The rollover required troopers to close the northbound lanes of the Thruway between New Paltz to Kingston for several hours until the cargo could be transferred to another tanker and removed. State Police were assisted at the scene by personnel from the New York State Thruway Authority, the State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New Paltz Fire Department.

❖ On May 11, Tpr. Nestor L. Rodriguez (SP Kingston) was presented with the state's "Police Officer of the Year Award" by Governor Mario M. Cuomo, for his heroic actions at the scene of a car accident on the State Thruway in September 1991. At that time, Tpr. Rodriguez rescued an unconscious driver from his overturned and burning vehicle, saving the motorist from almost certain death. On May 14, Superintendent Constantine presented Tpr. Rodriguez with the New York State Police "Brummer Award." On May 30, Trooper Rodriguez received a "Heroism Award" from the Ulster County Chief's Association, followed by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police "Medal of Honor" on September 23, and an "Award of Heroism" by the Hispanic National Law Enforcement Association, New York Chapter, on October 16.



The aftermath of a five-car, fatal tractor-trailer/auto accident on the N.Y.S. Thruway.

❖ Toll collectors at the Exit 23 Thruway interchange requested a trooper on behalf of a female hitchhiker in the toll plaza. Tpr. Don R. Williams (SP Albany) responded. The woman told him she had been hitchhiking from Virginia to Connecticut and been picked up by a truck driver, who kidnapped and sexually assaulted her somewhere in Delaware. He dropped her off at a rest area on Interstate 87 in Warren County. The victim described the tractor-trailer and the truck driver to the trooper; this information was given to local police and news agencies and police began a search.

The tractor-trailer was located less than 12 hours later, at the Pattersonville Service Area. Tprs. Louis Roman and Howard Dorn found the truck driver asleep in the tractor's sleeper compartment. The troopers confirmed the driver's identity, then searched the truck. They discovered a loaded .32 caliber handgun and arrested the driver for Unlawful Imprisonment and Criminal Possession of a Weapon Third Degree. He was arraigned and remanded to the Albany County Jail. He also faces charges in Delaware, pending the completion of a joint investigation by state and federal authorities.

❖ Tpr. Don R. Williams (SP Albany) arrested two Rochester residents for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance First Degree, seizing more than \$76,000 in the process. Tpr. Williams made his arrest after stopping a speeding car on the Thruway. Neither occupant of the vehicle had a valid driver's license, so Williams summoned a wrecker and inventoried the contents of the car. Tprs. Norberto Charlotten and Randy Blanchard and Inv. Robert B. Hayes (SP Albany) responded to assist Williams. A small amount of marihuana was located on the car floor, warranting a more extensive search. The members located a hidden compartment, containing one kilo of cocaine and the currency. In addition to the criminal possession charge, the subjects were charged with Possession with Intent to Sell and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana. They were arraigned and committed to the Albany County Jail without bail.

UNIFORM SPECIAL SERVICES

Traffic Services

Operation Safe Bus

Statistics maintained by the National Safety Council and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicate that each year more than 300 million citizens across the nation utilize bus transportation. The commercial carriers serving these travelers log nearly 6 billion miles of travel annually, providing an efficient and economical means of mass transportation. What makes this form of highway transportation unique is the potential for mass casualties when a bus is involved in an accident.

The New York State Police acknowledge that traditional enforcement efforts have been insufficiently effective in combatting unsafe commercial bus operation. Bus drivers usually are well equipped to detect enforcement efforts in advance, using two-way radios and radar detectors.

Early in 1992, the State Police initiated a plan to examine and combat the bus safety problem. The program that evolved was "Operation Safe Bus," a combined survey and enforcement effort. Critical to the success of this program was the design of an unconventional enforcement technique which would supplement more conventional programs such as radar, VASCAR and pace clocking. To counteract the use of radar detectors, CB radios and other countermeasures, the new technique could employ no detectable electronic devices and would require members to maintain low visibility. "Operation Safe Bus" was conducted by State Police personnel in plainclothes, traveling on buses as fare-paying passengers. During their trip, the assigned members determined the speed of the buses using time-distance calculations. They placed themselves in an ideal position to observe the actions of the drivers and record any dangerous or irresponsible driving behaviors.

"Operation Safe Bus" succeeded in increasing public attention and arrests and the Division intends to continue the program. The overall objective of the program, however, is not solely to make arrests, but to promote voluntary compliance with traffic safety laws.

SEMO Liaison

On December 11, the Division and other members of the Disaster Preparedness Commission responded to a winter storm that struck Long Island and New York City. The storm persisted for five cycles of high tide, flooding the greater

metropolitan area. Several homes and businesses on Long Island were destroyed or severely damaged, with repair costs running into the millions. Division members established traffic control points and assisted local agencies with the evacuation of lowland residences. Division members manned both local and State Emergency Operating Centers. President George Bush later declared the site a disaster area.

International Roadcheck 92

The largest coordinated safety check of commercial vehicles in history was held at more than 280 sites across the country, from May 12 - 14. Enforcement officials from all 50 United States, the 12 Canadian Provinces and Territories, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico joined officials from the Federal Highway Administration, to inspect a total of 47,062 commercial motor vehicles, including 699 buses, for safety violations. More than one-fourth of the vehicles inspected were taken out of service at the time of inspection.

The New York State Police has participated in all six international roadchecks since 1987. For "Roadcheck 92," the Division dedicated 30 members to five separate locations around the State. They conducted 859 high-level inspections, resulting in the placement out of service of nearly 41 percent of the vehicles checked. Bypass routes also were monitored for operators seeking to evade inspection.



Tpr. Norm J. O'Neill (Troop C-Endwell) walks a Binghamton State University student through Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, during an Alcohol Awareness Week demonstration at the SUNY Binghamton campus.

Operation Roadside

On November 19, representatives from 19 states along the eastern seaboard conducted an around-the-clock commercial vehicle road check, titled "Operation Roadside." In New York State, "Operation Roadside" was staffed by Division members from Troops F and T.

Troopers from Scales, MCSAP, HazMat, Canine and commercial vehicle drug interdiction details filled out the ranks of the "Operation Roadside" team.

Troopers sited the roadcheck at the newly-expanded Thruway tandem lot in Suffern. Trucks entering the site were given a comprehensive inspection, starting with a weighing on Division ELDEC scales. As the vehicles were weighed, drivers' log books were reviewed for violations and paperwork was checked for any inconsistencies that could indicate the transportation of drugs or other contraband. Vehicles that MCSAP members felt required a more thorough inspection were directed to an inspection lane and given a complete "Level 1" inspection.

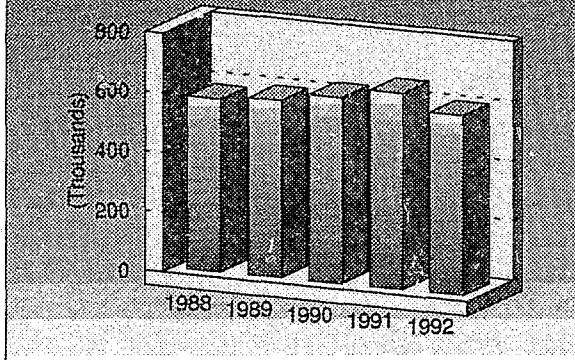
Members focused their attention upon drivers who exceeded their allowed hours of service, had suspended or revoked driving privileges, or were operating severely overloaded vehicles. They also removed vehicles from the highway that weren't in legally acceptable mechanical condition. Another key element of the inspections was drug interdiction; commercial vehicles and drivers were appropriately inspected by Canines and Drug Recognition Technicians.

By the end of the 24-hour period, "Operation Roadside" resulted in the issuance of 367 Uniform Traffic Tickets for a variety of violations. A total of 27 trucks were given "Level 1" MCSAP inspections. The ELDEC scales team weighed 1,713 vehicles and logged 52 violations for overweight trucks.

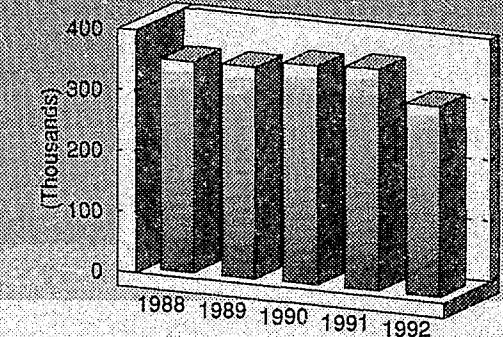
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program

The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program proved productive in 1992. Twenty-two members received their DRE certifications, bringing the total number of qualified DREs to 80. DREs performed 530 arrest evaluations in 1992, with an accuracy rate of more than 98%.

Hazardous Arrests

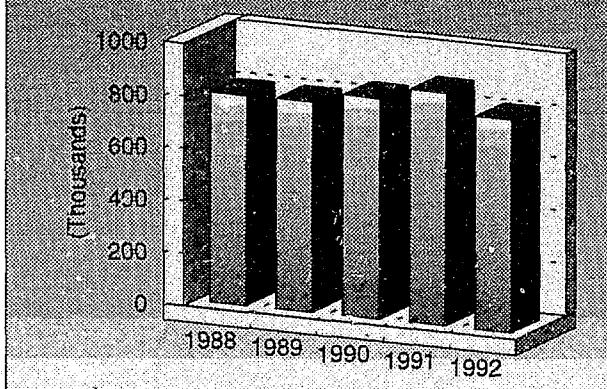


55 mph Arrests



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Division instructors in 1992 conducted DRE training in 11 states. Two members also participated in a DRE validation study conducted by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) at Johns Hopkins University.

Division DRE instructors also assisted with the training of local agencies in Onondaga County, and developed a drug awareness program designed specifically for probation officers and juvenile justice officials. More than 60 individuals from these agencies were trained during two week-long sessions.

State Police personnel also were involved with the international expansion of the DRE program. One instructor presented the DRE program to the Canadian Society of Forensic Science (CSFS) and helped them develop a DRE training outline. As a

result, the Division now is represented on the CSFS Drugs and Driving Committee. Two instructors presented drug information training seminars to more than 130 police officers from all over the Province of Ontario.

At the request of the **Bund gegen Alkohol im Straßenverkehr**, a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating impaired drivers from German highways, a DRE instructor went to Homberg, Saarland, Germany, to present Drunk and Drugged Driving symposiums. Participants included state and federal prosecutors, magistrates, road patrol supervisors and narcotic officers.

Closer to home, all members of the 170th session of the Basic School were trained in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

Aviation

❖ During 1992, the Division Aviation Unit flew a total of 220 hours in search of marihuana. This effort enabled law enforcement officers to seize 4,281 marihuana plants and 552 pounds of processed marihuana, and arrest 23 persons.

On a Sunday afternoon in May, a toddler disappeared while playing in a backyard at the edge of Otisco Lake. Neighbors, organized a human chain to search the water near the deck and, after several unsuccessful sweeps, located the boy. The rescuers pulled the boy from the water and assisted EMS personnel with live-saving procedures. Others radioed for a MEDEVAC helicopter.

Within minutes, a state police helicopter was on its way from the Syracuse Aviation Unit, with a paramedic on board. The patient was flown to University Hospital in Syracuse, a 10-minute flight that took less than half the time the same trip by ground would have required.

❖ The Syracuse Aviation Unit also helped the American Red Cross transport bone tissue needed for an emergency operation at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. With no appropriate tissue available in Albany, an emergency call to the Tissue Bank in

Syracuse located the required tissue. The Division helicopter was immediately dispatched to Albany with the bone tissue on board. Upon arrival at the hospital, the tissue was rushed to waiting surgeons, who successfully completed the procedure. The patient recovered completely.

❖ Two ice fishermen were trying their luck on Oneida Lake on a windy day in January, when their snowmobile broke through the ice, plunging them into frigid water. One angler was able to make it back to shore, but his companion became stranded on an ice floe which broke away from the main ice pack.

A call for help summoned a Division helicopter from the Syracuse Aviation Unit. The pilot and flight crew saw that the floe was moving rapidly away from shore in the 50-knot winds. Nevertheless, the pilot gently touched down on the thin ice, keeping only a portion of the helicopter's weight on it, while the co-pilot hoisted the victim safely aboard.

❖ In the early morning of Jan. 3, a U.S. commuter plane, en route from Clinton County Airport to Saranac Lake, was reported missing to SP Ray Brook. As Division helicopter 1H9 responded, a second aircraft on approach to the airport sighted the downed plane.

The helicopter flight crew, consisting of a Division pilot, an EnCon Ranger and North Country Life Flight personnel, confirmed the crash site on the side of a hill. As 1H9 circled overhead, two survivors were observed in an isolated area inaccessible to motor vehicles. As the helicopter hovered over the site, the EnCon ranger lowered other rescue personnel to the site with the aircraft's hoist.

During the next six hours, several missions were flown to extract personnel, victims, and equipment. The flight crew was credited with the rescue of two survivors, who were flown to Adirondack Medical Center, and with the recovery of two deceased passengers.

❖ In March, the east branch of the Ausable River became jammed with ice, causing extensive flooding in the Town of Jay.



T/Sgt. Denis J. Millea (Troop H-Aviation) assists Troop B BCI members and EnCon Rangers with the recovery of a deceased hiker in the high peaks of the Adirondack Mountains. Photo by Troop B ID Section.

SP Ray Brook received a report that state Route 9N in Upper Jay was flooding, and that help was needed to evacuate local residents from their homes.

Division helicopter 1H9 responded from Saranac Lake with crew of three on board. Skillfully hovering his aircraft over the rooftops, the crew rescued eight persons and two dogs from the flood in four hours, including one dialysis patient and an elderly couple who were pulled from the top window of a two-story building. An additional 19 people were rescued by a State Police airboat at the scene.

❖ In July, the Buffalo Aviation Unit was called to assist the Lockport Police Department in a search for a robbery suspect who had fled into nearby woods. Lockport detectives chased the wanted man into a swamp covering several miles. Three area police agencies were called to assist, including a Division helicopter. Helicopter 1H17, which spotted the suspect running through the swamp and advised police on the ground. The subject was safely taken into custody soon thereafter.

❖ When helicopter 1H18 flew from Stewart Airport to Tarrytown for a disaster drill in July, the crew had no idea that the very eventuality for which they were training was about to occur just over the state line, in New Jersey.

On that day, the Newburgh Aviation Unit participated in what they believed would be a routine disaster drill in Westchester County. The scenario: a bus accident, with mass casualties. During the exercise, the crew received word that an actual bus accident had just occurred on Route 515 in Vernon Township, N.J., and that they were needed for a MEDEVAC flight.

Staff at Westchester County Medical Center, also involved in the disaster drill, responded to the scene and set up a triage station nearby. The Division helicopter, and others from both New York and New Jersey, helped rescue squads transport 50 injured victims and six fatalities to seven different hospitals.

Helicopter 1H18 flew through heavy rain and poor visibility to transport a patient to St. Anthony Community Hospital in Warwick, then later to Westchester County Medical Center.

❖ Late in the summer, a 42-year-old hiker and his 18-year-old son decided to go mountain climbing in the Adirondacks. As rain fell, their trail became slippery. One hiker lost his

footing and fell 20 feet to the edge of the trail, landing on his back and severing his spinal cord. EnCon rangers responded to the scene on foot, as the area was inaccessible to motor vehicles. Division helicopter 1H9 attempted to reach the scene as darkness fell, but the crew was thwarted by low clouds which obscured the mountain. The rangers provided medical care at the scene and elected to spend the night in the woods, to avoid an eight-hour hike out of the forest in total darkness. At dawn, helicopter 1H9 returned from Saranac Lake and, finding no safe landing area near the accident scene, hovered over the area while the crew lowered a Stokes litter basket to rescuers on the ground. Once aboard, the patient was flown to Adirondack Medical Center.

❖ In November, the Aviation Unit assisted Troop G with the surveillance of two suspects believed to be involved in numerous burglaries in Rensselaer County. Investigators obtained inside information that the suspects were about to burglarize another Capital District residence. For two days, members in a Division fixed-wing aircraft surveilled the suspects. On the second day, the aircraft and ground units followed the subjects into Massachusetts, where they finally made their move. The airplane crew observed the suspects break into a home at a remote location, and helped position ground units nearby. The departing burglars were apprehended.



Tpr. Scott R. Oseback prepares to evacuate a seriously injured member from the scene of a two-car fatal automobile accident in St. Lawrence County. Photo by Troop B ID Section.

Boat Patrols

Division boat patrols were maintained on Lake Champlain, the St. Lawrence River, Oneida Lake, Lake George and the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers during the 1992 boating season. Boat patrol members are selected on the basis of their experience and interest in boating. Most are also members of the Scuba Team, and additional training is afforded through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the U. S. Coast Guard and the Division of State Police. Their efforts are directed toward enforcement of the Navigation Law and other applicable laws, promoting boater safety, assisting boaters, narcotics interdiction and investigation of boating accidents.

In 1992, State Police boat patrols boarded 627 vessels, assisted

88 boaters and investigated 32 boating accidents. A total of 455 arrests were made for violations of various laws, including U. S. Immigration Law and New York State Penal Law, Environmental Conservation Law and Navigation Law. Arrests ranged from equipment violations to Illegal Possession of a Weapon, to Speeding, Reckless Operation and Boating While Intoxicated. The boat patrols also recovered more than \$28,000 in lost and stolen property and policed or participated in 57 regattas and other marine activities.

The Lake Champlain Boat Patrol teamed up with SP Chazy BCI and Uniformed members to develop leads in a series of larcenies taking place along both the New York and Vermont shorelines. The larcenies were being committed from the water

and several boat motors, depth finders, fishing poles and boat accessories had been stolen. At approximately 1 a.m. one morning, two troopers, one of whom was assigned to the boat detail, found the vehicle and empty boat trailer of a key suspect parked at a launch site. Surveillance of the vehicle resulted in the arrest of the suspect as he returned to shore in his boat laden with items stolen during the night.

