

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE

A Division of the Arkansas Department of Public Safety



2020 Annual Report

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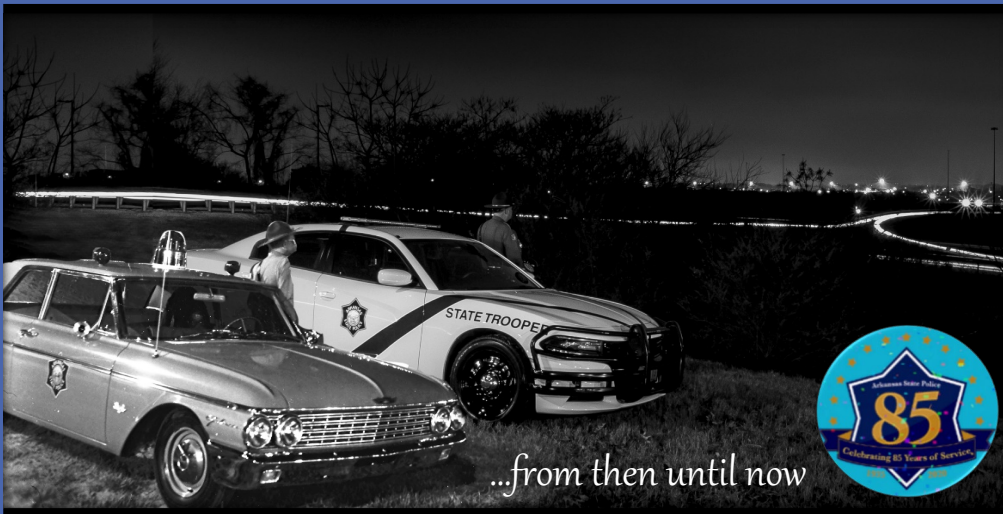


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ARKANSAS STATE POLICE MEMORIAL

In memory of the Arkansas State Troopers who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve the people of Arkansas.



It is not how these Troopers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived.



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



Corporal Mark W. Carthron
EOW: Monday, September 12, 2005
Cause: Vehicle pursuit



Trooper First Class Jimmie H. White, II
EOW: Saturday, June 1, 2002
Cause: Motorcycle accident



Trooper Herbert J. Smith
EOW: Wednesday, February 14, 2001
Cause: Automobile accident



Captain Thomas A. Craig
EOW: Thursday, December 14, 2000
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Corporal Johnny M. Scarberough
EOW: Wednesday, September 2, 1998
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Trooper Clark K. Simpson
EOW: Saturday, February 18, 1989
Cause: Automobile accident



Trooper Wilson A. Atkins, Jr.
EOW: Sunday, July 3, 1988
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Trooper Charles M. Bassing
EOW: Thursday, July 24, 1986
Cause: Aircraft accident



Corporal Robert W. Klein
EOW: Monday, October 15, 1984
Cause: Gunfire



Trooper Louis P. Bryant
EOW: Saturday, June 30, 1984
Cause: Gunfire



Corporal William L. Rose, Jr.
EOW: Tuesday, December 28, 1982
Cause: Automobile accident



Trooper Frederick G. Bailey
EOW: Friday, September 5, 1980
Cause: Gunfire



Sergeant Kelly R. Pigue
EOW: Thursday, December 8, 1977
Cause: Automobile accident



Trooper William R. Brooks, III
EOW: Thursday, February 27, 1975
Cause: Gunfire



Trooper Allen H. Bufford
EOW: Sunday, July 27, 1969
Cause: Gunfire



Trooper Harry F. Locke
EOW: Saturday, September 24, 1966
Cause: Automobile accident



Trooper Ermon B. Cox
EOW: Sunday, August 17, 1958
Cause: Gunfire

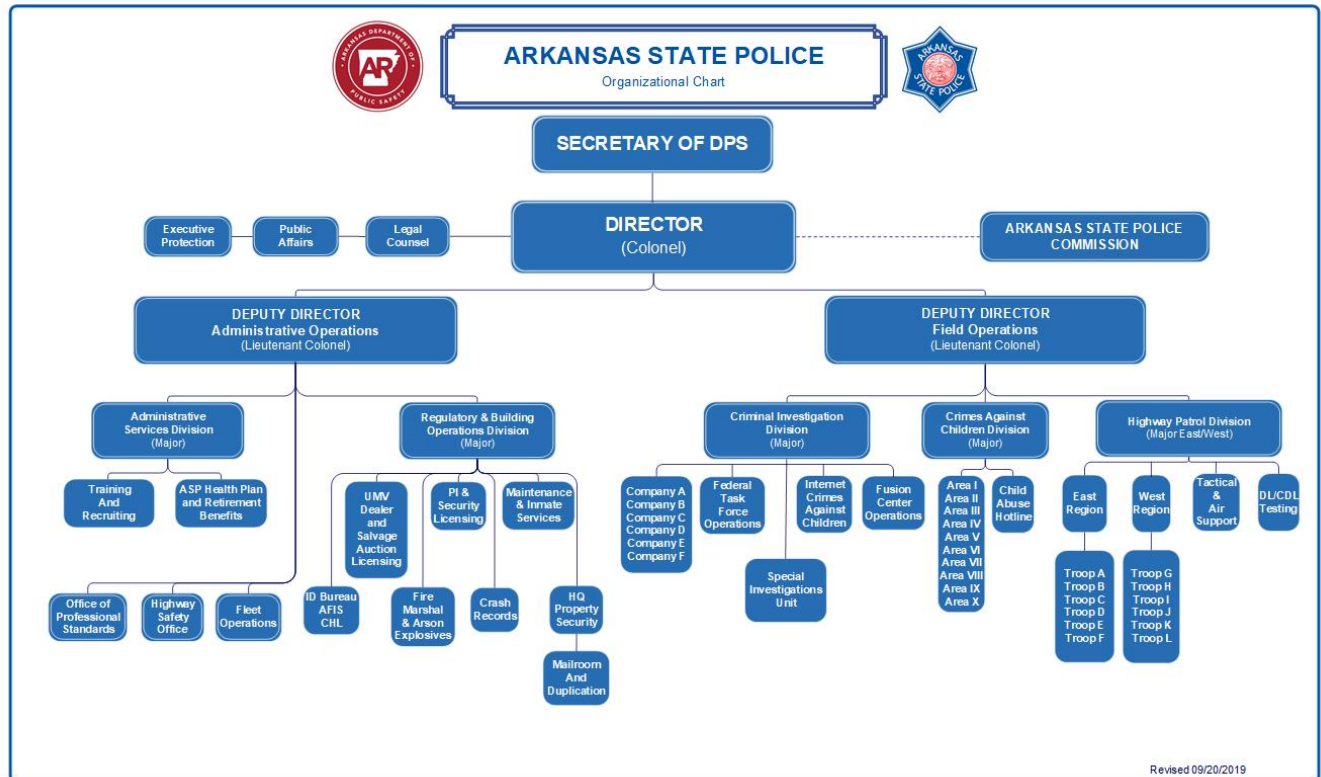


Trooper Algin S. Pavatt
EOW: Sunday, September 26, 1948
Cause: Gunfire



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

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



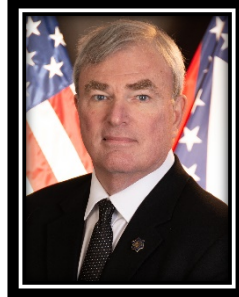
ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION

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.

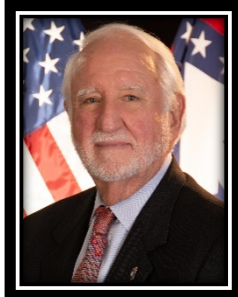
Commissioners who served on the Arkansas State Police Commission during 2020:



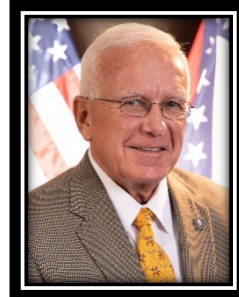
Jane Christenson
Chairman
Harrison
Term: 2014-2020



Neff Basore
Vice Chairman
Harrison
Term: 2015-2021



William Benton
Member
Heber Springs
Term 2016-2022



Steven Edwards
Member
Marianna
Term 2017-2023



Jeffery Teague
Member
El Dorado
Term 2018-2024



John W. Allison
Member
Conway
Term: 2019-2025



Jim Hinkle
Member
Conway
Term: 2020-2026





DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Colonel William J. "Bill" Bryant

Director

Colonel Bill Bryant served as Director for the Arkansas State Police in 2020. 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 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

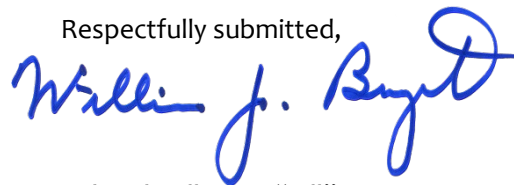
It is my honor to present the Arkansas State Police 2020 Annual Report to you. The report covers the activities of the Department of Arkansas State Police from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. Our Department strives to provide the highest standard of service to the people of Arkansas.

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.

2020 marked 85 years of service by the Arkansas State Police. Please enjoy some additional historical photos and details included in the report this year to commemorate this special ASP anniversary.

