## 2019

## Arkansas State Police Annual Report







Office of Professional Standards

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I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.





Colonel William J. "Bill" Bryant Director

During 2019, Colonel Bill Bryant served as Director for the Arkansas State Police. The Agency is supported by two Lieutenant Colonels.



Lt. Colonel Tim K'Nuckles
Deputy Director
Administrative Operations

Lt. Colonel Tim K'Nuckles commands the Administrative Services Division, the Regulatory and Building Operations Division, the Fiscal Section, the Office of Professional Standards, the Highway Safety Office, and Fleet Operations.



Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Deputy Director
Field Operations

Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner commands the Criminal Investigation Division, the Crimes Against Children Division, and the Highway Patrol Division.

#### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

It is my honor to present the Arkansas State Police 2019 Annual Report to you. The report covers the activities of the Department of Arkansas State Police from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. Our Department strives to provide the highest standard of service to the citizens of Arkansas.

The information compiled in this report includes information from activity logs and records kept by each division and section of the Department. The report includes information about the commanders of the Arkansas State Police and the achievement highlights for each of their respective divisions and sections.

If you have any questions about the data contained in this report, or the operations of the Department, please contact the Arkansas State Police at (501) 618-8000.

Respectfully submitted,

Colonel William J. "Bill" Bryant

Director



## **ARKANSAS STATE POLICE**

## MISSION

The Mission of the Arkansas State Police is to protect human life and property in the state of Arkansas by providing the highest quality of law enforcement services to the public.

## VISION

The Arkansas State Police will be the premier law enforcement agency of the state, by developing the skills of our members through efficient and effective management of agency resources to deliver the highest level of service to the public.

## **CORE VALUES**

**Honor** – Adhere to the highest principles

Respect – Treat all people with dignity and compassion

**Trust** – Hold ourselves to a higher standard of accountability

**Integrity** – Character in Action

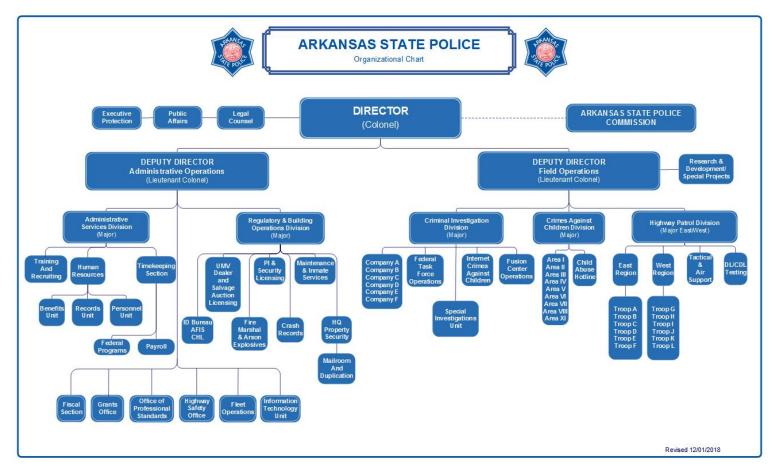
**Duty** – Value the standards of ethical conduct

**Excellence** – Professionalism and continuous improvement in all we do



#### **ORGANIZATION**

The Department of Arkansas State Police is organized into two separate operational units, Administrative Operations and Field Operations. A Lieutenant Colonel leads both units. Administrative Operations includes the Administrative Services Division and the Regulatory and Building Operations Division. Field Operations includes the Criminal Investigation Division, the Crimes Against Children Division, and the Highway Patrol Division.





#### ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION

The Arkansas State Police Commission serves in an oversight capacity to the Department. The Commissioners have the statutory responsibilities of approving new hires and promotions recommended by the Director, hearing disciplinary appeals, and providing oversight of the department's communications system and the commissioned officers' health and retirement systems.

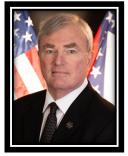
Commissioners who served on the Arkansas State Police Commission during 2019:



Bob Burns
Chairman
Little Rock
Term: 2013-2019



Jane Christenson
Vice Chairman
Harrison
Term: 2014-2020



Neff Basore
Member
Bella Vista
Term: 2015-2021



William Benton
Member
Heber Springs
Term 2016-2022



Steven Edwards
Member
Marianna
Term 2017-2023



Member
El Dorado
Term 2018-2024



John W. Allison Member Conway Term: 2019-2025

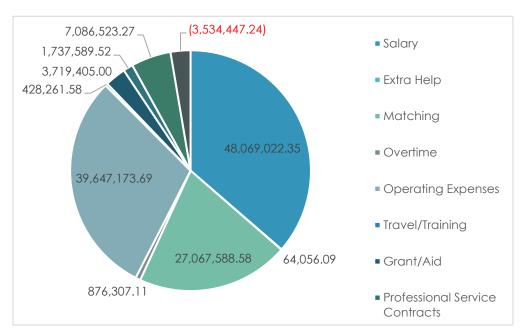


**Emma French** Chief Fiscal Officer

### Arkansas State Police Calendar Year 2019 Expenses

Expenses	To	tal
Salary	\$	48,069,022.35
Extra Help	\$	64,056.09
Matching	\$	27,067,588.58
Overtime	\$	876,307.11
Operating Expenses	\$	39,647,173.69
Travel/Training	\$	428,261.58
Grants/Aid	\$	3,719,405.00
Professional Service Contracts	\$	1,737,589.52
Capital Outlay	\$	7,086,523.27
Refunds	\$	3,534,447.24
Total	\$	125,161,479.95







The Arkansas State Police shall be responsible for the safety and security of the Governor and his family as well as the Governor's Mansion and mansion grounds (A.C.A. § 12-8-108). Executive Protection Command Staff consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant and one Sergeant. Staff members are assigned in such numbers to such locations as is necessary in order to carry out their responsibility.







**Bill Sadler**Public Information Officer



Corporal Elizabeth Chapman
Public Information Officer

The Arkansas State Police Public Affairs Office serves as an initial point of contact for news media organizations across Arkansas and the U.S. seeking information related to department operations. Additionally, the office assists to the state police director, deputy directors, and six division commanders with internal and external branding and messaging to promote the mission of the Arkansas State Police.

The office is comprised of one commissioned Arkansas State Trooper and two civilian employees. Two staff members share the assignment of being the on-call Public Information Officer (PIO) to provide news editors and reporters an official source for information around the clock, every day, throughout the year.

Annually, the on-duty PIO operation receives between 800 -1,500 inquiries. Managing and updating the Arkansas State Police social media platforms and the department's internet web site are also among the duties of the Public Affairs Office personnel. Cumulatively there were more than 1,100 posts to the four social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok). There are 180,000 "followers" registered on the state police social media accounts and nearly 8,800 subscribers who receive State Police news advisories and releases through email across the country.

The Public Affairs Office is steadily keeping emphasis on creating a higher public prominence of Arkansas State Troopers by producing video and photo projects that feature stories about Arkansas State Troopers and the work they do for Arkansans. Examples of video stories can be found at <a href="https://youtu.be/UHge6EijqD0">https://youtu.be/UHge6EijqD0</a> and <a href="https://youtu.be/zjWxtpl5gHA">https://youtu.be/ZjWxtpl5gHA</a>. The specialty unit also functions in a support role for the five divisions of the Arkansas State Police.







The Legal Section provides advice and legal counsel to the Director, Deputy Directors, and the Division Troop and Company Commanders in civil, criminal, administrative, personnel, and disciplinary matters. The Legal Section provides consultation for investigations conducted by the Office of Professional Standards, represents the Director in all disciplinary cases appealed to the Arkansas State Police Commission by commissioned personnel, and administers appeals on behalf of ASP to the internal Complaint Review Board for non-commissioned employees as well as the State Employee Grievance Appeal Panel (SEGAP). The Legal Section reviews all subpoenas and service of legal process and determines the appropriate action and legal response. The Legal section provides representation for the agency before

the Arkansas State Claims Commission as well as in state courts for appeals from regulatory and licensing decisions. The Legal Section manages litigation where the Department and its employees are represented by the Arkansas Attorney General's Office in civil lawsuits filed in federal court. The Legal Section is also responsible for reviewing contracts and Memorandums of Understanding on behalf of the Department, and for drafting and reviewing legislation. Legal Section personnel receive and respond to all requests submitted under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Various training is provided to Department units, personnel, and trainees by the Legal Section. In 2019, the Legal Section was staffed by ASP General Counsel Greg Downs and Attorney Specialists Elaine Lee, Mary Claire McLaurin, and Kelli LaPorte.