Division boat patrols often participate in the grim task of searching for drowning victims. Fortunately, their presence on the State's waterways also helps to avert such tragedies. For example, the Troop K Hudson River patrol responded to a report of a vessel in distress and found four persons in a 16-foot boat that had stalled its motor and taken on water after passing through a large wake. Before the boat could be stabilized, the operator had moved aft, causing more water to come over the transom. Within seconds the boat was almost completely submerged and all four occupants were in the water. A female occupant became entangled in the boat's mooring line. With the assistance of the State Police boat patrol members, she was able to free herself just as the boat and attached mooring line plunged to the bottom. All four boaters were rescued.

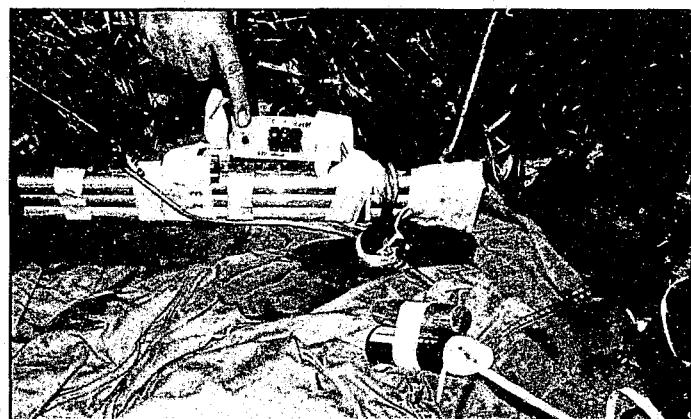


Tprs. Russ J. Harding (left) and O.J. Barr Jr. (Troop G - Loudonville) prepare to continue their patrol on the Hudson River. Tpr. Harding holds a modified grappling hook of his own design, for use during emergency operations. Photo by Bob Miazga.

Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU)

The Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU) assists the State Police and other agencies with the investigation, removal and disposal of explosive devices and compounds. Unit members also are responsible for the destruction of fireworks confiscated by the Division. Every year Division members investigate injuries to persons caused by fireworks. In 1992 a seven-year-old child received multiple fractures to his hand and partial amputation of his middle finger when a firecracker he was playing with exploded in his hand. HDU members also investigated when a homemade firecracker unexpectedly exploded in the hand of its maker. His injuries included a severely mutilated hand and the traumatic amputation of three fingers.

As HDU members usually are able to respond more quickly than their military counterparts, they often provide the initial response to reports of found military explosives and secure them until the appropriate military authorities arrive and assume responsibility. An alert customer at an antiques shop notified the owner that an item being offered for sale might be



An HDU member examines a homemade yet very sophisticated explosive device. The bomb was rendered safe and destroyed.

a live artillery shell. The owner contacted the State Police and a responding HDU member secured the item and turned it over to the U. S. Army Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit. In fact, the item was a live artillery shell of Civil War vintage, complete with an impact-triggered fuse constructed of materials known to become unstable with age.

An HDU detail assisted Troop G personnel in the post-blast investigation of a powerful improvised explosive device in the Town of Halfmoon, Saratoga County. The explosion occurred in the parking lot of an apartment building complex. It damaged four vehicles and propelled bomb fragments into an unoccupied apartment room. Fortunately, no one was injured.



HDU members investigated the remains of this car shortly after a bomb detonated in its trunk. Photo by Troop G ID Section.

Numerous other calls for their services resulted in HDU members safely securing and disposing of explosive devices ranging from blasting caps to a three-foot-long pipe bomb.

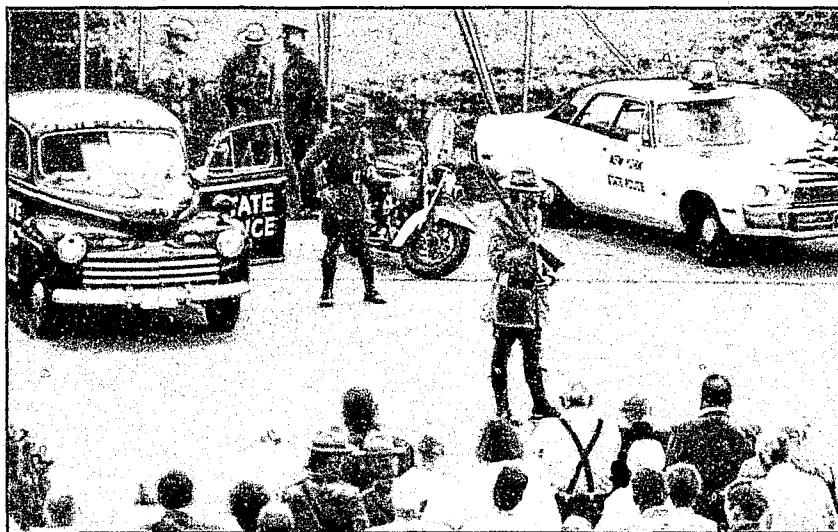
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From left, Sgt./SC Peter Gobbo (Troop K-Somers), Z/Sgt. Joseph Valenchis & Lt. Jerome Carter confer with town of Carmel Police Chief Russell Evens following an armored car holdup in Mahopac, N.Y. The robbers made off with approximately \$500,000 in the daytime robbery. The lead agency in this investigation was the Carmel Police Dept. Photo by Laura Seitz, Staff Photographer for Gannett Suburban Newspapers.

Tpr. W.H. Claus (Troop G-Warnerville) investigates a two-car fatal auto accident in Schoharie County.



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1992 Master's Degree Graduates

The Advanced Degree Educational Opportunity Program, begun in 1985, resulted from an agreement between the Division of State Police and the three bargaining units of the Police Benevolent Association. Up to six members each year attend the Rockefeller College School of Criminal Justice at the State University of New York at Albany, to obtain a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

This cooperative effort between the Division and the PBA provides these members with specialized knowledge and research skills which will assist the Division in facing the law enforcement challenges of the future.



Deputy Superintendent Jerome O'Grady (third from left) congratulates master's degree graduates, from left: Sr. Inv. Robert Maldonado (Troop E NEU), Sgt. L. Edward Moore (Troop K - Rhinebeck), Col. O'Grady, Tpr. Michael R. Neaton (Troop G - Loudonville), Tpr. Susan V. Benfield (Troop K - Poughkeepsie), Lt. George P. Beach (Troop F - Kingston), and Lt. Patrick M. Gallivan (Academy).

Awards Ceremony — 1993



Superintendent Thomas A. Constantine presents Tpr. Chad K. Niles (Troop B-Malone) with a Superintendent's Commendation at the 1993 Awards Day Ceremony at the New York State Police Academy. Photo by Bob Miazga.

In addition to Tpr. Nell, 32 Division members received Superintendent's Commendation Awards. Recipients were chosen from among the 235 members who received letters of commendation from the Superintendent during the past year. The members receiving the awards were: Lt. Pedro J. Perez (Troop A - Batavia), Lt. Peter A. Lawrence (CNET/Western), Lt. Bart Johnson (SIU - White Plains), Sr. Inv. Mark P. Mann (CNET/Western), Sr. Inv. Kevin D. Daniels (Troop A - Batavia), Sr. Inv. Gregory Harlin (Troop K - Peekskill), Inv. Albert Swansen (Troop K-Peekskill), Inv. Peter E. Cobb (Troop K-Hawthorne), Sr. Inv. Daniel Wiese (SIU - White Plains), Sgt. Leonard C. Kasson (Troop E - Dundee), Inv. Jimmy McKoy (Troop F - Middletown), Tpr. Brian L. Wilcocks (Troop A - Leroy), Tpr. Shawn Dalton (Troop A-Perrysburg), Tpr. Chad K. Niles (Troop B - Malone), Tpr. George E. Dyer (Troop B - Chazy), Tpr. Patrick W. Keleher (Troop B - Plattsburgh), Tpr. Dana R. Poirier (Troop B - Plattsburgh), Tpr. Mark E. Procopio (Troop E - Horseheads), Tpr. Gerald S. Segur (Troop E - Horseheads), Tpr. Arthur S. Cady Jr. (Troop E - Painted Post), Tpr. Timothy H. Olszowy (Troop E - Painted Post), Tpr. Shawn J. Houck (Troop F - Ellenville), Tpr. Scott P. Enser (Troop F - Middletown), Tpr. Brendan R. Casey (Troop F - Monroe), Tpr. Donald C. Britten (Troop G - Wilton), Tpr. Daniel B. Larkin (Troop G - Hadley), Tpr. Raymond E. Saunders Jr. (Troop G - Salem), Tpr. Thomas H. Paton (Troop L - Islip Terrace), Tpr. Alan J. Lane (Troop T - Fultonville), Tpr. Melissa A. Noll (Troop T - Fultonville), Tpr. Fernando Ortega (CNET/Capital), and Tpr. Dennis J. Lyons (Troop T - Kingston).

The Superintendent's Unit Citation Award was presented to the Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) Units. The George M. Searle Award was presented to T/Sgt. Douglas J. Paquette (Troop H - Traffic Services).

The Superintendent presented Certificates Of Appreciation to State Police Forensic Scientist Dwight Howes, Walton High School students Nathaniel Furman and Gabriel McClenon, Milford Central School students Shannon Pierce, Coleen Youngs, Michael Farman, Gerald Mertz and Charles Wolfe, and Cazenovia firemen Gene Daggett Jr. and David Vredenburgh.

As you leaf through this magazine, it is easy to be reminded of the diligent, sincere and often heroic efforts made by Division members and civilians in the course of their duties. But because these efforts occur on a daily basis, frequently "behind the scenes," they may sometimes be overlooked or forgotten by the community as time passes.

Each year, the New York State Police sets aside one day to pay tribute to a relative handful of individuals whose actions exemplify the collective work of all Division members and civilians. Last May, the New York State Police honored those members at the 17th annual Superintendent's Commendation Awards Ceremony, held at the State Police Academy.

Superintendent Thomas A. Constantine presented the Division's highest honor, the Brummer Award, to Tpr. Scott W. Nell (Troop D - Morrisville) for his actions during a search detail in Chittenango Falls State Park last September. Working with local authorities, Tpr. Nell volunteered to rappel 100 feet into a gorge, in heavy rain and darkness, to rescue a seriously injured woman.



Tpr. Shawn Dalton (Troop A-Perrysburg) converses with Lt. Col. John Folino at the New York State Police Academy prior to receiving his Superintendent's Commendation. Photo by Bob Miazga.



TOYS FOR TOTS — U.S. Marine Corps Reserve First Sgt. Robert Smith presented a "Commanding General's Award" to Superintendent Thomas A. Constantine at the SP Academy. Troopers presented several hundred toys to the Marine Corps for children in need. Recruit troopers are, from left: Daniel Ortiz of Waverly, Carla Di Rienzo of Troy and Gary Richardson of Rome.



Medal winners in the bicycling events of the 1992 Police Olympics are from left: Tpr. Timothy Bonnier (SP East Greenbush-G); Inv. Norman Ashbarry (SP North Syracuse-D); Tpr. Richard Searing (SP Elbridge-D); Tpr. Alton Ostrander (SP East Greenbush-G); Tpr. Beth Burchill (SP Malone-B); Tpr. Alan Woodin (SP Warrenton-G); Tpr. Christopher Gerwitz (SP Henrietta).



Superintendent Constantine converses with Chief Inspector Francis A. DeFrancesco (center) and John Canfield, president of the PBA of New York State Troopers, Inc., following the 1993 Awards Day Ceremony at the State Police Academy.



On September 19, several Troop B members, including past and present SP Scuba Detail Members, participated in a benefit softball tournament in St. Albans, Vermont. The Troop B members competed against six other teams of police personnel from several Vermont agencies. Proceeds from the event were contributed to The Gary Gaboury Fund. On May 12, 1992, Sgt. Gary A. Gaboury, 35, a Vermont State Police Scuba Team member, gave his life while trying to recover a body from the strong currents of Huntington Gorge, Vermont. The fund was presented to the surviving members of Sgt. Gaboury's family. Participants included Tpr. Peter Mendelsohn, Tpr. Mario DiCristofaro, Tpr. Kevin Leavine, Sgt. James Parker, Tpr. Steve Posada, Tpr. Dave Pelchar, Inv. John Donahue, Tpr. Larry Cragle, Tpr. Rick Benedict and Tpr. Zane Hathaway.

The Mobile Response Team (MRT)

The Mobile Response Team (MRT) is comprised of 24 members stationed across the State, who assemble when their services are required. All have attended a rigorous training course conducted at the SP Academy and continue their training on a routine basis. Their purpose is to respond to situations for which specialized training and equipment is required, such as high-risk arrests and search warrant service, hostage or barricaded person incidents and searches for escapees. They also are available for dignitary protection, security of sensitive or restricted areas, surveillance, and rescue and recovery operations.

The MRT's rappelling skills proved especially useful this past year in two notable assignments. The body of a suicide victim was located between rock formations in white water rapids running through a 40-foot-deep gorge. MRT members rappelled to the water, recovered the victim and hoisted him back up the cliff using a Stokes litter and rope rescue techniques. In the second case, a seriously injured female was located after having fallen onto a ledge approximately 100 feet from the top of a 160 foot high gorge. An MRT member, assisted by fire department rescue squad members rappelled to her location and administered first aid. She was then placed in a rescue litter and safely lowered to the bottom of the gorge from where she was carried to a waiting ambulance. Rescue efforts were further complicated by cold temperatures, heavy rain and darkness.

MRT members successfully tested their tracking skills when they assisted Troop F and T members in searching a wooded

area for a fugitive wanted for robbery, burglary and the assault of an elderly woman. The suspect was confined to an area surrounded by a large search party. During a sweep through the search area, an MRT member picked up the suspect's tracks and followed them straight to the fugitive, who was found on the ground amidst dense undergrowth.



Two MRT members evacuate a suicide victim from a deep gorge in Watkins Glen State Park.



A Mobile Response Team (MRT) member takes an opportunity to look at the world from a different perspective, as he rappels inverted down the side of a building during a training exercise.

An MRT detail travelled to Long Island at the request of Troop L to assist in the execution of search and arrest warrants at the residence of a major drug dealer. Several factors combined to make this a unique assignment. The approach to the house was monitored by surveillance equipment, and a pit bull and a rottweiler guarded the interior of the house. Information was very limited about the interior layout of the large, unusually designed house. Upon entering the residence, the MRT's path was soon blocked by the pit bull, intent on preventing their passage. The dog was immediately neutralized with a short spray of pepper gas (oleoresin capsicum), thereby receiving the distinction of being the first animal to be subdued by State Police members through the use of this substance. Shortly thereafter, his master, who was the object of the arrest warrants, became the first person to receive this distinction when he was found hiding in a locked bedroom and refused to comply with the orders of the arresting officers. Both dog and master quickly recovered from the effects of the pepper gas, which was administered by an MRT member trained in its use just two days earlier as part of a pilot program by the Division.

Canine Unit

The Division's Canine Unit is composed primarily of German Shepherd and rottweiler "full-service" dogs. They are highly trained in obedience, handler protection, building searches, tracking and narcotics or explosives detection. The Canine Unit also has three Labrador Retrievers that specialize in narcotics detection and five bloodhounds that are used exclusively for tracking. With the exception of the bloodhounds, which are kennelled in Troops A, D and K, all Division dogs live at home with their handlers' families.

Although a well-trained dog can perform amazing feats of detection, the dog is only one-half of the team. A quick-thinking handler is also required to ensure success. For instance, canine "Cunningham" tracked a driver that abandoned his vehicle at the scene of a personal injury accident. The trail led three miles to a convenience store where the clerk told the dog handler that a pedestrian had recently used her touch tone phone to call for a ride. Upon pushing the redial button, the dog handler was connected to a friend of the hit-and-run driver at the motel where he was staying. The rest was easy.

After stopping a vehicle on the Thruway, it was learned that neither the driver nor the passenger held a valid driver's license. When the trooper announced that the vehicle would have to be impounded and the contents inventoried, the passenger suddenly fled into the woods. Due to the darkness, he was able to temporarily elude the troopers. However, the following day "Cotter" was brought in to retrace the subject's path and, in so doing, recovered a package containing approximately eight ounces of cocaine. The passenger admitted having disposed of it during his flight through the woods. In a futile attempt to thwart detection, the cocaine had been wrapped in plastic bags, aluminum foil and honey.

A similar attempt to prevent the detection of drugs by dogs failed when "Gordy" found two and one-half pounds of heroin

secreted in a vehicle behind a rear door panel. The heroin had been wrapped in aluminum foil, coffee grounds, paper towels and plastic bags.

The mere presence of a narcotics detection dog can have an unnerving effect upon some people. After a vehicle was stopped for traffic violations, "Gordy" was brought up to the car and a trooper told the occupants that he was a "drug dog". The passengers ran from the scene upon hearing this. Subsequent investigation located over 13 ounces of cocaine secreted in the vehicle.



Tpr. Antone R. Irvin (Troop T-Syracuse) and canine partner "Bo" prepare to search a suspect vehicle. The two are responsible for more than 30 felony and 60 misdemeanor arrests since teaming up.

SCUBA

This year marked the 58th anniversary of the Division's Diving Detail. As a part of the celebration marking the Division's 75th anniversary, live Scuba diving demonstrations, using the Division's dive demonstration tank, were held at the State Fair and each troop headquarters open house. The dive demonstration tank, donated to the Division through the Trooper Foundation, is trailer-mounted and constructed of clear, rigid plastic. It holds 2,000 gallons of water and permits an excellent view of the diver demonstrating a variety of techniques employed by Division divers.

An in-service ice diving course was conducted during February. All Division divers completed the course, which consisted of a qualification deep dive under the ice, cold water rescue techniques and airboat operation. Ice diving requires specialized training and equipment.

