53rd Annual Report

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State of New Jersey, Division of State Police
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The Honorable William F. Hyland
Attorney General of the
State of New Jersey

Sir:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Division of State Police for the fiscal year July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974, our fifty-third year of service to the people of New Jersey.

I wish to express our gratitude to you for your confidence and support.

Sincerely,

E. Olaff
Acting Superintendent
HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS

Colonel David B. Kelly ....................... Superintendent
Major Eugene Olaff ......................... Deputy Superintendent
Major George R. Quinn ...................... Administration Officer
Major LeRoy F. Unholtz .................... Records and Identification Officer
Major William J. Baum ...................... Investigation Officer
Major Donald L. Smalley ................... Operations Officer
Captain Thomas A. Lawson ................. Deputy Superintendent's Office
Captain Edward Flesher .................... Assistant Administrative Officer
Captain John F. McGourty ................. Asst. Records & Ident. Officer
Captain Clinton L. Pagano ................. Assistant Investigation Officer
Captain Gabriel Mistichelli ............... Assistant Operations Officer
Captain John J. Latawiec .................. Inspection
Captain Justin J. Dimino ................... Intelligence
Captain Ronald E. Ayres ................... Computer
Captain Walter Krech ...................... Logistics
Captain William Zaninelli ................ Communications
Captain John P. Burke ..................... Forensic Sciences
Captain Robert C. Dalton ................. Fingerprint Records
Captain Mario Paterra ..................... Narcotics
Captain Robert C. Dorrian ............... Organized Crime Task Force
Captain Francis G. Trpisovsky .......... Interstate Highway Patrol
Captain Martin D. Potash ................. Civil Defense - Disaster Control
Captain Thomas P. Tyrrell ............... Training
Captain James E. Wambold ................ Highway Traffic Patrol

TROOP COMMANDERS

Captain Joseph P. Babick .................. Troop A (South Jersey)
Captain Joseph A. Rogalski ............... Troop B (North Jersey)
Captain Joseph E. Petuskey ............... Troop C (Central Jersey)
Captain William Galik ..................... Troop D (Turnpike)
Captain Joseph S. Szoja ................... Troop E (Parkway)
The Division of State Police, one of eight Divisions of the Department of Law and Public Safety, was established in 1921. The Division is headed by a Superintendent and supported by a Deputy Superintendent and staff whose areas of responsibilities are divided into four categories: Administration, Records and Identification, Investigation and Operations. Through his staff, the Superintendent directs the activities of the five police commands which are: Troop A (Southern New Jersey), Troop B (Northern New Jersey), Troop C (Central New Jersey), Troop D (New Jersey Turnpikes) and Troop E (Garden State Parkway).

The Deputy Superintendent is the Chief of Staff and serves as Acting Superintendent in the absence of the Superintendent. He is responsible for the execution of staff tasks, the efficient and prompt response of the staff, and the coordinated efforts of its members. In addition, he directs and coordinates the activities of the Planning, Research and Computer Bureau, Public Information Bureau and Governor’s Security Unit.

The organizational structure of the Division of State Police, as depicted in the Table of Organization, is designed to provide maximum efficiency in the performance of the diversified functions of the Division.

Under the executive leadership of the Superintendent, the Division has full police powers and is authorized to enforce any law or ordinance anywhere within the State. Members of the Division of State Police are subject to the call of the Governor. They are peace officers of the State, and are empowered to furnish police protection; to render first aid to the injured and succor the helpless; and to exercise, in general, the same powers and authority as are conferred by law upon police officers and constables.

The Division of State Police has the power to prevent crime; to pursue and apprehend offenders; and to obtain legal evidence necessary to insure the conviction of such offenders in the courts. Division members are authorized by law to execute any lawful warrant or order of arrest issued against any person, and to make arrests without warrant for violations of the law in their presence, and for felonies committed, the same as are or may be authorized by law for other peace officers.

Members of the Division of State Police are authorized to cooperate with any State department, or any state or local authority in detecting crime, apprehending criminals and/or for preserving law and order. The Division of State Police may not, however, be used as a posse in any municipality except upon order of the Governor when requested by the governing body of such municipality. This does not preclude the assignment of Division personnel to aid election superintendents on election day in the enforcement of the election laws of this State. Division members may also act as motor vehicle inspectors, and as wardens in the protection of the forests and the fish and game of the State. As directed by the Governor, the Division assists local police authorities in controlling civil riots and other unlawful civil disturbances of major proportions.
INVESTIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The functions of the Division of State Police are many and varied; however, they can be divided into six basic areas of responsibility: traffic, criminal, general police, special activity, emergency and technical service. A statistical recapitulation and analysis of the total investigations and activities for the Division of State Police during the fiscal year, July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974, are as follows:

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<th>INVESTIGATIONS</th>
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<td>154,834</td>
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<td>84,053</td>
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When compared to the total investigations for the previous year, there was a decrease of 12,424 investigations or 2.7%. This slight decrease was in the area of traffic, criminal, general police and emergencies. There was a significant increase in special activities and technical services, 3,707 or 7.3% and 5,829 or 13.2% respectively.

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<th>ACTIVITIES</th>
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<td>Accidents</td>
<td>12,207</td>
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<td>Summonses</td>
<td>329,057</td>
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<td>289,475</td>
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<td>Aids to Travelers</td>
<td>172,664</td>
<td>170,181</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>256,226</td>
<td>265,746</td>
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Traffic enforcement continued at a high level during this year in an effort to reduce motor vehicle accidents and to ensure the safe and efficient movement of persons and goods on the publicly travelled highways of New Jersey. Division personnel issued 329,057 summonses and 210,690 warnings for various motor vehicle violations which represent respective increases of 3,103 and 34,393 over the preceding year.

Criminal arrests remained relatively stable as Division personnel effected 24,066 arrests this year compared to 24,322 last year. This represents a slight decrease of 256 arrests or 1.1%.

Enlisted personnel of the Division expended 3,896,789 man hours and logged 33,786,139 miles in the performance of duty during this fiscal year.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

The principal responsibility of the Intelligence Bureau is to determine the identity, strength, structure and principal income of organized crime and to prepare dossiers on current and emerging criminal leaders and their associates. In order to accomplish this purpose, the Intelligence Bureau conducts investigations, maintains liaison with intelligence bureaus in other law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and Canada, and encourages submission of intelligence information from all members of the Division of State Police.
The Intelligence Bureau has the responsibility of keeping the Superintendent fully informed on matters concerning organized crime and disseminating intelligence information to other units in the Division of State Police.

The State-Wide Intelligence System was established in 1970 as part of the Intelligence Bureau with the primary purpose of providing a central agency to coordinate the collection, filing and dissemination of criminal intelligence information from law enforcement agencies in New Jersey. At the present time, 375 law enforcement agencies in New Jersey are members of the State-Wide Intelligence System Program.

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE UNIT — The Electronic Surveillance Unit, which was established in 1969 following the enactment of the New Jersey Electronic Surveillance Control Act, is a unit of the Intelligence Bureau. The principal function of this Unit is to implement court authorized electronic surveillances; research, develop and maintain investigative equipment; provide technical assistance to all State Police investigative units; conduct telephone security checks for the Division of State Police and other state agencies on request; and investigate all reported illegal wiretaps in the State.

During this year, Unit personnel received 77 court authorized wiretap orders; conducted 21 illegal wiretap investigations and 70 telephone security checks; and responded to 39 requests for technical assistance. The Unit completed 646 reels of recording tape, transcribed 224 reels of recording tape and prepared 34 composite tapes for court use.

INTRA-AGENCY LIAISON UNIT — The Intra-Agency Liaison Unit of the Intelligence Bureau is responsible for processing all requests for information received by the Intelligence Bureau from other bureaus, departments and agencies. As a member of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU), the Intelligence Bureau receives requests for information from police agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

The Intelligence Bureau participates and maintains a position on the executive board of the Inter-State Organized Crime Index (IOCI), a federally funded system designed to develop a rapid exchange of intelligence information over dedicated lines emanating from a central computerized booking location. The system utilizes 30 select terminal agencies to determine the feasibility for expansion to include an additional 100 LEIU member agencies at a later date.

The Unit received 2,330 telephone requests for information this year, of which 645 were LEIU requests and 1,685 were requests from other agencies, and 1,768 IOCI terminal requests for information. Unit personnel answered written and telephone requests by letter in 871 instances, and received 11,867 record checks from other state police agencies and bureaus. There were 260 Organized Crime Unit complaints forwarded to the Unit from the Offices of the Governor and Attorney General regarding organized crime and alleged corruption.

TELEPHONE TOLL UNIT — The Telephone Toll Unit of the Intelligence Bureau is responsible for processing all requests for telephone listings and telephone toll information received by the Bureau from Division personnel for investigative aid. The Unit obtained 24,639 telephone listings and 1,081 telephone tolls during the year.

PLANNING RESEARCH AND COMPUTER BUREAU

This Bureau is responsible for planning Division operations, both short and long range, and for coordinating and preparing Division orders, instructions and procedures, insuring that they are not in conflict with existing orders or rules and regulations. Members of this Bureau conduct studies and research to assist in the solving of police problems, and lend assistance to other Sections in the preparation and improvement of their plans as may be required. The Bureau is responsible for the planning, coordinating and direction of data processing activities for the entire Division of State Police. Bureau members provide system analysis and program applications to assist other Sections and agencies in the planning of automated data processing systems.

All legislative bills and appellate court decisions pertaining to the Division are reviewed and brought to the attention of the personnel concerned. All legislation that is enacted, which is of interest to or has a direct or indirect bearing on the Division, is brought to the attention of the Superintendent. A member of this Bureau serves as coordinator between the Division of State Police and the Division of Administrative Procedures in the promulgation of rules affecting the general public.

The Planning Bureau is responsible for the preparation of the quarterly accomplishments reports and the annual reports, calendar and fiscal, for the Division of State Police. These reports are submitted to the Attorney General as required.