Claims Commission Cases	
Amount Sought	\$10,100,000
Amount Awarded	\$0
Federal and State Lawsuits	
Amount Sought	In excess of \$12,000,000
Amount Awarded	\$16,100
Administrative Appeals	
Concealed Handgun Carry License Appeals	62
Private Investigator, Security, Alarm Installation & Monitoring License Appeals*	13
Disciplinary Appeals to ASP Commission	2
Total Amount of Legal Claims Against ASP	In excess of \$20,000,000
Total Amount Awarded	\$16,100

#### OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



Captain Paulette Ward Commander



Sergeant Tiffany Dycus Investigator

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is staffed with a Captain and a Sergeant who serve as investigators for administrative investigations conducted on employees of the Arkansas State Police. OPS is staffed with an Assistant Program Administrator who is responsible for revisions and additions to policies and procedures, completing special projects, and assisting the officers assigned to OPS.

2019 OPS Investigations	
Inter-Departmental Complaints	35
External Complaints	14
Racial Profiling Complaints	0
Officer-Involved Shootings	6
Avoidable Crash Investigations	31
Total	86

OPS conducts administrative investigations when a complaint is filed against an ASP employee. Investigators are responsible for investigating all complaints filed on employees, officer-involved shootings, racial profiling allegations involving ASP troopers, and avoidable crashes that involve any ASP vehicle. OPS is also responsible for compiling data from pursuits and use of force incidents for the Division.





**Bridget White**Highway Safety Office Administrator

The Highway Safety Office (HSO) administers state and federal highway safety funds and oversees highway safety program efforts supported by those funds for the State of Arkansas. The HSO develops an annual highway safety plan, which identifies traffic-related safety problems in Arkansas and recommends programs most effective in reducing traffic fatalities, injuries, and crashes. A performance plan was prepared which described the State's highway safety problem identification process and identified the State's highway safety benchmarks and goals. The highway safety plan described the strategies for meeting the goals outlined in the performance plan and allocation of highway safety funds. The HSO implemented projects and facilitated activities and programs that contributed toward reaching the State's highway safety goal. Projects and activities implemented included, but were not limited to:

- Selective Traffic Enforcement Projects
- Safe Communities Projects
- Child Passenger Safety Projects
- A Teen Driver Safety Project
- DWI Courts
- eCrash/eCitation Projects
- Law Enforcement, Judicial and Prosecutor Training
- Public Information and Awareness Campaigns
  - Click It or Ticket
  - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
  - U Drive U Text U Pay
  - Speed: Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine
  - Toward Zero Deaths
  - Look Twice for Motorcycles Share the Road

The HSO recognizes that the achievement of quantified goals is dependent not only on the work of its office, but also on the collaborative and ongoing efforts of a multitude of governmental and private entities involved in improving highway safety in Arkansas. HSO expenditures for Calendar Year 2019 were approximately \$6.3 million.









**Lieutenant Jeff Whitlock** Fleet Manager

2019 Fleet Statistics	
Total Vehicles at the beginning of 2019	841
Vehicles Added	138
Vehicles sent to M&R	79
Accidents Involving Fleet Vehicles	153
Estimated Miles Driven in 2019	15,126,528
Estimated Gallons of Fuel in 2019	971,530.729
Fuel Cost for 2019	\$2,198,046.93





**Major Charles Hubbard**Commander



Captain Roby Rhoads Assistant Commander



**Lieutenant Rick Neill**Recruiting and Training



Sergeant Michael Gunnett
Training Unit



Sergeant Ben Hoyt Training Unit



**Phillip Warriner** Human Resources Administrator



Sergeant Wanda James Recruiting Section



**Sergeant Craig Teague** Recruiting Section

Staff within the Administrative Services Division (ASD) are responsible for providing guidance to the Director's Office, command staff, management and supervisors in regard to training, recruiting, and workforce issues. They also maintain liaisons with other state entities, representing the department at legislative proceedings and conduct Line of Duty Death Benefit briefings for various law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, the ASD staff present monthly reports to the Arkansas State Police Commission regarding uniformed personnel matters and the ASP Uniformed Health Plan.

The ASD is also responsible for the administration of the Sergeant and Lieutenant written examinations. Arkansas State Police hosts promotional testing for commissioned officers every two (2) years with an average of 200 eligible candidates. The ASD coordinates the administration of candidate testing and testing locations for the written examinations; assigns Test Proctors to oversee testing at each off-site location; and coordinates the off-site Oral Board exams. This is a lengthy process which takes up to eighteen (18) months for preparation and completion of the testing sessions.

The ASD works closely with personnel who are members of the National Guard and Reserve forces to ensure a seamless process for these employees who transition from full-time employment status to inactive status during periods of military leave. The ASP Training Staff work hard to ensure these military members meet all mandatory training requirements.

#### TRAINING AND RECRUITING

#### TRAINING UNIT

The Arkansas State Police (ASP) Training Staff consists of ten (10) commissioned officers and two (2) non-commissioned employees. They are responsible for coordinating and implementing all levels of training for the Department. The Training Unit responsibilities include, but are not limited to, Troop School planning and coordination, Canine training, the Training Academy management, Physical Fitness training, Use of Force and Pursuit Driving basic/remedial



training, E-Citation tactical training, TASER training, Radar training, Firearms training, Violent Encounter Resolution Skills (VERS) defensive tactics training, Active Shooter training, Instructor Development training, Arkansas Healthy Employee Lifestyle Program (AHELP) coordination, Drug Recognition Expert coordination, Field Training Officer Training Program coordination, Riot Control training, Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) testing certification coordination, assisting with the ASP Promotional Process, body armor replacement, equipment maintenance, and other duties as assigned. One (1) member of the training staff serves as the State Firearms Instructor and the ASP Armorer. The responsibilities for this position include issuing, completing inventory of, and the ordering of all ammunition and firearms for the Department. Additionally, the Armorer assists with any needed firearm repairs and is responsible for coordinating the Wrightsville firing range schedule to include maintaining the supplies, scheduling, and maintenance.

In 2019, the Training Section presented, coordinated, and/or certified 1,132 training hours for the 2019-A Troop School. This training culminated in the graduation of thirty-six (36) newly commissioned troopers for Arkansas. Training classes included, but were not limited to, basic and advanced firearms training and qualification, Active Shooter Training, Emergency Vehicle Operations, VERS course, Bias-Free Policing training, an X2 Taser course, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE). The ASP SWAT Team, ERT, K9 Teams, and Hostage Negotiator Teams logged over 600 hours of training across their respective units. During 2019, construction of the ASP Driving Course continued and was on track for its completion by spring of 2020. The ASP training section also instructed multiple outside agencies in various courses. This type of training helps further the ASP mission of helping outside agencies.

#### 2019 Arkansas State Police Training Classes

- Physical Fitness Training
- Use of Force
- TASER Training
- VERS Instructor Course
- X2 TASER Training
- Bias Free Policing Training
- K9 Training
- ASP SWAT Training

- Pursuit Driving / Remedial Training
- Firearms Training
- Retiree Firearms Training
- ARIDE Training
- Level 1 Supervisor Course
- Naloxone Training
- Troop School Planning and Preparation





#### RECRUITING UNIT

In an effort to recruit the most qualified personnel for the position of an Arkansas State Trooper, the Recruiting Unit works diligently to promote the Arkansas State Police at every opportunity.

ASP Recruiters traveled to each Troop/Company to provide information to interested applicants. These events provide applicants the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what it means to be an Arkansas State Trooper. In addition to the recruitment efforts, the Recruiting Unit is responsible for administering Trooper applications. This begins with the Initial Contact Form, followed by scheduling and administering the physical assessment test, written exam, polygraph testing, background investigations, and the oral interview process, which are all hiring and selection requirements for future recruit school applicants. The recruiting staff received 382 Initial Contact Forms for the 2019-A Troop School.

In 2019, recruiting staff contacted a total of 367 applicants to take the physical assessment and written examination to become a commissioned officer. Of the applicants contacted, 270 took the Physical Assessment Test. As part of the hiring process, the Recruiting Unit conducted 218 written tests, reviewed 165 polygraph results, and administered 123 background investigations. From the background investigations, 100 applicants were selected to advance to the final two stages in the hiring process which took place in November and December of 2019.



#### ASP BENEFITS AND HEALTH PLAN

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for Medical, Pharmacy, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance and Long Term Disability for members consisting of active and retired employees and eligible spouses and dependents for a group of 3,022 total covered lives. In 2019, this unit processed supplemental insurance billing in the amount of \$364,263.91, dental/vision totaling \$446,190.58, and \$1,572,272.99 in retirement premiums. In addition, Benefits processed twenty-eight (28) retirements and one (1) medical retirement.