The dangers associated with ice diving were evident when the Scuba Units from Troops F and K, and the Division Aviation Unit, coordinated the recovery of two drowning victims, both of whom were experienced divers. The two scuba divers had contracted with a water bottling company in Sullivan County to cap a water pipeline. The pipeline was approximately 100 feet from shore in about 25 feet of water. The two divers entered the water from near the shoreline through a five-foot-wide hole cut through the ice. Although they had brought safety lines with them, neither diver was wearing a line when he entered the water. The 160-acre lake was covered with four inches of ice. The first hundred yards was "white" ice; the center of the lake was "clear" ice with a thin layer of water on top. From the shoreline, the center of the lake appeared to be open water. Investigation has determined that the two divers took a compass reading and swam to the area they believed was the end of the pipeline. When they failed to locate the end

of the pipe, it is believed the divers continued on their compass heading to what they thought was open water in the center of the lake. Upon discovering that the center was ice-covered, the divers attempted to swim back to shore to locate their point of entry. Tragically, all of their air was consumed before reaching shore. Their bodies were recovered 300 feet from shore in 30 feet of water. No fewer than 27 agencies and dive groups showed up to participate in the search for the two drowning victims. The Division's airboat was used to break up the ice, making safer diving environment for the searchers and allowing the use of other boats. The victims were located by sonar from a local volunteer fire department dive boat.

When the Ausable River in Essex County overflowed its banks, numerous area residents were stranded in their homes. Members from the Dive Team used the airboat to rescue 19 people, many from their rooftops. Troop B divers also searched for and recovered the bodies of two ice fisherman who fell through the ice on Lake Champlain. The ice was only one to

two inches thick in the area where the men were fishing.

Troop K divers responded when a tractor trailer drove off the Tappan Zee Bridge and plunged 100 feet into the Hudson River, killing the driver. The truck was located in 20 feet of water and, working in concert with a commercial marine salvage company, the divers recovered the vehicle and its driver.

The SP Waterloo BCI was assisted by the Troop E dive team in the recovery of evidence from a burglary. A safe and valuables, including coins, silver bars and antique jewelry were found and recovered at a depth of 20 feet in the Seneca River, despite visibility of less than one foot in the murky water.

In all, Division dive teams conducted more than 150 diving details during 1992, involving more than 1,000 individual dives. The scuba diving teams also recovered more than \$100,000 worth of property.



Division Scuba Team members used the State Police airboat to conduct a dive under the ice of this frozen lake last winter.

Protective Services Unit

International cooperation was critical to the success of the Protective Services Unit (PSU) in 1992, as high-ranking officials, including Governor Mario M. Cuomo, embarked on international trade missions. The PSU, with offices in Albany and New York City, is responsible for the safety and security of the Governor and Lt. Governor, and provides security assistance to the numerous dignitaries who visit New York State. The diverse duties of PSU members include personal security, transportation, facilities security, mail and telephone screening and intelligence gathering and dissemination. A reciprocal relationship with law enforcement and criminal justice agencies worldwide provides an international protective network for political dignitaries travelling here and abroad. That

cooperation helped ensure the safety and security of Governor Cuomo and Lt. Governor Stan Lundine during trade missions to South America, Europe and the Middle East.

In addition to these international efforts, PSU members provided assistance to the state police of 23 other states, during nearly 100 visits by their governors to New York in 1992. Whether domestic or international, successful public policy is increasingly dependent on intergovernmental relations. Similarly, in order to provide protection to dignitaries, there is a growing dependence on interagency cooperation on both the domestic and international levels. That cooperation was a priority for Protective Services Unit in 1992.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Narcotics Enforcement

In recent years, the New York State Police has aggressively targeted drug traffickers, from street dealers to major cocaine cartels. These enforcement measures have proven extraordinarily successful, resulting in unprecedented numbers of arrests, recoveries and asset seizures. During 1992, the Division continued to expand its narcotics enforcement effort by increasing the number of dedicated narcotics personnel and enhancing new and existing enforcement and training programs.

Through the efforts of both uniformed troopers and narcotics investigators, the New York State Police in 1992 arrested more than 13,000 persons for drug-related offenses. During this same period, the Division seized more than 10,900 pounds of cocaine, 75 pounds of heroin, and nearly \$33 million in cash from narcotics traffickers.

Street Level Drug Trafficking

❖ In 1992, members made more than 3,000 undercover drug purchases; nearly two-thirds were made by members of the Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (CNET). CNET adopted 1,707 cases and arrested 939 defendants during 1992. A total of 86 law enforcement agencies in New York requested CNET assistance, resulting in undercover drug purchases from 1,357 street dealers.

This program continues to enhance the Division's ability to provide an effective drug enforcement tool for local police agencies, and to improve interagency cooperation.

Operation Crackdown

❖ During the early part of 1992, a dramatic increase in street-level narcotics trafficking and violent crime was identified in several upstate urban communities, including the city of Buffalo. The New York State Police and local law enforcement agencies responded to this problem by commencing undercover operations on Buffalo's east side. During this multiagency effort, known as Operation Crackdown, undercover personnel from CNET, Troop A NEU and local agencies, conducted many hand-to-hand purchases under tense, and often dangerous, situations. More than 200 undercover drug purchases were made over a five-month period, resulting in the arrest of more than 100 drug dealers. Over 300 police officers from four law enforcement agencies rounded up the dealers.

1992 CNET Highlights

- ❖ CNET-Central members conducted an extensive undercover narcotics investigation with the Syracuse Police Department, targeting street level cocaine sales. CNET members completed 131 undercover drug purchases and arrested 107 people.



A Troop L member inspects a basement where the resident was growing large amounts of marihuana.

❖ Thirty-eight drug dealers were apprehended as a result of CNET-Central operations with the city of Elmira Police Department. Another successful investigation was completed when CNET assisted the city of Binghamton Police Department with its attack on open-air street sales of cocaine and crack. That operation netted 56 arrests following 72 undercover purchases.

❖ At the request of the city of Plattsburgh Police Department and the Clinton County District Attorney's Office, CNET-Capital District members conducted a six-month joint investigation. That sweep resulted in 18 arrests for street sales of cocaine, crack and marihuana.

❖ CNET-Hudson Valley made 119 undercover drug buys from 60 persons in the city of Newburgh. The eight-week investigation proved particularly difficult, because several perpetrators monitored police radio frequencies and used counter-surveillance measures.

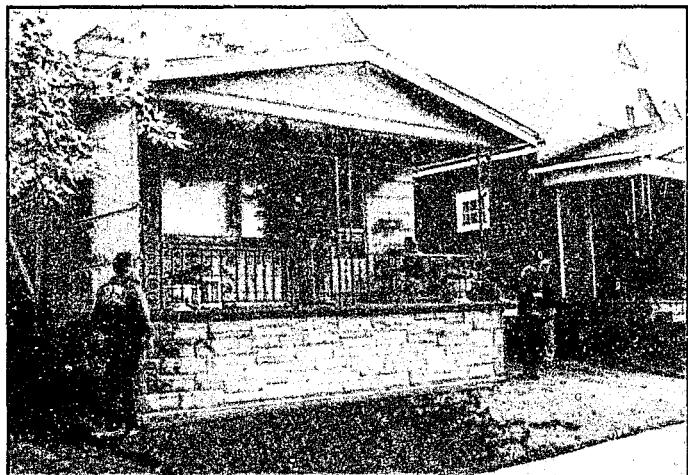
❖ CNET-Western, working closely with the city of Rochester Police Department, targeted numerous open-air drug-dealing sites. A total of 238 drug buys were made; 140 defendants were arrested.

❖ In November 1992, CNET Western members and officers from the town of Tonawanda Police Department planned to buy one ounce of crack cocaine from a Buffalo resident.

As surveillance at the site of the purchase began, the dealer arrived unexpectedly with a second individual who was unknown to the surveillance team. The undercover investigator, unaware of the second subject's presence, conducted negotiations with the dealer in a restaurant. Members outside continued to observe the second subject, who acted suspiciously. The CNET supervisor at the scene felt the second subject posed a potential threat to the safety of the undercover member and gave the word to take both suspects into custody. While investigators inside the restaurant arrested the dealer, two CNET members confronted the second suspect outside. When told to halt, he turned and walked away. He was again instructed to halt; the suspect stopped and "bladed" the officers, displaying a handgun and looking over his shoulder to ascertain the location of those confronting him. CNET members covered the suspect, who finally dropped his weapon without further incident. The main target was also found to possess a loaded firearm.

❖ In September 1992, three separate enforcement operations resulted in the seizure of more than \$1.6 million in cash and the arrest of three Columbian nationals. In December, Troop K members seized \$5.04 million in cash from another cartel member. These investigations resulted in the indictment of several high-ranking members of the Cali Cartel Organization. Troop K NEU members continue to target cartel distribution groups and their assets.

❖ In the latter half of 1992, the State Police developed the Narcotics Cartel Investigative Assistance Program, funded by the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) federal grant program. This program includes the development of an electronic database, which will improve Troop K narcotics investigators' ability to collect, analyze and share investigative data on the Cali Drug Cartel. The project will enhance



CNET members, Troop A Narco members and local authorities prepare to enter a home during OPERATION CRACKDOWN. This investigation targeted drug-trafficking gang members and street dealers on Buffalo's East side. Nearly 100 defendants were arrested during the roundup.

current Division programs targeting the drug cartels, and improve coordination of multi-agency law enforcement efforts against them.

❖ In April 1992, the Troop G NEU, in conjunction with the Albany office of the DEA, concluded a two-month investigation into the operation of a clandestine laboratory in the town of Blenheim, Schoharie County. Located in an extremely isolated area, the lab produced the hallucinogenic stimulant MDMA, commonly known as "Ecstasy." An explosive booby trap, sophisticated perimeter sensors and video surveillance equipment were set up around the lab to thwart law enforcement intervention. The New York State Police Mobile Response Team (MRT) and DEA Clandestine Lab Enforcement Team (CLET) were utilized to penetrate the lab site. Believed to be the largest of its type in the northeast U.S., the lab contained enough chemicals at the time to produce 50 pounds of Ecstasy.

❖ On January 13, 1992, members of the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force, in conjunction with the U.S. Customs Service, seized 30 pounds of heroin following the search of a container of Chinese vases shipped to Port Elizabeth, N.J. The heroin had been shipped from Singapore, secreted within plastic pipes hidden in the hollowed-out frame of the cargo crates. An individual in Hong Kong was to receive \$1.8 million upon delivery of the heroin; instead, he will be indicted in the eastern district of New York and U.S. officials will seek his extradition.

❖ On September 1, 1992, DETF members arrested eight Columbian nationals for the possession of 800 kilograms of cocaine after an 18-month investigation of the Rodriguez-Orejuela drug organization. The task force, in conjunction with Costa Rican authorities, originally took custody of the cocaine at a clandestine airstrip in Costa Rica, in May 1992. Undercover task force members then made a controlled delivery of the cocaine to its New York City destination, resulting in the arrests.

❖ That same day, DETF investigators and representatives of

the New York City Special Prosecutor's Office arrested six persons and seized approximately 1,760 pounds of cocaine in Manhattan. The arrests and seizure resulted from the ongoing investigation of the Cali Cartel cocaine trafficking organization.

❖ Six days later, members assigned to the Troop L Narcotics Enforcement Unit, in conjunction with federal and local law enforcement officers, arrested two Colombian nationals, both residents of Cali, for possession and conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Leads from prior investigations brought investigators to a rented house in Manhasset Hills. Investigators searched the residence and discovered approximately 1.3 tons of cocaine in a bedroom.

❖ On March 13, investigators from SIU Newburgh, in conjunction with the Organized Crime Task Force and other local and federal authorities, arrested 17 persons for narcotics trafficking. The arrests followed a year-long investigation of a major cocaine trafficking organization in the Ulster County area. Police also seized more than 70 firearms, ranging from small caliber handguns to assault rifles. Prosecutors will attempt to seize in excess of \$4 million in narcotics-related assets from the defendants.

❖ On March 18, Troop G NEU members conducted a joint cocaine trafficking investigation with the FBI, the DEA, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Schenectady Police Department. Investigators arrested six individuals on a variety of narcotics and weapons charges, and seized 1 pound of cocaine and numerous rifles and handguns. The investigation has resulted in 22 arrests; more are anticipated.

❖ On April 1, members of the Troop B Narcotics Enforcement Unit, U.S. Customs, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrested two Montreal residents for conspiracy to distribute narcotics. The first arrest resulted in the seizure of more than 140 pounds of cocaine in Plattsburgh. A subsequent controlled delivery in Montreal, PQ, resulted in the arrest of the second defendant, a Montreal attorney.

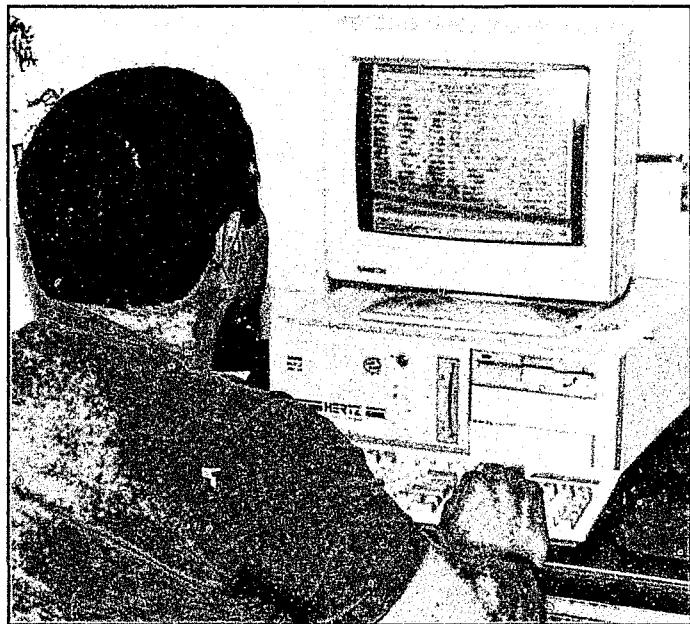
❖ On April 6, members of the Troops C and E NEUs, along with local and federal authorities, raided three marihuana-growing facilities in two different counties. Investigators arrested seven individuals and seized more than 900 sinsemilla marihuana plants, hydroponic growing equipment, four motor vehicles, two tractors, and more than \$27,000 in U.S. currency. One defendant had previously been arrested for operating a marihuana "farm" beneath his greenhouse in Tompkins County.

❖ On April 13, SIU investigators from the Rochester OCTF, along with federal and local authorities, arrested 11 individuals for possession and conspiracy to distribute narcotics. Police also seized more than \$100,000 in U.S. currency, eight firearms and six vehicles.

❖ On June 11, the Troop K Narcotics Enforcement Unit and the Columbia County District Attorney's Office closed a two-week investigation with the arrest of a subject for possession of 850 pounds of processed marihuana, with an estimated street value of \$1.5 million. The defendant, a 50-year-old Gallatin resident, was importing large amounts of marihuana into Columbia County.

❖ On June 16, investigators from the Mid-Hudson DETF and the DEA arrested 28 metropolitan New York residents for conspiracy to manufacture and distribute cocaine, following a ten-month investigation and the seizure of two clandestine narcotics laboratories in New York City, operated by the Cali Cartel. Investigators also seized approximately 50 kilograms of cocaine base, four kilos of cocaine hydrochloride and \$1,000 in U.S. currency.

❖ In August, Troop B NEU investigators and U.S. Customs officials made several arrests and seizures in separate, related investigations in which suspects entering the United States failed to declare large amounts of currency. On August 5, police arrested two Canadians at the Champlain, N.Y., port of entry, after the pair attempted to enter the county with more than \$282,000 in undeclared U.S. currency. The next day, members arrested a 46-year-old Canadian resident who entered the country at Ogdensburg with more than \$30,000 in Canadian currency hidden under a spare tire. On Aug. 8, members seized \$50,000 in Canadian currency and arrested two U.S. citizens entering at Champlain, N.Y..



A DETF undercover member uses a confidential computer system to investigate illegal drug trafficking activities.

❖ On August 14, investigators from the Troop G NEU, U.S. Customs, the DEA and the U.S. Postal Service arrested a Clifton Park man for possessing 1.7 pounds of black opium; the defendant's illicit package had been shipped from Pakistan.

❖ On September 21, Troop G NEU personnel arrested 11 Warren County residents for conspiracy to distribute marijuana, following a year-long investigation. A coordinated raid was conducted throughout Warren County by personnel from the SIU, U.S. Customs, ATF, DEA, and U.S. Marshals Service, along with the Warren and Washington County Sheriff's Offices. Police seized 65 pounds of processed marijuana, with a street value of about \$160,000, more than \$110,000 in U.S. currency, several firearms and five vehicles.

- ❖ In October, Troop G NEU and federal and local law enforcement agencies arrested 27 drug traffickers in the Albany area. Investigators also seized 1.5 kilos of cocaine, 20 pounds of marihuana, \$48,000 in U.S. currency, five automobiles and three semi-automatic handguns.
- ❖ Uniformed troopers also had a significant impact on narcotics trafficking through highway drug interdiction in 1992. Road patrols made more than 5,700 drug-related arrests, a seven percent increase from 1991. Troopers continue to be challenged by increasingly sophisticated concealment techniques and an increasing number of traffickers who are armed. The potential dangers were exemplified by one particular interdiction stop which took place in March. A Troop T A-line patrol stopped a rented vehicle carrying four persons, who were found to have lengthy criminal records. Two were on parole and one was an inmate in a day reporting program in New York City. The troopers seized 400 packets of heroin, a small quantity of cocaine and nearly \$2,000 in U.S. currency. The members also found a .380 caliber semiautomatic handgun in the vehicle's glove compartment. They safely secured the weapon and the car's occupants.

Narcotics Enforcement Support Services

- ❖ The Statewide Narcotics Apprehension Program (SNARE) recorded 214 drug interdiction arrests in 1992. The narcotics seized included 338 pounds of cocaine and 8.4 pounds of heroin, the latter a program record. Two of the largest interdictions occurred in Troop B. In one instance, police seized nearly

125 pounds of cocaine from the spare tire compartment of a vehicle in the Chazy area; in another, police confiscated 142 pounds of cocaine that had been concealed in canvas bags in the trunk of a vehicle in Plattsburgh.