During this year, a member of the Bureau administered federal funds obtained through the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency, and provided the necessary input into the Criminal Justice Plan for New Jersey; assisted in the preparation of grant applications; prepared all financial reports; audited the various accounts established for the federally supported projects; monitored the purchasing of material related to these projects; and provided input to the Division's budgetary fiscal, and management staff.

Bureau members developed the Performance Evaluation System Manual and prepared the necessary orders pertaining to its application. They assisted with the implementation of the new Performance Evaluation System, i.e., developed and conducted an in-service training program to introduce the system to all members of the Division, developed and conducted a Rater Training Program for supervisory personnel, and conducted special one-day evaluation sessions in each Troop and Section.
Members of the Bureau coordinated the Station Commander Program and the Trooper Observer Program at Division Headquarters, and participated on the Technical Committee to develop a Statewide Computerized Traffic Records System.

The Bureau coordinated all criminal justice data processing applications of the Department of Law and Public Safety, particularly those applications involving the Division of State Police. Bureau members provided records input, i.e., wanted persons, stolen vehicles, stolen license plates, stolen articles, stolen firearms, stolen securities and stolen boats, for the Statewide Communications Information System to make this information available to criminal justice agencies on a "real-time" basis through online terminals. In addition to the SCIS files, all terminals have immediate, concurrent access to the National Crime Information Center files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to the Division of Motor Vehicles files including licensing, registrations and driver records. Bureau members initiated a Statewide Communications Engineering Study with the primary purpose of addressing expansion and upgrading of the terminal network, and exploring the feasibility of all agency vehicles having direct radio contact with terminals.

During the year, the Uniform Crime Reporting, Summons Control and Accident Reporting Systems were modified and improved to provide more accurate and timely statistics. Four other major applications, i.e., a Criminal Investigation Records Management System, Court Disposition Reporting Monitoring System, Master Name Index System, and Fingerprint Processing System were developed and implemented this year. Research and development of a Firearms Control application was also initiated this year with implementation scheduled during fiscal 1975. Bureau members designed an automated Transportation System that will generate all required reports and provide good controls on gasoline and inventory. This system will be programmed, tested and implemented early in calendar 1975. The Bureau continued development of the Offender Based Tracking System and Computerized Criminal Histories (OBTS/CCH). When fully implemented, the files associated with this system will be made available to all eligible criminal justice system users.

PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU

This Bureau is responsible for the proper dissemination of information concerning the functions and activities of the Division of State Police in an effort to maintain good public relations. During the year, there were 325 official news releases and 900 photographs issued from the Public Information Bureau at Division Headquarters. News of a general police nature was issued daily, from all State Police stations upon request from local newspapers and radio stations. The dissemination of spot news regarding events of special interest was supervised by the Public Information Bureau Officer. Material for 238 feature articles was prepared for magazine and newspaper publication. Spot broadcasts and taped messages concerning special events and safety campaigns were supplied to radio and television stations. Ten exhibits depicting various phases of police work were monitored and shown at many county fairs and other large public gatherings. Brochures and other Division publications were designed, edited and distributed by the Public Information Bureau. There were 28 graphic arts and 60 photographic assignments completed this year.

The New Jersey Committee on Public Information, representing all recognized news gathering agencies in the State, meets regularly to screen applicants for New Jersey press credentials. The Division of State Police prints, registers and issues both the wallet and visor cards to all qualified applicants. There were 3,500 credentials issued this year.

A clipping file is maintained on general press coverage of State Police news. This file, plus special reports and periodic surveys, affords a good means of evaluating the effects of our program.
ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Section is comprised of four bureaus: Logistics Bureau, Budget Bureau, Personnel Bureau and Communications Bureau. The Supervisor of the Administration Section is an Assistant Chief of Staff who supervises and coordinates the activities of the preceding bureaus, and is directly responsible to the Chief of Staff.

LOGISTICS BUREAU

The Logistics Bureau is responsible for providing logistical support as required by the Division of State Police in everyday operations and during civil disturbances and emergencies. This responsibility encompasses the procurement and maintenance of transportation, equipment, supplies and facilities that are necessary for the Division to complete its mission. The Logistics Bureau is comprised of the following units: Capital Improvement, Transportation, Purchase and Property Control, Building and Grounds, Printing, and Food Service.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UNIT

The Capital Improvement Unit is responsible for the preliminary planning and technical specifications for the construction of new facilities and for the continual physical change of present facilities to meet the needs of the Division. Continuous negotiations, inspections and modifications are handled by this Unit to coordinate the completion of all construction and the smooth transition of occupancy. This Unit is also responsible for the preparation and submission of the Capital Improvement Budget and all related work, spanning the planning of the building in the schematic stage through the final acceptance of the completed structure. The Unit maintains liaison with the Division of Building and Construction in these efforts.

This Unit coordinates the rental agreements for all real estate and buildings used by the Division, including the coordination of insurance coverage on all permanent and temporary real estate, equipment and other responsibilities. This effort is coordinated through liaison with the Bureau of Special Services, which is a Division of the Department of the Treasury.

During this year, a review was made of all real property owned by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Government to select a site for the proposed relocation and construction of a facility to replace Morristown Headquarters. A tentative agreement with the Department of Institutions and Agencies to transfer 17 acres to the Department of Law and Public Safety from the Greystone State Hospital has been reached for this purpose. An appropriation of $100,000.00 has been received to pursue architectural design during fiscal year 1975.

An appropriation of $4,992,000.00 was given to the Division of State Police and the Division of Systems and Communications to continue design and prepare contract documents for construction of the new Records and Identification Systems and Communications Building. This phase has been completed and construction began in August 1974, with completion anticipated in 850 calendar days. This building consists of 128,000 square feet.

Leased facilities were obtained for the Law Enforcement Intelligence Bureau in Cherry Hill and Parsippany-Troy Townships. Facilities were provided for the National Crime Information Center and Troop "B" Tactical Patrol Squad on the New Jersey Turnpike in Newark.

TRANSPORTATION UNIT

The Transportation Unit is responsible for the acquisition, replacement and maintenance of the entire State Police fleet which numbers over 1,173 vehicles, and of approximately 75 stationary, portable generators, combustion motors, and all related activities. Updating of vehicle and equipment specifications, procedures, and practices by this Unit allows the Division fleet to meet the demands of the required duties. Continuous testing and evaluations of vehicle components and related equipment, along with the exchange of information through visits, attendance at seminars and conferences, and correspondence with other fleet representatives, enables the Division of State Police to keep abreast of all new modifications necessary, and to keep its fleet operating at the required peak efficiency.

The creation of our own preventative maintenance program, repair of vehicles and rebuilding of transmissions and engines has saved "down-time" and money. The Transportation Unit operates through the efforts of the civil service mechanics, and the allied personnel assigned to the 11 automotive garages and offices throughout the State. The acquisition and maintenance of necessary replacement parts, and the acquisition of fuel for the operation of these vehicles and generators is handled by this Unit. The Transportation Unit has instituted a preventative maintenance program that will ensure each vehicle receives necessary repairs and attention before a problem occurs. This is accomplished by vehicles receiving four different types of automotive inspections that are determined by the amount of miles travelled.

Processing of all correspondence, reports, forms, and related clerical duties pertaining to all the vehicles presently in the fleet, new vehicles purchases, sale of old vehicles, and maintenance records are handled by this Unit. There were 330 replacement and new vehicles processed during this fiscal year.

PURCHASE AND PROPERTY CONTROL UNIT

This Unit is responsible for the acquisition, storage and distribution of all uniforms and related equipment for members of the Division of State Police as well as all stationery, janitorial and office equipment and supplies required and utilized by the entire Division. Inventories are maintained on all permanent articles and equipment, clothing and weapons in stock. There were 110,355 items received, inventoried and stored, and 111,780 items issued during this year. Inventories are also maintained on stationary, janitorial and office equipment and supplies. Unit personnel received 257,318 units and issued 212,406 units this year.
The Unit is also responsible for the storage, distribution, inventory, transferring and disposing of all police and riot equipment, tires, office furniture and related office equipment, and mechanical tools and equipment for the entire Division of State Police. There were 13,101 items received, inventoried, issued, transferred and/or disposed of during this year.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UNIT — This Unit coordinates work activity with the Division of Building and Construction and other State agencies to accomplish the required work for the maintenance and improvement of Division of State Police buildings. The general maintenance, renovation and improvement of all Division buildings and grounds are the responsibility of this Unit. In addition, several facilities that are leased by the Division are maintained by this Unit. The Buildings and Grounds Unit maintains a total of 334,780 square feet of floor space and 135 acres of land.

The complete renovation of two buildings at West Trenton was accomplished this year. Color photography laboratories were installed at Division Headquarters and Hammonton Headquarters during the year. Maintenance shop areas were constructed at Hammonton, Hightstown and Bedminster to handle communication equipment repairs. Other accomplishments at Division Headquarters were the renovation and modernization of the garage facility, installation of parking bumpers and the replacement of roof shingles on two buildings. These projects were all completed at a substantial cost savings to the Division.

PRINTING UNIT — The Printing Unit composes, prints and provides all standard forms, guides, booklets, manuals, reports and training materials used by the Division of State Police. One of the greatest assets the Unit provides the Division is its capability to immediately produce local and regional maps of areas which are in various stages of civil unrest or emergency situations. The Unit also prints composite drawings of suspected criminals, missing persons and wanted persons for immediate distribution which has been very effective.

During the year, the Printing Unit designed and/or revised 1,550 various forms and printed material, in addition to providing the Division of State Police with nearly 7 million forms and copies. Printing projects included the following: operational maps, missing and wanted persons fliers and posters, composite drawings and instructional materials for use in training courses, manuals and booklets.

FOOD SERVICE UNIT — This Unit, which is staffed by civil service employees, provides meals for all enlisted members of the Division, civil service employees, county and municipal police, other governmental agency personnel and visitors at Division Headquarters. Unit personnel also provide rations during emergencies such as civil disturbances, riots, storms and floods. During this year, the Food Service Unit served 16,004 meals.