ASD is tasked with the coordination of Annual Open Enrollment for ASP Uniformed employees. ASD personnel attend monthly State Employee Health Subcommittee and Board meetings in order to stay abreast of insurance enhancements as well as benefit and rate changes for state employees. In addition, the division staff handles the annual IRS 1095 form reporting and all division contracts.

ASD assisted in and/or completed Special Projects, such as but not limited to, the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Legislative Audit – ASP Health Plan, Health Insurance Cost Study for US Census Bureau, and assisted in compiling & verifying coverage for 1094 & 1095 reports.





Major Lindsey Williams Commander State Fire Marshal



Lieutenant Cora Gentry Identification Bureau/AFIS



**Lieutenant Michael Moyer** Regulatory and Building Operations



Sergeant Lynn Breckenridge
Regulatory and Building Operations



**Sergeant Larry Dawson** Fire and Explosives Unit



**Sergeant Michael Wallace**Maintenance and Inmate Services



Sergeant Dustin Morgan Private Investigators and Security Guard Licensing



James Trammell
Concealed Handgun Licensing



Corporal Lindy Cartwright
Crash Records

The Regulatory and Building Operations Division includes the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Private Investigator, Security Guard, and Alarm Company Licensing Section, Mail and Copy Room, Crash Record Section, Used Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing, Identification Bureau, Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), and Concealed Handgun Licensing.

#### FIRE AND EXPLOSIVES UNIT



#### FIRE

The fire investigators worked 100 fires during 2019. They assisted city, state, and federal agencies throughout the state.



#### **EXPLOSIVES**

The Hazardous Device Technicians responded to twenty-nine (29) explosives related calls across Arkansas during 2019. The State Police Bomb Team

supported the ASP SWAT team on four calls during 2019. The Arkansas State Police Bomb Team currently consists of three members; all are certified as Hazardous Device Technicians by the FBI.



#### REGULATORY SERVICES ACTIVITY 2019

CONCEALED HANDGUN CARRY LICENSE		P.ISECURITY-ALARM INSTALLATION AND MONIT	ORING
New Applications	11,033	Class A, B & E Applications	681
Renewal Applications	23,052	Class C Applications	33
Applications for Transfer	783	Class D Applications	232
New Instructor License	37	Alarm Apprentice	204
		Alarm Agent	246
AFIS		Alarm Monitor	716
Criminal Fingerprint Cards Processed	136,187	Alarm Technician	787
ASP Electronic Fingerprint Site	65	Assistant Training Administrator	20
Non-ASP Electronic Fingerprint Sites	196	Assistant Training Administrator-IOI	1
Civil Fingerprint Cards Processed	103,208	Company- Private Business/School Security Dept.	15
Police Applicant Cards Processed	4,999	Credentialed Private Investigator	67
Mobile AFIS Requests Processed	2,407	Commissioned Security Officer	894
		Commissioned School Security Officer	212
IDENTIFICATION BUREAU		IOI – Institution of Instruction	3
Background Checks Processed	41,341	Private Security Officer	2,494
<b>G</b>		Agency Representative (REP)	325
BLUE LIGHT SALES		Training Administrator	37
Sales Reported	11	Training Administrator - IOI	3
		Training Instructor	0
CRASH REPORTS		Training Instructor - IOI	2
Crash Reports Received	14,278	Opened Complaints	13
Crash Reports Sold	29,820	Closed Complaints	13
		Company Audits	0
POLYGRAPH AND VOICE STRESS		Examinations Administered	111
Polygraph Examiner Application	12		
Intern Polygraph Examiner Application	6	MAIL ROOM	
Voice Stress Analysis Examiner Application	15	Copies Made Per Year	833,427
		Pieces of Mail Processed Per Year	169,354
fire marshal's Office			
Fireworks Licenses Issued	1,138		
Above-Ground Storage Tanks Permitted	88	USED MOTOR VEHICLE	
Building Plan Reviewed	356	New Dealer Application	465
Inspections	333	Renewal Dealer Applications	2,589
Fire Investigations	100	Satellite Applications	34
Bomb/Explosives Calls	29	Dealer Complaints	562
Swat Responses	7		
Hours of Explosive Training Provided	183		
Hours of Explosive Training Received	1,083		
MAINTENANCE Hours Spent on AWIN Projects	8,613		
Miles Driven-AWIN Projects	115,745		
Milles Dilvett-VAAIIA LIOJects	113,/43		

## NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TROOP HEADQUARTERS

## TROOP D - FORREST CITY



## TROOP F - WARREN



### TROOP I – HARRISON



TROOP L – LOWELL



#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



Major Mark Hollingsworth
Commander

Company A

Company C

Lt. Dennis Morris



Captain David Lafferty
CID Assistant Commander

Company B



Lt. Stacie Rhoads

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The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is responsible for criminal law enforcement, including drug enforcement, Internet Child Exploitation and all other non-traffic enforcement activities of the Department. The Division is comprised of six (6) Companies, each of which is responsible for the coverage of two (2) Highway Patrol troops. The Criminal Investigation Division includes several specialized units. The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) conducts white-collar crime and Federal Task Force investigations at the direction of the Division Commander. These Federal Task Forces include the United States Marshal's Office Fugitive Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force and the FBI ARKTRUST Task Force. The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) section works with local, state, and federal agencies to prevent and prosecute child pornography and other internet crimes against children. The Arkansas State Fusion Center (ASFC) disseminates criminal information and intelligence. Major Mark Hollingsworth commanded the Criminal Investigation Division during 2019.





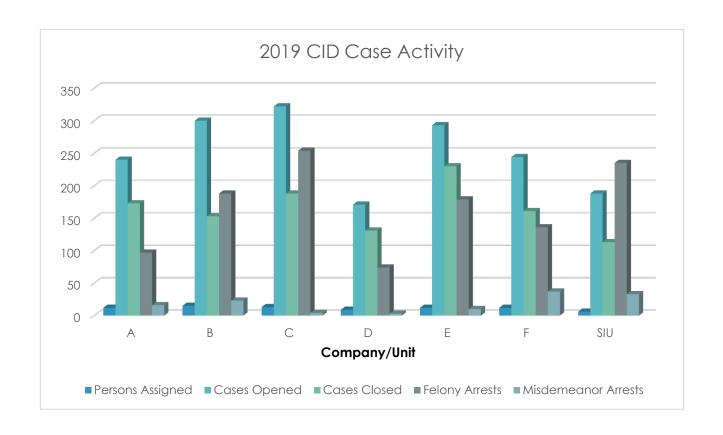


#### 2019 CID ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

CID opened 1,758 cases in 2019, with some cases resulting in multiple felony charges. Outlined below are the statistics by Company or Unit and by category.

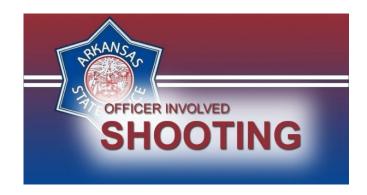
#### 2019 CID CASE ACTIVITY

Company/ Unit	Persons Assigned	Cases Opened	Cases Closed	Felony Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests
Α	12	240	173	97	16
В	15	300	153	188	23
С	13	322	188	254	4
D	9	171	131	74	3
Е	12	293	230	179	10
F	12	244	161	136	37
SIU/Admin	6	188	113	235	33
Total	79	1758	1149	1163	126

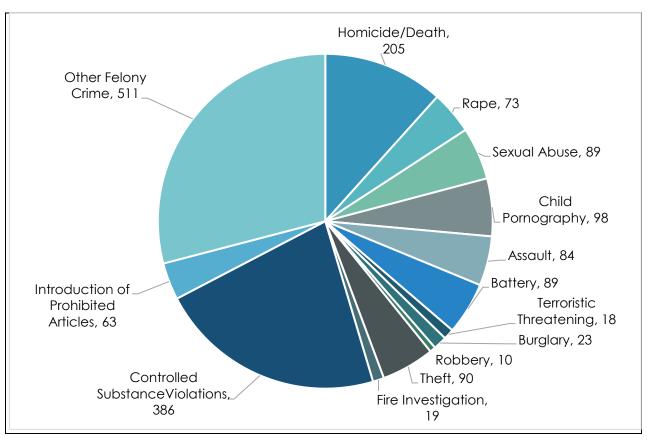


#### 2019 CRIMES BY CATEGORY

Crime	Totals
Homicide/Death	225
Rape	73
Sexual Abuse	89
Child Pornography	98
Assault	84
Battery	89
Terroristic Threatening	18
Burglary	23
Robbery	10
Theft	90
Fire Investigation	19
Controlled Substance Violations	386
Introduction of Prohibited Articles	63
Other Felony Crime	511
Total	1758





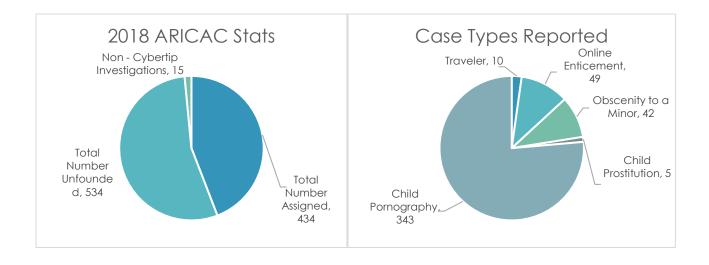




#### INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

Since 2003, the Arkansas Internet Crimes Against Children (ARICAC) Task Force Program has been organizationally housed and supported by the Criminal Investigation Division. The ARICAC is one of 61 coordinated, nationally networked task forces across the United States whose enforcement efforts are supported by Federal grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Enforcement efforts of the state, county and local law enforcement agencies and non-profit entities participating in the ARICAC Task Force Program are directed toward investigating, prosecuting and preventing technology-facilitated crimes against children; specifically the production, distribution and possession of child pornography, sextortion and live-streaming of child sexual abuse, child sex trafficking and child sex tourism.