❖ SNARE kept uniformed troopers continually notified of new trends in drug trafficking and informed of the latest legal decisions relating to search and seizure statutes. To improve the interdiction capabilities of all uniformed members, the Division is developing a Commercial Vehicle Drug Interdiction Program, to train Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP), Scales, K-9 personnel and road troopers in the latest drug interdiction techniques.

❖ Another support service for narcotics units in New York is the Statewide Narcotics Indexing Program (SNIP), which electronically catalogs targeted narcotics violators to help avoid overlapping investigations and thereby enhance officer safety. Since its inception, SNIP has cataloged 11,783 entries.

Money Laundering

❖ Working with the New York City Office of the Special Prosecutor and the U.S. Customs Service, Division members continued to disrupt the finances of major drug organizations, particularly the Cali Cartel. During 1992, their efforts resulted in the seizure of \$17.4 million in cash and more than 585 pounds of cocaine. This operation continues to gather invaluable intelligence on the sophisticated money-laundering and smuggling methods of the drug traffickers.



A multi-agency drug investigation comes to a conclusion as troopers and other law enforcement officers escort defendants charged with illegal drug trafficking.

Marihuana Eradication Program

❖ From July to October, Division members successfully sought out and eradicated marihuana crops throughout the state. Uniformed members, BCI investigators and SP Aviation personnel coordinated their efforts to seize more than 8,400 marihuana plants from 128 locations around New York, and to arrest of 69 persons. State Police identified 105 outdoor and 23 indoor growing operations, spread among 32 counties.

Troop B personnel encountered the largest marihuana field in Franklin County last August, containing more than 1,000 commercial-grade plants. Troop B members also uncovered the largest sinsemilla growing operation, in St. Lawrence County, seizing 236 plants and two pounds of processed marihuana. Two persons were arrested and assorted growing equipment was seized.

Troop E personnel encountered one of the more interesting indoor growing operations when they discovered a several-thousand-gallon underground tank, similar to those used in gas stations, containing marihuana-growing equipment. The

tank was buried near a residence and connected by a tunnel to the basement of the house. State Police seized more than a pound of processed marihuana and arrested two subjects.

Gang Conference

❖ In May 1992, the New York State Police hosted a gang assessment conference, to address gang involvement in narcotics trafficking in some upstate urban areas. Attending law enforcement officers from local and federal agencies shared their concerns and traded information about crime trends in their jurisdictions. All who spoke at the conference described an escalation of drug dealing and violent crime by local gangs. A common theme articulated at the conference and summary report was the need for a coordinated, cooperative effort among members of the law enforcement community, to better track and counteract these distressing trends. To champion this effort, the Division will hold a semi-annual interagency conference at the State Police Academy, and develop a statewide computerized information system, to identify gang activity for all law enforcement agencies in New York State.

Special Investigations Unit

❖ In October 1990, the SIU Labor Racketeering Unit (LRU), assigned to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office began investigating organized crime within the newspaper industry, especially at the New York Post. Two undercover investigators infiltrated the Post as security consultants in January 1991, beginning a year-long investigation and surveillance. The surveillance focused on newspaper executive Robert Perrino, a close associate of the Bonnano crime family and son-in-law of Nicholas Marangello, a former Bonnano underboss now serving a prison sentence. Perrino's office was a frequent meeting place for discussions of various criminal enterprises.

The investigation and surveillance resulted in the early-morning execution of search warrants throughout New York City and Long Island, the seizure of 21 firearms, \$210,000 in cash, and numerous written records indicating "loan sharking," "no-show" job schemes, phony newspaper delivery routes and inflated circulation figures.

"Most Wanted." Investigators assigned to the case continue to pursue leads regarding his location.

❖ In a separate, but related, investigation involving the LRU, the Manhattan D.A.'s Office unveiled several additional indictments against newspaper union members and wholesale delivery companies. These uncovered close ties between organized crime and the union. Three former union officials, 11 union members and two others were named in six indictments. The Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union also was indicted on one count of Enterprise Corruption, a Class B felony. According to Manhattan D.A. Robert Morgenthau, the occasion marked the first time a union itself had been indicted.



Inv. George E. Vitale (SIU-LRU) meets with America's Most Wanted host John Walsh in Washington D.C. for the Nov. 6th airing of the show.

On June 20, a New York County Grand Jury handed down a 102-count indictment, charging 13 defendants with various crimes, including Enterprise Corruption, Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Forgery, and assorted larcenies. Perrino was among the defendants indicted. One defendant, who remains a fugitive, was featured on the Fox Network series, "America's

The investigations further weakened and muddled the structure of the Bonnano crime family. James Galante, a family "lieutenant" and nephew of slain Bonnano crime boss Carmine Galante, was convicted and sentenced to four to 12 years in State prison. Additional indictments are expected to help the District Attorney reassert government control over the union and end the corruption that has permeated the industry.

❖ SIU personnel from White Plains and Newburgh cooperated with the U.S. Department of Labor and the Organized Crime Task Force in a 14-month-long investigation into labor racketeering and bribe-taking by labor officials in the Mid-Hudson region. Investigators invented a bogus painting business, then contacted the locals of the union. In return for bribes, union officials agreed not to enforce any rules pertaining to wages or benefits. In another instance, one official illegally provided undercover investigators with non-union workers, who ironically were assigned to paint an apartment being used as an observation post in a separate narcotics investigation in Saugerties. As a result of this case, two local union officials pleaded guilty, and the Newburgh local was dissolved by the parent union.

❖ In September 1991, SIU Newburgh and White Plains personnel, along with members of the city of Kingston and town of Saugerties police departments, and OCTF White Plains, investigated wholesale cocaine distribution in northern Ulster County. Investigators obtained three eavesdropping warrants to monitor telephones used by the suspect and to listen to conversations within an apartment he kept less than five miles from his actual residence.

As the investigation progressed, supervisors decided to expand their probe. In December 1991, investigators executed federal search warrants and seized 3.5 kilos of cocaine, 10 motor vehicles, 68 firearms, and property valued at \$4.5 million.

To date, the federal grand jury for the Northern District of New York has returned additional indictments against 20 subjects, bringing the number of defendants to 23. All are charged with Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine. Of the 23, 20 to date have pleaded guilty.

❖ Following an investigation by SIU Buffalo personnel, a Niagara Falls contractor and his wife and son were charged with Racketeering, Bribery, Attempted Bribery, Mail Fraud, Transporting Stolen Property and Conspiracy to Defraud the IRS. The businessman bribed politicians to procure contracts, hired his friends to perform the work, and security guards not to interfere while he stole \$1 million in scrap metal from a closed Bethlehem Steel Corporation plant. Authorities are seeking assets of more than \$1 million from the defendant, including condominiums in Florida, business property, apartments and cash.

In addition to the defendant, an Erie County legislator, a city alderman, a county social services commissioner, area businessmen, security guards and others have been charged with various crimes.

❖ SIU Rochester and the Rochester Police Department investigated a cocaine dealer in the city of Rochester. After making two cocaine purchases, the dealer was arrested and the investigation's focus turned to the dealer's suspected supplier,

a well-known Rochester restauranteur. Investigators secured several pen registers. From their analysis of the registers and close surveillance, they identified several associates and the probable source for the cocaine, a Peruvian national living in Brazil. Authorities also learned that the supplier had received 12 kilos of nearly pure cocaine during the past year, secreted in furniture crates which were shipped to Rochester from Brazil. The arrangement would bring ashore at Cape Cod a large shipment of cocaine, to be sent by boat from Brazil in late summer. As a result of the interstate and international shipment of cocaine, the DEA joined the investigation. The supplier traveled several times to Cape Cod during the summer to retrieve the shipments offshore. Rochester SIU personnel and members of the Cape Cod Drug Task Force maintained surveillance of the offshore trips. In addition, several controlled purchases of cocaine were made from the supplier during that period.

The cocaine source was arrested by federal police in Brazil for possession of 27 kilos. The supplier and an associate were arrested for Class A-1 felonies in Rochester. Searches by investigators yielded one-half kilo of cocaine, four pounds of marijuana, \$15,960 cash, a Mercedes-Benz and a handgun. The investigation closed down a significant cocaine distribution operation in Rochester.

❖ SIU Rochester joined with the Rochester Police Department, the DEA, Troop E personnel and other agencies to target a Jamaican cocaine ring which had used two Rochester businesses as fronts for several years. Investigators used information from a wiretap to intercept a 13-kilo cocaine shipment on the New York State Thruway between New York City and Rochester. Further searches revealed \$100,000 in cash, more cocaine and marijuana, and several firearms. Police arrested five persons, including the main targets of the investigation. The operation shut down one of the most active and notorious drug operations in Rochester.

❖ SIU Syracuse, SIU Rochester, the Troop D Narcotics Unit, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation jointly investigated a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and methamphetamine in the Oswego and Onondaga County areas.

❖ The methamphetamine was produced in California and shipped to Oswego via Federal Express. Investigators enlisted the help of the Inland Empire Clandestine Laboratory Task Force, a joint DEA, State and local group based in Riverside, California.

With the assistance of Federal Express, investigators conducted warrant searches, seizing two and one-half pounds of methamphetamine and arresting four individuals who later pleaded guilty to charges.

❖ Members of SIU Syracuse, in conjunction with Task Force Special Agent Craig Hammer and FBI Special Agent Donald Green, led a raid in which 15 more persons were arrested in New York, Texas, Colorado and California.

The conspirators plotted to obtain a secure location and enough chemicals to produce 600 pounds of methamphetamine a year, with a street value of more than \$7 million.

❖ A lengthy eavesdropping investigation with the Organized

Crime Task Force resulted in the arrest of several participants in the attempted bribery of a public official in Greene County.

Investigators learned that a local businessman attempted to bribe the head of a solid waste management program in the upper Hudson Valley, who also happened to be the Mayor of Coxsackie. The offer: \$25,000 cash, plus a percentage of future profits in a proposed solid waste transfer station, to be established within the mayor's jurisdiction. In return, the mayor would use his influence to obtain the necessary permits and approval for the businessman's transfer station.

From the outset, investigators suspected the businessman was only one of several participants in the bribery scheme. Through physical and electronic surveillance, they were able to identify the conspiracy's financial backer and mastermind; that subject was also known to have connections with organized crime. Warrant searches resulted in the seizure of records and documents relating to the bribery, along with several weapons. Both criminal and civil forfeiture proceedings followed the arrests. Various defendants stand to lose, as part of their punishment, two restaurants, a catering business, two investment firms, a wholesale wine and liquor importing business, a construction company and a trucking firm.

❖ In October 1990, the SIU Binghamton Office investigated the criminal activity of Joseph N. Maruca, an Endicott native and associate of the Russell Bufalino organized crime family. Maruca, who ran a sports bookmaking operation, also was fencing stolen property and selling narcotics in Broome County. A career miscreant, he has a lengthy criminal history and was the focus of several criminal investigations. He was feared for his use of strong-arm tactics when collect illegal gambling debts, and was implicated in two shootings through his association with the Bufalino Family.

The undercover investigation began in November 1990. An SIU investigator was introduced to Maruca's associates as a fence for stolen cigarettes and liquor. The investigator was readily accepted; he sold cigarettes and liquor to the associates and was allowed to place sports wagers through the bookmakers.

In March 1991, the FBI joined the investigation. Pen registers were installed on several phone lines, and more were added during the summer; several of Maruca's associates were identified. Maruca himself unwittingly provided a great deal of

intelligence concerning his organization.

In October 1991, investigators arranged to purchase cocaine from someone in Maruca's organization, preferably Maruca himself. However, Maruca avoided face-to-face meetings in an effort to protect himself from incrimination. Instead, he introduced the undercover man to an associate, who in turn provided Maruca with a large quantity of marihuana as reward for facilitating the "connection." Between October 1991 and January 1992, the undercover operative made seven narcotics purchases from the dealer, more than 26 ounces of cocaine in all. As it turned out, the dealer was armed during several of the drug transactions and claimed to be a member of the Gambino crime family.

On January 9, 1992, a 58-member detail was assembled to arrest the cocaine dealer and to execute search warrants for 10 locations and four vehicles. During the arrest and the searches, several items were seized, including gambling paraphernalia, narcotics, stolen property, cash and one vehicle.

Several months later, after several follow-up interviews were conducted, the case was presented to a federal grand jury. Five persons involved in the bookmaking operation have pleaded guilty and been sentenced. The cocaine dealer and two associates also admitted their guilt and were sentenced. As a result of this lengthy investigation, a criminal network has successfully been terminated.

❖ SIU Utica personnel collaborated with the city of Utica Police Department and the Albany office of the BATF to investigate local crack houses. One individual was targeted for allegedly supplying crack cocaine and illegal handguns to crack houses, both in the City of Utica and elsewhere in Oneida County.

With the aid of an BATF informant, investigators purchased crack cocaine on several occasions from local crack houses. Warrant searches were conducted and several individuals were arrested. In the weeks following, investigators discovered that the primary target of the probe evaded capture and returned to New York City.

The Oneida County District Attorney's Office advised that trial dates will be set in the near future for those arrested in connection with this case.

Violent Felony Warrant Squad

❖ The Division's Violent Felony Warrant (VFW) Squad celebrated its 14th anniversary in 1992, while assisting State and local law enforcement agencies in locating and arresting persons wanted for violent crimes. The unit also attempts to locate and arrest persons wanted for controlled substance violations, or as major offenders and/or career criminals.

❖ The VFW Squad gained a nationwide reputation for its principal role in tracking New York's "12 Most Wanted" felons. Since Governor Mario M. Cuomo initiated the program in 1984, 47 of the state's "Most Wanted" have been located; many were apprehended after the squad received tips from citizens who used the nationwide toll-free hotline number (1-

800-262-4321). Two of the three felons located in 1992 were wanted for murder, the third for sodomy. They were located in Georgia, Texas and Illinois. In each case, other police agencies were called upon to assist; those requests were quickly and decisively fulfilled.

❖ The VFW Squad participated in a number of joint task forces with federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. In addition, the unit closed 1,203 cases by arrest and was involved in 404 intertroop prisoner transports.

❖ New York City VFW - Squad members arrested several individuals as fugitives from justice. Of these, one was wanted

in Virginia for robbery, another in North Carolina for murder, one in South Carolina for robbery, and a fourth in Georgia for the importation and distribution of marihuana. NYC-VFW members also arrested a Queens man for Sodomy First Degree. The man had a history of sexual abuse involving young children.

❖ Troop A VFW - Squad members arrested a Buffalo man for Rape First Degree and Robbery Third Degree. He was also charged as a Fugitive from Justice, after being sought by South Carolina authorities for violating his conditional release. In another case, VFW members arrested a 21-year-old male as a Fugitive from Justice; he was wanted in Pennsylvania for Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Murder and Attempted Murder, for his role in the shooting of two people in Harrisburgh.

❖ Troop C VFW - Squad members arrested a 35-year-old man wanted by several law enforcement agencies for burglary. He was arrested on outstanding warrants three days after returning from South Carolina, where he had been living and working.

❖ Troop D VFW - Squad members and agents from the Utica office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested a 47-year-old fugitive from justice from New Jersey. He was wanted on a 70-count indictment; the charges ranged from kidnapping to sexual assaults against children.

❖ Squad members with Troop D VFW and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department arrested a 26-year-old Rochester man on an Onondaga County warrant, charging him with Murder Second Degree. The defendant was part of a drug-related shooting in Syracuse.

❖ Troop E VFW - Squad members arrested a 22-year-old Rochester man on a Monroe County warrant, charging him with Assault First Degree and other offenses. The man beat his victim with a baseball bat, causing permanent brain damage. In another case, an 18-year-old Rochester man was arrested and charged with Murder Second Degree for the execution-style shooting of a suburban youth who was allegedly purchasing drugs in the city of Rochester. As a result of another drug deal gone bad, a 49-year-old male was arrested for Murder Second Degree after shooting another man numerous times with a .45 caliber assault rifle.

❖ On May 12, investigators from Troop F, the New York City VFW, and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office arrested two subjects for their roles in an escape four days earlier from the Sullivan County Jail in Monticello. The first subject, age 22, was arrested for Escape First Degree; the second, age 37, was arrested for Hindering Prosecution. The escapee was awaiting trial on burglary charges when he fled the jail; his cohort attempted to hide them both from the police. Both were returned to the custody of the Sullivan County Sheriff for processing and court appearance.

❖ On August 12, Troop K VFW Squad investigators arrested a 25-year-old New York City resident on a Poughkeepsie City Court warrant, charging him with Assault First Degree. The arrestee allegedly stabbed a Poughkeepsie man three times. Members turned him over to the Poughkeepsie police and he was remanded to the Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

❖ On August 14, Troop K and NYC VFW investigators assisted SP Somers with the arrest of two New York City men who were previously indicted in Westchester County for 123 counts each of Sodomy Second Degree, Sodomy Third Degree, Use of a Child in Sexual Performance, Incest, and related offenses. Both men were arraigned in Westchester County and remanded to the County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail each.

❖ On November 9, Troop G VFW investigators arrested a 27-year-old Stillwater man as a fugitive from Ohio. The man was wanted for the July 1991 murder of another man in Columbus, Ohio. Investigators took the subject into custody at a local auto repair shop, where he had worked for five months. The fugitive became the subject of a nationwide search after he killed another man outside a club where the victim and several others were celebrating their victory in a softball tournament. He was held without bail at the Washington County Jail, pending extradition.

❖ On November 11, investigators from the Troop L VFW Squad arrested a White Lake man in Hicksville, for the November 7 stabbing of another man in the town of Thompson, Sullivan County. He was arrested on a warrant after a four-day manhunt conducted by Troop F uniformed and BCI members, members of the Troop F and Troop L VFW Squads, and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. The arrestee also was charged with violating his parole. He was turned over to the custody of the Sullivan County Sheriff.