BUDGET BUREAU

The Budget Bureau is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget for the Division of State Police and the maintenance of a progressive record of expenditures and balances in the various accounts. This Bureau also processes receipts from the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway Authorities, the licensing of private detectives, firearms registration and permits, and the reproduction of reports. Records are kept of all leases, contracts, bills of sale, orders and invoices.

The expenditures for the Division for this year are as follows:

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PERSONNEL BUREAU

The Personnel Bureau maintains records of all enlisted members of the Division of State Police as well as all civil service employees working for the Division. Bureau personnel conduct entrance examinations for Division applicants and for applicants for the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and process applicants for civil service employment within the Division. During this year, there were two Division of State Police entrance examinations conducted by Bureau personnel. There were 3,534 applicants who took the written examination and 1,077 of them or 30.5% passed. Of these 1,077 applicants, 533 or 49.5% passed the medical and physical examinations, and 170 or 31.9% of the 533 applicants were appointed to the Training Academy. There were 98 troopers graduated from the academy which represents 57.6% of those applicants who were appointed. These 98 troopers represent 2.8% of the original 3,534 applicants who took the written examination.

Bureau personnel also interviewed 592 civil service applicants and administered written examinations to 298 applicants for the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control during this year.

The Division's authorized strength at the close of the fiscal year was 1,806; however, the actual strength was 1,717. These figures represent respective increases in personnel of 114 or 6.7%, and 65 or 3.9% over the preceding year. There were also 712 civil service employees working for the Division which is a decrease of 88 employees or 11% below the previous year. The distribution of personnel is as follows: Division Headquarters, 468 enlisted, 609 civil service; Troop A, 307 enlisted, 35 civil service; Troop B, 313 enlisted, 35 civil service; Troop C, 298 enlisted, 33 civil service; Troop D, 175 enlisted; Troop E, 133 enlisted; and Atlantic City Expressway, 23 enlisted.
COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

The Communications Bureau is comprised of the New Jersey Statewide Communication Information System and the Teletype, Radio and Communications Maintenance and Telephone Units whose responsibility is to ensure an efficient and expedient means of interstate and intrastate communications.

N.J. STATEWIDE COMMUNICATION INFORMATION SYSTEM — The New Jersey Statewide Communication Information System (SCIS) is linked to the National Crime Information Center, Washington, D.C. via a high-speed data circuit. This computerized police information system provides instant access to records concerning stolen vehicles, stolen license plates, stolen/missing guns, stolen articles, wanted/misssing persons, stolen/missing/counterfeited/embezzled securities and stolen boats.

The object of SCIS is to provide the 594 state, county and municipal police agencies in New Jersey with information contained in the State Crime Information Center, National Crime Information Center and Division of Motor Vehicles records via SCIS regional terminals on a 24 hour per day basis. Police officers may utilize a regional SCIS terminal to make inquiry of records concerning crime and criminals of nationwide interest, and receive a response from the computer in a matter of seconds.

Regional SCIS Terminals are presently operating in State Police installations located at Division Headquarters (West Trenton), Edison, Morristown, Somerville, Laurelton, Mantua and Newark and at the Certificate of Ownership Bureau, Division of Motor Vehicles, Trenton, New Jersey.

In addition to the above Regional terminals, SCIS terminals were also implemented in 31 municipal police departments, three county sheriffs' departments and one federal drug enforcement agency during this year. As of June 1974, the SCIS network consists of 49 on-line terminals.

Plans have been formulated to expand the SCIS network in 1974-1975 to include four (4) additional SCIS Regional terminals located in the Netcong, Hammonton, Fort Dix and Bridgeton State Police Stations. Three county sheriff's departments, two federal and three municipal police agencies are also scheduled to join the SCIS network within the next year.

TELETYPE UNIT — The Teletype Unit is operated by the Division of State Police as a service to all law enforcement agencies. Twenty-four hour police teletype communication is maintained in New Jersey among 43 State Police stations, 236 municipal police agencies, 50 states and seven federal agencies on the National Law Enforcement Teletype System. The entire communications system is now automated with computerized message switching.

During this year, the Teletype Unit broadcasted 87,672 teletype alarms and cancelled 45,545 alarms; obtained 219,849 motor vehicle lookups; sent 203,834 miscellaneous messages; processed 134,874 telephone calls; and participated in 1,258 civil defense tests. Unit personnel conducted 8,062,747 total transmissions, of which 5,048,698 were teletype transmissions (sent and received) and 3,014,049 were radio transmissions. Total transmissions increased by 1,294,600 or 19.1% over the previous year.

RADIO AND COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE UNIT — The Division of State Police employs a complex radio-electronics network to insure efficient communication in its everyday operations. The backbone of this system is a two-way radio equipped fleet of 1,125 patrol vehicles which are supplemented by 43 State Police stations each equipped with at least two base radios; one to dispatch mobile units and the other to maintain station-to-station contact without interfering with mobile operations. In addition to mobile and base station radios, there are 400 portable units available to satisfy other daily operational requirements and for emergency use. Multi-channel tape recording equipment for radio and telephone recording, closed-circuit television systems, portable tape recorders, audio-visual warning devices and ultra-high frequency radio systems are also included in the total network now in use within the Division.

Inter-agency communications needs are satisfied by federally funded Project ALERT (Allied Law Enforcement Radio Tie) under which dedicated radio frequencies, base and portable equipment provide a strategic connection between 16 State Police stations and 28 municipal police departments for use in joint operations or emergencies.

During the year, Unit personnel performed 1,677 installations or removals of radio-electronic equipment; repaired 711 various units, e.g., base stations and walkie-talkies; and conducted 1,169 F.C.C. examinations and 92 radar inspections and repairs.

TELEPHONE UNIT — The Telephone Unit is responsible for telephone communications for the Division of State Police, and for surveying the various facilities for the present and future needs of telephone usage. The switchboard at Division Headquarters received and initiated in excess of 765,000 telephone calls this year. There are 36 State Police locations on the State S.C.A.N. Telephone System.
The Firearms Investigation

IDENTIFICATION

The Records and Identification Section is comprised of four bureaus: State Records Bureau, Internal Records Bureau, Fingerprint Records Bureau and Forensic Science Bureau. The Supervisor of the Records and Identification Section is an Assistant Chief of Staff who supervises and coordinates the activities of the preceding Bureaus, and is directly responsible to the Chief of Staff.

STATE RECORDS BUREAU

The State Records Bureau is comprised of two units: Firearms Investigation Unit and Uniform Crime Reporting Unit. The Firearms Investigation Unit administers the Firearms Control Program which is designed to prevent persons prohibited by statute from obtaining firearms. The Uniform Crime Reporting Unit develops statistical data on crime in the State of New Jersey, and indicates crime trends to identify various problems and suggests possible solutions. The function of each unit is designed to eventually provide the State of New Jersey with a total information system.

FIREARMS INVESTIGATION UNIT — The Firearms Investigation Unit maintains a central repository on registration forms relating to the acquisition of firearms in the State of New Jersey. Information on registered firearms is recorded by name of owner and also by make and serial number of the firearm. This information is recorded through forms forwarded to the Superintendent of State Police on firearm sales conducted by licensed firearm dealers and between individuals. Currently, there are 444,423 firearms registered in New Jersey. In addition to the registered firearm file, the Unit maintains a file on applications for permits to purchase a pistol or revolver, firearms purchaser identification cards and permits to carry a pistol or revolver, which have been processed by Municipal and State Police Departments. As of July 1, 1974, a total of 473,715 applications have been processed and recorded.

Responsibilities of the Unit require field personnel to investigate applicants for licenses to retail, wholesale and/or manufacture firearms in New Jersey. This includes investigations conducted on employees who will be directly involved in conducting firearm transactions at licensed premises. The Unit also has the responsibility of handling investigations involving illegal firearm transactions. During the past year, 5,135 investigations conducted by Unit personnel resulted in 68 individual arrests.

Detectives assigned to the Unit are required to conduct periodic inspections of firearms dealers which necessitates auditing the firearms acquisition and disposition records, checking the firearms inventory and inspecting the security system adopted by the licensee for the prevention and detection of theft of firearms from the business premises. There were 766 of these inspections conducted this year. The Unit provides a “follow-up” service to police departments concerning persons subsequently arrested after applying for a firearms permit. This procedure is to assure that persons who become subject to a disability that would prohibit them from purchasing or owning firearms are prevented from possessing or acquiring weapons. The Unit has a program that provides firearms dealers and police departments with a list of names of persons who have reported their Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards lost or stolen. This program is necessary to prevent the unlawful use of such cards by unauthorized persons. Procedures for the apprehension of persons using a lost or stolen card have been developed and distributed. There were 1,573 Firearms Purchaser Identification Cards reported lost or stolen during this year.

Unit personnel conducted 5,135 investigations this year which represents an increase of 1,080 investigations or 26.6% over the previous year. There were 62,546 firearms applications, i.e., firearms purchaser identification card, permit to purchase a pistol or revolver, permit to carry a pistol or revolver, and retail, wholesale and manufacturers license, processed this year. Of the 62,546 applications, 60,680 were approved and 1,866 or 3% were denied. Of the total applications processed, 1,620 were for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, and 153 of them or 9.4% were denied.

There were 96,641 inquiries searched in the Unit's index file this year, an increase of 12,181 or 14.4% over the previous year. Information on 57,019 firearms was received and filed by the Unit this year. The Unit issued 70 retail firearms dealers' licenses and one wholesale manufacturer's license this year, prepared 525 affidavits for county prosecutors and transmitted 2,369 arrest records to the Office of the Attorney General.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING UNIT — The Uniform Crime Reporting Unit is responsible for the collection, compilation, and analysis of crime statistics reported by all police agencies in the State. As required by law, each police agency in the State submits prescribed reports to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Each report received by the Unit is recorded, examined and reviewed for mathematical accuracy and for reasonableness as to the interpretation of offense classifications. Minor typographical errors are corrected by direct telephone contact with the contributor while more serious errors are corrected through a personal visit by a field representative to the reporting agency. A copy of the corrected report is forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each contributor to the program.