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,

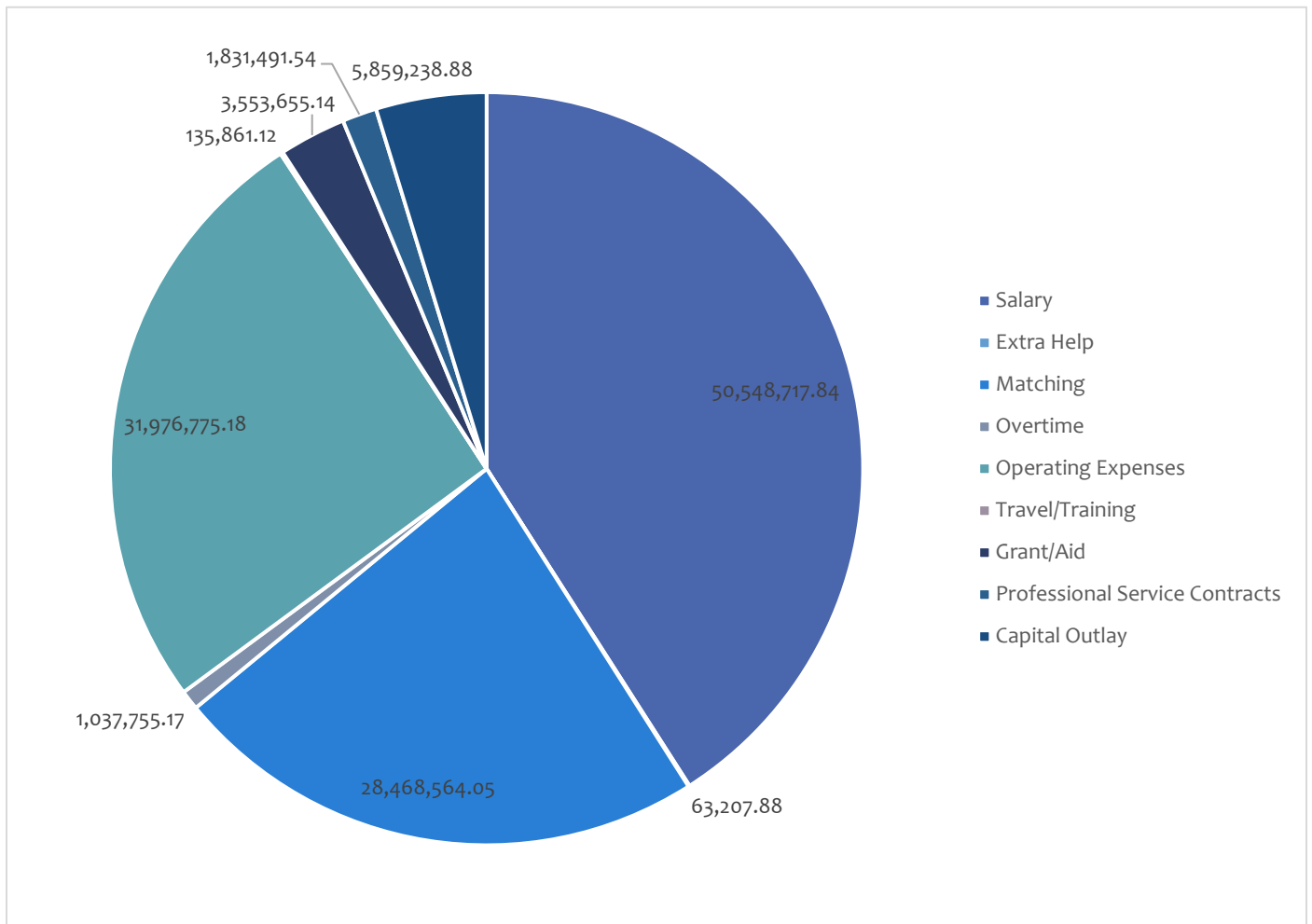


Colonel William J. "Bill" Bryant
Director



**Arkansas State Police
Calendar Year 2020 Expenses**

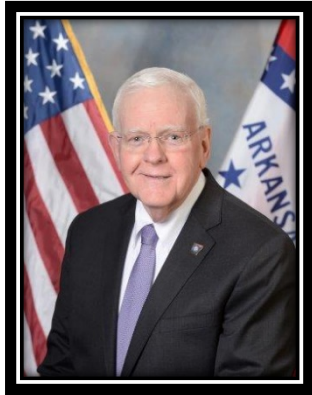
Expenses	Total
Salary	\$ 50,548,717.84
Extra Help	\$ 63,207.88
Matching	\$ 28,468,564.05
Overtime	\$ 1,037,755.17
Operating Expenses	\$ 31,976,775.18
Travel/Training	\$ 135,861.12
Grants/Aid	\$ 3,553,655.14
Professional Service Contracts	\$ 1,831,491.54
Capital Outlay	\$ 5,859,238.88
Total	\$ 123,475,266.80





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 and to such locations as is necessary in order to carry out their responsibility.





Bill Sadler
Public Information Officer



Corporal Elizabeth Head
Public Information Officer

The Arkansas State Police Public Affairs Office is a multimedia point of contact for newsrooms across Arkansas and the U.S. to file their requests for information related to ASP operations. The office serves in a supporting role to the state police director, deputy directors, and commanders within the five divisions with assignments related to internal and external branding or special messaging that promotes the Arkansas State Police mission and statutory duties.

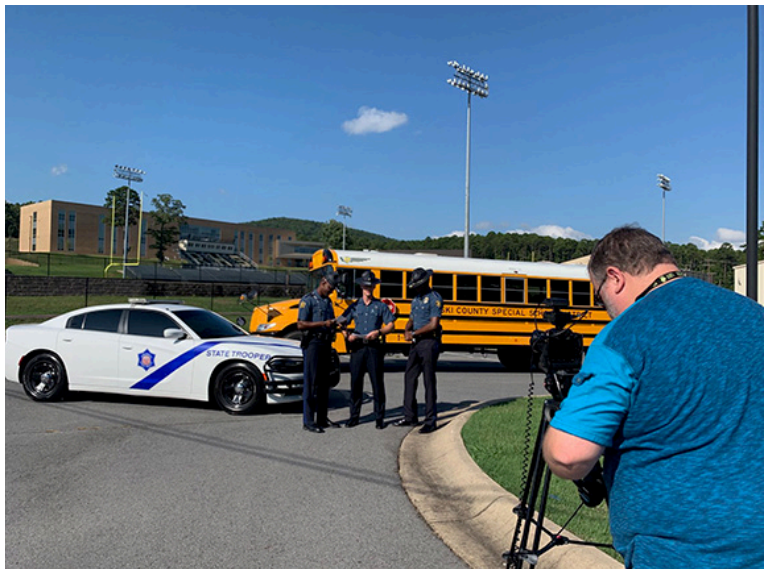
The office is staffed with one commissioned Arkansas State Trooper and two civilian employees. Two of the staff share the designated on-call Public Information Officer's duties that are on-going 24 hours daily. Cumulatively, the PIOs field an average of 50 inquiries weekly from news editors and reporters and during calendar year 2020 produced more than 1,500 unilateral and general dissemination news releases and news advisories.

Managing and updating the Arkansas State Police social media platforms and public web site are additional functions within the Public Affairs Office. During 2020, there were 1,100 posts to the four social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok). The total number of social media "followers" who regularly view the ASP social media accounts and receive general dissemination news releases exceeds 188,000 individuals.

A large graphic for a news release. It features the words "NEWS" and "RELEASE" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a blue star-shaped badge with a red seal in the center, similar to the one in the header. A blue ribbon or banner is draped across the badge and the text.

The Public Affairs Office is fortunate to have a premier video and photography operation used to provide visual imagery accentuating ASP public messaging. Among the projects undertaken by the videography section were the following:

1. **What is DPS?** – What is the Department of Public Safety and what do the divisions of DPS do?
2. **COVID-19** – Video in early months of the COVID-19 instituted restrictions with messaging that the Arkansas State Police are still out there doing their job.
3. **100 Deadliest Days PSA** – Public Service Announcement warning teenagers and parents of the “100 Deadliest Days” for teenage drivers and passengers, the summer months in which more teens are injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes than any other year.
4. **Recruiting** – Created dynamic, exciting videos for recruiting efforts.
5. **Use of Force Presentation** – Produced “Use of Force” videos from Trooper dashcam video for presentation to Governor’s Police Reform Commission
6. **ASP 85th Anniversary**
 - Happy 85th Birthday, Arkansas State Police! Video – For the 85th Anniversary of the signing of Act 120 of 1935 that created the Arkansas State Police, which featured a mix of active and retired ASP personnel, as well as Governor Asa Hutchinson and Woody Futrell (former ASP Commissioner and Grandson of Governor J.M. Futrell who signed the bill)
 - ASP Troop Headquarters and History Video – In celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the ASP and the opening of new Troop headquarters in 2019, produced a video highlighting the growth of ASP since 1935
7. **Virtual Tours & Events**
 - Virtual Tours – Demonstration of the Bomb Robot, a K9 demonstration, and tours of SWAT vehicles, a patrol vehicle, the ASP Helicopter, and the Hall of Honor.
 - Hall of Honor Video Montage for Memorial Service
 - Virtual Memorial Service
 - Virtual Troop School Graduation
 - Virtual Awards Banquet
 - Supporting Governor Asa Hutchinson’s Communications Team with assistance in his daily livestream Coronavirus press conferences.
8. **Photo Projects**
 - Updated Photographs of ASP Aircraft
 - Continued to update personnel photo services and produce images from Arkansas State Police Commission special recognition presentations and other events as needed
 - Large group photos of Troop L personnel, CID Company D, and the Interstate Criminal Patrol unit





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 within the Department of Public Safety and to the State Employee Grievance and Appeal Panel (SEGAP). The Legal Section reviews all subpoenas and service of legal process to determine 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 Division and its employees are represented by the Arkansas Attorney General's Office in civil lawsuits filed in federal and state 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 Division units, personnel, and trainees by the Legal Section. In 2020, the Legal Section was staffed by ASP General Counsel Greg Downs and Attorney Specialists Mary Claire McLaurin and Kelli LaPorte.

Claims Commission Cases

Amount Sought	<i>In excess of</i>
	\$10,100,000
Amount Awarded	\$7,133

Federal and State Lawsuits

Amount Sought	<i>In excess of</i>
	\$12,000,000
Amount Awarded	\$0

Administrative Appeals

Concealed Handgun Carry License Appeals	8
Private Investigator, Security, Alarm Installation & Monitoring License Appeals	3
Disciplinary Appeals to ASP Commission	3
Total Amount of Legal Claims Against ASP	<i>In excess of</i>
	\$22,000,000
Total Amount Awarded	\$7,133

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS



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.

2020 OPS Investigations	
Inter-Departmental Complaints	41
External Complaints	6
Racial Profiling Complaints	3
Officer-Involved Shootings	3
Avoidable Crash Investigations	50
Total	103

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.

Ethics

Integrity



Honesty

Professionalism



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 2020 were approximately \$7.3 million.





FLEET OPERATIONS



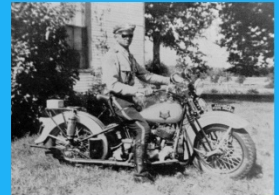
Lieutenant Jeff Whitlock
Fleet Manager

2020 Fleet Statistics

Total Vehicles at the beginning of 2020	889
Vehicles Added	128
Vehicles sent to M&R	63
Accidents Involving Fleet Vehicles	201
Estimated Miles Driven in 2020	14,366,673
Estimated Gallons of Fuel in 2020	947,569.97
Fuel Cost for 2020	\$1,626,033.88



**1935: BIG HAT LAW PASSED
ARKANSAS STATE POLICE CREATED**



VEHICLES OF 1935-1950'S



1960'S - 1970'S



**1978: PRIMARY WHITE WITH BLUE STRIPES
ADOPTED AS OFFICIAL PAINT SCHEME**



1970'S TO PRESENT



**"TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY
BY PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY
OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
TO THE PUBLIC."
ARKANSAS STATE POLICE MISSION STATEMENT**



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



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



Sergeant Wanda James
Recruiting Section



Sergeant Craig Teague
Recruiting Section

Staff within the Administrative Services Division (ASD) are responsible for providing support to the Director's Office, command staff, management, and supervisors regarding 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 are responsible for presenting monthly reports to the Arkansas State Police Commission regarding uniformed personnel matters and the ASP Uniformed Health Plan.