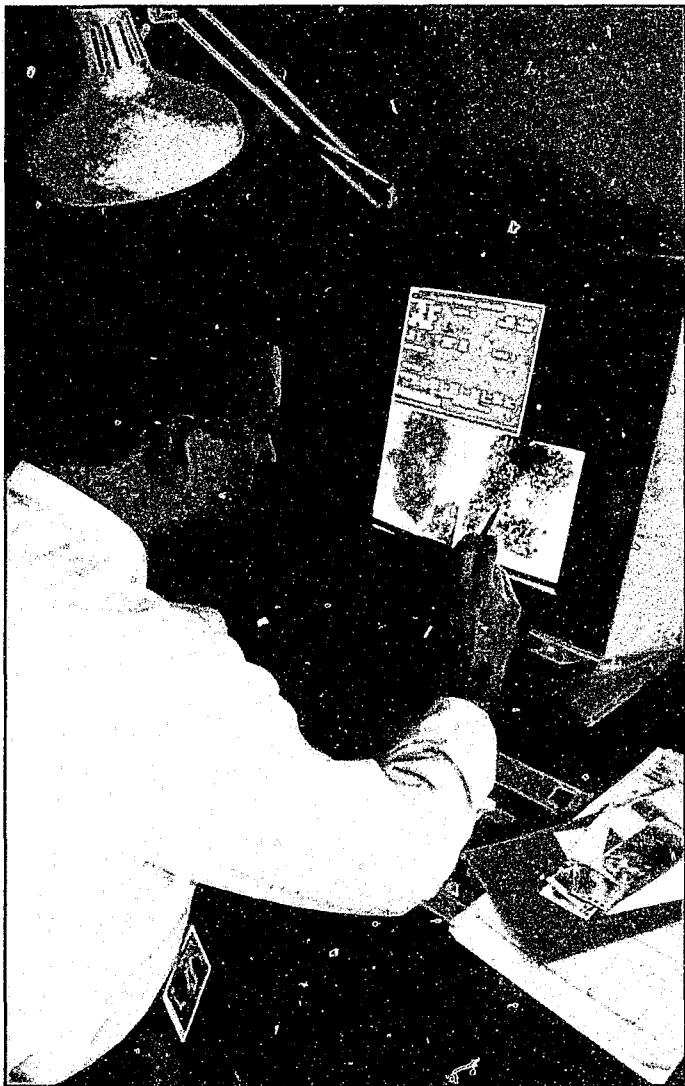


Capt. James L. Harney (right), VFW Headquarters, presents Assistant District Attorney Sean M. Walsh, Bronx County, with Certificate of Appreciation for his legal opinions and continued assistance to members of the Violent Felony Warrant Squad.

TECHNICAL OPERATIONS

Laboratory

The four facilities of New York State Police Crime Laboratory System provide full forensic laboratory services to the State's criminal justice system. These services are divided almost equally between the Division and municipal agencies.



T/Lt. Vinc Rosetti checks fingerprints through the crime fighting program SAFIS (Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System).

In 1992, the laboratory processed forensic evidence from 4,661 pending drug and marijuana cases, 42 homicides, and 332 sexual offenses. In addition to meeting a high demand for forensic training, laboratory personnel appeared in court on 243 occasions, logging 30,168 miles of travel in the process.

Efforts continued in 1992 to implement a DNA "fingerprinting" program, currently on-schedule to begin accepting cases by late 1993 or early 1994. Additionally, planners began designing a new Forensic Investigation Center; site work is expected to commence in the summer of 1993. Funding for the new building is being provided through the Division's portion of seized criminal assets. This new center will consolidate forensic services and permit a unified attack on violent crime.

In one noteworthy case where the Crime Laboratory expedited the resolution of a criminal investigation, personnel assisted with a Division probe of a one-car accident. Two days after the accident, a woman's body was found in a lake adjacent to the accident scene. The driver stated the woman was not in the vehicle at the time of the accident. Investigators needed to determine several key facts: Was the dead woman, a known acquaintance of the suspected driver, in the vehicle at the time of the accident? And, if so, was she the passenger or the driver?

Crime lab technicians analyzed blood samples of the man and found evidence of alcohol intoxication. There were no indications that vehicular mechanical failure caused the accident. Autopsy photographs showed severe bruising in the woman's sternum. Lab technicians examined her T-shirt and found a circular impression in the chest area, consistent with the gear shift knob -- the composition of the black material around this impression was the same as that of the gearshift knob. Further examination revealed that the knob had fibers on it consistent with the woman's T-shirt.

Blood stains from within the vehicle were analyzed and found to be of the same type as the woman's, and different than the man's. The lab's opinion, based upon the evidence, was that the woman was a passenger in the vehicle. The man was accordingly charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Criminally Negligent Homicide.

Electronic Data Processing (EDP)

New York State Police Information Network (NYSPIN) Support Services

During 1992, the NYSPIN Support Services Staff continued to live up to its name. From the four NYSPIN terminals assigned to the Unit, the staff processed 258,855 NYSPIN transactions of all types. The unit sent 20,795 messages, including 4,472 quality control messages. Staff members also conducted 1,894 off-line computer searches, a 41 percent increase from 1991 and a 215 percent increase from 1990. Each week NYSPIN receives the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles registration file and loads the 12 million records into the database. The NYSPIN support staff can then search those records by any combination of fields, a process which takes about one hour per request. In addition to replying to requests by mail, facsimile or MIN, the EDP section programmed NYSPIN with the capability to send back "Lawman" search requests via NYSPIN terminal, greatly enhancing turnaround time.

Canadian Criminal History

In June 1992, NYSPIN completed a program enabling all NYSPIN users to access Canadian criminal history information. NYSPIN participants can now run criminal history "name checks" on any individual indexed in the Identification Data Bank at the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC). Another new function allows access to a subject's full criminal record, or "rap sheet," containing conviction history, a summary of police-related information, and a list of police agencies which contributed information to the subject's criminal record.

Inquiries to the National Insurance Crime Bureau

In September 1992, NYSPIN implemented a program allowing participants to access computerized data at the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) in Chicago.

The NICB assists the law enforcement community with the prevention, detection and prosecution of theft, fraud and arson involving personal property. NICB maintains a rapidly expanding international index of more than 225 million motor vehicle records, including such information as manufacturers' shipping and assembly data, vehicles imported and exported, thefts, impounds and salvage. The database also includes vehicle liability, physical damage and homeowner claim information. Access to Canadian criminal information and NICB data is accomplished through NYSPIN's interface with the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network (NLETS), based in Arizona.

Management Information Network (MIN) Support Services

The staff assigned to develop, program, install and maintain the Management Information Network (MIN) also provide

year-round support services to MIN users throughout the State. In 1992, MIN staff received and responded to more than 1,500 requests for assistance from users. Responses often involve researching and refining the original request in cooperation with the requestor, to assure that the response fulfills the request.

Responsibility for MIN system training is also delegated to this unit. In 1992, training classes were held at the Division Headquarters training facility for several systems, including the Field Recruiters Report System and the Leave Accrual System.

New York State Parolee Database

Using monthly information from the New York State Division of Parole, a database was created which contains information about every person released on parole in New York State. Its primary purposes are to assist law enforcement personnel with criminal investigations and enhance their personal safety. This information is available to most terminals connected to MIN.

Leave Accrual System

The Leave Accrual System (LAS) was expanded in 1992 to include all troops within the Division. All employee leave records are now stored and maintained in a database in MAPPER and are available to each section or station with a MIN-connected terminal.

"LAWMAN" Search Results Over NYSPIN

Programming was implemented to allow any result of a MIN "LAWMAN" search to be sent directly to any terminal in the NYSPIN network. A large percentage of outside agencies connected to NYSPIN request the searches; this solution allows NYSPIN Support Service personnel to request the search using MIN, then later send the results directly to the requestor via NYSPIN.

Local Area Networks (LANS)

During 1992, most personal computers in the EDP Section at Division Headquarters were connected by a Novell LAN. Once the LAN is connected to the Division's mainframe computer, the LAN will become a fully functional sub-network within the MIN system. This architecture eventually will be implemented throughout the Division, allowing communication and information access through a variety of means, such as PCs, file servers and the mainframe computer.

IRS Implementation Completed in Troop G

The MIN system was expanded during 1992 to include every station in Troop G, including 911 dispatch sites. This expansion enabled the implementation of the Incident Reporting System (IRS) throughout Troop G.

Communications

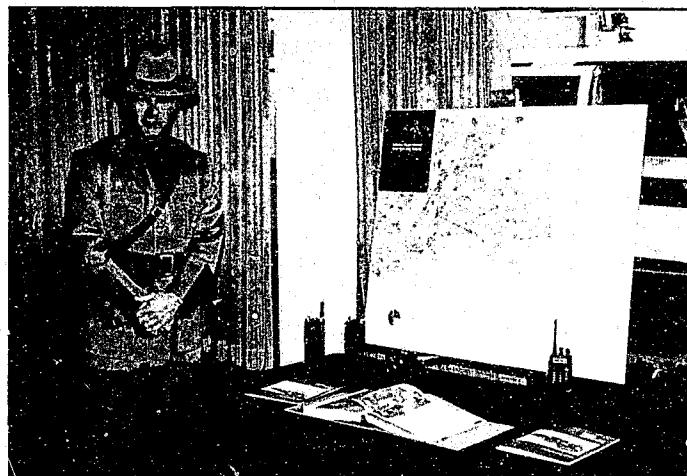
The Communications Section is responsible for a complex, Statewide radio network and numerous telephone systems. These includes 2,100 mobile and 900 portable radios, 90 tower sites, and telephone systems in each Division facility throughout the State. The Communication Section's responsibilities also include system design specifications, procurement, installation, maintenance, inventory accountability, complaint-handling and dispatch services for more than 100 local law enforcement agencies in New York, and operation and maintenance of two sophisticated communications vehicles.

The ongoing Metro-21 Project, when completed, will provide the Division with an 800 MHz trunked radio system within the metropolitan New York City area. The project was initiated to provide support for the communication needs of the details assigned to the newly formed Troop NYC. On June 12, the Division established a transmitter site on Wards Island in Manhattan, thereby protecting its five-channel Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license. As the project progressed, negotiations were finalized to develop contracts for the seven transmitter/receiver facilities which will serve the network in New York City.

Recent advances in telephone technology now permit better service to the public. Cellular telephones provides a reliable communications link between motorists and public safety emergency services.

The increasing popularity of cellular telephones has given rise to a number of public safety programs associated with cellular technology. One such program, C-911, is used by motorists to report police, fire and EMS emergencies to appropriate authorities. The *DWI Program, developed in cooperation with local cellular companies, reports suspected drunk drivers to designated State Police stations; at present, the Division maintains 18 public safety answering points. Similarly, the 800-CURB DWI Program, developed in cooperation with the NYNEX telephone company, enables standard and cellular phone users to call the state police toll-free, to report drunk drivers. A total of 3,700 800-CURB DWI calls were received during 1992.

The Division Communications Section recently subscribed to AT&T's Language Line Services. Available through a toll-



Tpr. Howard Finn mans the Division Communications display, featuring the one-of-a-kind Metro-21 Project at the Troop NYC Open House. The map represents the layout for the Metro-21 Project in New York City.

free telephone number, this service provides multilingual interpreters to callers around-the-clock. Through this service, non-English-speaking persons who need the police can be connected to an interpreter who will translate the conversation. This valuable resource is available to all Division personnel.

In 1992, the Division Headquarters Communications Section, in conjunction with Mid-State Communications and Ericsson GE, installed radio and antenna systems at the new Cherry Valley radio tower site. This major improvement has greatly enhanced radio coverage and service in the Troop G, Zone 3 area. It also has provided the capability to transmit on the Interagency Channel from SP Fonda.

Also in 1992, the Division established a Communications Specialist In-Service Training Program. In addition to telephone answering and complaint-taking techniques, this program provides a forum for the exchange of information relating to a wide range of issues, many of which directly affect the Communications Specialists in the performance of their duties. It is anticipated that all Communications Specialists will have participated in Session 1 of this program by the end of 1993.

Central Records Section

The Central Records Section, under the direction of the Deputy Superintendent—Administration, is the repository for all Division investigative reports, Freedom of Information inquiries, daily correspondence, Division Directives and other written material which the Superintendent deems necessary. The section also is the central depository of firearms records and licenses in New York State, including records concerning firearms possessed, manufactured, bought and sold by licensees, and the central registry of firearms and machine guns owned by exempt law enforcement personnel and agencies statewide.

The Central Records Section serves as a reference source for anyone requiring information relative to previously submitted investigative or administrative reports. It also provides information concerning lost, stolen and recovered property for interested parties.

The records system requires constant attention, to efficiently update criminal investigation reports, comply with court-ordered sealing requirements and monitor retention periods for reports to be purged, as permitted by law. Maintaining such

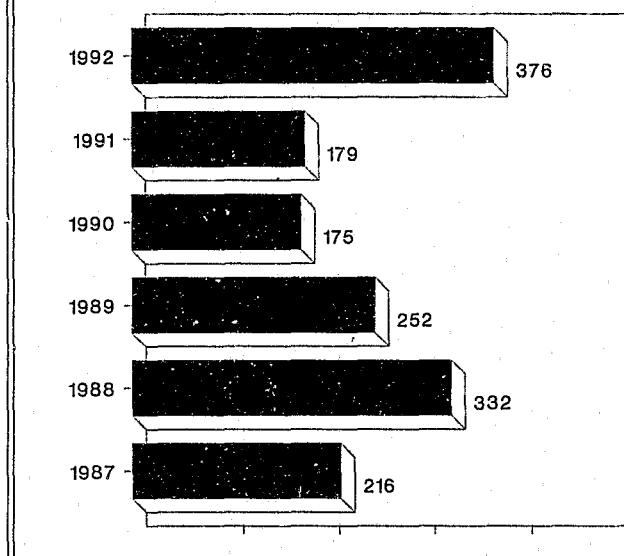
records demands efficient methods of storage, retrieval, and security. Records management, once a function limited to indexing and storage, has evolved into a complex responsibility requiring evaluation of record content and accuracy, review, and timely purging of obsolete materials.

As a result of a 1989 Executive Memorandum, the Central Records Section was charged with the responsibility of maintaining Attendance Records for BCI Members. The requirements of a Fair Labor Standards Act litigation discovery motion made it necessary for these records to be available at Division Headquarters, rather than at scattered field locations. The Records Section created a file system to account for the more than 175,000 attendance records. Because these records must be retained indefinitely, the file is growing at a rate of more than 57,000 documents per year. The file contained more than 347,800 documents at the close of 1992.

The following is an overview of the section's record-keeping activities during 1992:

- Received 69,620 investigative and arrest case reports, and 21,345 supplemental reports, for filing;
- Filed 10,914 administrative documents and correspondence;
- Processed more than 2,000 requests for written verification of claims from crime victims who suffered financial losses;
- Processed 294 Freedom of Information requests, a 21 percent increase over 1991;
- Received 6,798 sealing orders for records compiled in criminal cases which resulted in arrestee acquittals or non-criminal convictions;
- Maintained a pistol/revolver license application file containing more than 1 million such documents. Information on an

New York State Police Central Records Crime Victim Claims



additional 6.28 million firearms are also on file. As mandated by law, the Division destroyed 24,422 nuisance firearms.

- Received and filed 380 new firearm dealer licenses and 185 new gunsmith licenses; 1,404 renewals of existing licenses also were recorded.

Fleet Management Section

The sleek, high-powered Chevrolet Camaro was introduced to the Division's fleet of patrol cars during 1992. These vehicles are being selectively placed throughout the State to enhance traffic enforcement efforts. They are replacing the Division's first specialty enforcement vehicle, the Ford Mustang, which went into service utilized in 1988.

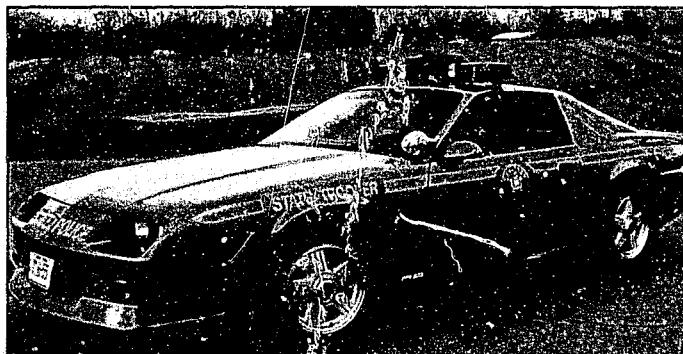
The Fleet Management Section, under the direction of the Deputy Superintendent-Administration, is responsible for the acquisition, deployment and maintenance of all Division motor equipment. The Division Fleet, which currently numbers 2,337 vehicles, logged 63,851,768 miles during 1992. Both totals exclude vehicles assigned to Troop T.

The Division purchased 749 vehicles during 1992, the majority of which were Chevrolet Caprices, currently the primary, full-size patrol car. Other acquisitions include station wagons, vans, mid-sized vehicles for members assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and four-wheel-drive utility vehicles for the Division K-9 Unit. All vehicles were purchased through competitive bidding.

The tremendous task of maintaining the Division's fleet is done through the use of commercial repair facilities and Division repair staff, located at each of the 10 troop Head-

quarters. Division mechanics repair as many vehicles as possible; the overflow is absorbed by authorized outside garages. Three automotive body shops also are maintained, as the use of salaried body repair mechanics dramatically reduces the cost of this type of repair. Commercial body shops are utilized in instances where insurance reimbursements are received to compensate the Division for the damages sustained.

When no longer serviceable, Division vehicles, are sold at public auction by the State Office of General Services.



This newly-marked 1992 Chevrolet Camaro patrol vehicle is used to enhance traffic safety enforcement efforts.

BCI Special Services

Crime Analysis Unit

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) provides a wide variety of field support services, conducts research and analyses, maintains several data bases, and fosters interagency cooperation by providing interagency, interstate and international liaison services.

CAU members respond daily to requests from the field, providing assistance in locating wanted subjects, performing telephone toll analysis, identifying assets for possible forfeiture, checking on suspected fraudulent business practices and investigating possible scams.