During the calendar year of 2018, the CID received and processed 1,453 CyberTips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) resulting in ARICAC Task Force Program participating agencies initiating 502 investigations, including investigations not involving CyberTips. Also during the year, 271 Community Outreach programs were conducted with 82,519 attendees.







Celestina Williams
ASFC Administrator

The Arkansas State Fusion Center (ASFC) and its governing body, known as the Arkansas State Fusion Center Executive Committee, was established by Executive Order (EO) 08-11 on May 19, 2008. The EO expressly provided that the Fusion Center be "organizationally located" within the Department of the Arkansas State Police (ASP). The ASFC is one of 80 coordinated, nationally networked fusion centers across the United States.

In 2019, the ASP provided six full-time civilian personnel as staff to the ASFC: Tina Williams served as the ASFC Administrator/Director, and Chris Carter served as the ASFC Intelligence Analyst Supervisor. Other ASP personnel included ASFC Senior Intelligence Analysts Shemiracle King and Danny Watkins, ASFC Software Support Specialist Bradley Coleman, and Administrative Specialist Janet Parker.

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Director of ASP or the Director's designee (serves as Chair) and representatives from the following 18 federal, state, and local partners:

- 1. U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- 2. U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas
- 3. U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas
- 4. Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 5. Adjutant General of Arkansas
- 6. Attorney General of Arkansas
- 7. Arkansas Department of Health
- 8. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
- 9. Arkansas Crime Information Center
- 10. Arkansas Department of Correction
- 11. Arkansas Department of Community Correction
- 12. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- 13. Arkansas Highway Police
- 14. Arkansas Prosecuting Attorney's Association
- 15. Arkansas Sheriffs' Association
- 16. Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police
- 17. Office of the Governor.
- 18. Arkansas Fire Fighter's Association



Executive Committee agency directors are encouraged to assign personnel to the ASFC to aid in accomplishing the Fusion Center's "All Crimes, All Threats mission of promoting "the collection, integration, and evaluation of information that has an effect on detecting and preventing criminal or terrorist-related activity..." while serving "as an intergovernmental bridge between federal, state, and local entities to promote collaboration and information-sharing."

In 2019, the Arkansas Department of Correction (DOC) provided one full-time senior intelligence analyst and the Arkansas Department of Community Corrections (ACC) provided one full-time senior intelligence analyst. The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) provided one part-time emergency manager to the Fusion Center and the Arkansas Department of Health supports ASFC via an assigned liaison. Finally, the Arkansas National Guard provided one full-time senior intelligence analyst.



Federally, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides one full-time intelligence officer and two part-time Customs and Border Protection Investigators. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has one Intelligence Analyst assigned to the ASFC and one Supervisory Intelligence Analyst to the ASFC in a liaison capacity.

All other operational needs of the ASFC, not supported by the ASP budget, are supported by Federal grant funding provided by DHS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) administered by ADEM.

The ASFC provides work center space for up to 12 analysts. All fusion center analysts and staff hold at least a "Secret" level security clearance. The approximately 5000+ square foot facility offers additional office, meeting and conference room space and is an alternate operations site for the FBI. The space includes a "Secret" level DHS certified secure room housing both FBI and DHS classified systems. The secure room also supports an operational secure video teleconferencing system (SVTC).

The results of the 2019 ASFC Assessment, conducted by DHS and its interagency partners as well as the National Network of Fusion Centers (National Network), found that the ASFC was 100% compliant in meeting all defined Critical Operational Capabilities (COCs) and Enabling Capabilities (ECs).

2019 Fusion Center Activities	
Bulletins	469
Hotline Reports	231
Requests for Information	643
Requests for Services	2
Presentations	17



#### During 2019, ASFC personnel:

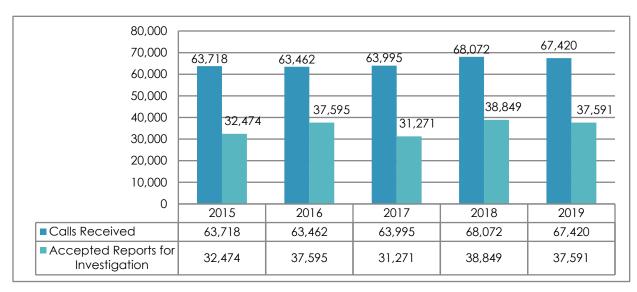
- Provided instruction on Fusion Center operations and on the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) to officers attending the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in East Camden, Jacksonville, and Springdale
- Provided instruction on Fusion Center operations and on the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) to
  officers attending the ASP Troop School, the ACC Parole/Probation Academy, and the Little Rock
  Police Academy
- Produced analytic products recognized in the DHS "Fusion Center Product Portfolio" as quality products
- Provided a Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) portal to facilitate communications by and between security and first responders at the 2019 Little Rock Marathon and Komen Race for the Cure
- Provided training to 43 new Homeland Security Liaison Officers (HSLO) and hosted an annual HSLO conference with 19 trained HSLOs in attendance
- The ASFC Director Tina Williams, continued the fellowship assignment with the Department of Homeland Security, deploying quarterly to Washington, DC
- One attended the Annual Human Trafficking Conference in Ridgeland, MS
- One attended the Intermediate Tradecraft and Analysis Course hosted by DHS in Richmond, VA
- Two attended the Annual Southern Shield Fusion Center Directors/Lead Analysts conference in Huntsville, AL
- One attended the CompTIA Security Prep Course training in Arlington, VA
- Three attended the Foundations of Intelligence Analysis Training program hosted by the Law Enforcement Intelligence Units (LEIU) in Bryan, TX, Chicago, IL and Las Vegas, NV
- One attended the Regional Annual International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts Training conference in Tulsa, OK
- Two attended the International Association of Crime Analyst Training Conference in Oxon Hill, MD
- One attended the Annual National Gang Crime Research Analysts Training in Chicago, IL
- Three attended the National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) training event held in Alexandria, VA



Major Jeffrey Drew Division Commander



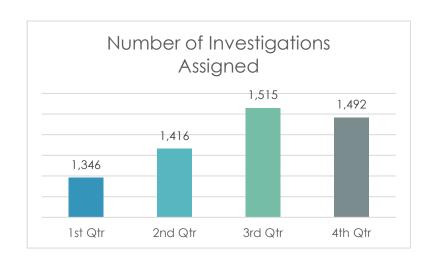
The Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) operates with one (1) Division Commander, one (1) Investigations Administrator, one (1) Admin Specialist III, three (3) Admin Specialist II, eleven (11) Area Managers, seventy-three (73) Investigators, one (1) Hotline Administrator, (5) Hotline Supervisors and thirty-five (35) Hotline Operators.



Child Abuse Hotline operators in the CACD of the Arkansas State Police received 67,420 reports in 2019. Of these reports, 37,591 were accepted as legally valid allegations of abuse or neglect. They were assigned for investigation to CACD investigators or to the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS).



The reports accepted by the Hotline are divided into categories for investigation, pursuant to an agreement with DHS. This resulted in **5,899** cases being investigated by the CACD's Investigation section in 2018. Each report may contain multiple allegations.