The ASD is responsible for oversight of the Sergeant and Lieutenant promotional process. Arkansas State Police hosts promotional testing for commissioned officers every two (2) years with an average of 200 eligible candidates. The ASD coordinates candidate testing and location selection 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 of preparation.

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 Unit



The Arkansas State Police (ASP) Training Staff consists of eleven (11) commissioned officers and three (3) non-commissioned employees. Together, 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, Training Academy management, Physical Fitness training, Use of Force and Pursuit Driving basic/remedial 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 and maintaining inventory, ordering of all ammunition and firearms for the Department. The Armorer assists with any needed firearm repairs and is responsible for coordinating the Wrightsville firing range schedule to include maintaining the supplies and scheduling of any needed maintenance.

In 2020, the Training Section presented, coordinated, and/or certified 1,132 training hours for the 2020-A Troop School. This training culminated in the graduation of thirty-three (33) 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, Violent Encounter Resolution Skills (VERS) course, Bias-Free Policing training, and X2 Taser course. The ASP SWAT Team, ERT, K9 Teams, and Hostage Negotiator Teams logged over 600 hours of training across their respective units. During 2020, the asphalt was completed on the new ASP Driving Track. The 2020-A Troop School conducted EVOC, Traffic Stop, and Accident Investigation training on the new track. The training section also hosted two (2) EVOC instructor courses. The Auto Shop, observation tower, and classrooms are expected to begin construction in 2021.

2020 Arkansas State Police Training Classes

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| • Physical Fitness Training | • Pursuit Driving / Remedial Training |
| • Use of Force | • Firearms Training |
| • TASER Training | • Retiree Firearms Training |
| • VERS Instructor Course | • ARIDE Training |
| • X2 TASER Training | • Level 1 Supervisor Course |
| • Bias Free Policing Training | • Naloxone Training |
| • K9 Training | • Troop School Planning and Preparation |
| • ASP SWAT Training | • Instructor Training (EVOC, Firearms) |
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Recruiting Unit

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 171 Initial Contact Forms in 2020 for the Certified Officer 2021-A Troop School.

In 2020, recruiting staff contacted a total of 171 applicants to take the physical assessment and written examination to become a commissioned officer. Of the applicants contacted, 171 took the Physical Assessment Test. As part of the hiring process, the Recruiting Unit conducted 105 written tests, reviewed 82 polygraph results and 75 background investigations. From the background investigations, 61 applicants were selected to advance to the final two stages in the hiring process which took place in November and December of 2020.



2020 Troop School graduation at the State Capitol



ASP Benefits and Health Plan

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for Medical, Pharmacy, Dental, Vision, Life, and Long-Term Disability insurance for active and retired employees, eligible spouses, and dependents comprising a total of 3,068 covered persons. In 2020, this unit processed supplemental insurance billing in the amount of \$347,616.64, dental/vision totaling \$496,345.22, and \$1,583,967.51 in retirement premiums. In addition, Benefits processed sixteen (16) retirements and two (2) medical retirements.

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 to keep informed of insurance enhancements as well as benefit and rate changes for state employees. In addition, the division staff complete the annual IRS 1095 form reporting and manage all division contracts.

ASD assisted in and/or completed Special Projects that included 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 the 1094 & 1095 reports.





REGULATORY AND BUILDING OPERATIONS DIVISION



Major Lindsey Williams
Commander
State Fire Marshal



Captain Michael Moyer
Regulatory and Building Operations



Lieutenant Cora Gentry
Identification Bureau/AFIS



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.



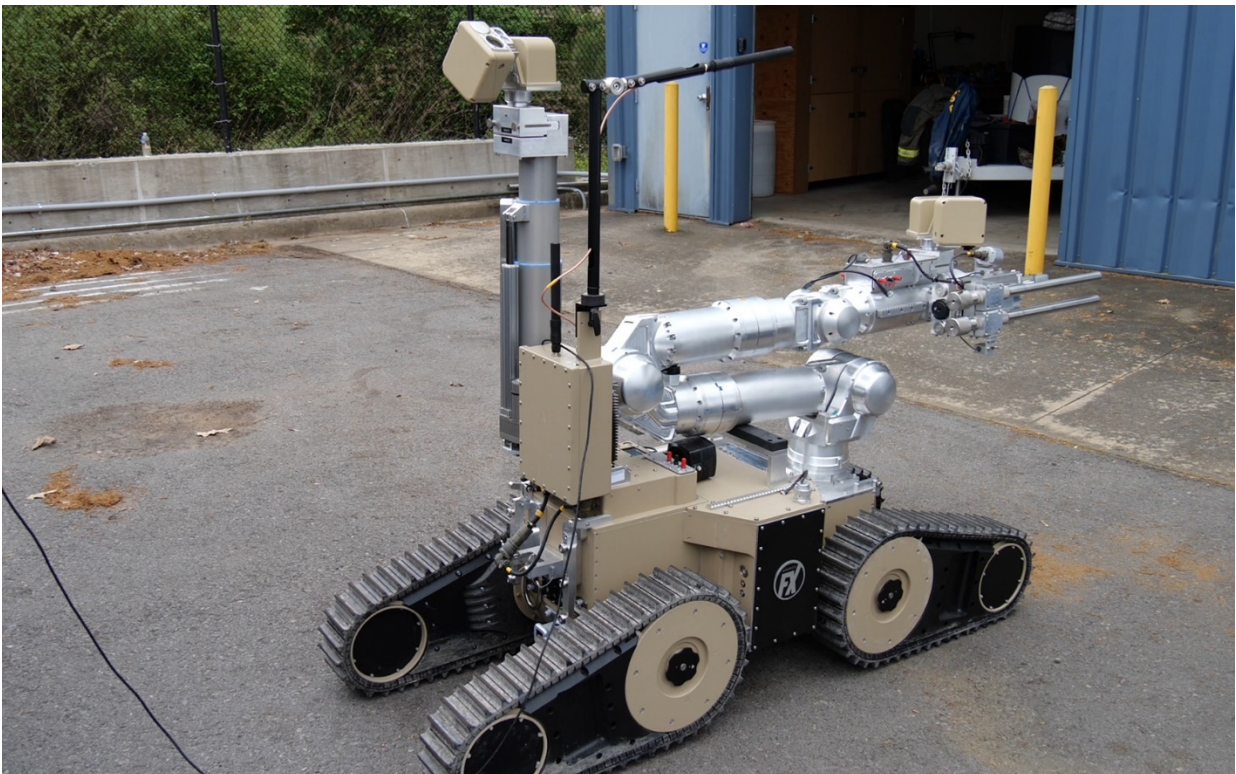
Fire Investigations

The fire investigators worked 93 fires during 2020. They assisted city, state, and federal agencies throughout the state.



Explosives

The Hazardous Device Technicians responded to thirty-six (36) explosives related calls across Arkansas during 2020. The State Police Bomb Team supported the ASP SWAT team on four calls during 2020. The Arkansas State Police Bomb Team currently consists of three members; all are certified as Hazardous Device Technicians by the FBI.



Regulatory Services Activity 2020

<u>Concealed Handgun Carry License</u>		<u>P.I.-Security-Alarm Installation and Monitoring</u>	
New Applications	26,797	Class A, B & E Applications	316
Renewal Applications	25,587	Class C Applications	13
Applications for Transfer	774	Class D Applications	95
New Instructor License	52	Alarm Apprentice	34
		Alarm Agent	191
		Alarm Monitor	406
<u>AFIS</u>		Alarm Technician	827
Criminal Fingerprint Cards Processed	98,094	Assistant Training Administrator	12
ASP Electronic Fingerprint Site	69	Assistant Training Administrator-IOI	1
Non-ASP Electronic Fingerprint Sites	158	Company - Private Business/School Security Dept.	7
Civil Fingerprint Cards Processed	118,386	Credentialed Private Investigator	65
Police Applicant Cards Processed	3,517	Commissioned Security Officer	955
Mobile AFIS Requests Processed	2,517	Commissioned School Security Officer	244
		IOI – Institution of Instruction	2
<u>Identification Bureau</u>		Private Security Officer	1,977
Background Checks Processed	251,376	Agency Representative (REP)	496
		Training Administrator	34
<u>Blue Light Sales</u>		Training Administrator - IOI	4
Sales Reported	0	Training Instructor	2
		Training Instructor - IOI	0
<u>Crash Reports</u>		Opened Complaints	11
Crash Reports Received	7,862	Closed Complaints	11
Crash Reports Sold	17,708	Company Audits	11
		Examinations Administered	88
<u>Polygraph and Voice Stress</u>			
Polygraph Examiner Application	19		
Intern Polygraph Examiner Application	1	<u>Mail Room</u>	
Voice Stress Analysis Examiner Application	5	Copies Made Per Year	314,896
		Pieces of Mail Processed Per Year	187,396
<u>Fire Marshal's Office</u>			
Fireworks Licenses Issued	360	<u>Used Motor Vehicle</u>	
Above-Ground Storage Tanks Permitted	44	New Dealer Application	444
Building Plan Reviewed	220	Renewal Dealer Applications	2,690
Inspections	214	Satellite Applications	5
Fire Investigations	93	Dealer Complaints	153
Bomb/Explosives Calls	36		
SWAT Responses	7	<u>Maintenance</u>	
Hours of Explosive Training Provided	6	Hours Spent on AWIN Projects	7,224
Hours of Explosive Training Received	88	Miles Driven-AWIN Projects	98,914

Newly Constructed Troop B Headquarters in Newport



The Troop B Headquarters building opened in November of 2020 and houses the Troop B Communications center and offices for the local Highway Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Used Motor Vehicles Section of the Regulatory and Building Operations Division, and the Crimes Against Children Division. Troop B also provides shared office space for the Arkansas Department of Corrections.



FIELD OPERATIONS



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



Major Mark Hollingsworth
CID Commander



Captain David Lafferty
CID Assistant Division Commander



Captain Stacie Rhoads
CID Special Operations Commander



Company A
Lt. Scott Russell
1 State Police Plaza Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72209
501-618-8420
Serves Crittenden, Cross, Faulkner, Lee, Lonoke, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, St. Francis, and Woodruff Counties.



Company B
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Pine Bluff, AR 71611
870-850-8630
Serves Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Jefferson, Lincoln, Ouachita, and Union Counties.



Company C
Lt. Dennis Morris
2501 North Hazel
Hope, AR 71801
870-777-8944
Serves Clark, Columbia, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Pike, Polk, and Sevier Counties.



Company D
Lt. Kevin Richmond
P.O. Box 4109
Fort Smith, AR 72914
479-783-2395
Serves Benton, Carroll, Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Madison, Scott, Sebastian, and Washington Counties.



Company E
Lt. Kim Warren
2724 Airport Rd.
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870-741-2136
Serves Baxter, Boone, Conway, Fulton, Izard, Johnson, Marion, Newton, Perry, Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, and Yell Counties.



Company F
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Jonesboro, AR 72401
870-931-0043
Serves Clay, Cleburne, Craighead, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, and White Counties.