During this year, members of the Unit made 3,665 contacts with the contributing agencies. These contacts were mainly for the purpose of report corrections,
instructions for new reporters, surveying and updating internal records systems, verification of statistics submitted and conducting statistical crime analyses. In the never-ending educational programs, the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit delivered lectures to municipal police officers attending instructional classes at the Sea Girt, Burlington, Ocean and Monmouth County Police Academies.

In September, 1973, the sixth annual "Crime in New Jersey" publication was presented to the Governor, the Legislature, the news media, police departments, various libraries, and other related law enforcement agencies. This report presents an equitable and accurate account of the status of crime in the State. The Unit also compiled and released three Crime Index Trends during this year.

During the upcoming year, the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit proposes to disseminate a "Crime Trend Feedback" report to all contributing police agencies. The computer printout will indicate the type and volume of crime in the municipality by comparing monthly, cumulative monthly and twelve-month periods. Our State Police stations will receive computer printouts of the "Crime Trend Feedback" showing the criminal activity in their areas of responsibility. A printout depicting the clearance rate of all index crime, i.e., murder, rape, robbery, atrocious assault and battery, breaking and entering, larceny, and auto theft, will be provided each station. The Unit has the capability of providing to all contributors, a comprehensive analysis of criminal activity in their municipalities.

INTERNAL RECORDS BUREAU

The Internal Records Bureau receives and processes all internal reports, i.e., motor vehicle accident, criminal investigation, criminal arrest, recovered vehicle, recovered property, monthly activity and miscellaneous, and motor vehicle summonses for the Division of State Police. During the year, there were 457,349 such reports processed by the Bureau.

This Bureau is responsible for the microfilming of various reports for the Records and Identification Section. There was a significant increase in workload in this area during the year. The number of reports filmed increased from 323,805 the previous year to 982,226 this year; an increase of 658,421 or 203.3%. Images filmed increased from 647,610 to 1,966,452; an increase of 1,318,842 or 203.3%.

The Bureau can reproduce, certifies and releases applicable, internal reports and photographs from the Division of State Police as mandated by New Jersey Statutes. The specified fees for this service are collected and processed by the Bureau. During this year, there were 25,982 report reproduction requests received and processed which resulted in 75,615 copies of reports being reproduced, and $71,889.00 in fees collected and processed. There were 1,320 photographs released which resulted in the collection and processing of $5,090.00 in fees.

The Internal Records Bureau prepares monthly, calendar year and fiscal year statistical reports which reflect the activities of the Division of State Police, and are utilized in the preparation of planning projects, safety programs and various other research projects, e.g., traffic and criminal projects. There were 410 of these statistical reports prepared this year. This Bureau also assimilates arrest information from the Division of State Police into the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, Firearms and Weapons Program, Court Disposition Reporting Program and the National Crime Information Center. This coordinated effort provides a statewide police information data bank that is available to all police agencies in the State. There were 10,970 criminal record inquiries processed by the Bureau this year which reflects an increase of 784 or 7.7% over the previous year.

FINGERPRINT RECORDS BUREAU

The Fingerprint Records Bureau is comprised of six units, i.e., Identification Records Unit, Technical Unit, Criminal Information Unit, Assembly Unit, Court Disposition Reporting Unit and Data Reduction Unit. This Bureau serves as the clearinghouse for all New Jersey criminal justice agencies on the submission of fingerprints and disposition reports, and return of criminal record information. In addition, the Bureau serves all agencies requesting data on careers in crime and related criminal profiles. The protection of society requires that this service be maintained at a high level of efficiency.

IDENTIFICATION RECORDS UNIT - This Unit is responsible for receiving, reviewing and recording incoming fingerprints. Unit personnel also type new entries on rap sheets, produce copies of rap sheets as requested and mail all outgoing documents. During this year, the Unit received 255,946 fingerprints, i.e., 137,194 criminal, 75,877 non-criminal and 42,875 firearms, which brings the total fingerprints on file to 4,578,962, i.e., 2,651,609 criminal, 1,605,777 non-criminal and 341,576 firearms. There were 669,831 criminal records forwarded to various criminal justice agencies this year, and 64,565 narcotics records sent to the Department of Health, Drug Abuse Control.

TECHNICAL UNIT - This Unit is responsible for classifying incoming fingerprints, conducting searches by classification (machine and manual), filing and related duties necessary for maintaining the master print file. During this year, there were 85,774 criminal identifications made from previous records and 29,327 non-criminal identifications made by the Unit.

CRIMINAL INFORMATION UNIT - This Unit is responsible for maintaining the names index file and history jacket file. Unit personnel conduct name searches, update index cards and pull and refill history jackets. There are 810,713 record jackets presently on file, 791,563 in the active file and 19,159 in the dead file. Unit personnel conducted 765,770 criminal record searches this year, an increase of 53,054 or 7.5% over the previous year.

ASSEMBLY UNIT - This Unit is responsible for the verification of identifications, and the collecting of criminal histories. Unit personnel prepare work sheets for typists, indicating additions, deletions and/or corrections to be made to a particular record and the desired distribution of the record.
COURT DISPOSITION REPORTING UNIT — This Unit is responsible for processing all court disposition reporting documents and penal release notices received from municipal and county courts, county prosecutors, probation departments and institutions. Unit personnel initiate court disposition reporting forms to prosecutors, municipal and county courts and probation departments, and provide reporting agencies with the necessary forms and technical field support required to maintain the desired level of reporting. This Unit maintains control files, updates histories and performs related duties necessary for the tracking of offenders through the criminal justice system.

During this year, there was a significant increase in workload when compared to the previous year. There were 219,799 court disposition reports received and 252,875 criminal history documents coded for computer input which reflect respective increases of 6,308 and 47,188. Unit representatives effected 10,234 field contacts this year which is an increase of 1,330 or 8.9%.

DATA REDUCTION UNIT — Formerly known as the SEARCH Unit, this Unit is responsible for data reduction and related preparation required for transposition of information to machine readable form as related to computerized criminal histories and offender tracking. The Unit has been functioning since January, 1972 through Federal funding. Additional funding has been requested, and if granted, will enable the Unit to continue to convert criminal histories and to collect data through the Offender Based Transactional Statistical System.

FORENSIC SCIENCES BUREAU

The Forensic Sciences Bureau is comprised of seven units, i.e., Chemistry-Biology Laboratory Unit, Document-Voiceprint Examination Unit, Photography Unit, Composite Drawing Unit, Ballistics Unit, Latent Print Examination Unit and Laundry-Jewelers' Marks Unit. This Bureau provides scientific and technical examination of those materials related to criminal matters as submitted by authorized law enforcement agencies of the State. The results of these examinations are returned to the requesting agency, and when necessary, Bureau members support such findings with testimony before a court of jurisdiction. The Bureau provides instructions and training to members of authorized law enforcement agencies as may be necessary for the proper recognition, preservation and submission of materials evidential to criminal matters.

CHEMISTRY-BIOLOGY LABORATORY UNIT — A complete scientific crime detection laboratory is maintained in the Forensic Sciences Bureau. The laboratory system operates in three locations: the Central Laboratory is located at Division Headquarters, West Trenton; the North Regional Laboratory at Little Falls; and the South Regional Laboratory at Hammonton. The regionalization of our laboratory system has brought services closer to law enforcement agencies of northern and southern New Jersey. A regional laboratory at Sea Girt is planned as the next phase of regionalization.

The staff of the Unit consists of 54 chemists and technicians, and 15 clerical personnel. There was a significant increase in workload in all areas when compared to the previous year. There were 23,076 cases received, an increase of 6,496 or 37.9%, and 22,630 cases completed, an increase of 4,167 or 22.6%. Of the total cases received, 4,240 or 18.6% were State Police cases, and 15,358 or 81.6% were cases from other agencies, e.g., municipal police departments. Unit personnel completed 328,623 examinations which is an increase of 85,155 or 35%, and examined 89,607 specimens, an increase of 17,722 or 24.6%. Members of the Unit received 7,900 subpoenas to appear in court, and spent 1,194 days in court this year.

DOCUMENT-VOICEPRINT EXAMINATION UNIT — The Document-Voiceprint Examination Unit conducts examinations of handwriting, typewriting, paper, inks, indented writings, printing, and charred papers, and analyzes magnetic tape recordings for identification purposes in criminal cases for all law enforcement agencies in the State.

There was an increase in Unit activities when compared to the previous year. Document examination cases received increased 10.1% from 553 to 609, and document examination cases completed increased 7.9%, from 560 to 604. Of the total cases received, 70 or 11.5% were State Police cases, and 539 or 88.5% were cases from other agencies. A total of 28,607 examinations were completed which represents an increase of 317 or 1.1% over the previous year. Photographic reproductions increased from 1,017 to 1,257 or 23.6%. Voice identification cases received increased from 12 to 13 or 8.9%. A total of 1,461 voice identification examinations were completed during this year.

PHOTOGRAPHY UNIT — The Photography Unit provides a support service to the Forensic Sciences Bureau with its varied photographic capabilities. Unit personnel processed 22,450 films and 49,693 prints during this year which reflect respective increases over the previous year of 3,830 or 17.4%, and 6,777 or 16.3%.

The Unit provides support and logistical services to the three Troop Identification Bureaus as well as to all Division bureaus and units as requested. Unit personnel handled 866 forensic photography cases, e.g., weapons, bullets, explosives, indented writing, handwriting, laundry and jewelry, latent prints, powder marks and narcotics, this year which is an increase of 305 cases or 35.2%. There were 18,628 forensic photography applications processed by the Unit which is an increase of 9,845 applications or 112.1% over last year.

The Photography Unit maintains a criminal photography file of arrested persons as submitted by law enforcement agencies and penal institutions throughout the State. There were 23,853 total photographs received this year, and a total of 164,660 photographs filed. Unit personnel conducted 1,904 file searches, and 16 examinations of photographs for identification purposes during the year.