#### Total Priority I Allegations by type for 2019

Total Priority I Allegations by type for 2017				
Abandonment – 1	Medical Neglect of Disabled Infant – 1			
Abuse w/a Deadly Weapon – 58	Mental Injury – 11			
Bone Fracture – 132	Oral sex – 237			
Brain Damage/Skull Fracture – 56	Poison/Noxious Substance – 13			
Burns/Scalding – 189	Pornography/Exposure to Live Sex – 122			
Cuts, Bruises, Welts – 218	Sexual Contact – 2,511			
Death – 45	Sexual Exploitation – 116			
Failure to Protect – 130	Sexual Penetration – 968			
Failure to Thrive – 6	Sexual Solicitation – 52			
Immersion – 13	Voyeurism – 37			
Indecent Exposure – 122	Subdural Hematoma – 27			
Internal Injuries – 8	Suffocation – 274			
Juvenile Aggressor – 445	Threat of Harm – 140			
Malnutrition – 9	Trafficking – 30			

CACD investigators closed 5,513 cases in 2019. Of the closed cases, 1,851 were found to be 'true.'

The investigative determination of 'true' means there was a preponderance of evidence that indicated the allegation(s) was true. An 'unsubstantiated' finding means the evidence was insufficient to support the allegation(s). Investigations closed with a determination of 'true' were reported to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.





# 2019 CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN CONFERENCE







## EASTERN REGION (TROOPS A-F)



**Major Mike Foster** Highway Patrol Commander – Eastern Region

## TROOP COMMANDERS - EASTERN REGION



Troop A
Captain Mike Hagar

1 State Police Plaza Dr. Little Rock, AR 72209 **501-618-8282** Serves Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski, Saline Counties.



Troop C
Captain John Carter

2216 Browns Lane Access Jonesboro, AR 72401 **870-935-7302** Serves Clay, Craighead, Greene, Mississippi, Poinsett, and Randolph Counties.



Troop E Captain Randall Dias

6816 Princeton Pike Pine Bluff, AR 71602 870-247-1483 Serves Arkansas, Desha, Jefferson, and Lincoln Counties.



# Troop B Captain Todd Shaw

3200 Highway 367N Newport, AR 72112 **870-523-2701** Serves Cleburne, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Sharp, and White Counties.



# Troop D Captain David Moore

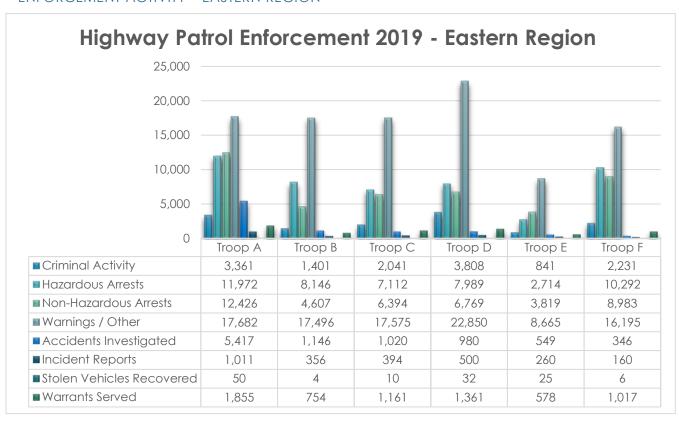
3205 North Washington Forrest City, AR 72335 **870-633-1454** Serves Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, St. Francis, and Woodruff Counties.



Troop F
Captain Scott Woodward

1237 North Myrtle Warren, AR 71671 **870-226-3713** Serves Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, Drew, Ouachita, and Union Counties.

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY - EASTERN REGION**





## WESTERN REGION (TROOPS G-L)



**Major Forrest Marks**Highway Patrol Commander – Western Region

## TROOP COMMANDERS - WESTERN REGION



Troop G Captain Brady Gore

2501 North Hazel

Hope, AR 71801 870-777-4641 Serves Columbia, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, and Sevier Counties.



Troop H Captain Jason Aaron

5728 Kelley Highway Fort Smith, AR 72914 **479-783-5195** Serves Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Scott, and Sebastian Counties.



Troop I Captain Wesley Smithee

2724 Airport Rd. Harrison, AR 72601 **870-741-3455** Serves Baxter, Boone, Fulton, Izard, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Stone Counties.



Troop J Captain Kyle Drown

2700 West Main Clarksville, AR 72830 **479-754-3096** Serves Conway, Johnson, Perry, Pope, Van Buren, and Yell Counties.



Troop K
Captain Ronald Casey

200 Karen Lane
Hot Springs, AR 71901
501-767-8550
Serves Clark, Garland, Grant, Hot
Spring, Montgomery, Pike, and
Polk Counties.

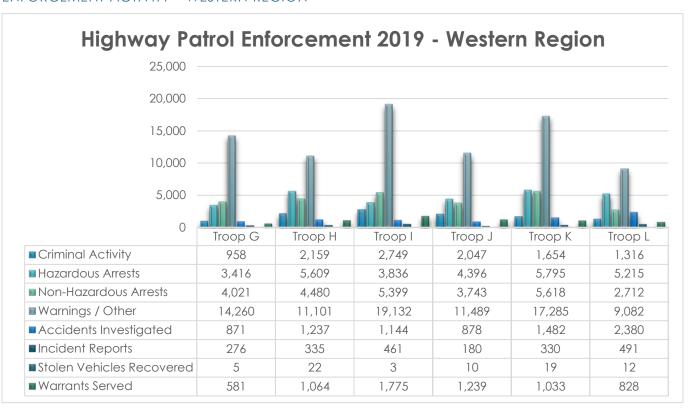


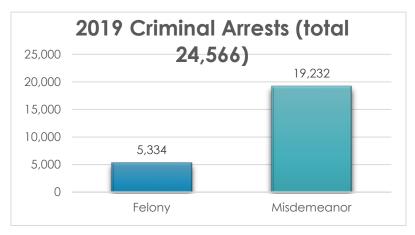
Troop L

Captain David Cooper

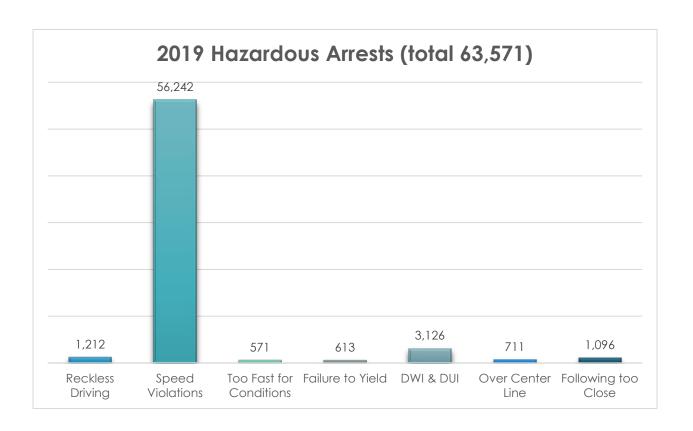
900 South 48th St. Springdale, AR 72762 **479-751-6663** Serves Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington Counties.

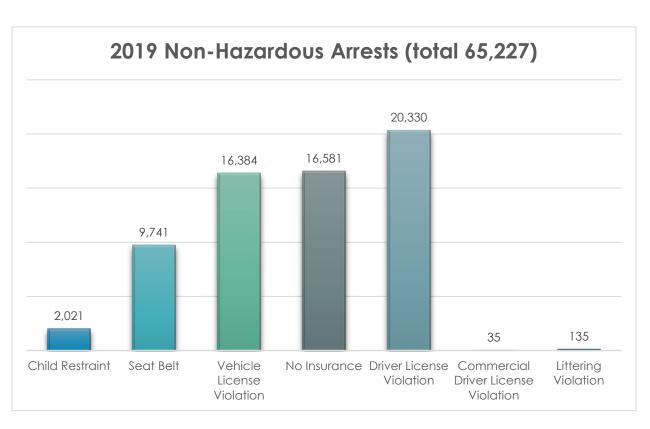
## ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY - WESTERN REGION











## ASP CANINE PROGRAM



In 2019, Arkansas State Police Canine (K-9) Program had nine narcotic detection canine teams assigned to Highway Patrol. The teams combined for 218 narcotics sniffs, resulting in the seizure of over 1,176 pounds of marijuana, 14.2 pounds of cocaine, 12.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 3.3 pounds of heroin, and over \$636,000.00







## TACTICAL AND AIR SUPPORT

#### AIR SUPPORT UNIT

During 2019 the Air Support Unit received 366 flight requests:

- 268 requests were made from within the Department
- ▶ 98 requests were made from federal, state or local agencies

Results of the requested flights:

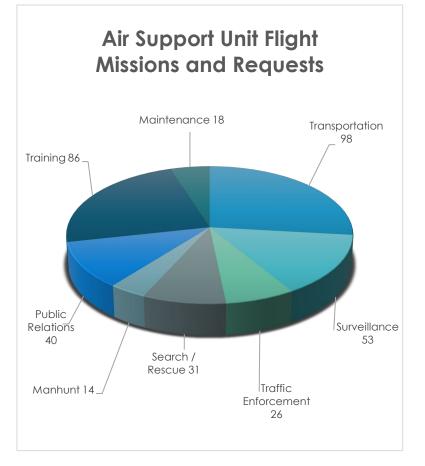
- 275 flights completed as requested
- 65 flights canceled or declined due to weather, availability or maintenance issues
- ➤ 26 flights canceled by the requestor prior to the flight

The Air Support Unit flew 498 hours during 2019:

- ➤ 225.7 hours N524SP, Bell 407 helicopter
- > 179.4 hours N523SP, Cessna 206
- > 92.9 hours N390SP, Beechcraft B200 King Air







### SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM



The Arkansas State Police SWAT team consists of approximately 25 highly trained troopers from various divisions within the Department. Selection for this team is highly competitive as are the standards to remain a member of the unit. Team members are dispersed across the state, which allows for immediate response to tactical situations by several members, while the remaining team members travel to the location with specialized equipment. Team members, who are also law enforcement certified instructors, assist with training at the troop level and for new recruits during a Troop School.