The Crime Analysis Unit collects data from various sources and analyzes it for trends or future enforcement needs. This information often turns up useful investigative leads, which are turned over to the appropriate field unit or enforcement agency. Investigatory assistance is routinely rendered to local, out-of-state and federal agencies. Conversely, the CAU also processes and facilitates requests for information from the field and local law enforcement agencies. The CAU is the state Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FINCEN) and INTERPOL liaison. As liaison with INTERPOL, the unit processes requests from and to over 150 nations. It also maintains communication with interstate organizations such as MAGLOCLEN and NYSPIN and subscribes to various informational computer networks and magazines.



Inv. Gloria Coppola enters critical information into a HALT database.

During 1992, the BCI Section at Division Headquarters began to use data base services to assist field and headquarters personnel in investigations. Three automated information data base services - LEXIS/NEXIS Services, WestLaw and Prentice Hall - are now available through the Crime Analysis Unit. These services provide on-line access to a variety of public records maintained in other legal, financial, business, news and wire service data bases.

CAU also makes the TRW Credit database and Fasttrack available to the field. Fasttrack is comprised of published listings throughout the northeast, including residential and business listings, independent telephone company, cellular and pager data. The TRW Credit data base provides a cross-reference with names and Social Security numbers.

The Auto Theft Section consists of members assigned to both Division Headquarters and Department of Motor Vehicles offices in the State Capitol. They render assistance to law enforcement officers in all aspects of auto theft enterprise investigation, document forgery cases and any other criminal matter involving vehicles or driver's licenses. These members routinely assist major investigations by performing complicated, off-line database searches.

The Crime Analysis Unit also manages the following data bases:

CONSUMER PRODUCT TAMPERING DATA BASE - Mandated by State law, this data base receives salient case information from all New York law enforcement agencies on all consumer product tampering incidents. The information is retained centrally and continually analyzed to assist in case linkage and the identification of perpetrators.

SNARE - The Statewide Narcotics Arrest Reporting Effort is a cooperative police project that provides a central clearinghouse for criminal intelligence reported from highway interdiction enforcement. This data is rigorously analyzed for trends in narcotics trafficking and concealment, means of



Invs. Jim Knickerbocker and Dominic Denio of the NYSP Firearms Tracing Unit enter information into the unit's computer to identify illegal gun traffickers.

transport and weapons, for use by all law enforcement officers. The resulting analyses are made available via NYSPIN in the form of a monthly SNARE teletype and a high-quality quarterly SNARE Newsletter.

SNIP - The Statewide Narcotics Indexing Program is a service provided for all counties in New York State, exclusive of the five boroughs of New York City and Nassau and Suffolk counties. Each participating agency submits data cards on targeted narcotics defendants, which are entered into a secure computerized data base in the Crime Analysis Unit. When links are developed between defendants and agencies, each agency is advised of the mutual "hit," to prevent duplication of effort, foster cooperation and increase officer safety.

Firearms Tracing Unit

As a result of Governor Cuomo's "Strategy for Action Against Gun-Related Violence", the Division established a dedicated illegal Firearms Tracing Unit, with investigators assigned to the Crime Analysis Unit.

The new unit works in conjunction with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to trace handguns, analyze trafficking patterns and develop leads to investigate specific firearm-related criminal cases. The Firearms Tracing Unit established and maintains a centralized computer data base of statistical information available as an investigative resource to police agencies throughout the State.

Enhanced firearms enforcement strategies are being implemented in several states identified as major sources of illegal firearms seized or recovered in New York State. Based upon the continuing input of data generated from trace requests and the exchange of information with these source states, it is anticipated that the Firearms Tracing Unit will be able to identify and target geographic areas of increasing illegal firearms activity. This information will help law enforcement agencies focus their efforts to reduce deaths and injuries by handguns and stem the flow of illegal guns into our communities.

Computer Crime Unit

The Computer Crime Unit was formed in February, 1992, after a year of research and planning. The unit assists the State Police and other law enforcement agencies with criminal investigations involving computers.

Computers continue to be both the targets and tools of criminals. In addition to investigating the specific computer crimes cited in the state Penal Law, the unit has organized a computer lab to analyze evidence from a broad range of crimes including narcotics, gambling, money laundering, pornography and prostitution, that may be stored within computers. Special procedures must be used to preserve these records for criminal prosecutions. The members assigned to this unit have received extensive training to investigate and prepare for the prosecution of crimes involving the use of computers.

The unit also is available to assist in the preparation and execution of search warrants when it is known that a computer has been used to store criminal records.

Child Abuse And Exploitation Unit

The Child Abuse and Exploitation Unit promotes multi- dis-

ciplinary involvement in the intervention, investigation and prosecution of crimes against children. During 1992, 2,075 law enforcement referrals received by the State Child Abuse and Maltreatment Hotline were transmitted through NYSPIN to various law enforcement agencies for investigation.

The Child Abuse and Exploitation Unit conducted research, training and case consultation support services to Division field personnel, other police agencies, social welfare agencies, doctors and hospitals. Depending on the case, referrals and resource assistance were provided.

Under a federal grant awarded to the New York State Police, civilians have been hired in Troops B and K to improve the delivery of services to children. As "Juvenile Justice Specialists," they assist the Division with paperwork and legal requirements concerning juvenile delinquency cases, as well as evaluating these cases and others involving child victims. The Juvenile Justice Specialists will be State Police consultants for statutory offenses and other problems concerning youths in need of assistance or community referrals. Diversionsary services will be provided in liaison with probation departments.

In addition to providing in-service instruction on child abuse and domestic violence to recruit troopers, BCI members and other uniformed personnel, the unit also assists the 11 troops with their field investigations. Often, this means working with pathologists and pediatricians to examine living and deceased victims.

Violent Crime Investigative Support Unit

This specialized unit was created to help identify and apprehend serial killers and rapists, and other repeat violent offenders. Tradition and non-traditional support services are provided to investigators, to assist them in developing and following up on case leads. These support services include case assessment, expert referrals, commonality analysis, criminal personality profiling and investigative consultation. The Violent Crime Investigative Support Unit pursues its objectives through two major programs: the **Homicide Assessment and Lead Tracking (HALT) Unit** and the **Criminal Investigative Analysis Unit**. Unit members also combine their efforts with personnel from the Child Abuse and Exploitation Unit, Forensic Sciences Unit, Crime Laboratory and NYSPIN Support Unit.

Homicide Assessment and Lead Tracking (HALT) is a computer-assisted, Investigative Analysis program which collects and analyzes data concerning homicides and attempted homicides, missing person cases, unidentified bodies and sexual assaults occurring in New York and neighboring states. Using HALT, investigators attempt to identify violent crimes that may be part of a series, then try to coordinate their efforts with other agencies that may unknowingly be probing related crimes. HALT was developed as part of a national cooperative effort which made it compatible with the **Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP)**. In addition, HALT was designed to provide State Police investigative support to other agencies, while allowing those agencies to maintain control of their own cases.

The success of VICAP and HALT depends upon interagency cooperation and the conscientious submission of case informa-

tion by participating agencies. In 1992, agencies in New York, its contiguous neighbors and adjoining Canadian provinces submitted 377 cases to HALT, bringing the number of cases in its database to 1,326.

Criminal Investigative Analysis Unit

The Criminal Investigative Analysis Unit provides behavioral science support services to field investigators seeking leads,

suspects and investigative and interrogative strategies. The program evolved from services originally offered by the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit. These services are available to any interested law enforcement agency in the northeast, with service provided outside this region on a case-by-case basis. The unit assisted more than 200 law enforcement agencies in 1992 and trained hundreds of attendees at major seminars across the United States and Canada.

Forensic Sciences Unit

The Forensic Sciences Unit continues to serve the law enforcement community by supporting investigations of victims and dead, court appearances, training and consultations.

In January 1992, the Unit responded to the discovery of skeletal remains in Coeymans, Albany County. Analysis by Dr. William Maples, Forensic Sciences Unit Consultant, revealed the remains were those of a black male teenager, the victim of a homicide. Although his identity was strongly suspected, conventional techniques could not be used to establish it. The unit contacted a professional colleague, Prof. Mary-Claire King, a world-renowned geneticist from the University of California at Berkeley, to conduct state-of-the-art mitochondrial DNA comparisons; the victim's identity was soon established.

In July 1992, Prof. Maples invited unit members Drs. Lowell J. Levine and Michael M. Baden, and Cathryn L. Oakes of the Division Crime Laboratory, to accompany the University of Florida's "Project Romanov" to Ekaterinburg and Moscow, where, they assisted the Sverdlovsk government in identifying the skeletal remains of the murdered family of Czar Nicholas II.

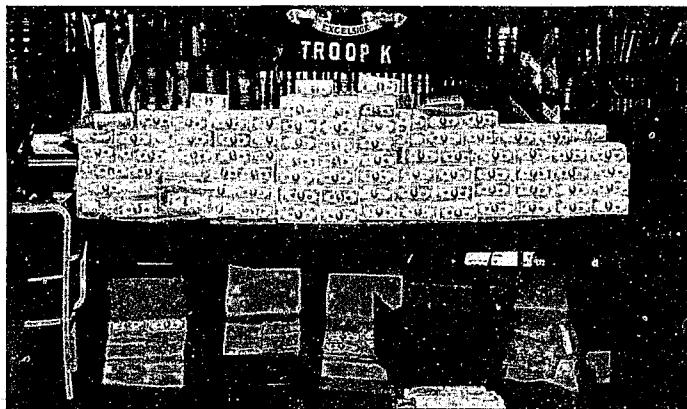
The unit also participated in an interesting case involving the adaptation of sophisticated commercial technology to the criminal justice field. An elderly female was murdered in

Elmira; a bite mark was noted on her body. A suspect was questioned by local police and a photograph taken of his face, including his teeth. Subsequently, models of the suspect's teeth were obtained by court order. The teeth were mutilated by filing, preventing comparisons with the bite mark on the victim. Such destruction of evidence can be used in a trial as "consciousness of guilt." The defendant denied the self-mutilation. The Eastman-Kodak Corporation donated the use of a very sensitive imaging enhancement system, which showed the edges of the suspect's teeth in a photograph taken during the original interview with the police. This evidence was useful in obtaining a conviction in the murder.

The unit's activity in child abuse investigations increased significantly; unit members examined a number of living victims at the request of various agencies. In several other cases where initial results were inconclusive, the unit performed second autopsies that confirmed the cause of death as homicide.

In addition to their involvement with the Col. Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar, members of the unit have served as guest instructors to outside organizations, including the FBI, the New York City Police Department, the National College of District Attorneys, the New York State Bar Association and numerous other groups and institutions.

Seized Assets Unit



Due to the outstanding efforts of the Troop K Narcotics Enforcement Unit, the New York State Police, OCTF and the N.Y.S. Division of Substance Abuse will receive forfeited funds of more than \$10 million. Above is a display of part of the seizure.

The New York State Police continued to lead law enforcement agencies across the nation in the seizure and forfeiture of assets. The volume of seized assets is substantial. At the time of publication, there were 925 forfeiture cases pending for the New York State Police. Since 1987, the Division has received more than \$47 million in proceeds from federal and state seizures. During fiscal year 1992-93, the Division received \$11,775,591 in proceeds; more than \$41 million in currency will be divided among state, federal and local authorities involved in the investigations and resulting arrests.

The Seized Assets Program was established in 1990 to insure the proper processing and tracking of seizure cases.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Office Of Division Counsel

The Office of Division Counsel is responsible for all legal matters affecting the Division. To fulfill this responsibility, attorneys assigned to the Office of Division Counsel defend lawsuits, promulgate legal policy through and on behalf of the Superintendent, provide legal assistance to field personnel, prepare and review legislative proposals, lobby the New York State Legislature to enact Division legislation, provide legal training at the State Police Academy, review subpoenas served upon the Division, provide advice regarding Freedom Of Information Law requests, draft and review leases, contracts and other legal documents, and provide legal assistance regarding labor and personnel matters.

In 1992, the Office of Division Counsel continued providing legal assistance to the First Deputy Superintendent and the Office of the Chief Inspector regarding investigations of alleged misconduct by Division members. When necessary, Division Counsel prepared charges and specifications and represented the Division at disciplinary hearings. Counsel's Office also provided legal assistance to the Employee Relations Section regarding this year's implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Division attorneys continued providing legal information and assistance to Division members through Legal Service Bulletins, classroom training and telephone requests. Topics in-

cluded major State Court of Appeals decisions, drug interdiction, legal standards for police-citizen encounters, use of deadly physical force, and myriad legal issues involving the Vehicle and Traffic Law, Penal Law, Family Court Act, Criminal Procedure Law, and Civil Practice Law and Rules.

This office reviewed more than 400 subpoenas, opposing those seeking privileged materials, or otherwise not complying with the law. Similarly, Division Counsel assisted the Division's Records Access Officer with responses to numerous Freedom of Information Law requests.

The 1992 State Police legislative program, directed by Division Counsel, resulted in the passage of three Division legislative proposals. One bill amended the Criminal Procedure Law to provide police officers with alternative arraignment venues if the court that issued a warrant is unavailable. This change will remedy a long-standing problem for certain Division members.

Division Counsel also worked closely with the state Attorney General's Office to defend the Division and its members against lawsuits brought in State and federal court. There are presently more than 300 lawsuits pending against the Division or its members.

Inspection Section

The New York State Police is committed to providing the best possible police service to the public. In pursuit of this goal, the Inspection Section is responsible of ensuring adherence to the agency's policies and standards, thereby maintaining our integrity and honor as a professional law enforcement agency. The Inspection Section also is responsible for monitoring, analyzing and inspecting administrative and operational procedures, and makes recommendations for improvement.

To accomplish this, the Inspection Section is comprised of two units: "Professional Standards" and "Inspection". The Professional Standards Unit ensures prompt and thorough investigation of any complaint or allegation of misconduct. Members of this unit also supervise and review all matters relating to inter-

nal affairs, including incidents involving the use of force or the discharge of firearms by members. Additionally, the Office of Professional Standards oversees investigations of special incidents and those involving litigation.

The Inspection Unit's primary role is to conduct inspections of the administrative and police operations of all troops, special units, Division Headquarters sections and the Academy, as well as specialized inspections of all narcotics units. These inspections serve to assure uniformity in procedures throughout the Division, promote economy and efficiency, discover existing weaknesses, provide accountability and initiate corrective actions. Inspections are designed to be constructive, providing direction and leadership. Inspectors

undertake an active approach in their reviews, anticipating future concerns and developing new techniques and procedures to meet the challenges of the future.

In response to the continual change in today's society and in the field of law enforcement, the Office of the Chief Inspector has undertaken additional responsibilities in several areas, including employee drug testing, training and internal auditing.

To ensure and sustain the integrity of the New York State

Police, the Employee Drug Testing Program was recently expanded to include testing of all members, not just those assigned to specialized narcotic units.

The Inspection Section also continually upgrades training related to inspection and professional standards by developing and conducting a variety of Basic School and in-service courses. These include Ethical Awareness, Sensitivity Training and Member-Citizen Interaction, and instruction in conducting inspections and internal affairs investigations.

Planning And Research

During 1992, the Planning and Research Section examined several cost-cutting programs, developed new initiatives to enhance the efficiency of the Division, designed or modified existing systems to improve the Division's effectiveness, and participated in a number of intersectional and interdepartmental projects intended to improve the Division's operation and administration.

During the Division's 75th Anniversary year, the Planning and Research Section was especially productive, as evidenced by the number of projects it handled and the variety of topics which they encompassed. The following represents a synopsis of some of the particularly notable undertakings of 1992:

- An \$8.7 million grant application for funding of the CNET program was approved; in addition, \$296,046 was approved for a Cali Cartel Information System that is operating in the metropolitan New York City area.
- A comprehensive report was prepared on Gangs, Guns, and Violent Crime in Upstate New York, and their relationship to New York City-based gangs.
- Support was provided to the BCI in developing an Illegal Firearms Tracing Unit, as one of the Division's responses to the Governor's Programs Against Gun-Related Violence; on-going support was provided to the Computer Crime Unit.
- The Planning & Research Section worked closely with the Governor's Office of Employee Relations, with respect to the Excelsior Award process. This included submission of a 75-page preliminary application, an on-site assessment and the provision of supplemental information as needed. Following receipt of the award, the section participated in several workshops throughout the State, and likewise developed an informational package for other agencies which expressed an interest in the Division's Excelsior experience.
- The Planning Section worked closely with the Thruway Authority to develop specifications for a network of Mobile

Data Computers, to be assigned to Zone 1 of Troop T. These in-car computers will be able to access State and national files through NYSPIN, and can likewise be used to prepare reports in the patrol car.

- In celebration of the Division's 75th Anniversary, a comprehensive written history of the State Police was prepared. The Section was instrumental in researching and writing much of the material that appeared in this commemorative report.
- Several computer systems were designed or refined, including the Leave Accrual System, the Parolee File System, and the Vacation Scheduling System. The installation of Local Area Networks also was a section priority in 1992.
- Substantial background material was provided to other agencies, such as the Governor's Anti-Drug Abuse Council, the Governor's Office for Management and Productivity, and the Office of Rural Affairs. Briefing material was compiled for the Governor's radio call-in show, the Director of Criminal Justice, the Governor's State Of The State Message and the Governor's Law Enforcement Forum.
- These represent just a handful of the several hundred projects addressed by staff of the Planning and Research Section. Others included software evaluation, research of suggestions, equipment testing, statistical studies, assessment of patrol post changes, forms management, maintenance of manuals and long range planning. Work is presently under way to publish an updated Manual for Police, with direct input from the State Association of Chiefs of Police and the State Sheriffs' Association. In addition, a manpower plan is being developed to help the Division meet the challenges of the next five years, and to likewise comply with the requirements of the State's executive and legislative branches.
- Based on past performance and future expectations, the Planning and Research Section will continue to be proactive, productive and fast-paced, with its influence affecting virtually every aspect of Division operations.