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 2020.

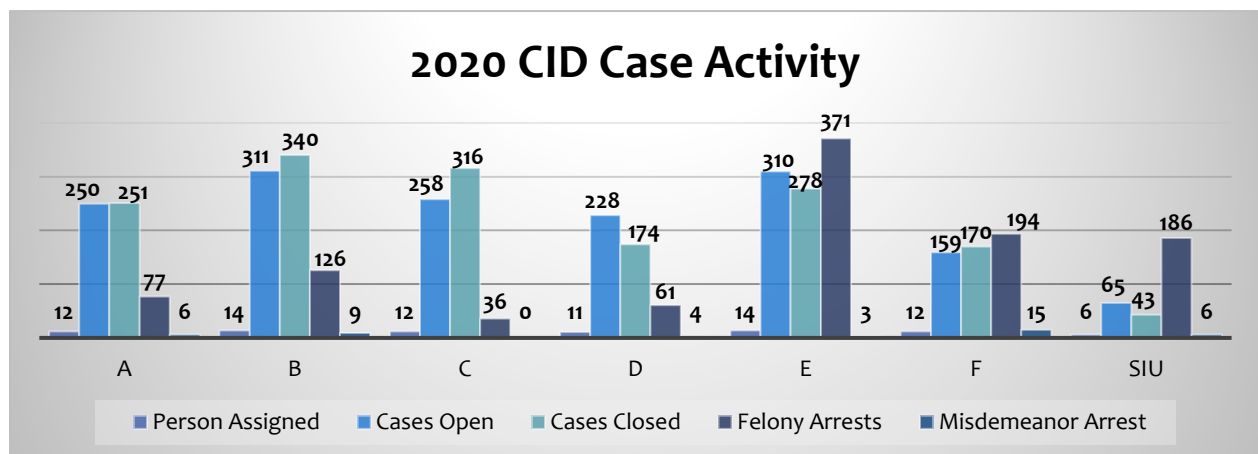


2020 CID Enforcement Activity

CID opened 1,581 cases in 2020, with some cases resulting in multiple felony charges. Outlined below are the statistics by Company or Unit and by category.

2020 CID Case Activity

Company/ Unit	Persons Assigned	Cases Opened	Cases Closed	Felony Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests
A	12	250	251	77	6
B	14	311	340	126	9
C	12	258	316	36	0
D	11	228	174	61	4
E	14	310	278	371	3
F	12	159	170	194	15
SIU/Admin	6	65	43	186	6
Total	81	1581	1572	1051	43

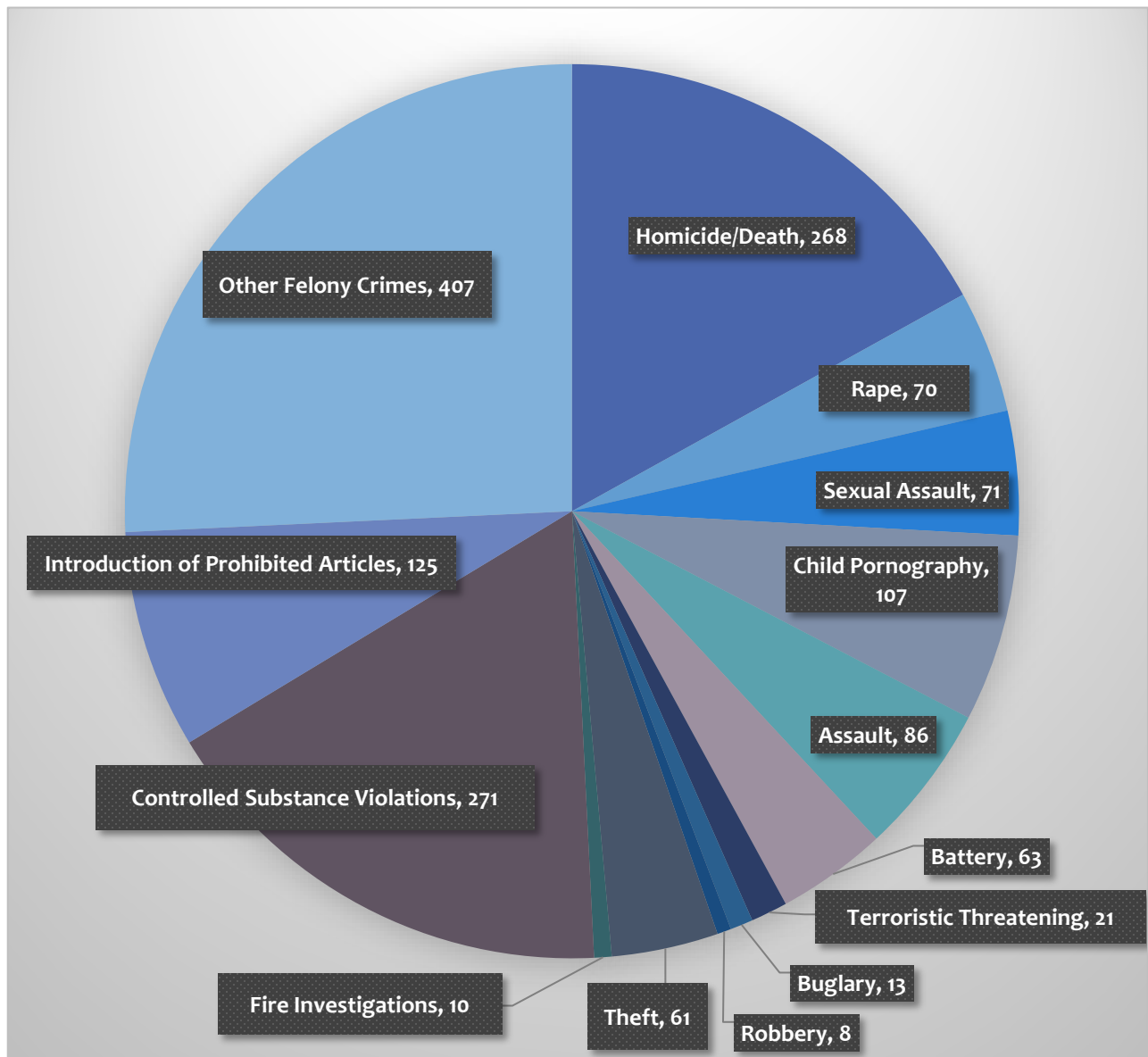


2020 Crimes by Category

Crime	Totals
Homicide/Death	268
Rape	70
Sexual Abuse	71
Child Pornography	107
Assault	86
Battery	63
Terroristic Threatening	21
Burglary	13
Robbery	8
Theft	61
Fire Investigation	10
Controlled Substance Violations	271
Introduction of Prohibited Articles	125
Other Felony Crime	407
Total	1581



CID Special Agents at a training crime scene



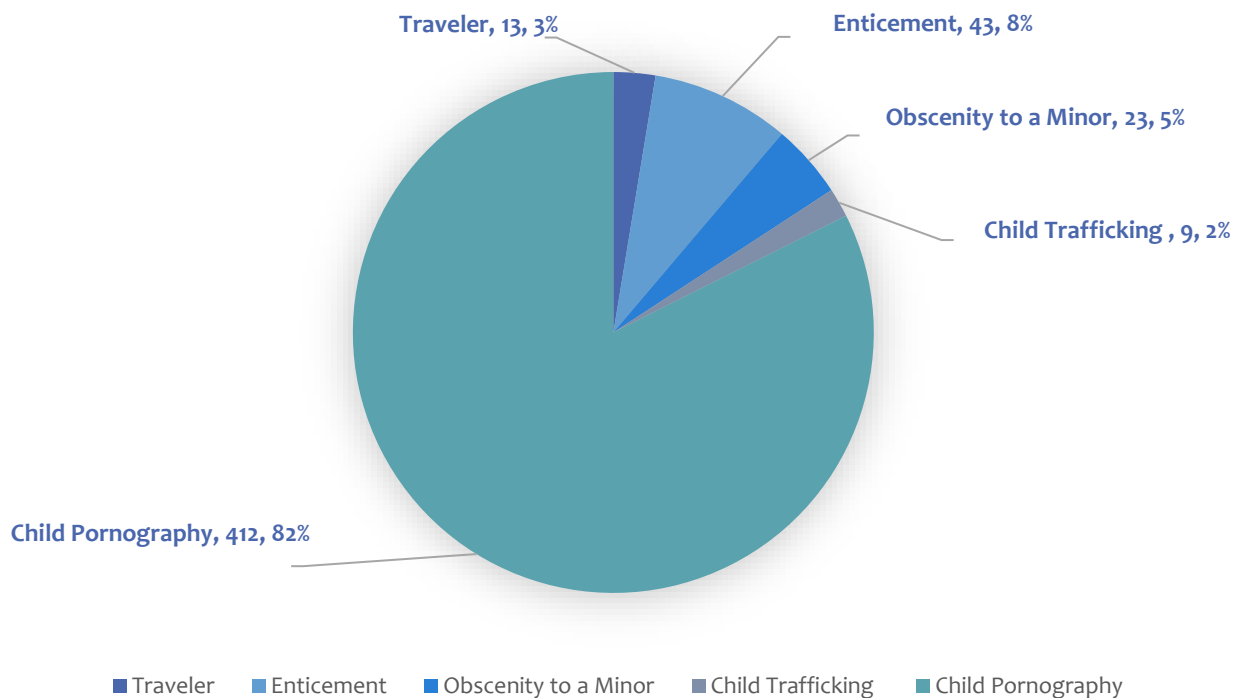


INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

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. Investigations are centered on 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 2020, 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. During 2020, 271 Community Outreach programs were conducted with 82,519 attendees.

Case Types Investigated 2020



ARICAC

Arkansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force



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 (now Division) of the Arkansas State Police (ASP). The ASFC is one of 80 coordinated nationally networked fusion centers across the United States.

In 2020, 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 ASP Director 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 Division of Emergency Management
9. Arkansas Crime Information Center
10. Arkansas Department of Corrections – Division of Correction
11. Arkansas Department of Corrections – Division 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 State Firefighters 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 effects 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 2020, the Arkansas Department of Corrections, Division of Correction provided one full-time senior intelligence analyst, and the Division of Community Corrections provided one full-time senior intelligence analyst. The Arkansas Division 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 one 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 2020 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).