In 2019, ASP SWAT members spent approximately 250 hours training. Training focused on problem-solving specific threats such as barricaded suspects, hostage rescue, and counterterrorism missions. Training included less-lethal and chemical munitions, counterterrorism tactics, SWAT K-9 techniques, technology tactics (robots), firearms proficiency, ballistic-vehicle training (B.E.A.R.), rural mission operations, commercial and residential entry techniques, and explosive breaching. The ASP SWAT Team is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as a Level 1 team (the highest ranking). The ASP SWAT team assisted federal, county, and local law enforcement agencies with several successful tactical missions during 2019. The ASP SWAT Team was activated 16 times in the year 2019, which is the most activations for a one-year period in the history of the team.

## Following are the activations for the year 2019:

- 1. <u>January 4:</u> The team was deployed to Heber Springs (Cleburne County) where a former county deputy had barricaded himself in a bathroom of the Cleburne County Sheriff's Office armed with a rifle. The suspect surrendered to the entry team without incident after negotiators convinced him to exit the bathroom unarmed.
- 2. January 9 January 10: The team was deployed to Lake Village (Chicot County) at the request of ASP CID to arrest a subject that had been convicted of two counts of capital murder in Mississippi two years prior and had avoided capture. The subject was also a suspect in recent homicides in central and south Arkansas and was suspected of selling narcotics and weapons. The team deployed a small arrest team via the ASP Aircraft Section if the suspect tried to flee before the entire team arrived. Once the entire team was on scene, the arrest and search warrant were executed. Upon contact with the suspect, he surrendered without incident.
- 3. <u>January 15:</u> Six Team members were deployed to the Arkansas State Capitol (Pulaski County) to provide additional tactical security for Governor Hutchinson's inaugural address.
- 4. <u>March 5:</u> Twelve team members were deployed to Helena-West Helena (Phillips County) to assist the US Marshals and DEA with a regional round-up called Operation *Press Your Luck*. The team's primary role was one of support in the event tactical expertise was needed by one of the federal teams. The operation successfully concluded without incident after numerous arrests.
- 5. <u>March 6:</u> Ten team members were deployed to Stuttgart (Arkansas County) for an armed and barricaded suspect who had led police on a high-speed chase and was refusing to exit his pickup truck. After failed negotiations with the armed suspect, less lethal CS gas was introduced, and the subject surrendered to the team. This was the first deployment of the ASP Drone Team in a tactical setting.
- 6. <u>March 16:</u> Four team members and the BEARCAT were deployed in Little Rock (Pulaski County) to support ERT and LRPD with a planned protest that was at the scene of an officer involved shooting that had occurred the month prior. The protest concluded without incident.
- 7. **April 22:** Six members were deployed to the State Capitol to tactically support ERT and LRPD with a planned protest from an officer involved shooting. The protest concluded without incident.
- 8. <u>May 28:</u> Ten team members were deployed to Garland County to serve a Drug Task Force (DTF) warrant on subject for meth distribution. Several subjects were inside the residence and upon refusing to comply with exit commands, less lethal CS gas was introduced into the structure and the subjects surrendered without further incident.
- 9. <u>May 30:</u> Seven team members and the BEARCAT were activated to serve a federal search warrant on the ring leader of a drug trafficking ring in Benton, AR. (Saline County) The warrant was served and the mission concluded without incident.
- 10. <u>August 21 August 22:</u> The Team was deployed to Formosa (Van Buren County) for an armed and barricaded suspect that was wanted for aggravated assault. The suspect was holding his 9 year old son hostage and was refusing to release him. After many hours of failed negotiations,

the decision was made to make entry into the residence to rescue the child. Once inside the residence, several team members encountered the suspect in the darkness as he moved away from a barricaded position. He was armed with a large caliber revolver and was clutching his son. The suspect refused to comply with orders to drop the weapon. He raised the weapon in the direction of the Troopers and was fatally injured. The child was quickly rescued and removed from the scene without injury. No team members were hurt. \*\* It is believed this is the only, or the only one of a few, hostage rescues conducted under NOD (Night Optical Device) conditions by any American SWAT team.

- 11. <u>August 27:</u> The Team was deployed to West Helena (Phillips County) for a double homicide suspect that had barricaded himself in his home and was armed with an AK-47 style rifle. After failing to comply with orders to exit the house, the team began deploying less lethal CS gas into the structure. Suddenly, the suspect exited the structure and fired upon team members in the BEARCAT with the AK-47. The suspect was fatally injured. The BEARCAT received several bullet strikes from the suspect but no rounds penetrated the vehicle and no team members were injured.
- 12. <u>September 24:</u> The Team participated in *Operation Quack Attack* along with multiple FBI SWAT Teams with multiple targets in Southeast Arkansas as part of a drug trafficking, money-laundering ring that was suspected in several homicides and shootings. The team was assigned targets in Monticello (Drew County) and Warren (Bradley County). Both targets surrendered to the Team without incident.
- 13. <u>November 21:</u> The Team was deployed near London, AR (Johnson County) for a wanted suspect out of Louisiana that had fired upon a bail bondsman. The ASP Crisis Negation Team (CNT) attempted to negotiate a peaceful surrender for nearly 10 hours. Once negotiation efforts were exhausted, the Team introduced less lethal CS gas into the structure and the suspect shot himself committing suicide. No team members were injured.
- 14. <u>November 29:</u> Eight members of the team and the BEARCAT were requested to augment Little Rock PD SWAT with security at a SEC football game at War Memorial Stadium. The event concluded without incident.
- 15. <u>December 7:</u> Ten members were activated to assist CID Company A with the apprehension of a capital murder suspect in Lee County. After setting a perimeter around the suspect's parent's residence, ASP assets spent several hours attempting to contact the suspect via a PA system with no luck. Upon arrival, the Team utilized the BEARCAT to safely approach the house and made contact with the suspect who immediately surrendered.
- 16. <u>December 27:</u> Six members of the team were activated and responded to the scene of a suspect who had barricaded himself in a vehicle in Hot Springs County. The suspect spray painted the windows to limit visibility by law enforcement and threatened to injure any one that approached the vehicle. ASP CNT negotiated the suspect's surrender as the BEARCAT arrived and prepared to deploy CS gas.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

The Arkansas Emergency Response Team is comprised over 77 specially trained Troopers. Each Trooper on the team has extensive training in crowd and riot control. In addition to crowd and riot control, 31 specially trained Troopers are assigned to the Search and Rescue Team and an additional 7 team members are assigned to the ASP Drone Team.

The team trained with multiple agencies throughout the state including the Arkansas National Guard,



Little Rock Police Department, North Little Rock Police Department, Sherwood Police Department, Pulaski County Sheriff Department and the Arkansas Department of Correction. Instructors on the team provided approximately 162 hours of instruction in Mobile Field Force Operations to officers and police recruits throughout the State of Arkansas.

In 2019, the Emergency Response Team deployed 9 times. Several deployments were in response to calls for assistance from other agencies, which include; Little Rock Police Department, Arkansas State Police Troop D, ASP Company A, U.S. Marshals, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Drug Enforcement Administration. The team also provided security throughout the 2019 Arkansas State Fair.

The search and rescue team assisted ASP CID and the Prairie County Sheriff's Office with locating and recovering the buried remains of a homicide victim in Prairie County. ERT also assisted the DEA, FBI, and ASP SWAT team in executing multiple search and arrest warrants throughout the State on numerous operations.



#### CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM



The Crisis Negotiation Team is comprised of 12 troopers from both the Highway Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions. There is a competitive selection process for all team members and each member is expected to maintain high standards on the team and at their regular assignment. Each team member receives extensive training in active listening and communication skills, including a 40 hour course taught by FBI negotiators. The team as a whole trains

together eight times throughout the year compiling over 120 hours of training. All CNT members respond with the SWAT team to all activations and operations. The primary role of the Crisis Negotiation Team is to diffuse critical incidents through the use of active listening and communication skills.