Public Information

The Public Information Program is overseen and supervised by the Deputy Superintendent--Administration. The Division's Public Information program is maintained largely through the considerable efforts of the troop Public Information Officers and the Public Information Office staff at Division Headquarters. With the exception of Troop T, each troop has assigned a Public Information Officer whose responsibility it is

to promote newsworthy stories concerning the Division to the news media. A great deal of time is involved in performing these duties; an equal amount of time is expended representing the New York State Police before various community groups, schools, colleges and service organizations.

The Division's Crime Prevention programs, implemented

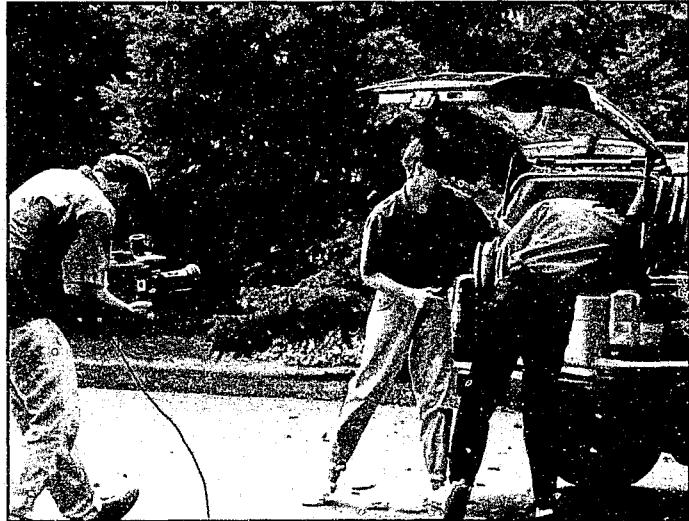
primarily by the troop Public Information Officers, include "Neighborhood Watch," "Operation ID," "Scared Stiff," "LEARN Today - Live Drug Free Tomorrow," "Sober Prom - Sober Graduation," and "McBear, The Trooper." McGruff the Crime Dog is used throughout the State at a variety of public information activities, and is an especially effective tool when working with young people.

1992 Statewide Advisories

The following is a summary of Division programs and events, news of which the Division Public Information Office and the troop PIOs disseminated in 1992 to print and broadcast media: the Violent Felony Warrant Squad "12 Most Wanted" List; the

inception of the Division Computer Crime Unit; the addition of Chevrolet Camaros to the Division fleet; Basic School graduations at the State Police Academy; the "Play It Safe" program; the Division's receipt of the New York State Excel-sior Award; the Superintendent's Awards Day ceremonies at the Academy; the Western Union confidence scam; major holiday news releases; "Operation Safe Bus"; the Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar; announcement of the Gray Rider Monument and, the dedication of the new Troop NYC headquarters.

In addition, Division installations in every troop celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the New York State Police, hosting "Open Houses" at each troop headquarters.



The Division Public Information Office and Traffic Services staff produced PSAs with the help of New York Network, featuring "Youth Impaired Driving Issues."



One of the most popular Public Information events is featured in photo as Capt. Edward F. Hanover Jr. (SP Oneida-D) displays "Schools Open" campaign materials with a AAA representative from Sherrill, N.Y.



T/Sgt. Robert E. Armet (Div. Hqts. PIO) demonstrates a "McGruff, The Crime Dog" puppet at the State Crime Prevention Conference, while Tpr. Charlene M. Mahoney (Troop A PIO far right) and Sonja Burgos of the New York City Housing P.D. look on.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND TRAINING

The New York State Police Academy

The year 1992 marked the 75th Anniversary of the New York State Police. The Division could not have become a leading law enforcement agency without continually evolving to better serve the public's needs in an ever-changing society. At the New York State Police Academy, 1992 was a banner year for the development of new training programs. There was an emphasis on ethics, human relations and communications courses designed to promote public trust and confidence. In addition, violent crime investigation training programs continued to be emphasized in response to our increasingly violent society.

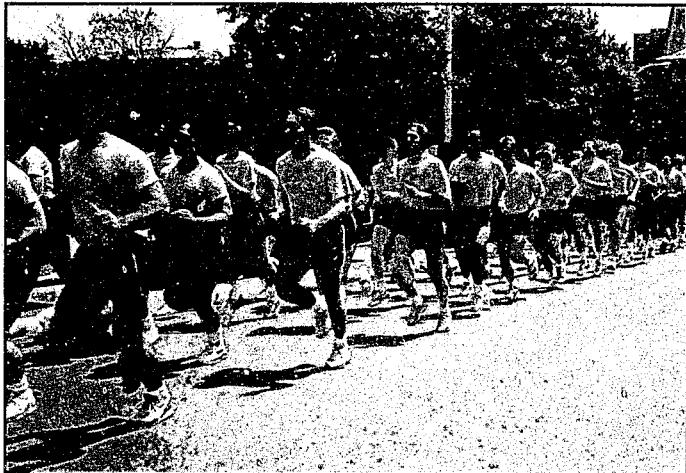
More than 10,000 persons participated in training at the Academy in 1992. These included both Division members and law enforcement officials representing more than 300 police agencies from around the world, as well as attendees from various public and private groups.

The Academy hosted a series of highly successful seminars, including the internationally-acclaimed Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar, the NYSP Major Crimes Seminar, the NYSP Sex Offense Seminar, the Asian Gang Conference and the Violent Gang Conference, which focused on narcotics trafficking. These informative and challenging seminars continued to provide state-of-the-art instruction in criminal investigative techniques.

To keep law enforcement initiatives current, the Division developed an innovative Leadership Program with the assistance of experts from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and several major corporations. The resulting one-week seminars will be presented initially to all commissioned officers, and later to all Division supervisors.

The State Police Academy Basic School continued to emphasize to recruit troopers the need to provide the best possible service to the citizens of New York. In 1992, 146 recruit troopers successfully completed the 24-week training. The 40 members of the 169th Session graduated on March 27; graduation ceremonies were held for the 106 graduates of the 170th Session on Sept. 11. On Oct. 12, 127 recruit troopers, representing the 171st Session, were sworn into service.

Basic Supervisory Training was provided to 45 new commissioned officers, uniformed sergeants, and senior investigators. The training focused on ethics and integrity, the development



A glimpse of the 170th Session of the New York State Police Basic School.

of leadership skills, and police problem-solving methodology.

In-Service Training was provided to 879 uniformed members and 310 BCI investigators. The Academy provided an 18-hour block of instructional materials for decentralized troop in-service training. This included a quarterly Video Program and biannual field firearms training.

Specialized Training was provided to more than 700 Division members. Training topics included Drug Interdiction, Specialized Speed and Vehicle Enforcement, Defensive Tactics, Mobile Response, Scuba, Breathalyzer Recertification, Polygraph and Instructor Development. In addition, more than 600 commissioned and non-commissioned officers received stipend training, including both Health and Safety in the Workplace and the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course.

The Academy also provided a training site and instruction for more than 600 law enforcement officers from other police and criminal justice agencies, including the SUNY Public Safety Department, the State Emergency Management Office and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Academy also hosted the 16th annual State Police Summer Program (SPSP) for underprivileged youths. A total of 235

youths between the ages of eight and 12 attended the six, one-week educational programs. The SPSP, funded through the Trooper Foundation, fosters greater friendship and understanding between The New York State Police and New York's young people.

Several initiatives came to fruition in 1992. To improve feedback from the field on training matters, the Academy created a 14-member Training Advisory Board. Board members are assigned to the field and hold ranks from trooper to major. The board is responsible for increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of Division training programs. As a result, a 32-hour course on communication skills was added to the Basic School curriculum, as was a course on Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. A 12-hour Civil Disturbance Training course was also developed, and a seminar on multicultural awareness, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, was conducted at the Academy. These additions will help provide the impetus for further training to the law enforcement community in 1993.

In preparation for the celebration of the Division's 75th anniversary, the Academy display area was decorated to reflect the proud history of the New York State Police, from the days of the Gray Riders to the present. The historical displays illustrated the changes that Division uniforms, weapons, vehicles and personnel have undergone.

The Division's display at the New York State Fair also was redesigned by Academy staffers to honor our 75 years of service to the public. The display, which included traditional crowd-pleasing attractions such as bloodhounds, scuba divers, and the seat belt Convincer, was augmented with demonstration by the Mobile Response Team, a bio-sensor dog demonstration, a display of the Governor's Excelsior Award, and the 75th Anniversary Living History display.

During the 12 days of the fair, nearly one million people had an opportunity to observe Division members give more than 275 live performances, making the State Police exhibit one of the most popular.



The 170th Session, many of whom participated in the 1992 Special Olympics.

New initiatives will continue into 1993 and beyond. Leadership training will be completed for all commissioned Officers. A completely redesigned in-service training course for narcotics investigators will be presented each year. Cycle "E", the in-service course for uniformed troopers, will be completed and a new course will be developed. Major seminars will be updated to reflect the newest investigative techniques, and to address new social problems. Ethics and integrity will continue to be emphasized. The Academy, through the efforts of the Training Advisory Board, will continue to receive input on training matters from the field.

The New York State Police Academy will continue to adapt to meet the needs of our constantly changing society. The Academy is committed to providing the most innovative and professional law enforcement training services. This commitment is necessary to ensure the Division of State Police continues to produce the most capable and best-trained personnel possible.

Affirmative Action Office

The Division Affirmative Action Office (AAO) is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the Affirmative Action Program, and coordinates plans and policies as outlined in the Division Affirmative Action Plan. The Office is mandated by Governor Mario M. Cuomo's Executive Order #6, which outlines specific responsibilities for the development and implementation of affirmative action programs by all state agencies. The Affirmative Action Officer reports directly to the Superintendent.

The Office conducts preliminary investigations of violations of this policy, and reports its findings to the Office of the Chief Inspector. The Office also participates in training on human relations, cultural awareness, sexual harassment and bias-related crimes.

The AAO also coordinates the Division's Recruitment Detail,

consisting of 14 troopers and two sergeants. Through their efforts, 24 Regional Entrance Exams were administered in 1992 throughout New York; two were administered out-of-state, resulting in the testing of more than 4,100 new candidates.

During 1992, in an attempt to develop new strategies to enhance the Division Recruitment Program, the Division sent a recruiting team to three military career fairs -- McGuire Air Force Base in Trenton, N.J., Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Camp LeJeune, N.C.. The Division team recruited more than 200 separating military personnel as potential candidates from these fairs.

The 16th annual State Police Summer Program (SPSP) for underprivileged youths was held in 1992 at the State Police Academy, during the months of July and August. The SPSP

has been among the Division's most successful and long-lasting interactive programs. As in the past, private funding, coordinated by the Trooper Foundation, fully supported the program. The SPSP provided a valuable opportunity for the children to enjoy a summer vacation, meet and interact with troopers in a most pleasurable manner, and change erroneous attitudes towards the police. Children of Native American descent, many from New York's troubled reservations, were included in the program to improve relationships and foster goodwill.

Personnel

The Division Personnel Section is responsible for recruiting, testing, processing, hiring and other administrative duties. It is the Personnel Section's responsibility to carry out these functions and to assure that guaranteed benefits are properly administered and applied after hiring.

The Personnel Section also handles matters involving Worker's Compensation, payroll status changes, injuries, illnesses and sick leave, medical examinations, performance evaluations, leave accrual benefits, disability and service retirement counseling and processing, and maintaining personnel records.

The authorized law enforcement strength of the Division is 4,366 members. At the end of 1992, the actual strength of law enforcement personnel stood at 4,054, with 312 positions vacant. Two classes of recruit troopers attended the State Police Academy in 1992, including a class of 120 on March 30 and a class of 129 on October 12.

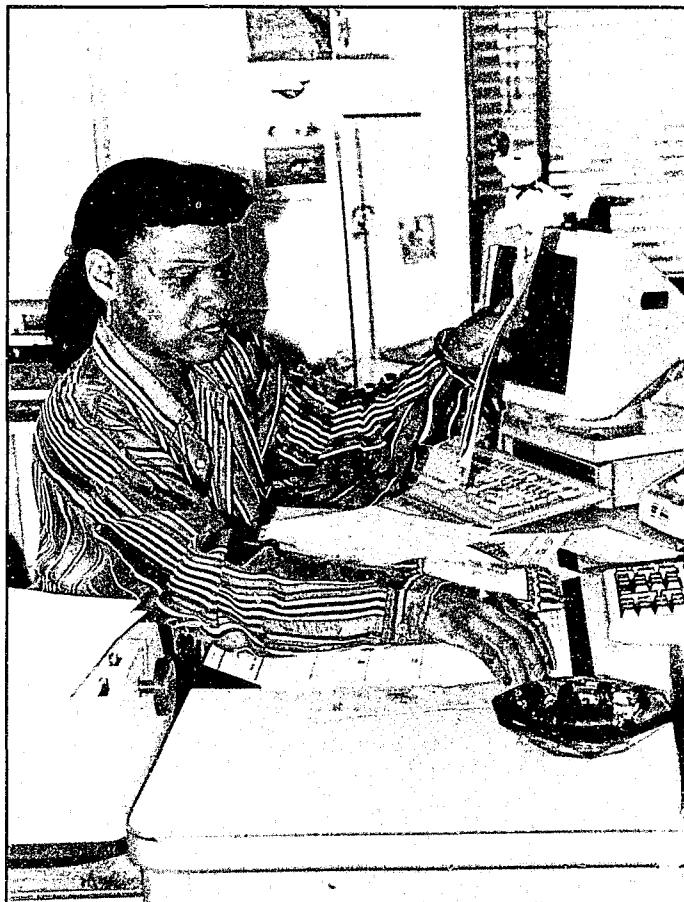
The Division lost a total of 182 members through attrition, including 95 service retirements, 24 disability retirements, eight dismissals, six terminations, 47 resignations and two off-duty deaths. There were seven reinstatements. Military leave was granted to nine members, while 14 were approved for maternity leave.

Authorized civilian strength remained at 810. By the end of 1992, the actual strength of civilian personnel stood at 680, with 130 vacancies. Twenty-one civilians retired from the Division, including 11 permanent and 10 part-time employees. Sixteen civilians retired, including 11 service and five disability retirements. There were two deaths. Nine employees were granted maternity leave, 25 were promoted, and one was temporarily promoted. Three former employees were reinstated.

Promotional examinations for Clerk 2 and Principal Clerk were administered during calendar year 1992. A total of 171 employees participated in the Clerk 2 examination and 208 participated in the Principal Clerk examination. The Clerk I examination was given to 303 applicants. Open competitive examinations also were administered for the positions of Calculations Clerk I and Keyboard Specialist; participants in these exams numbered 276 and 253, respectively.

The trooper candidate's examination was administered between May and September, drawing 4,102 participants.

The AAO coordinated and participated in the annual Martin Luther King Day Parade and accompanying ceremonies at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, attended by Governor Cuomo, Superintendent Constantine and other noteworthy officials. The AAO also coordinated security for the annual Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus, the annual New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force Legislative Caucus ("Somos El Futuro") and the Empire State Black Arts and Cultural Festival.



Payroll clerk Ether M. Taylor attends to administrative duties.

Two processing sessions were held during 1992 for trooper candidates. They included medical evaluations and physical agility testing. In the spring, 648 candidates participated in the processing. This resulted in a recruit trooper class of 127, which began training on Oct. 12. Candidate processing also was conducted in November for future Basic Schools. A total of 452 candidates appeared to begin processing.

Physical examinations were administered to 865 members.

During 1992, 822 employees were injured on-duty, including 613 troopers, 45 non-commissioned and commissioned officers, 127 investigators and senior investigators, and 37 civilians. The number of on-duty injuries increased by 24, from 1991.

Civilian Staff

Civilian employees are an essential component in the successful operation of the New York State Police. Civilians serve as automobile mechanics, forensic scientists, clerks, secretaries, computer programmers, communication specialists and other vital positions within the Division.

Civilians provide essential continuity and stability to an organization where members are highly mobile, due to promotions, transfers and other Statewide assignments. Civilians also work hand-in-hand with sworn members, often working long hours to aid in the solution of investigations.

In several key support areas, civilians augment the work of sworn members to improve the Division's overall efficiency. One such example is the Communications Section, which works closely with the Data Processing Section to provide the networks and programs that are the backbone of many State Police operations. Another key area is the Forensic Crime Laboratory, where workers in four locations across the State analyze scientific evidence essential to many criminal investigations.

The more traditional support areas of Finance, Personnel and Central Records, staffed primarily by civilians, also are vital to the smooth functioning of the agency.



Supervising Computer Operator Roy A. Carr attends to his keyboard at the NYSPIN Computer Center.

The Sixth Annual Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar

The sixth Annual Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar was held Sept. 19 - 23, 1992, at the New York State Police Academy. More than 170 police officers from the United States and Canada attended, as well as representatives from England, Scotland, Ireland, Brazil, Belarus and Russia. A total of 36 officers, representing 20 police departments and 12 sheriff's offices within New York, also attended. The Division of State Police sent 22 representatives to the seminar.

Attendees were presented a variety of lectures that covered the forensic and legal fields; many were given by internationally-renowned authorities. In 1992, the Lothian and Borders Police of Scotland shared a successful investigation of a multiple

murder case in the United Kingdom that was solved with the assistance of computers. Each year, various open homicide investigations are presented to the assembled experts for their review, consideration and opinions.