2020 Fusion Center Activities	
Bulletins	760
Hotline Reports	314
Requests for Information	483
Requests for Services	8
Presentations	14



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2020 ASFC Summary

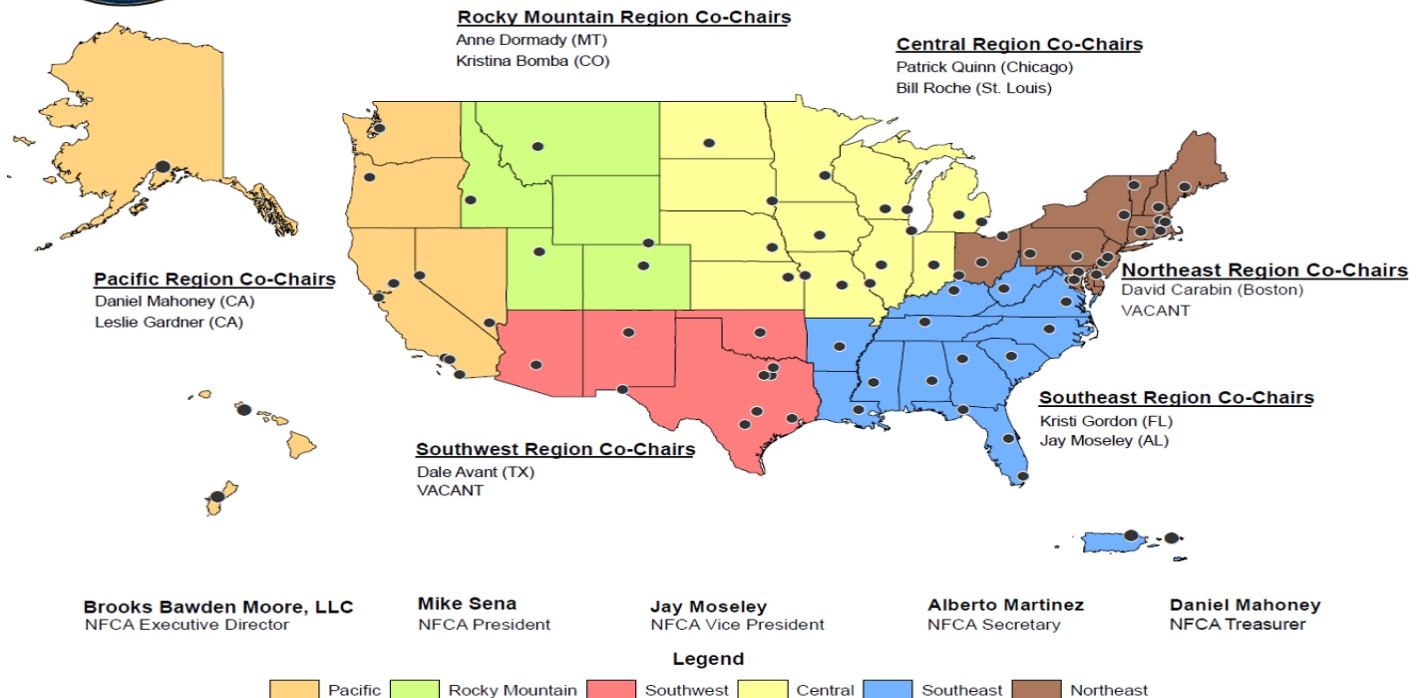
- Provided instruction on Fusion Center operations and on the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) to officers attending the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in East Camden, Jacksonville, and Springdale
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- Produced analytic products recognized 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 for the 2020 Election Day

- Provided intelligence support to state and local agencies during multiple protests/rallies/events throughout the year
- Provided training to 14 new Homeland Security Liaison Officers (HSLO)
- The ASFC Director Tina Williams, continued to communicate with the fellowship personnel with the Department of Homeland Security to continue that program after travel restrictions are lifted
- Two analysts attended the Annual Human Trafficking Conference in Montgomery, AL
- One attended the Intermediate Tradecraft and Analysis Course hosted by DHS in Richmond, VA
- All analysts virtually attended the Annual Southern Shield Fusion Center Directors/Lead Analysts Conference held on the Zoom platform
- One employee attended the Regional Annual International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts Training conference in Tulsa, OK
- All analysts virtually attended the National Fusion Association (NFCA) training event held on the Zoom platform
- All analysts attended different trainings throughout the year focusing on their Fusion Center portfolio



The National Network of Fusion Centers (NNFCs)

80 Fusion Centers Helping to Protect America

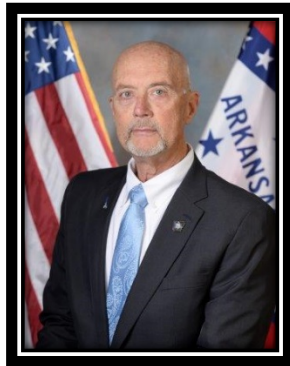




CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN DIVISION



Major Jeffrey Drew
Division Commander

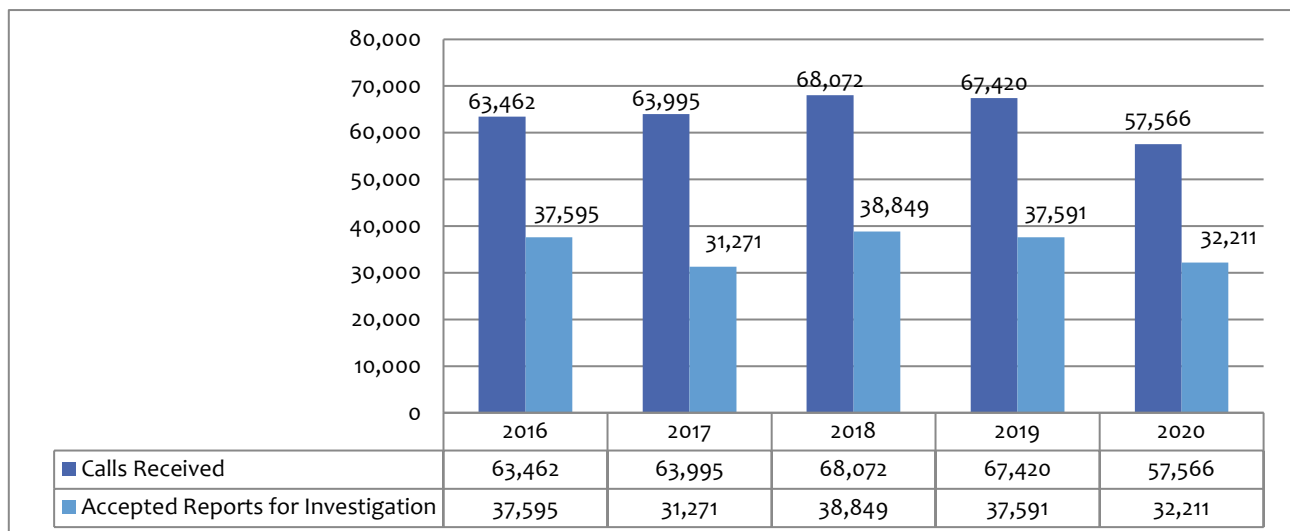


Gary Glisson
Investigations Administrator



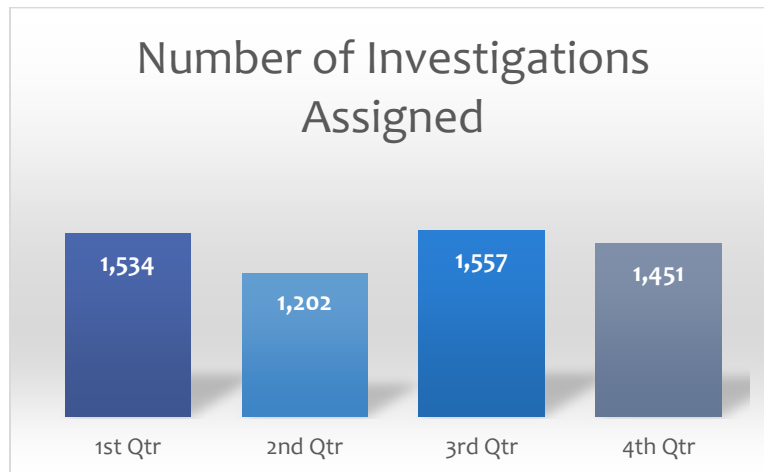
Daniel Mack
Hotline Administrator

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 positions, 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 57,566 reports in 2020. Of these reports, 32,211 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 **5,744** cases being investigated by the CACD's Investigation section in 2020. Each report may contain multiple allegations.



Total Priority I Allegations by Type for 2020

Abandonment – 10	Mental Injury – 15
Abuse w/a Deadly Weapon – 47	Oral sex – 241
Bone Fracture – 123	Poison/Noxious Substance – 6
Brain Damage/Skull Fracture – 59	Pornography/Exposure to Live Sex – 154
Burns/Scalding – 186	Sexual Contact – 1,937
Cuts, Bruises, Welts – 227	Sexual Exploitation – 132
Death – 18	Sexual Penetration – 706
Failure to Protect – 140	Sexual Solicitation – 39
Failure to Thrive – 0	Voyeurism – 64
Immersion – 16	Subdural Hematoma – 37
Indecent Exposure – 106	Suffocation – 272
Internal Injuries – 8	Threat of Harm – 153
Juvenile Aggressor – 385	Human Trafficking (Sexual Abuse) – 45
Malnutrition – 5	Human Trafficking (Labor) – 8
Medical Neglect of Disabled Infant – 1	

CACD investigators closed 5,719 cases in 2020. Of the closed cases, 2,156 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.





HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

Eastern Region (Troops A-F)



Major Jason Aaron

Highway Patrol Commander – Eastern Region

Troop Commanders – Eastern Region



Troop A
Captain Mike Hagar

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Serves Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski,
Saline Counties.



Troop B
Captain Todd Shaw

3200 Highway 367N
Newport, AR 72112
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Serves Cleburne, Independence,
Jackson, Lawrence, Sharp, and
White Counties.