A sex offender file is also maintained within the Unit with photographs and methods of operation described. These photographs and descriptions are available.
to all law enforcement agencies. There were 2,304 sex cases reported during the year which brings the total number of sex cases on file to 57,039. The 599 offender photographs received increases the total number of such photographs on file to 32,291.

COMPOSITE DRAWING UNIT — The Ballistics Unit is responsible for the processing of all composite sketches in addition to initiating and cancelling all fliers; altering the appearance of wanted criminals, reconstructing decomposed bodies for the purpose of identification; drawing of crime scenes for investigation and criminal trials; graphic art work; maintaining liaison with other police agencies regarding composite sketches and criminal investigations; lecturing law enforcement agencies and various other groups.

There was a significant increase in workload when compared to the previous year. Unit personnel made 488 composite drawings this year which is an increase of 99 drawings or 25.4%. Although there was a decrease in other drawings from 94 to 54, the total drawings for the year increased by 59 or 12.2%. Of the 542 total drawings, 90 or 16.6% were for the Divisions of State Police, and the other 452 or 83.4% for other agencies. There were 28,780 wanted fliers initiated during the year, a decrease of 46.6%; however, polaroid photographs distributed increased by 1,082 or 32.6%, and other photographs of sketches distributed increased by 615 or 17.6%.

BALLISTICS UNIT — The Ballistics Unit conducts examinations of firearms, discharged bullets, cartridge cases and shotgun shells, and restores obliterated serial numbers on weapons. Unit personnel also conduct examinations of powder-marked clothing to determine the distance from which a shot had been fired. Unit personnel attended 99 conferences during the year, and spent 79 days in court testifying at various trials. The additional duty of disposing of contraband firearms that were confiscated by all law enforcement agencies in the State was assigned to the Ballistics Unit this year. During the year, over 3,000 such firearms were received, inventoried and destroyed.

There were 3,084 cases received for examination this year which amounts to an increase of 438 cases or 16.6% over the previous year. There was a significant increase in workload in other areas:

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LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION UNIT — The Latent Print Examination Unit examines specimens for latent traces when submitted in conjunction with other laboratory examinations. The processing of documents, firearms and other specimens from which latent prints might be obtained is accomplished in this Unit.

When compared to the workload for the previous year, there is a significant increase in activities in all areas as depicted below:

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There was a decrease of two dead men identifications for the year. From seven identifications the previous year to five identifications this year, or 28.6%. Unit personnel fingerprinted 211 applicants this year, and conducted 39,561 total examinations.

LAUNDRY-JEWELERS' MARKS UNIT — The Laundry-Jewelers' Marks Unit maintains an extensive file of the identifying marks of the cleaning industries in this State and adjacent states, which is of great value to law enforcement agencies. Many times it has been the dominant factor leading to the solution of crimes and the identification of unknown dead, amnesia or mental cases.

A jewelers' mark file is kept up to date and constantly enlarged through personal contact and correspondence with jewelers in this State and other states. Jewelers scribe identifying marks on repaired articles, which correspond with their records, for the purpose of guaranty. Checking watches against this file eliminates many hours of work by investigators attempting to make an identification.

The Unit received 48 laundry-dry cleaning identification requests this year which resulted in 17 identifications. There were 39 jewelers' marks identification requests received and 19 actual identifications. A total of 958 examinations were performed by Unit personnel during the year.
INVESTIGATION

The Investigation Section is comprised of four bureaus: Criminal Investigation Bureau, Field Services Bureau, Organized Crime Task Force Bureau and Narcotic Bureau. The Supervisor of the Investigation Section is an Assistant Chief of Staff who supervises and coordinates the activities of the preceding bureaus, and is directly responsible to the Chief of Staff.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

The Criminal Investigation Bureau is comprised of five units: Auto Unit, Trial Unit, Special Investigations Unit, Central Security Unit and Race Track Unit. The activities of these units for this year are enumerated upon in the following paragraphs.

AUTO UNIT — The primary purpose of this Unit is the investigation of auto thefts and the related activities, i.e., fraud, receiving stolen property and title and serial number violations. Unit personnel also assist other law enforcement agencies in various investigations pertaining to motor vehicles. The detectives assigned to this unit are specially trained to examine and identify motor vehicles, especially those where the identity has been altered by professional auto theft offenders. Vehicles are traced to identify previous owners and manufacture or assembly points. Unit personnel are trained in the use of acid and heat for rendering motor numbers readable when professional thieves attempt to obliterate or alter them.

In addition to the special skills needed to properly investigate the commercial theft of automobiles, Unit personnel must be thoroughly familiar with all filing systems and procedures used by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Unit personnel conducted 2,577 auto theft investigations during the year, an increase of 109 investigations over the previous year. Unit personnel effected 389 arrests related to auto theft, and recovered 233 stolen vehicles valued at $798,375.00 this year. The Auto Unit identified 1,415 vehicles that had been abandoned, mutilated or burned. In addition to the vehicles recovered this year, members of the Auto Unit recovered $23,480.00 worth of stolen property.

TRIAL UNIT — Personnel assigned to this unit prepare for trial the cases of all defendants indicted by the State Grand Jury. To properly prepare these cases and expedite their disposition through trial and sentencing, members of the Trial Unit analyze each State Police report involved, interpret all physical evidence and electronic surveillance information available, review all related files and Grand Jury testimony, interview investigators and others involved, prepare composite logs and tapes and compile subpoena and witness lists. Unit personnel are required to supply all material to the defense in response to discovery orders, and to render assistance to the Deputy Attorney General during the duration of each trial.

Members of the Trial Unit prepared and completed 123 cases during the year, and expended 1,606 court hours in an advisory capacity.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT — This Unit conducts special investigations for the Governor, Attorney General and the Superintendent. Unit personnel conduct various types of security clearance investigations, process requests for assistance or information from out-of-state agencies, federal authorities and local law enforcement agencies, and investigate crimes of an unusual nature that are not normally handled by other investigative units of the Division of State Police.

The Special Investigations Unit also conducts investigations on applicants applying for a New Jersey Private Detective License and conducts semi-annual inspections of the operation of license holders. Unit personnel conduct investigations of all applications for peace officer powers submitted by railroads operating in New Jersey on behalf of their prospective police officers, and by educational institutions on behalf of their campus security officers. In addition, members of this Unit conduct security surveys at the request of various State agencies, and participate in special details, i.e., provide security for visiting dignitaries and at special, public events and demonstrations.

This Unit conducted 4,675 total investigations for the year with 3,949 of them or 84.5% being criminal and security clearance investigations.

CENTRAL SECURITY UNIT — The primary function of the Central Security Unit is to develop and accumulate intelligence information pertaining to individuals and circumstances involving subversive activities, civil disorders, riots, bombings and robberies. Unit personnel conduct 1,694 special activities investigations this year which is an increase of 168 investigations or 11% over the previous year, and 749 special activities assignments, an increase of 227 or 43.5%.

RACE TRACK UNIT — The Race Track Unit conducts investigations of all crimes that occur on the licensed premises of the five pari-mutuel wagering race tracks in New Jersey, and investigates and enforces violations of the Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Racing Commission. Unit personnel conduct criminal background investigations of all persons applying for licenses, and those persons purchasing stock certificates in any of the licensed race tracks. In addition, the Unit services all requests for assistance and/or information from out-of-state agencies, federal authorities and local police departments on matters pertaining to racing.

The Unit conducted 3,444 criminal background investigations this year which reflects a significant increase of 2,612 investigations or 313.9% over the previous year. Unit personnel conducted 33 criminal investigations, effected 36 arrests, ejected 299 undesirable persons from the race tracks and completed 319 miscellaneous requests during this year.
The Field Services Bureau is comprised of six units, i.e., Major Crime Unit, Arson Unit, Fugitive Unit, Polygraph Unit, Private Detective Licensing and Enforcement Unit and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Unit.

MAJOR CRIME UNIT – The Unit is staffed with personnel that are specially trained and equipped to provide assistance in the investigation of homicides and kidnappings. This assistance is available to all law enforcement agencies upon request. The expertise provided is in the proper care of the crime scene and the proper handling of evidence. Unit personnel assist and give guidance at autopsies to assure that all medico-legal aspects of the investigation are covered. In addition, this Unit has the responsibility of investigating all shootings, resulting in death of or by the sworn members of the Division of State Police.

Unit personnel continue to update their knowledge by attending medico-legal seminars throughout the country. All unit personnel are active members of the Harvard Associates of Police Science.

In light of the recent trend of kidnap/hostage police problems, it has become evident that selective training is necessary to assure that the actions of the police at the scene are clear, decisive, coordinated and fully understood by members of all units responding. As a result, the members of the Major Crime Unit are receiving intensive selective training in this field.

During this year, the Major Crime Unit received 95 homicide and suspicious death complaints which resulted in 1,659 investigations and three kidnapping complaints which resulted in 27 investigations. Unit personnel participated and were involved in 20 lectures pertaining to homicide and kidnapping investigations this year.

ARSON UNIT – The Arson Unit provides the State of New Jersey with statewide arson investigation capabilities. Unit personnel coordinate, conduct and/or assist other agencies in the detection and investigation of arson, and provide expertise in the determination of the cause and origin of fires which are the most critical areas in arson investigations. During this year, the Unit received 318 arson complaints which is an increase of 172 complaints or 117.8% over last year. Unit personnel conducted 1,356 arson investigations and participated in 31 lectures this year.

Members of the Arson Unit are continually attending seminars throughout the country so as to increase and update their knowledge of arson investigation procedures. Unit personnel are active members of and hold office in the State Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and belong to the Fire Marshals Association of North America and the New Jersey State Fire Prevention Association. Members of the Unit participated in, and were speakers at the Annual Arson and Fire Investigation Conference held at Rutgers University this year.