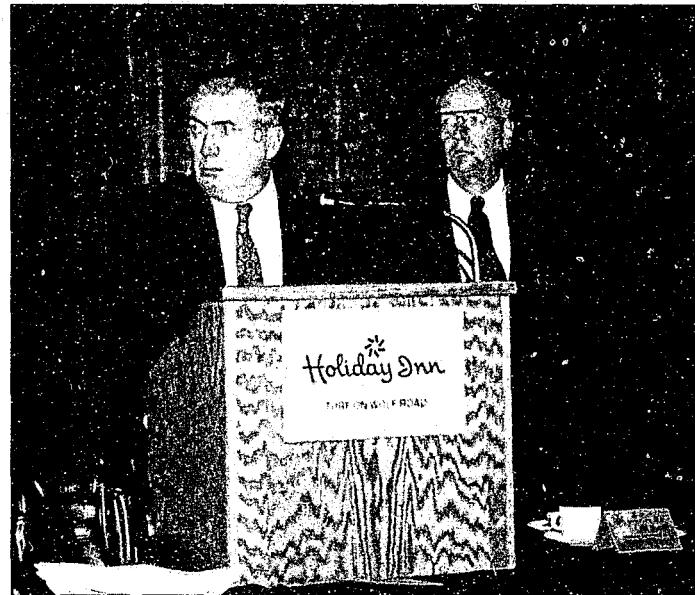
The 1992 HFW Seminar featured the 75th Anniversary "Living History" display, in which Division members donned uniforms from the past and discussed historical accounts of the New York State Police. A display of vintage and present-day troop cars and motorcycles also was on hand at the Academy. The formal program, depicting the history of the New York State Police, was presented at the concluding banquet.

During the banquet, commanding officers from the Moscow and Minsk Police Departments expressed the gratitude of the Russian delegation for the opportunity to attend the seminar and increase contacts and understanding with their colleagues from around the world. A special presentation by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police honored Inv. Nestor L. Rodriguez (Troop F) with the Association's annual Hero Award for his outstanding act of bravery in rescuing a trapped motorist from a burning vehicle.

Nearly 1,000 police officers have attended the homicide seminar since its inception in 1987. The seminar has become the finest event of its kind in North America. The 1992 seminar was again made possible through the support of the non-profit Trooper Foundation, which provided substantial financial assistance. The Seventh Annual HFW Seminar is scheduled for Sept. 18 - 22, 1993.



Det. Sgt. Tod O'Loughlin and Det. Supt. James G. McHugh of the AnGarda Sirchana, Dublin, Ireland flank Sr. Inv. John Doyle (SP Pulaski-D). Sr. Inv. Doyle is wearing the uniform of the New York State Troopers as it appeared more than 30 years ago.



Supt. Thomas A. Constantine and F/Dep. Supt. David M. Luitweiler, left, address the concluding banquet.

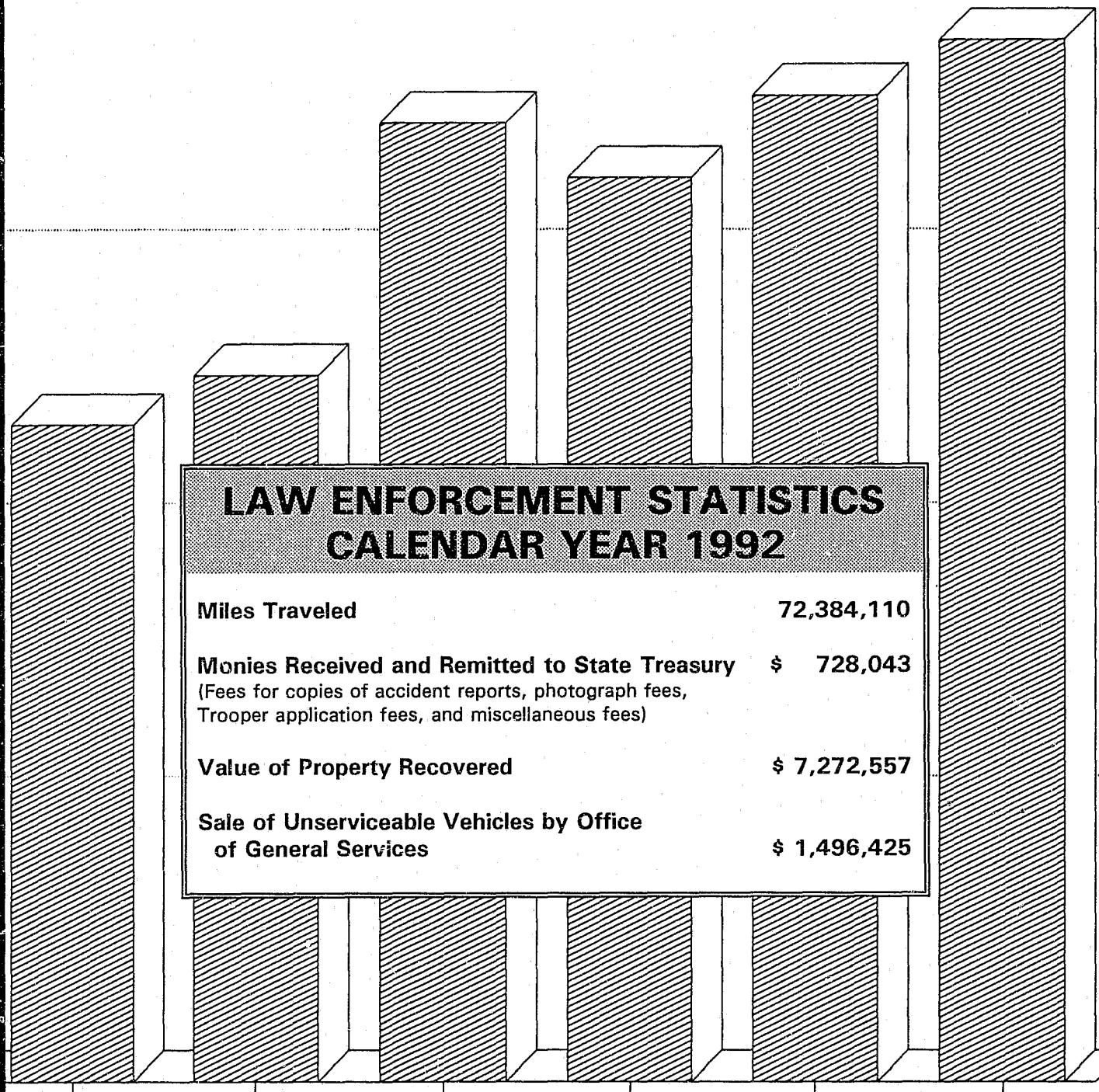


Dr. Michael Baden (far right) discusses the seminar with attendees.



HFW Seminar staff members (from left) Inv. John Shultis, Kathy Logar and Mary Majestic greet Det. Inspector Terry Hall, OPP, London, Ontario.

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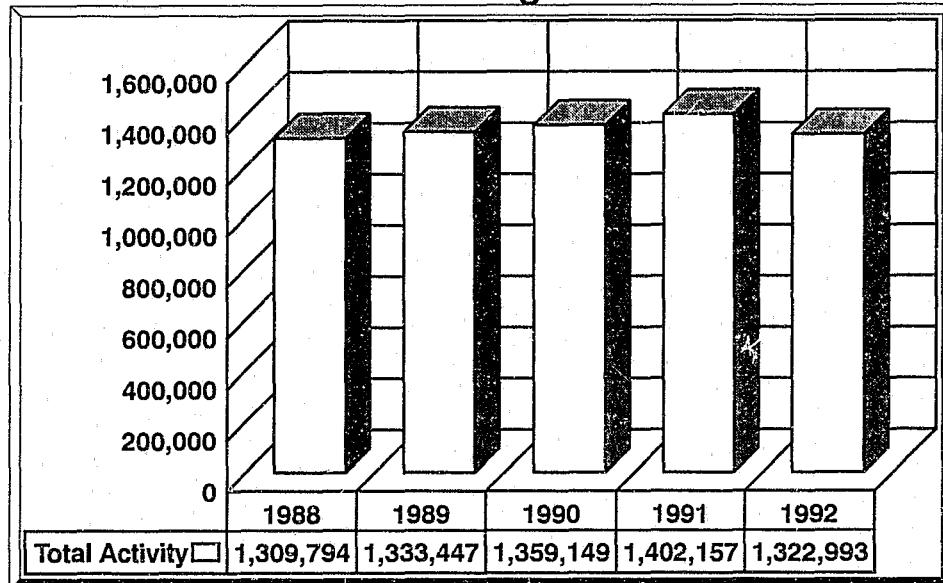


NON-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1992

CLASSIFICATION OF INVESTIGATIONS	MATTERS REPORTED	FALSE OR UNFOUNDED	CONVERTED TO CRIMINAL CASE	CLOSED BY INVESTIGATION
Accidents:				
Airplane	78	42	0	35
Hunting	46	0	1	46
Navigation	24	1	0	23
Train	29	5	0	24
Miscellaneous	11,360	149	18	11,188
Animals (No Crime Involved)	6,687	59	11	6,619
Applicants (Division Only)	912	0	0	700
Death, Natural	873	1	0	866
Drowning	35	6	0	27
Firearms and Weapons (No Crime Involved)	336	4	0	346
Fires, Floods, Other Disasters	660	24	1	637
Lost and Missing Persons	2,096	160	11	1,921
Property - Lost and Found	3,035	52	14	2,968
Suicide (Includes Attempts)	421	58	7	348
Electronic Intrusion Devices	24,796	17,446	115	7,208
All Others	104,832	677	181	103,996
TOTAL	156,220	18,684	359	136,952

Activity Summary

1988 Through 1992



CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1992

OFFENSES	KNOWN OR REPORTED		FALSE OR UNFOUNDED		CLEARED BY ARREST		CLOSED BY INVESTIGATION	
	FELONIES	MISD. & LESSER OFFENSES	FELONIES	MISD. & LESSER OFFENSES	FELONIES	MISD. & LESSER OFFENSES	FELONIES	MISD. & LESSER OFFENSES
Aggravated Harassment	1	7,924	0	165	15	1,841	62	5,806
Agriculture and Markets Law	1	754	0	84	4	297	4	367
Alcoholic Beverage Control Law	3	2,468	1	67	1	2,109	0	295
Animals (Crimes Only)	4	160	0	18	2	73	2	69
Arson	287	2	30	1	70	0	171	1
Assault	1,302	875	20	43	780	649	139	145
Bail Jumping	205	472	1	2	153	371	15	43
Bribery	19	18	1	3	15	11	2	2
Burglary	8,269	196	389	25	2,457	52	5,141	115
Coercion	7	13	0	2	7	8	0	3
Conservation Law	3	4,775	0	304	4	1,658	0	2,811
Conspiracy	108	202	2	0	103	191	2	4
Controlled Substance	1,773	8,903	22	43	1,523	8,577	167	137
Criminal Mischief	1,332	13,258	11	579	634	2,952	683	9,692
Criminal Nuisance	0	62	0	8	0	35	0	19
Criminal Trespass	3	8,780	0	757	3	2,246	0	5,772
Criminal Usury	5	13	0	1	4	2	0	10
Custodial Interference	9	58	1	15	2	18	1	22
Dangerous Weapons	742	1,401	10	26	600	1,278	19	40
Disorderly Conduct	0	12,730	0	536	0	2,357	0	9,829
Education Law	4	73	0	1	4	32	0	40
Election Law	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	3
Embezzlement	127	132	3	1	97	98	15	27
Escapes and Absconding	287	45	2	0	149	32	73	9
Extortion	12	0	2	0	8	0	1	0
False Report	0	385	0	6	0	282	0	66
False Written Statement	25	299	0	0	20	277	0	2
Family Court Act	27	6,090	1	171	4	1,845	22	4,062
Federal Offenses	747	283	6	9	314	242	336	26
Fireworks	0	839	0	28	0	426	0	386
Forgery and Counterfeiting	2,203	370	40	13	1,582	313	276	27
Fraud	422	7,810	16	71	289	6,616	43	1,088
Gambling	116	151	1	2	106	146	12	1
General Business Law	0	116	0	12	0	39	2	58
Hindering Prosecution	10	27	0	0	9	26	0	2
Homicide:								
Murder	56	0	10	0	29	0	8	0
Manslaughter	16	0	3	0	10	0	2	0
Criminal Negligence:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auto	270	1	155	1	16	0	92	0
Other	18	0	10	0	4	0	1	0

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Kidnapping	34	0	12	0	22	0	4	0
Labor Law	5	35	0	2	1	30	1	4
Larceny - Theft	2,171	16,057	77	1,014	612	6,216	1,389	8,769
Loitering	0	164	0	5	0	71	0	88
Mental Hygiene Law	0	2,615	0	97	0	1,980	0	538
Motor Vehicle Theft	693	386	63	101	180	65	385	223
Navigation Law	1	55	0	1	1	11	0	43
Obscenity and Indecent Material	0	39	0	0	0	32	0	7
Obstructing Governmental Administration	1	381	0	2	1	371	0	8
Offenses Against Family	49	3,380	13	231	21	2,282	20	651
Offenses Against Public Order	0	592	0	11	0	163	1	417
Ordinances	0	546	0	12	0	275	0	259
Parks and Recreation Law	0	309	0	1	0	266	0	43
Parole and Probation Violations	1,128	902	1	6	1,120	854	2	37
Perjury	18	1	0	0	16	1	1	0
Possession of Burglar Tools	0	179	0	0	0	174	0	4
Prison Contraband (Promoting)	574	158	1	0	133	93	43	9
Prostitution and Vice	6	8	0	0	2	3	1	2
Public Drug Intoxication	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Public Health Law	8	506	0	22	7	293	0	182
Rape - Forceable	252	1	49	0	118	0	2	1
Rape - Attempts	19	0	1	0	14	0	2	0
Real Property Law	0	47	0	0	0	8	0	38
Robbery	212	12	26	1	116	7	75	3
Sex Offenses	2,163	1,158	307	128	1,106	749	491	188
Simple Assault	150	10,115	7	373	69	5,047	7	4,644
Stolen Property	630	1,109	9	13	530	991	52	83
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	36	1,273	1	154	30	543	2	554
Unlawful Imprisonment	46	140	2	8	40	112	6	11
All Others (Not Listed)	742	4,803	11	413	620	3,554	55	1,073
TOTAL - ALL OFFENSES	27,352	124,671	1,317	5,289	13,778	59,291	9,829	58,870

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

CALENDAR YEAR 1992

Accident Investigations	55,769
*Other Vehicle and Traffic Investigations	4,870
Vehicle and Traffic Arrests	810,431
Assists to Motorists	124,294
Criminal Cases Reported	152,023
Lead Investigations	14,868
Non-criminal Investigations	156,220
Posted Property Investigations	4,518
TOTAL	1,322,993

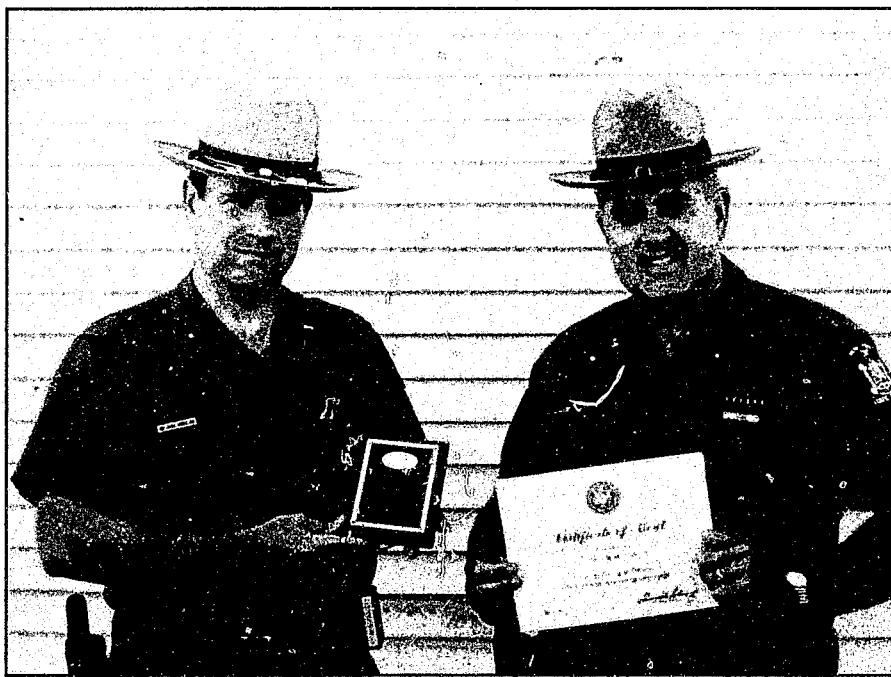
*Other Vehicle and Traffic Investigations

<u>Type of Investigation</u>	<u>Number Conducted</u>
Dept. of Transportation (Re: Traffic Signals, Speed Zones, Other Controls)	1,291
Suspension & Revocation Orders for Dept. of Motor Vehicles	3,281
Fatal Accident Scene Review	<u>298</u>
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	4,870

Communities Show Their Appreciation



Tpr. Darrell Maximo receives the "Police Officer of the Year" award from the South Hampton Kiwanis Club, February, 1992.



Z/Sgt. John R. Lustyk (Troop G-Wilton, right) received a Kiwanis Club Outstanding Police Officer Recognition award plaque and a meritorious award certificate from the office of U.S. Congressman Gerald B. Solomon, for his police service to the community and his work with disadvantaged youths. Lt. William S. Sprague, (Troop G-Wilton, left) was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club Police Recognition luncheon held at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. Among those in attendance were area community civic leaders, heads of area police and sheriff's departments, Kiwanis Club members and numerous police officers.

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In Memory Of Those Who Have Served



This statue of "The Gray Rider," sculpted by well-known editorial cartoonist Hy Rosen, is serving as the design for a life-size bronze monument which will be erected at the State Police Academy in fall of 1993. The monument is intended as a reminder of the tradition of public service that the Division of State Police has provided to New Yorkers for more than 75 years. (Photo by Bob Miazga).

BETTY M. PERKINS, station cleaner to Troop A, died January 5th, 1992 at the age of 63. She first joined the State Police in April 1981 and served with the Division for 10 years.

WALTER PISKUTZ, Vehicle Maintenance Assistant at Division Headquarters, died November 26, 1992 at the age of 71. He joined the State Police in January, 1982 and served with the Division for 10 years.



Back Cover photo taken by Troop B ID section, August 1992.
T/Sgt Denis J. Millea piloting Division helicopter 1H9, assists SP Ray Brook BCI and EnCon Rangers with recovery of a deceased hiker in high peaks of the Adirondacks.