Troop C
Captain John Carter

2216 Browns Lane Access
Jonesboro, AR 72401
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Serves Clay, Craighead, Greene,
Mississippi, Poinsett, and Randolph
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Troop D
Captain David Moore

3205 North Washington
Forrest City, AR 72335
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Troop E
Captain Randall Dias

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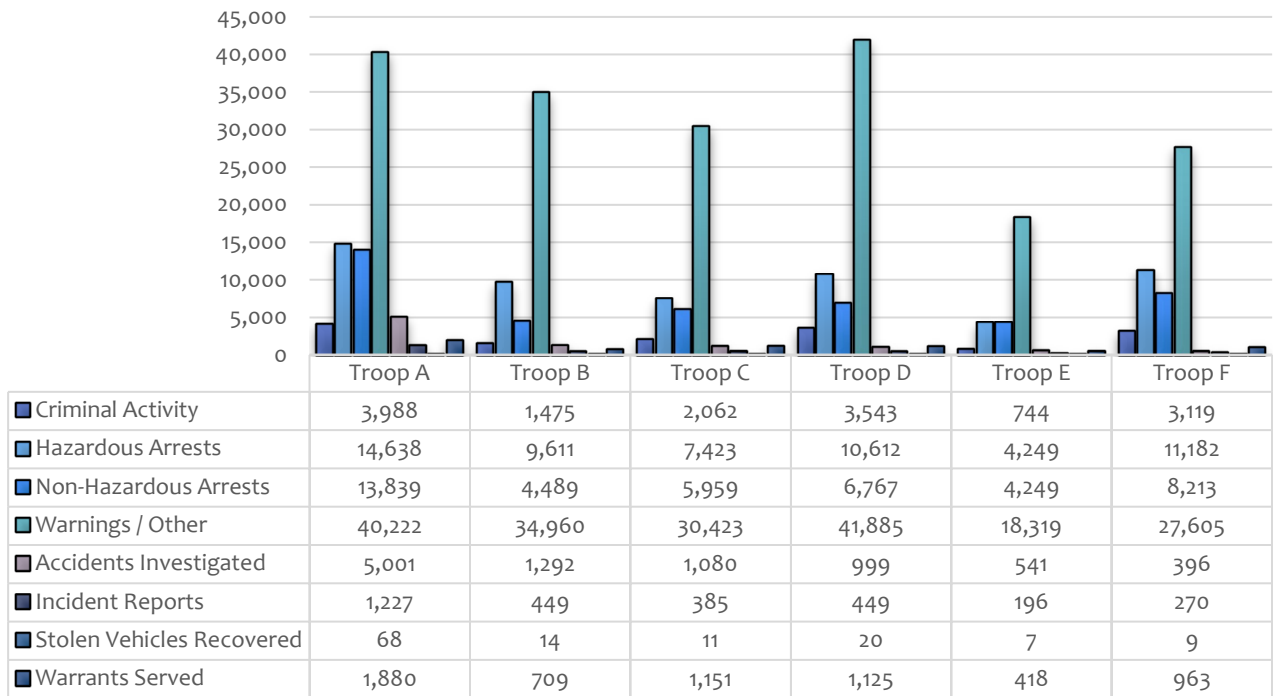


Troop F
Captain Scott Woodward

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Warren, AR 71671
870-226-3713
Serves Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun,
Chicot, Cleveland, Dallas, Drew,
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Enforcement Activity – Eastern Region

Highway Patrol Enforcement 2020 - 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 Chris Goodman

5728 Kelley Highway
Fort Smith, AR 72914

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Troop I

Captain Wesley Smithee

5196 US 65 South
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Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Stone
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Troop J

Captain Kyle Drown

2700 West Main
Clarksville, AR 72830

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Serves Conway, Johnson, Perry,
Pope, Van Buren, and Yell
Counties.



Troop K

Captain Ronald Casey

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Hot Springs, AR 71901

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Serves Clark, Garland, Grant, Hot
Spring, Montgomery, Pike, and Polk
Counties.



Troop L

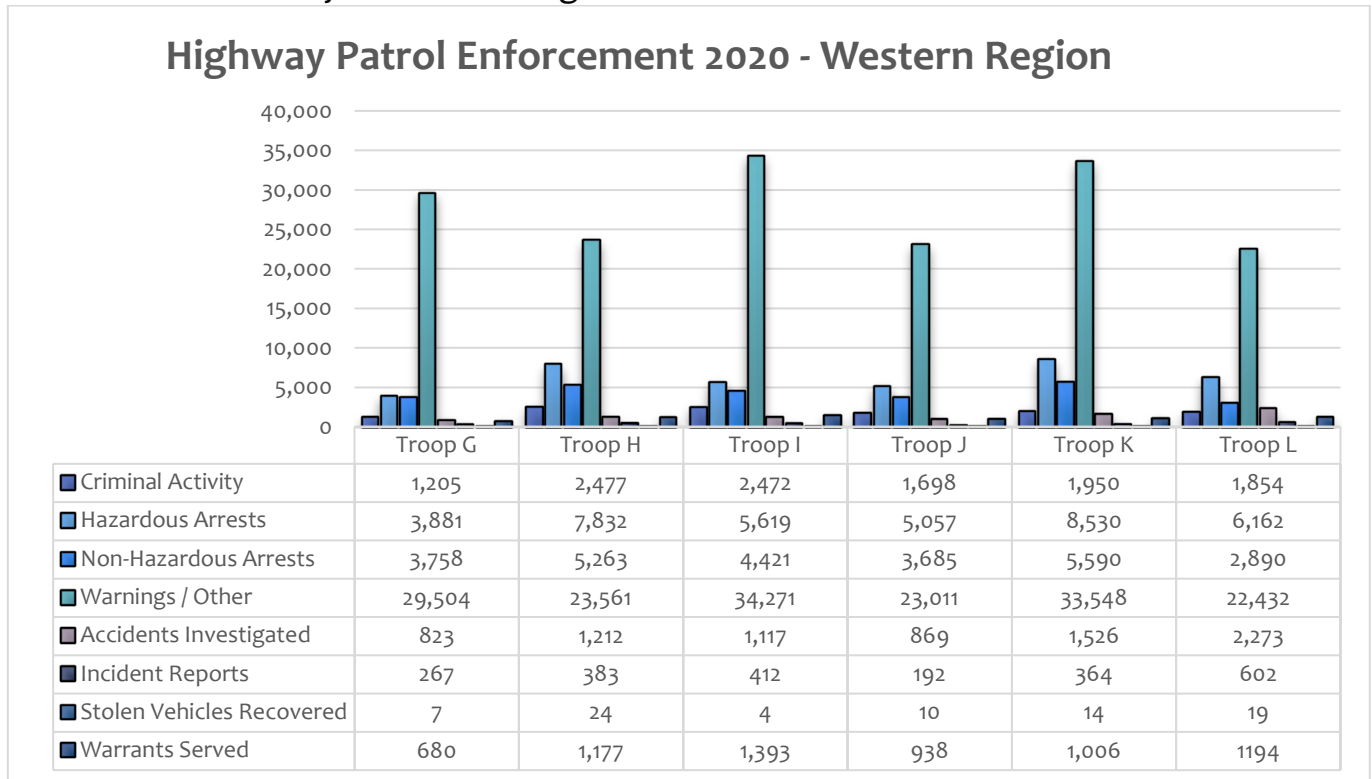
Captain David Cooper

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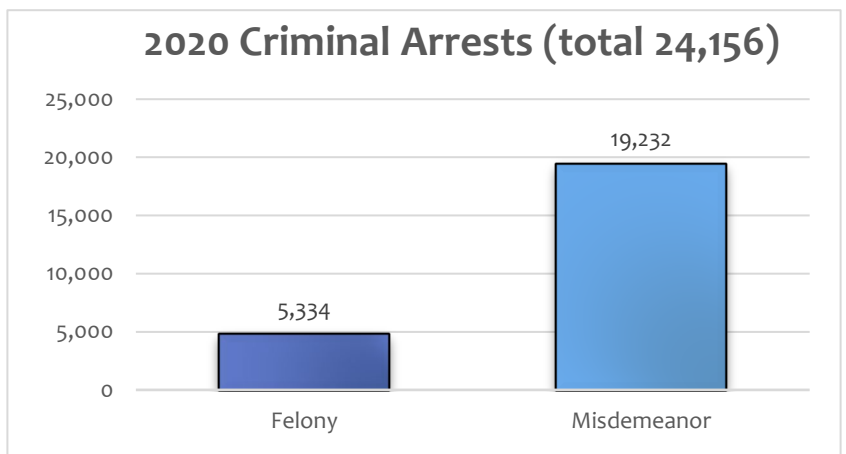
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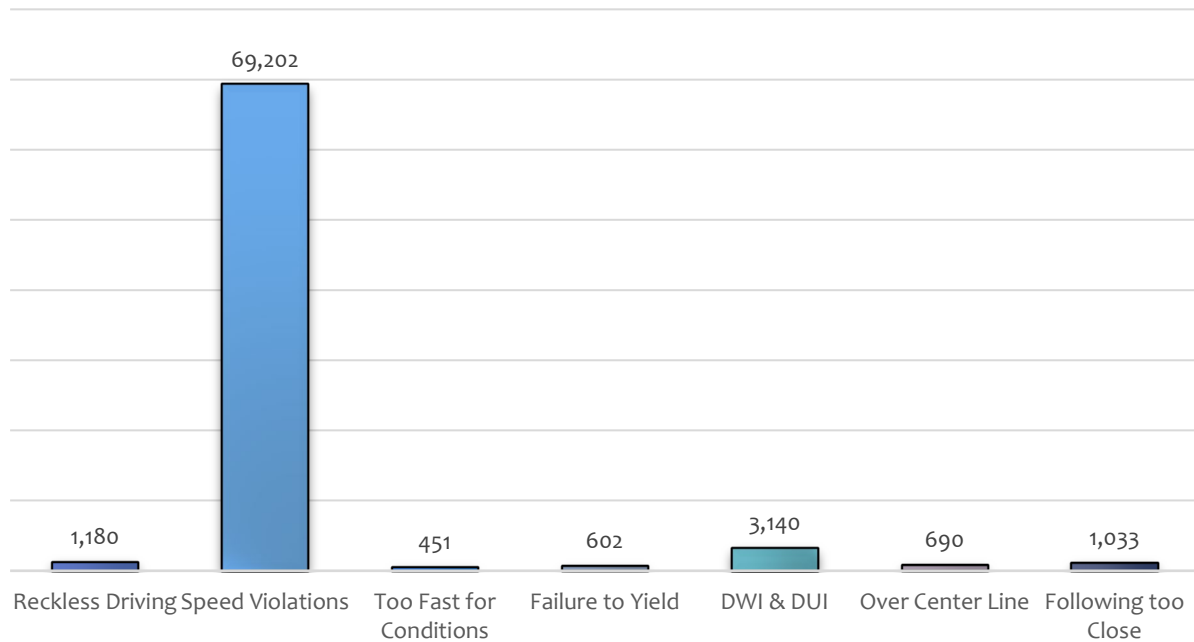
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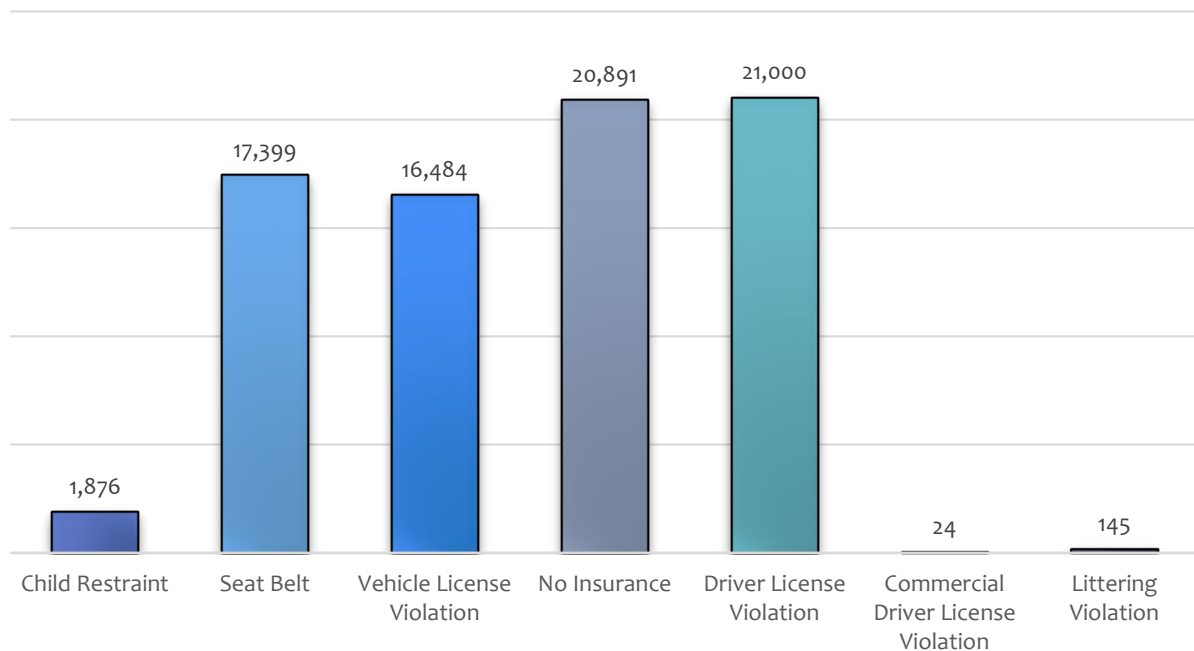
STATE POLICE