The Unit maintains a current data system on all fires and accused and suspected arsonists as submitted by the members of the Division of State Police and the Statewide Arson Network. This information is available to all participating agencies and State Police Units. A quarterly “Newsletter” is printed and distributed by this Unit to all participating members of the Statewide Arson Network System. This “Newsletter” gives information concerning the crime of arson as well as listing the dates and locations of mini-seminars which are conducted by members of the Unit.

FUGITIVE UNIT – The Fugitive Unit provides investigative personnel to coordinate and conduct intra and interstate investigations concerning escapes from correctional institutions and other fugitives from justice. Constant channels of communications are maintained with law enforcement agencies throughout the nation, and the Unit functions as liaison between agencies with the common purpose of apprehending fugitives.

The Unit is establishing a statewide central file for the collection and dissemination of available intelligence information concerning fugitives. Between the period of July 1, 1973 and June 30, 1974, approximately 165 inmates escaped from New Jersey State Correctional Institutions and 83 inmates escaped from county and municipal jails. At present, the active list of wanted fugitives in the State of New Jersey exceeds 20,000 persons.

POLYGRAPH UNIT – The Polygraph Unit provides a very unique and demanding service to all law enforcement agencies throughout the State. All assigned personnel are graduates of the Keeler Polygraph Institute, Chicago, Illinois where they studied medical, mechanical, psychological and physiological aspects relating to the scientific detection of deception techniques. All personnel are active members of the American Polygraph Association which rules, governs and sets standards for polygraphists throughout the world. The Unit was instrumental in forming, and all are active members of, the New Jersey Polygraph Examiners Association which is sanctioned by the American Polygraph Association.

During this year, members of the Polygraph Unit conducted 2,963 polygraph examinations, of which 2,202 were for other law enforcement agencies and 761 for the Division of State Police. Unit personnel participated in 48 lectures and demonstrations involving the polygraph and appeared in court on 63 occasions.

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There are 403 licensed private detective agencies in New Jersey. Unit personnel conducted 443 investigations and inspections this year which is an increase of 118 or 36.3% over last year. There were 61 private detective licenses issued this year, 30 individual licenses and 31 corporation licenses, and 22 applications for licenses denied or withdrawn. There were 83 railroad police commissions issued this year, and 3 applications for commissions denied or withdrawn. Unit personnel conducted 10,239 checks on employees of licensed private detective agencies during this year which is an increase of 169 when compared to the previous year.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS UNIT — The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Unit is responsible for the enforcement of the State statutes and the rules and regulations pertaining to the storing, handling, transportation and the utilization of liquefied petroleum gas. The Unit assists municipal police and fire agencies in the interpretation of the liquefied petroleum gas rules and regulations through lectures and safety programs, and provides investigative assistance at the scene of propane gas fires, explosions and accidents.

During this year, Unit personnel investigated 381 complaints involving liquefied petroleum gas. There were 10 motor vehicle accidents involving liquefied petroleum gas equipment, and 15 explosions and/or fires caused by liquefied petroleum gas equipment investigated this year by members of the Unit. Unit personnel conducted 817 inspections and technical services, conducted 38 lectures and safety courses, assisted 300 other agencies and effected two arrests during the year.

ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE BUREAU
The Organized Crime Task Force Bureau has a present complement of 62 investigative personnel with field offices located at Little Falls, Edison and Berlin that are administered from Division Headquarters, West Trenton. The primary function of the Organized Crime Task Force Bureau is to identify, investigate and arrest individuals and groups engaged in organized crime, and other highly sophisticated criminals and groups of criminals who are not members of the organized crime confederation. Major criminal activities investigated by the Bureau include gambling, hijacking, loansharking, extortion, syndicate homicides, bribery, conspiracy, official corruption and business frauds.

During this year, members of the Bureau conducted 14,377 investigations, an increase of 334 investigations over the previous year. Bureau personnel conducted 239 raids on organized crime activity this year which reflects an increase of 103 raids or 75.7% over last year. There were 555 arrests effected and $1,416,607.16 worth of property confiscated by the Bureau this year.

NARCOTIC BUREAU
The Narcotic Bureau is responsible for the investigating of drug complaints, gathering of evidence for the prosecution of drug cases and cooperating with other police authorities and State Agencies in the investigation and enforcement of the provisions of the Dangerous Substance Act of the State of New Jersey. The Bureau is administered from Division Headquarters, West Trenton with regional offices strategically located at the Little Falls Station for North Jersey, Hightstown Station for Central Jersey and Berlin Station for South Jersey.

The Narcotic Bureau has a present complement of 65 detectives who have been trained in all phases of drug enforcement. Bureau personnel are continually exposed to current and more improved methods of conducting drug investigations, handling evidence, operating more sophisticated equipment, preparing legal documents and reports for prosecution and employing the most appropriate and beneficial means of effecting arrests of any and all violators of the Controlled Dangerous Substance Act.

The Regional Enforcement Concept has permitted the Bureau to expand and coordinate investigations with emphasis towards the intermediate, higher echelon and significant organized levels of drug traffic. The Bureau continues to respond to requests for assistance from local, county, state and federal agencies. The preponderance of this assistance is directed towards making available to municipal police departments, qualified and trained personnel, expert in the conducting of undercover investigations and employing the proper application of sophisticated equipment. This cooperative exchange of personnel, information, equipment and other resources is commensurate with the federal funds drug enforcement programs granted and approved since 1960.

Continued deployment of more men to priority drug trafficking targets has enabled the Bureau to expand in the areas of narcotic intelligence and inter-agency coordination of enforcement activities. Four Narcotic Bureau detectives, under the supervision of a detective sergeant, are assigned to the Newark Task Force Unit of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, thereby cementing a concerted inter-exchange of all resources among federal, state, county and municipal officers most involved in drug enforcement.

During this year, the Narcotic Bureau received 1,471 complaints which resulted in a total of 21,380 investigations. Bureau personnel effected 1,696 arrests, confiscated various drugs valued at $11,141,429.46 and recovered other property, e.g., firearms, vehicles and hypodermic needles, valued at $54,819.94. The Narcotic Bureau conducted 221 raids throughout the State during the year.
OPERATIONS

The Operations Section is comprised of eight bureaus: Interstate Highway Patrol Bureau, Helicopter Patrol Bureau, State Governmental Security Bureau, Police Traffic Services Liaison Bureau, Highway Traffic Patrol Bureau, Training Bureau, Civil Defense-Disaster Control Bureau and Special Services Bureau. The Supervisor of the Operations Section is an Assistant Chief of Staff who supervises and coordinates the activities of the preceding bureaus, and is directly responsible to the Chief of Staff.

INTERSTATE HIGHWAY PATROL BUREAU

The primary goal of the Interstate Highway Patrol Bureau is to ensure the safe and efficient movement of persons and goods on the interstate highways of New Jersey. The Interstate Highway Patrol Bureau continued its function as the evaluator of work activity generated by State Police patrols on these highways.

Traffic investigations increased by 1,007 or 10.2% over the previous year, and criminal investigations increased by 1,399 or 53.7%. Criminal arrests increased from 1,484 to 1,971 which represents an increase of 487 arrests or 32.8%. Traffic enforcement continued at a high level in an effort to reduce motor vehicle accidents; there was an increase of 11,525 summonses issued or 26.7%, and an increase of 6,226 warnings issued or 27.8%. There was a significant increase in traffic patrol hours from 85,424 to 112,086 which is an increase of 26,662 or 31.2%, and in total traffic hours from 105,698 to 137,180 which is an increase of 31,482 or 29.8%. Motor vehicle accidents decreased from 1,668 the previous year to 1,543 this year which represents a decrease of 26 accidents or 1.6%.

The 415 mile network of high speed, limited access, multi-lane roadways is now approximately 75% completed. The Division of State Police presently provides a full range of police and emergency motorist services to the opened sections of this system from existing road patrol stations.

During the past year, two stations in northern New Jersey, Netcong and Hackensack, were designated as Interstate Patrol Stations. Personnel assigned to these stations patrol I-80, I-280 and a short portion of I-287 from Morristown to its terminal point in Boonton, New Jersey.

Bureau personnel continued to review the construction of the Port Street - Haines Avenue Interchange, adjacent to the Newark International Airport, in order to better identify the types of police patrolling which will be necessary for providing protection and service to the motoring public. As this major interchange of interstate, state, and local roads comes nearer to completion, the preponderance of policing problems becomes more evident, and as such, demonstrates the further need of formulating plans to cope with these problems.

HELECOPTER PATROL BUREAU

The Helicopter Patrol Bureau was established in May of 1969 under a grant from the National Highway Safety Bureau, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. The Bureau has a present complement of 14 enlisted personnel who are qualified as commercial helicopter pilots, two of which, have obtained the rating of Certified Flight Instructor. The Bureau is based at two locations: Somerset Airport, serving North Jersey; and Mercer Airport, serving Central and South Jersey. The Bureau obtained a new turbine-powered helicopter this year which brings the complement of aircraft to five, four turbine-powered helicopters and one smaller, reciprocating engine helicopter.

The purpose of the Bureau is to improve the efficiency, availability and overall capabilities of police patrols in the field of traffic safety by means of aerial surveillance and to implement the police role in highway safety and other related law enforcement functions, e.g., detect and apprehend violators; aid disabled motorists; facilitate the flow of traffic by identifying congested areas, analyzing causes, and recommending solutions; provide emergency medical service; and provide assistance to the various commands within the Division of State Police and to other law enforcement agencies as the police mission dictates.

Bureau Personnel logged 3,316 patrol flight hours; 1,038 observer flight hours and 231,470 patrol miles during the year, and were involved in 311 traffic related activities; 162 criminal activities; 102 general police activities; 513 special activities; 39 emergencies and 151 technical services.

STATE GOVERNMENTAL SECURITY BUREAU

The State Governmental Security Bureau, consisting of troopers and state capital police, is responsible for the security of all state capital office buildings, and the direction of traffic, investigation of crime and patrolling of the grounds within and adjacent to the State Capitol Complex. Other responsibilities include the escorting of State monies and the policing of the Senate and Assembly Chambers during legislative sessions, public hearings and other public gatherings at the Capitol.