In 2019, the Crisis Negotiation Team responded with ASP SWAT to six activations and three operations. Members of CNT also responded to three incidents to assist other agencies with negotiations for a total of twelve activations in 2019. Members of CNT spent time in active negotiations with subjects during the following incidents:

**January 4th:** CNT responded with SWAT to Cleburne County where a former sheriff's deputy was armed and barricaded inside a bathroom at the Sheriff's Office. Members of CNT negotiated with the subject for approximately two hours before he surrendered without incident.

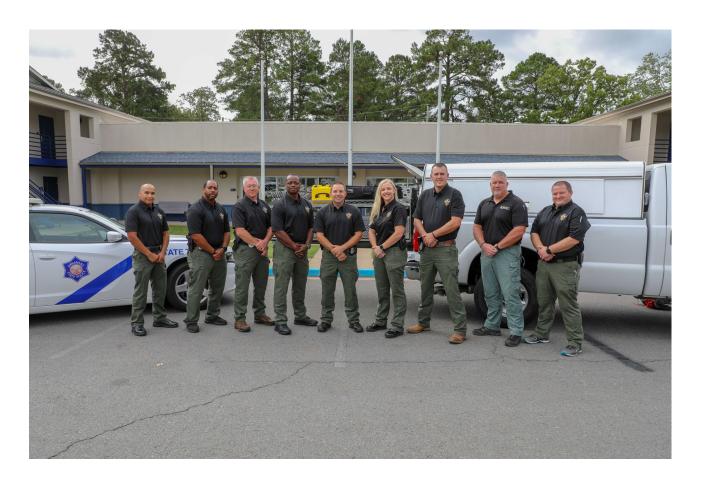
**April 17th:** One member of CNT responded to a gas station in Osceola in Mississippi County for a wanted felon that was armed and barricaded in a vehicle with a female victim. After several hours of negotiations, the female subject was released. After several more hours the subject surrendered as officers were pulling up to the vehicle with an armored vehicle.

**August 21st:** CNT responded with SWAT to Formosa in Van Buren County for a male subject armed and barricaded in a residence with a juvenile victim. Initial attempts by public address, phone, and text to make contact with the suspect were unsuccessful. After several hours though, the suspect made contact with ASP negotiators by phone. Members of CNT negotiated with the suspect for almost five hours before losing contact with the subject forcing SWAT to make entry into the residence. When SWAT made contact with the suspect he pointed a weapon at them forcing a deadly force encounter. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene and the juvenile victim was rescued without injury.

**October 21st:** CNT responded with SWAT to Johnson County for wanted felon that had fired on officers while they attempted to make an arrest at his residence. Members of CNT negotiated with the subject for approximately ten hours before losing contact with him. Members of the ASP drone team were able to fly two drones into the residence and verify that the subject had committed suicide.

**December 26<sup>th</sup>:** Two members of CNT responded to Randolph County to assist local officers with an armed subject that barricaded himself in a vehicle at his residence following a pursuit. After a lengthy negotiation the subject surrendered and was taken into custody without further incident.

**December 27<sup>th</sup>:** Two members of CNT responded to Hot Spring County to assist local officers. A subject fleeing from U.S. Marshals and local deputies wrecked out near his residence and barricaded himself in his vehicle with a weapon. After a short negotiation, the subject surrendered without incident.



#### CRASH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

The Arkansas State Police Crash Reconstruction Team consists of 5 highly trained Troopers from the Highway Patrol Division. 1 full time coordinator and 4 part time members are dispersed across the state. One member is nationally accredited through the Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR).

The ASP Crash Reconstruction Team is one of the most highly trained teams in the nation, and spends hundreds of hours each year in continuing education. The team teaches 3 weeks of basic crash investigation at the 2019 ASP Troop School.

The team utilizes 5 Nikon Total Station laser mapping devices with the REVEAL computer drawing program to produce "To Scale" drawings of fatal crash scenes. In 2019 the ASP team became the first department in the state of Arkansas to utilize Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) along with the PIX4d photo mapping software to map fatal crash scenes. Using this technology the crash team is able to produce 4d maps to within 1-3 cm of accuracy.

In 2019, the ASP Crash Team performed 10 full reconstructions, with 2 of those requested by outside agencies.

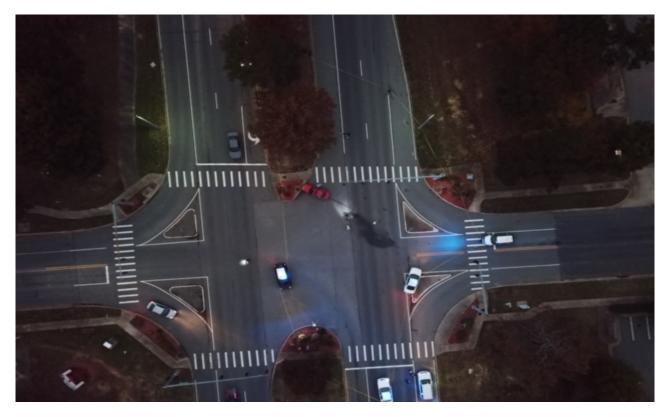
Also in 2019, the ASP Crash Team analyzed 71 Airbag Control Modules (ACM) using the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Tool, 10 of which were requested by outside agencies. The ACM is the computer "brain" of the vehicle that makes the decision of whether or not to deploy the airbag in a crash situation. The ACM continually monitors the various functions of the vehicle such as the vehicles speed, braking, engine RPMs, and steering angle.



#### ASP DRONE TEAM

The ASP Drone Team is organized under the Special Operations Coordinator. This team is comprised of 15 FAA Certified Pilots that assist ASP and other departments with manhunts, search and rescue, tactical surveillance, and crash reconstruction. The ASP Drone Program completed its first full year in 2019 and flew various missions throughout the year. The ASP Drone Program currently has 5 drones assigned to Crash Reconstruction, 6 assigned to CID, 1 assigned to the Emergency Response Team and 1 assigned to Special Operations.

A drone was utilized for the first time on a SWAT mission in Stuttgart, AR on March 6, 2019. The drone pilot was able to fly approximately 60 feet above the suspect and observe a rifle near the suspect's leg as he was using a vehicle for a barrier. The SWAT Team was unable to see the weapon, but the drone pilot was able to give real time updates via radio to the SWAT Team. A drone was used on a SWAT mission to fly inside of a house to look for a suspect that wasn't responding to negotiators or orders to surrender. This allowed the drone technology, rather than a SWAT Team member, to enter the structure and check bedrooms, closets, bathrooms, and living spaces prior to SWAT making entry. This technology was able to take ASP personnel out of the potential line of fire.



The ASP Crash Reconstruction Team has taken the drone technology to a whole new level. They are able to fly a grid over a crash scene, taking multiple photos and videos and upload them into a 4D drawing program called, PIX 4D. This has greatly enhanced presentations and testimonies inside the courtroom and during depositions. Using this technology, rather than using Total Stations that we have used for years, allows for the roadways to be opened sooner and the crash scene to be cleared quickly.

After reviewing the flight logs for 2019, the ASP Drone Program saved approximately \$17,495. These were missions that could have been flown by the ASP Helicopter, but instead a drone was used. The average cost per hour for the ASP Helicopter is approximately \$800.

For a number of years, the ASP Helicopter has been at the top of the list when a local agency calls the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management requesting an aircraft. Recently, the ASP Drone was placed first on the list due to the significant cost savings to send a drone and a pilot, rather than the helicopter. Not every mission is drone capable and a manned aircraft is may still be required in some situations. However, there are many missions that are drone capable. The ASP Helicopter is limited from time to time due



to weather conditions. ASP currently has a drone that is capable of flying in moderate rain and inclement weather. This drone will allow ASP to provide safety to our personnel when the ASP helicopter cannot fly. This technology is rapidly improving and it will continue to be a great asset and cost savings to our personnel and the citizens of Arkansas.

For 2019, the drone team logged approximately 100 hours of actual flight time.



## MOBILE INCIDENT COMMAND CENTER (MICC)

## TACTICAL COMMAND VEHICLE (TCV)

MICC and TCV are specialized communication vehicles used by the Arkansas State Police for command and control. The MICC and TCV are equipped with the latest technology to support field personnel and other agencies – local, state and federal – with tactical operations, disasters, and other emergencies. Troopers assigned to operate these vehicles are trained a minimum of 192 hours per year. Personnel assigned to the MICC and TCV include two full-time troopers, five troopers assigned as needed and one civilian employee. In 2019, MICC personnel trained with other agencies and private businesses to prepare for various types of emergencies which may occur in Arkansas.