2020 Hazardous Arrests (total 76,298)



2020 Non-Hazardous Arrests (total 77,819)





ASP CANINE PROGRAM



In 2020, Arkansas State Police Canine (K-9) Program had nine narcotic detection canine teams assigned to Highway Patrol. The teams combined completed 124 narcotics sniffs, resulting in the seizure of over 1,461 pounds of marijuana, 53 pounds of cocaine, 8.3 pounds of methamphetamine, 2 pounds of heroin, and over \$419,815.00.





Members of the ASP SWAT team, CNT, Drone Team, MICC personnel, and the Air Support Unit

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 with the recruits during a Troop School.

In 2020, ASP SWAT members spent approximately 200 hours training. This was below normal training hours due to restrictions related to the pandemic. The annual 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./BEARCAT), rural mission operations, commercial and residential entry techniques, and tactical 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 2020. In the year 2020 the ASP SWAT Team assumed a new role and assisted the ASP ERT Team, Capitol Police, Little Rock and Conway Police Departments with maintaining law and order during the violent protests that occurred at the State Capitol and in Central Arkansas during June 2020. The ASP SWAT Team was activated 9 times in the year 2020.



ASP SWAT Team members make entry into a house

2020 SWAT Activations

January 30: The Team was deployed to Oxford (Izard County) for an armed and barricaded suspect that had fired upon deputies attempting to arrest him. When the Team arrived on scene they began negotiating with the suspect. After a short time, the suspect exited the trailer and surrendered without incident.

March 12: Ten Team members and the BEARCAT were activated to assist FBI SWAT with a search and arrest warrant in Ozone (Johnson County) for a domestic terrorism suspect. The warrants were successfully served, and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

May 18: The Team was deployed to Forrest City (St. Francis County) for an armed barricaded subject that had made threats towards his neighbors. When confronted by local law enforcement, he threatened the officers with a weapon and the Team was activated. ASP CNT attempted to negotiate with the suspect, but he would not engage in the negotiation. After approx. two hours, the suspect abruptly exited the house and began firing a pistol at a Team member stationed on the perimeter. The Team member returned fire, wounding the suspect. After the exchange, the suspect retreated and disappeared into the house. A short time later, after CS product was introduced into the house, the suspect again exited the house and was fatally wounded by a second Team member. It was later discovered that the suspect had staged firearms at various locations in the house in an ambush attack scenario against law enforcement had officers attempted to go inside the house.



ASP SWAT Team members, Highway Patrol Troopers, and Arkansas Capitol Police flying new United States and Arkansas flags over the State Capitol after violent protestors removed and burned the flags earlier in the day.

May 30 – June 7: The Team was activated to protect peaceful protests in Little Rock and Conway (Pulaski & Faulkner Counties). Unfortunately, some of the protests turned violent and required direct action from the Team. Throughout the course of this activation, the Team was deployed to the state capitol complex, Interstate 630 in Little Rock, and Interstate 40 in Conway (protesters attempting to block traffic), and the downtown areas of Little Rock and Conway. This activation proved to be the longest in Team history (9 days). The Team was instrumental, along with ERT and Highway Patrol, in reducing (or preventing) higher levels of violence and property damage, especially at the state capitol complex.

June 13: The Team was activated for additional protests in Little Rock (Pulaski County). The protests ended without incident.

June 24: The Team was activated for a barricaded gunman in Hardy (Sharp County). The suspect, who was being investigated for domestic violence, had fired upon local law enforcement, and barricaded himself in a camper. Shortly after the Team was activated but before arrival, the suspect exited the camper and again fired a weapon at the local law enforcement officers in the area. The officers returned fire and wounded the suspect.

July 6: Eight members of the Team and the BEARCAT were activated to support ASP ERT for a protest of a Confederate monument in El Dorado (Union County). The protest concluded without incident.

July 25: Five members of the Team and the BEARCAT along with ASP ERT were activated for a planned protest at the Governor's Mansion (Pulaski County) regarding the Face Mask Mandate. The protest concluded without incident.

August 1: Six members of the Team and the BEARCAT were activated to Little Rock (Pulaski County) in support of ASP ERT. This was in response to a planned event to tear down a statue on the Capitol Grounds. There was a large presence of counter-protesters and both groups were armed. Due the presence of ASP SWAT, ERT, and several uniformed Troopers, the protest concluded without incident.



The ASP BEARCAT staged to protect the Arkansas Capitol in June 2020

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The ASP Emergency Response Team is comprised of 106 specially trained Troopers. In 2020, the team added 32 new members. 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 6 team members are assigned to the ASP Drone Team.

In 2020, the team conducted approximately 62 hours in crowd control training. Instructors on the team provided approximately 168 hours of instruction in Mobile Field Force Operations to officers and police recruits throughout the State of Arkansas.

In 2020, the Emergency Response Team deployed 16 times. Each of those deployments were in response to calls for assistance from other agencies, which included Little Rock Police Department, Arkansas State Capitol Police Department, Conway Police Department, El Dorado Police Department, and the Faulkner County Sheriff's Department. The team responded to protests throughout the state in response to the death of George Floyd. During the protests, ASP ERT assisted multiple agencies in re-establishing order to their jurisdiction.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



Crisis Negotiation Team



The ASP Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) 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 trains together eight times throughout the year compiling over 120 hours of training annually. CNT members respond with the SWAT team to all activations and operations. CNT members also respond to assist local agencies around the state to provide negotiation assistance during critical incidents. The primary role of the Crisis Negotiation Team is to diffuse critical incidents through active listening and communication skills.



CNT Activations

In 2020 the Crisis Negotiation Team responded with ASP SWAT to two activations and one operation. Members of CNT also responded to five incidents to assist other agencies with negotiations for a total of eight activations during the year. Members of CNT spent time in active negotiations with subjects during the following incidents:

April 21: Two CNT members responded to Washington County in Troop L for a “jumper” on Interstate 540. Negotiators from Fayetteville Police Department initially responded and talked to the subject for approximately eight hours before being relieved by ASP negotiators. After several more hours of negotiations with ASP the subject surrendered and was taken into custody.

June 24: Two CNT members responded to Sharp County in Troop B to assist officers with a barricaded subject. Local officers were responding to a welfare check request when they were fired upon. The subject refused to talk to officers, but ASP negotiators were able to coach a friend of the subject to talk to him. After several hours of attempted negotiations, the subject exited the residence and began firing in the direction of the local officers. The officers returned fire striking the subject twice. The subject was then taken into custody without further incident.

September 30: Two CNT members responded to a truck stop off Interstate 40 in Ozark in Troop H to assist local officers negotiating with a female subject in a camper that was threatening to set off an explosive device. After several hours of negotiations, she set fire to the camper. She then exited the camper and was taken into custody by members of the ASP and Ozark Police Department.

November 5: Two CNT members responded to New Blaine in Logan County in Troop H to assist local officers with a suicidal subject barricaded in a vehicle with a shotgun. ASP negotiators communicated with the subject through public address. After a short time, the subject threw the weapon out of the vehicle and surrendered.

In addition to the activations, two members of the ASP CNT, Sergeant Brenda Gibbons and Sergeant Brad Spurlin, were invited to speak at the 41st Annual Baltimore Hostage Negotiation Seminar in Baltimore, Maryland. In February 2020 Sergeants Gibbons and Spurlin presented a case study on a successful negotiation incident that occurred in Yell County in April 2017. During the incident, ASP Sergeant Joe Carter negotiated with a subject that had murdered a Yell County Deputy and two civilians prior to barricading himself in a residence with another female victim. Sergeant Carter, with assistance from the ASP CNT, was able to successfully talk the subject out without further incident.



Crash Reconstruction Team

The Arkansas State Police Crash Reconstruction Team consists of five highly trained Troopers from the Highway Patrol Division. One full time coordinator and four part time members dispersed across the state complete the team. One member (Sgt. Greg Dycus – Team Coordinator) 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. Each member was involved in the 80 hours of basic crash investigation at the 2020 ASP Troop School.

The team utilizes 5 Nikon Total Station laser mapping devices, 1 RTK (Real Time Kinematics) GPS Station, and 5 DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise drones along with the REVEAL Realworks computer drawing program to produce “To Scale” drawings of fatal crash scenes with 1-3 centimeters of accuracy.

In 2020, the ASP Crash Reconstruction Team performed 7 full reconstructions, with 2 of those requested by outside agencies.

The ASP Crash Reconstruction Team analyzed 75 Airbag Control Modules (ACM) using the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Tool, 18 of which were requested by outside agencies during 2020. The ACM is the computer “brain” of the vehicle that makes the decision of whether to deploy the airbag in a crash situation. The ACM also continually monitors the various functions of the vehicle such as the vehicles speed, braking, engine RPM's, and steering angle.

Additionally, the ASP Crash Reconstruction Team flew 19 UAS (drone) missions in conjunction with the reconstruction/ACM image requests during 2020.

In the past two years the ASP Crash Reconstruction Team has experienced a 64% increase in requests for assistance.



Drone Team

The ASP Drone Team just completed its second full year. In 2019, the Drone Team logged approximately 100 hours of flight time. In 2020, they logged approximately 155 hours of total flight time. These missions included search and rescue operations, surveillance for tactical teams, crash reconstruction, and surveillance during the civil disturbance in Little Rock in May/June of 2020. The Drone Team was a key element during the civil disturbances as they were able to provide real time intelligence to the command staff and tactical teams. All pilots have their Part 107 (FAA License) and train monthly. In 2020, the team improved the downlink capabilities to allow command staff the ability to view events (protests, SWAT team call outs, etc.) in real time via software. The ASP Drone Team has partnered with other agencies to provide air support and assisted them in policy, procedures, and licensing.