Investigations increased significantly when compared to the previous year: traffic investigations, 2,944 to 3,456, an increase of 512 or 17.4%; criminal investigations, 389 to 498, an increase of 109 or 28%; and general police investigations, 432 to 485, an increase of 53 or 12.3%.

There was also a significant increase in the following areas: special activities, 8,457 to 9,637, an increase of 1,180 or 14%; summonses issued, 2,530 to 2,887, an increase of 357 or 14.6%; and mounted posts, 6,635 to 7,428, an increase of 793 or 12%. 
POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES LIAISON BUREAU

The Police Traffic Services Liaison Bureau is devoted to the task of attaining and surpassing the recommended criteria for the State's police services as set forth in the National Safety Act of 1966. Bureau personnel assist the State's Office of Highway Safety, serve as staff to the Governor's representative, and are responsible for liaison of state and municipal police agencies with the federal government for the planning, review, monitoring and operational evaluation of highway safety projects.

The Bureau is responsible for the initiation of projects and the preparation of programs for the State Police in compliance with federal standards. Bureau personnel provide guidance and assistance to municipal police departments in the development of highway safety projects and in the preparation of grant applications to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for federal funds to implement their programs. During the year, the Bureau assisted 57 municipal police departments, representing 17 counties of the State, with the development of projects and the preparation of grant applications for awards of federal funds totalling $544,891.00. In addition, there was $337,727.00 in federal funds awarded for various State projects, i.e., Police Traffic Services Liaison Bureau; Highway Traffic Tactical Patrol Unit; Alcohol Breath-Test Program; Traffic Management Institute, Sea Girt; and Police Traffic Administration Training Program, Northwestern University.

The projects that were approved are designed to upgrade the operations in the area of highway traffic safety programs. The overall program should provide for more efficient and effective police traffic services throughout the State.

SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU

From inception, the Special Services Bureau activities centered on providing special, technical assistance, in the field of civil disturbances, to all requesting agencies, state and local. It has become evident most municipalities within the State have profited from this assistance, and have become self-sufficient in this particular field. The majority of municipalities have entered into mutual aid agreements with their neighbors; however, the probability of a disorder escalation beyond their control still exists, and the response of the State Police must be anticipated. The Bureau representative is constantly involved in updating civil disturbance preparation survey guides, securing updated maps and directories, and maintaining a direct liaison with police chiefs, campus security police, and local municipal officials. The Bureau is also responsible for controlling and processing applications for surplus military weapons and equipment for local law enforcement and fire fighting agencies. Bureau personnel processed 78 surplus weapons applications during the year.

Additional responsibilities, which have been assumed by the Bureau during this year include coordination of the Underwater Recovery Unit and Explosive Ordinance Disposal personal qualifications. The Underwater Recovery Unit participated in 24 operations which involved the recovery of vehicles, weapons and stolen property, and searching for evidence, drowning victims and missing persons. There were 84 bomb threats reported during the year.

The Community Relations Unit, which functions under the control of the Special Services Bureau, maintains constant liaison with minority group leaders, and various state agencies committed to the promotion of cooperation between law enforcement and minorities. The primary function of the Unit is to identify community problems and maintain open lines of communication between the disputing factions. Weekly and spontaneous reports are submitted to the Superintendent.

The Bureau conducted 5,752 field interviews this year, investigated eight civil disturbances involving minority and dissident groups, and compiled 367 statistical reports on civil disturbances and related incidents.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC PATROL BUREAU

The Highway Traffic Patrol Bureau was established to meet the varying and multiple demands placed upon the Division of State Police in policing the highways of the State. The purpose of the Bureau is to supplement existing police patrols on highways where high accident rates or special traffic hazards exist.

The Bureau is comprised of an Administrative Unit which functions at Division Headquarters along with a Tactical Patrol Research and Analysis Unit, Fatal Accident Investigation Unit and Breath Testing Unit, and operational units which function in troop areas. The operational units consist of tactical patrols, task force patrols, radar teams, weigh teams, commercial truck inspection teams and educational services, and are an integral part of the troop traffic sections under the responsibility of the troop commanders. The Administrative Unit at Division Headquarters coordinates the activities of the operational units working in the various troops.

TACTICAL PATROL RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS UNIT — During this year, our Tactical Patrol Program was expanded and became fully operational in November, 1973. A Tactical Patrol Unit consists of squads of nine men each who are specially trained and dedicated to enforcing traffic laws, reducing highway crashes and providing police services. They are assigned to patrol identifiable locations of traffic fatalities, high crash areas and areas of high incidence of drinking driving and crime. There are presently four squads assigned to each troop, i.e., Troop A, Troop B and Troop C.

There was a significant increase in the activities generated by our tactical patrols during the year. When compared to the previous year, total summonses issued increased 22,043 or 96.2%; warnings increased 14,581 or 64.8%; other arrests increased 272 or 26.7%; and aids to travelers increased 1,992 or 26.2%.
Tactical patrols effected 1,999 drinking driving arrests which represents 28.8% of the total arrests for the Division of State Police for the year. Pedestrian contacts decreased from 7,420 to 6,451 which is a decrease of 969 or 13.1%.

Early evaluations of the effectiveness of our Tactical Patrol Program have been very encouraging, especially in the following areas: reducing fatal accidents, traffic fatalities, injury accidents and injuries.

**FATAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT** - The Fatal Accident Investigation Unit reinvestigates all fatal accidents initially investigated by municipal police departments, and reviews all fatal accidents investigated by the Division of State Police. There were 1,018 fatal accidents in the State this year that resulted in 1,160 fatalities. These figures reflect significant decreases of 105 fatal accidents or 9.3% and 187 fatalities or 13.9%.

In 370 of the 1,074 assignments completed by Unit personnel or 34.5%, recommendations were made to the Driver Improvement Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, that further action be taken against negligent drivers.

**BREATH TESTING UNIT** - The drinking driver is a contributing factor in many fatal accidents. In New Jersey, 53% of all drivers tested who were involved in fatal accidents had been drinking. The drinking driver's potential for accidents is high and the degree of severity of the accident is greater. Exceptional diligence, perseverance and attention to details are necessary in order to successfully prosecute these cases. This complex problem has required the enforcement officer to be well acquainted with all the elements of each offense and their interpretations. He must effectively employ various techniques necessary to detect and apprehend violators, and to present facts supporting the arrest. Division personnel assigned to this Unit conducted 31 five-day courses with 805 graduates, and 57 one-day refresher courses with 1,094 graduates during the year. Unit personnel serviced 58 State Police instruments and 441 instruments utilized by other departments on a bi-monthly basis throughout the year.

Drinking driver checks are regularly conducted throughout the State in an effort to curtail accidents caused by the drinking driver. Convictions constitute a relatively small percentage of the total vehicles checked; however, it is felt that this enforcement has a deterring effect on those who are prone to drink and drive. Division personnel conducted 1,689 checks during this year in which 28,289 vehicles were stopped; 3,750 drivers had been drinking. There were 501 chemical tests administered which resulted in 478 summonses being issued for drinking driving violations with an additional 135 summonses issued without chemical tests being administered; 115 for refusal to submit to a chemical test. The 613 summonses issued as a result of these checks represents an increase of 126 summonses or 25.9% over the preceding year.

Division personnel continued their diligent effort against the drinking driver by arresting 6,935 persons for driving drinking violations. This figure represents an increase of 1,228 arrests or 21.5% over the previous year. There was accident involvement in 1,012 of the 6,935 cases or in 14.6% of them. Of the 6,935 cases, 3,622 went to trial this year with the remaining 3,313 cases pending trial. The conviction rate for those cases tried was 88.3% (3,200) with 6.7% (241) found not guilty and 5% (181) closed by court rule.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES UNIT** - The Educational Services Unit, originally named the State Police School Safety Task Force Patrol, was organized in 1929 in 31 elementary schools for the purpose of preventing pedestrian accidents at school crossings. The program has been extremely effective over the years and there are presently 955 participating schools. There are 20,027 students that are patrol members who protect 451,428 other students through their safety patrol efforts.

Division members assigned to this program are involved in various activities throughout the year, i.e., classroom and assembly instruction and lectures on safety procedures; inspections of outside patrols; trips with patrol members; school bus checks; and workshops for school bus drivers. The value of this program over the years can be measured by one significant fact; not one fatal or serious-injury accident has occurred at a school pedestrian crossing while a patrol member has been on duty.

**TRAFFIC PROGRAMS** - The various other traffic programs in operation within the Division and their related activities for the year are enumerated upon in this section.

**Task Force Patrols** - Mobile Task Force Patrol operations are confined to the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway with assigned complements of twelve and six troopers respectively. The patrols work in groups of three or four vehicles on a designated portion of highway. The main function of these patrols is to provide a concentrated patrol effort in critical areas of high accident frequency with strict enforcement of all moving violations that cause accidents. Task Force Patrols issued 12,997 summonses during the year which represents an increase of 1,002 summonses or 12% over the previous year.

**Radar** - The radar program was realigned within the Division of State Police on November 1, 1973. Troops "A", "B" and "C" retained one radar unit while the remaining two units within each troop were assigned to the Tactical Patrol Units, and are utilized with assistance from station personnel as the need arises. Radar teams are deployed at strategic locations on roadways throughout the state in an effort to control speeding which is a major contributing cause of fatal and injury accidents. Radar units issued 50,551 motor vehicle summonses during the year.

**VASCAR** - The acronym VASCAR is defined as Visual Average Speed And Computer. There are 334 VASCAR Units in service throughout the Division of State Police. They are in-car computerized speedometer devices that record the distance travelled and the time required to travel that distance, and compute the average speed.
The development and implementation of our VASCAR Program has provided a method by which speed enforcement can be more efficiently accomplished. It has proven to be a valuable adjunct to the State's selective enforcement program since its inception. Division personnel issued 42,228 summonses for speeding through the use of VASCAR Units. This figure represents an increase of 3,025 summonses issued or 7.7% over the previous year.