TCV MICC

Personnel trained with the following:

- 1. Arkansas National Guard
- 2. Air Force (Little Rock Air Force Base)
- 3. Arkansas State Police CNT
- 4. Arkansas State Police SWAT
- 5. Arkansas State Police CRT
- 6. Arkansas State Police Drone Personnel
- 7. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

In 2019, the MICC and TCV was activated 11 times for ASP SWAT missions and assisted with four statewide events in Arkansas and surrounding states.

Missions completed in 2019:

- 1. Eleven ASP SWAT callouts
- 2. Bikers Blues and Barbeque Festival (4 day mission)
- 3. Arkansas State Fair (12 day mission)
- 4. Little Rock Razorback Game (1 day mission)
- 5. Arkansas Department Emergency Management Seminar (3 day mission)
- 6. Four States Emergency Management Training Seminar (3 Day mission)

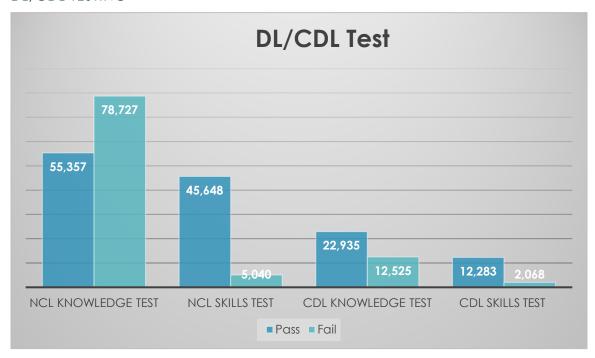
## HONOR GUARD



The Arkansas State Police Honor Guard was created in 1994 by Colonel John Bailey. It was created to pay tribute at funerals for in the line of duty deaths and retired Troopers. The first appointed Honor Guard Commander was Captain Bill Young. Sgt. David Donham and then Captain Jim Howington were the next Honor Guard Commanders appointed by the Colonel. The duties of the Honor Guard have evolved over the years. The Honor Guard assists with the Governors Inauguration as well as various events for the Governor. The Honor Guard also presents the colors for the General Assembly as well as the Attorney General annually. Since Sgt. Kim Fontaine became the Honor Guard Commander in 2016, they have implemented quarterly training and have consistently stayed at twenty members.

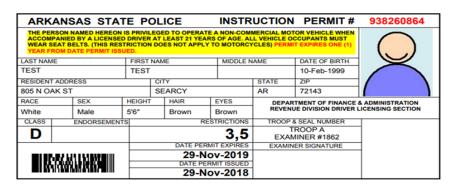


#### DL/CDL TESTING



There were 134,084 non-commercial license (NCL) knowledge exams (55,357 passed/78,727 failed) and 50,688 (NCL) skill exams (45,648 passed/5,040 failed). \*Totals include motorcycle knowledge and skills exams.

There were 36,478 commercial driver's license (CDL) knowledge exams (22,953 passed/12,525 failed) and 14,351 CDL skill exams (12,283 passed/2,068 failed) administered in 2019.





In September of 2018, the ASP DL Section launched a mobile app that allows applicants to take practice tests to help prepare for the knowledge exam. Applicants can download the app on any smartphone through the Google Play App or the Apple Store. Applicants can also access the practice test through the ASP Website. All practice test questions are taken directly from the ASP Driver's License study guide. Applicants can now also use their Google Home or Alexa devices to access the mobile testing app verbally where the device will interact with the applicant and read practice test questions.

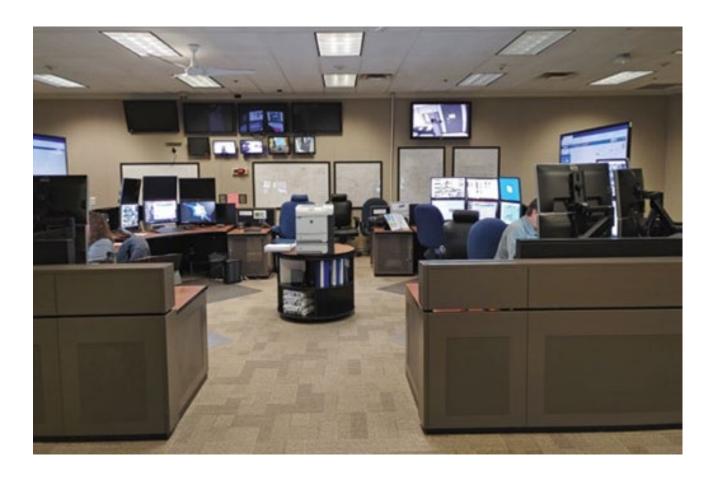


#### COMMUNICATIONS

Each of the twelve troop headquarters for the Arkansas State Police has a Communications Center staffed 24 hours a day. The Telecommunications Specialists and Supervisors assigned to these Centers are tasked with answering calls for service from the public and ensuring that the troopers patrolling the highways are safe.

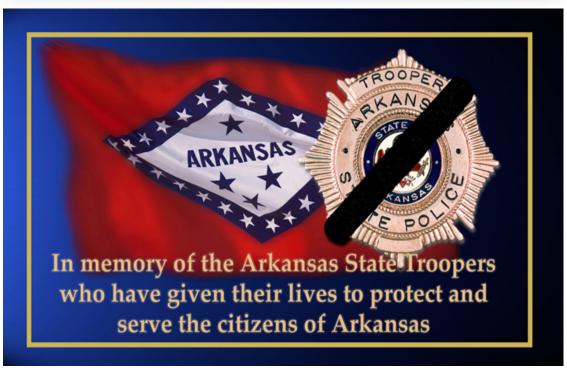
Calls for service range from reported accidents or incidents occurring on the highways, requests for assistance for stranded motorists, animals and debris in the road, reports of speeding, texting, or reckless drivers and road rage, to almost anything else one can imagine. Communications personnel contact ambulances, fire departments, other agencies, tow companies, and complete other tasks requested by troopers to ensure that Arkansas roadways remain clear, safe, and moving freely. Communications personnel are required to track the number of accidents, incidents, fatalities, vehicles towed and stored and many other things for their individual troops.

In addition to the above duties, Troop A Communications, located in Little Rock, is responsible for disseminating Arkansas AMBER Alerts, Silver Alerts and all fatality accident reports for the state of Arkansas. The most important duty of Communications personnel involves monitoring the location and activities of the troopers in each county, responding to their requests, and making sure that each officer goes home safe at the end of his/her shift.



# HALL OF HONOR







Sergeant Richard C. LeBow EOW: Monday, February 4, 2008

Cause: Automobile accident



Trooper Louis P. Bryant

EOW: Saturday, June 30, 1984

Cause: Gunfire



Corporal Mark W. Carthron

EOW: Monday, September 12, 2005

Cause: Vehicle pursuit



Corporal William L. Rose, Jr.

EOW: Tuesday, December 28, 1982

Cause: Automobile accident



Trooper First Class Jimmie H. White, II

EOW: Saturday, June 1, 2002 Cause: Motorcycle accident



Trooper Frederick G. Bailey

EOW: Friday, September 5, 1980

Cause: Gunfire



#### Trooper Herbert J. Smith

EOW: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 Cause: Automobile accident



#### Sergeant Kelly R. Pigue

EOW: Thursday, December 8, 1977

Cause: Automobile accident



#### Captain Thomas A. Craig

EOW: Thursday, December 14, 2000

Cause: Struck by vehicle



#### Trooper William R. Brooks, III

EOW: Thursday, February 27, 1975

Cause: Gunfire



## Corporal Johnny M. Scarberough

EOW: Wednesday, September 2, 1998

Cause: Struck by vehicle



#### Trooper Allen H. Bufford

EOW: Sunday, July 27, 1969

Cause: Gunfire



#### Trooper Clark K. Simpson

EOW: Saturday, February 18, 1989

Cause: Automobile accident



# Trooper Harry F. Locke

EOW: Saturday, September 24, 1966

Cause: Automobile accident



# Trooper Wilson A. Atkins, Jr.

EOW: Sunday, July 3, 1988

Cause: Struck by vehicle



## **Trooper Ermon B. Cox**

EOW: Sunday, August 17, 1958

Cause: Gunfire



#### Trooper Charles M. Bassing

EOW: Thursday, July 24, 1986

Cause: Aircraft accident



#### Trooper Algin S. Pavatt

EOW: Sunday, September 26, 1948

Cause: Gunfire



Corporal Robert W. Klein

EOW: Monday, October 15, 1984

Cause: Gunfire