Mobile Incident Command Center (MICC)

Tactical Command Vehicle (TCV)

The 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 and six part-time troopers assigned as needed. In 2020, MICC personnel trained with other agencies to prepare for various types of emergencies which may occur in Arkansas.



Personnel trained with the following groups/organizations:

1. Arkansas State Police CNT
2. Arkansas State Police SWAT
3. Arkansas State Police CRT
4. Arkansas State Police Drone Personnel
5. Little Rock Police Department
6. North Little Rock Police Department
7. State Capitol Police
8. Arkansas National Guard

In 2020, the MICC and TCV activated on four different occasions:

1. Three ASP SWAT callouts: 1/30/2020 Izard County, 03/12/2020 Johnson County, 07/06/2020 El Dorado.
2. An eleven-day activation during protests at the State Capital.
3. Assisted the Air National Guard in programming radios for communications.

MICC personnel were also participants in several missions at the Arkansas State Police EOC during the protests.

Training for MICC operations with other agencies as well as festivals normally attended were limited due to COVID-19 restrictions in 2020.

Air Support Unit

During 2020, the Air Support Unit received 345 flight requests:

- 261 requests were made from within the Department
- 84 requests were made from federal, state, or local agencies

Results of the requested flights:

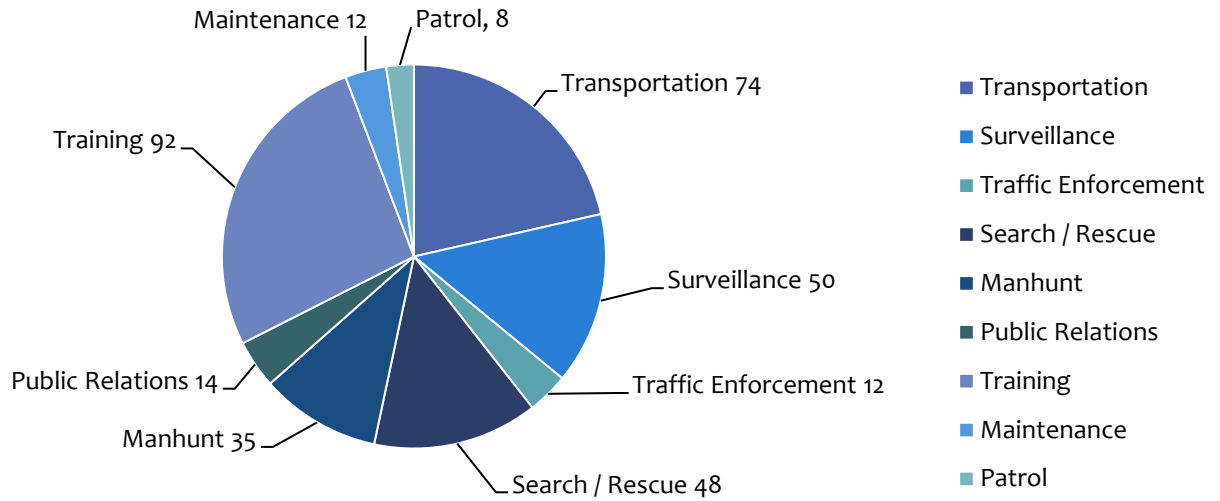
- 264 flights completed as requested
- 26 flights canceled or declined due to weather, availability, or maintenance issues
- 55 flights canceled by the requestor prior to the flight

The Air Support Unit flew 451.1 hours during 2020:

- 208.6 hours – N524SP, Bell 407 helicopter
- 147.3 hours – N523SP, Cessna 206
- 95.2 hours – N390SP, Beechcraft B200 King Air



Air Support Unit Flight Missions and Requests





The Arkansas State Police Honor Guard pays tribute at funerals for in the line of duty deaths and for retired Troopers. The Honor Guard also presents the colors at various events throughout the year at the direction of the Director. The Honor Guard has 17 active members. The Honor Guard assisted with seven funerals for the year and presented the colors at one event. The Honor Guard members had twenty-four hours of training.



The Honor Guard fulfilled the following requests for service:

January 20: Presented the colors at the annual Martin Luther King Foundation breakfast at the Governor's Mansion.

February 10: Assisted with the funeral of Retired Lt. Bill Read. Ten members stood guard prior to the service at Indianhead Lake Baptist Church in Sherwood and then provided the 21-gun salute at the National Cemetery in North Little Rock.

March 10: Quarterly training at Little Rock Headquarters.

March 15 and 16: Assisted with the Visitation and Funeral of Patrolman Brent Scrimshire from the Malvern Police Department. All members of the Honor Guard were in attendance.

June 22: Assisted with the Funeral of Retired Lt. Glen Sligh. Ten members stood guard at Wyatt Baptist Church in El Dorado prior to the service and then provided the 21-gun salute, played taps, and then folded and presented a flag to Mrs. Sligh at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in El Dorado.

July 3: Assisted with the graveside service of Retired Cpl. Carrol Seaton. Eight Honor Guard members provided the 21-gun salute, taps, and folded and presented a flag to Mrs. Seaton at the Campground Cemetery in Bethesda.

September 15: Held quarterly training at Little Rock Headquarters.

September 22: Assisted with the Funeral of retired Sgt. Jim Thomas. Eight Honor Guard members stood guard at Crossroads Community Church in Harrison and then provided the 21-gun salute, played taps, and folded and presented a flag to Mrs. Thomas at Maplewood Cemetery.

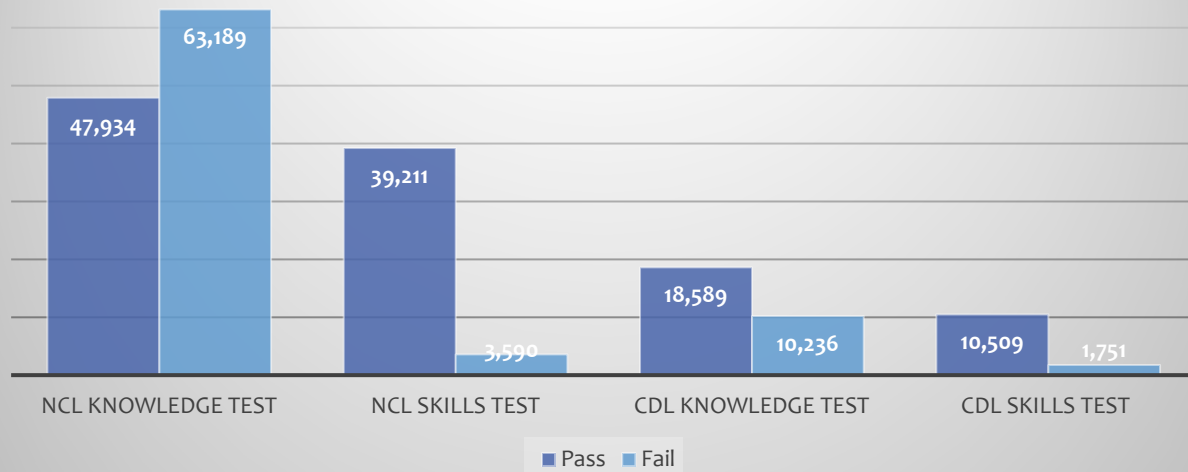
October 9 and 10: Assisted with the Visitation and Funeral of officer Kevin Collins of the Pine Bluff Police Department. All Honor Guard members were in attendance.

November 10: Held quarterly training at Bethany Baptist Church in White Hall.

December 7: Assisted with the Funeral of Retired Major Les Braunns. Ten Honor Guard Members stood guard prior to the service at Cross Church in Springdale and provided the 21-gun salute at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville.




DL/CDL Skills and Knowledge Tests



Despite COVID-19, there were 111,123 non-commercial license (NCL) knowledge exams (47,934 passed and 63,189 failed) and a total of 42,801 skills exams (39,211 passed and 3,590 failed). Totals include motorcycle knowledge and skills tests.

A total of 28,825 CDL knowledge exams were administered (18,589 passed and 10,236 failed) and 12,260 CDL skill exams (10,509 passed and 1,751 failed) were administered in 2020.



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THE PERSON NAMED HEREON IS PRIVILEGED TO OPERATE A NON-COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A LICENSED DRIVER AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE. ALL VEHICLE OCCUPANTS MUST WEAR SEAT BELTS. (THIS RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MOTORCYCLES) PERMIT EXPIRES ONE (1) YEAR FROM DATE PERMIT ISSUED.							
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RESIDENT ADDRESS			CITY		STATE	ZIP	
805 N OAK ST			SEARCY		AR	72143	
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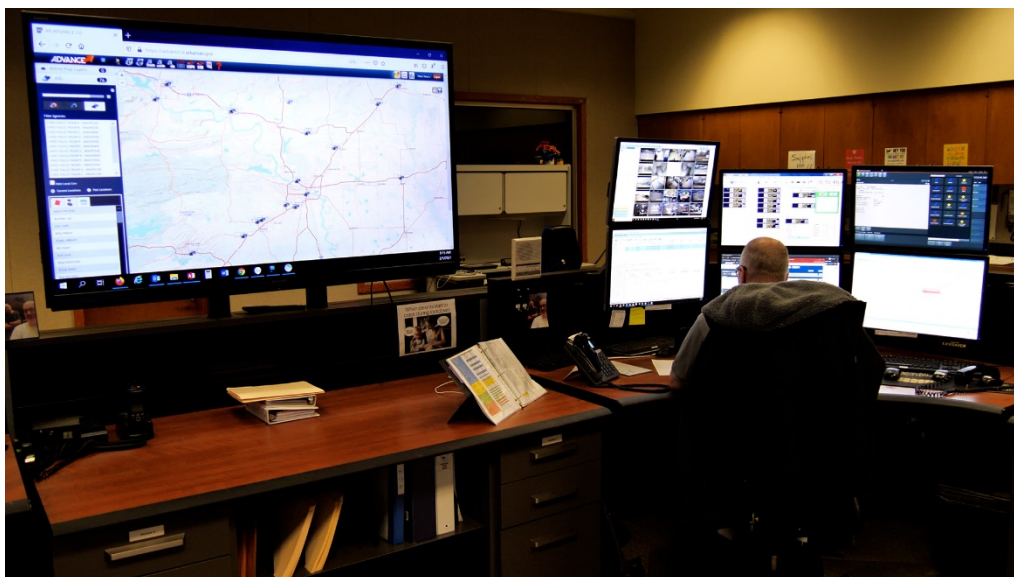


Arkansas State Police has a Communications Center staffed 24 hours a day at each of the twelve troop headquarters locations. The Telecommunications Specialists and Supervisors assigned to these Centers are tasked with answering calls for service from the public and ensuring that the troopers patrolling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



... we always stand ready to serve the people of Arkansas.