Truck Equipment Checks — Truck equipment checks are conducted on major truck routes by individual stations throughout the State on a daily basis. All trucks are stopped and examined thoroughly for equipment and other violations including overload and dimensional regulations. Members of the Division stopped and checked 23,449 trucks which resulted in the issuance of 4,508 summonses for various violations.

Station Spot Equipment Checks — In a continued effort to assure safety on the highways of New Jersey by reducing traffic accidents and fatalities, all stations of the Division of State Police conduct equipment spot checks throughout the year. These spot checks were instituted after the Governor deemed it necessary, in 1965, to reduce twice yearly inspections of vehicles by the Division of Motor Vehicles to once yearly.

Violations include defective brakes, lights, tires, horns, wipers, mufflers and other equipment violations, which may be contributing factors in motor vehicle accidents, as well as violations regarding driver licenses, registrations and inspections. Members of the Division conducted 1,527 of these checks in which 53,872 vehicles were examined. There were 10,752 summonses and 10,672 warnings issued as a result. There were 2,822 summonses issued for defective lights on vehicles which constitute 26.2% of the total number of summonses issued for all violations.

Truck Weighing Program — To insure compliance with State laws pertaining to weight and dimensional restrictions on trucks, the Division of State Police utilizes a truck weighing program. There are four sets of portable scales and five stationary scale installations in use throughout the State. Our program is primarily employed on the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. Division personnel checked 16,672 trucks during this year and weighed 2,180 of them which resulted in 1,960 total violations, 1,006 weigh violations and 954 dimensional violations. These figures represent respective increases of 5,475 trucks checked or 48.9%; 757 trucks weighed or 53.2%; and 163 violations or 9.1%.

Commercial Truck Inspection Program — The Commercial Truck Inspection Program is utilized by the Division of State Police to insure compliance with the Self-Inspection Regulations that became effective in November, 1970. Trucks registered over 6,000 pounds are checked for compliance with both State Regulations and Title 49 of the Federal Regulations.

The Division of Motor Vehicles has total responsibility of insuring compliance with these regulations in Troops “A”, “B” and “C”; however, our personnel have total responsibility on the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway. Division personnel stopped 1,171 trucks and checked 1,100 of them which resulted in 428 out-of-service violations; 3,154 other violations of Title 49; and 647 trucks placed out-of-service.

TRAINING BUREAU

The New Jersey State Police Training Bureau is located at Sea Girt, New Jersey. Bureau personnel train state police personnel as well as personnel from municipal, county and other law enforcement agencies.

There is a three-phase program for state police recruits who strive for trooper positions. This program is of 34 weeks duration, and consists of 16 weeks of resident, basic training; 16 weeks of trooper-coach training; and two weeks of in-service training at the academy. Accredited college courses are offered as part of the program and are conducted by qualified members of the Division of State Police. Nine semester hours of credit are earned upon successful completion of the program.

The Annual Inservice Training Program, formerly conducted at Sea Girt, was conducted for the entire Division on a troop level basis. Instructors from the Training Bureau visited each troop and assisted in conducting the three-day courses which consisted of up-to-date information that would be relevant to all Division members in order to maintain top organizational efficiency.

The Northwestern University Traffic Institute conducted a two-week Police Supervision Course for first level’ supervisors and a one-week Command Course for second level supervisors within the Division of State Police. Both of the courses were coordinated by the Training Bureau.

New municipal police officers from various departments throughout the entire State participated in eight Municipal Pre-service Training classes totalling nine weeks each. Basic police related subjects were taught and college accredited courses were conducted by qualified state police personnel. Candidates received six college credits upon successful completion of the program.

The Division applied for and received an Educational Action Grant from the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency to conduct the Chiefs of Police Management Seminar at the Nassau Inn, Princeton, New Jersey. This Seminar was coordinated by the Training Bureau in cooperation with the State's Chiefs Association. The seminar provided one-week of quality, intensive orientation in executive training, given by outstanding university professors.

Qualified Training Bureau personnel serve as advisors for colleges and universities throughout the State. Many Division members have attained formal education from many of the schools through the Veterans Administration, G.I. Bill and Omnibus Crime Bill. There are more than five hundred members of the Division that are attending or have attended institutions for higher education.
Municipal, County and State Drug Investigators as well as many drug investigators from MASPAC and NESPAC attended the Basic Drug Enforcement Course offered by the Training Bureau. This course is an intensive one-week course, which is directed at drug identification, conducting drug investigations, handling informants, and undercover drug investigations. The course is enhanced by lectures from members of federal agencies, pharmacists, and representatives of a Drug Rehabilitation Center. Many participants of the Basic Drug Enforcement School have attended the four-day Advanced Drug Enforcement Course. This course primarily deals with the psychological characteristics of the drug abuser and the drug abuse problem.

An eight-day Criminal Investigation Course is offered for municipal and state police personnel. This course was established in cooperation with the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and is conducted by Training Bureau personnel. Every aspect of crime is considered in this course with emphasis on forensic sciences, organized crime and investigation techniques. Practical exercises are used to aid the student develop techniques in the use of warrants, marking and handling evidence, and courtroom procedures and demeanor.

Municipal and state police personnel attended the Organized Crime Seminar in a cooperative effort to provide insight into the serious problem of organized crime. The course deals with effective means available for combating organized crime. State and federal agencies lecture on combating conspiracy, corruption, counterfeiting, and conducting tax investigations.

A Practical Supervision Course was established for first and second level state police supervisors. This two-week course is designed to meet the current needs of the Division of State Police. Each block of instruction involves group workshops and individual participation. The workshops reflect current problems encountered by road supervisors on a daily basis. The course was instituted during June of 1973 for station commanders. A total of nine classes were conducted during the year and a total of 210 station commanders and assistant station commanders attended.

A Traffic Management Institute was established at Sea Girt. The courses provide training in four specific areas: a two-week course in accident investigation, coupled with emergency procedures; and a one-week course in traffic records keeping and analysis and a one-week course in traffic law enforcement. The courses are designed for municipal police officers from the entire State whose responsibilities deal primarily with traffic problems in their communities. The objective of this National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funded endeavor is to provide skills and knowledge which will reduce the accident death rate and make the highways of New Jersey safer.

Approximately 200 high school juniors attended the Annual Trooper Youth Week Program. The students participated in six days of fast-moving, interest-packed, simulated police training. The course consists of lectures in traffic law, narcotics, police history, fingerprinting, and many other police related subjects that provide the student with a better understanding of the life of a police officer. Each student is required to report his experiences to the student body upon return to school in the fall. The course is conducted in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Education and Department of Community Affairs.

Teenagers from the Ocean Residential Group Center, Forked River, New Jersey visit the Training Center at Sea Girt to participate in a program with municipal and state police recruits. The youths join group sessions with police trainees where ideas and information are exchanged through group interaction. As a result of these group sessions, it is hoped that both the youths and the trainees have a better understanding of ideals and values of each other.

Facilities at the Training Bureau have been improved during the year. Permanent soundproof partitions were installed in the first and second floor classrooms of the dormitory. This doubled the number of permanent classrooms that can function without outside interference. Tables and chairs were purchased to accommodate 60 students in each of the four classrooms. These additions were necessary to permit the training of the Walking Policemen (Safe & Clean Neighborhood Act of 1973) in addition to the regularly scheduled training. Two additional classrooms were obtained in the Administration Building; one for use by the Traffic Management Institute and the other for use by state police recruits as a typing room. The Department of Community Affairs allotted $12,000.00 for additions and other training equipment.

A completely revised closed circuit television system with limited studio production capability was implemented at the academy this year. In addition to dormitory classrooms, 18 squad rooms have monitors. The system provides 10 off-air and two closed circuit dual channels. A central control room has also been developed with off-air taping capability.

During this year, the Training Bureau conducted 70 state police training classes, i.e., recruit preservice, annual inservice, supervision, command, practical supervision, trooper-coach training and juvenile code lectures, with a total of 2,339 participants. There were 52 municipal police training classes, i.e., basic preservice, drug enforcement, organized crime, criminal investigation, advanced drug, traffic institute, conducted with 2,773 participants. Bureau personnel were involved in two special programs, i.e., Trooper Youth Week (2) and Traffic Management Seminar (1), with 136 and 44 participants respectively. There were 47 lectures/demonstrations conducted by members of the Training Bureau at municipal police schools, before various civil and fraternal groups, involving drug abuse, and at the Department of Labor and Industry regarding industrial accident investigations. A total of 2,654 participants were involved in the preceding lectures/demonstrations.

Training Bureau personnel conduct tours of the facilities at Sea Girt for many diversified groups of students and police officers. Bureau personnel represent the
Superintendent of State Police on various educational institutions, boards, committees and councils.

CIVIL DEFENSE-DISASTER CONTROL BUREAU

The Division of State Police, in cooperation with the Division of Civil Defense and Disaster Control, New Jersey Department of Defense, maintains the State Emergency Operating Center at State Police Headquarters, West Trenton on a 24 hour basis. All Civil Defense air raid alerts and tests are disseminated through the Communications Bureau at Division Headquarters. State Police installations at West Trenton, Hammonton, Morristown, Princeton, Mantua and Washington maintain a constant watch on the National Warning System. In addition, municipal warning points at Atlantic City, Camden, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson and Ocean County are tested daily. The National Warning System now includes an alert to severe weather information and both New York and Philadelphia weather offices are incorporated in the NAWAS system.

Personnel assigned to CD-DC serve as Police Liaison Officers, Regional Coordinators and Deputies, as well as instructors in the Heavy Duty Rescue School in Hammonton. Their responsibility is to coordinate the CD-DC effort during disasters occurring within their areas. During this year, Bureau members participated in 720 conferences and were involved in 31 civil defense exercises. Other activities included: 39 emergencies, 351 inspections of government property, 44 rescue classes and demonstrations with 624 graduates, and 85 lectures to various groups, e.g., police and auxiliary police, with 4,609 participants.