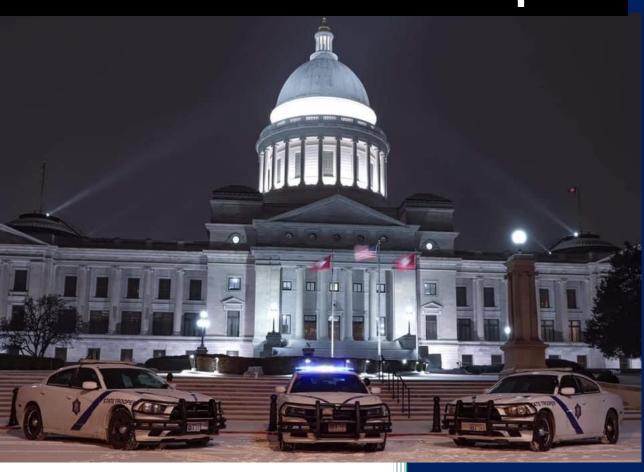
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# Arkansas State Police Annual Report





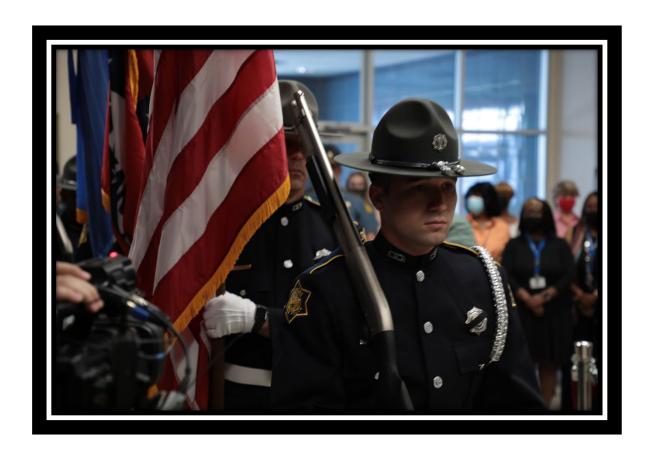
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I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.



#### **DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**







Colonel William J. "Bill" Bryant
Director

During 2021, 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 and the Highway Safety Office.



**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.



It is my honor to present the Arkansas State Police 2021 Annual Report to you. The report covers the activities of the Arkansas State Police from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Our division 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 within the Arkansas State Police. 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 Division, please contact the Arkansas State Police at (501) 618-8000.

Respectfully submitted,

Colonel William J. "Bill" Bryant

Director



#### ARKANSAS STATE POLICE CODE OF ETHICS

#### 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

<u>Trust</u> – Hold ourselves to a higher standard of accountability

<u>Integrity</u> – Character in Action

<u>Duty</u> – Value the standards of ethical conduct

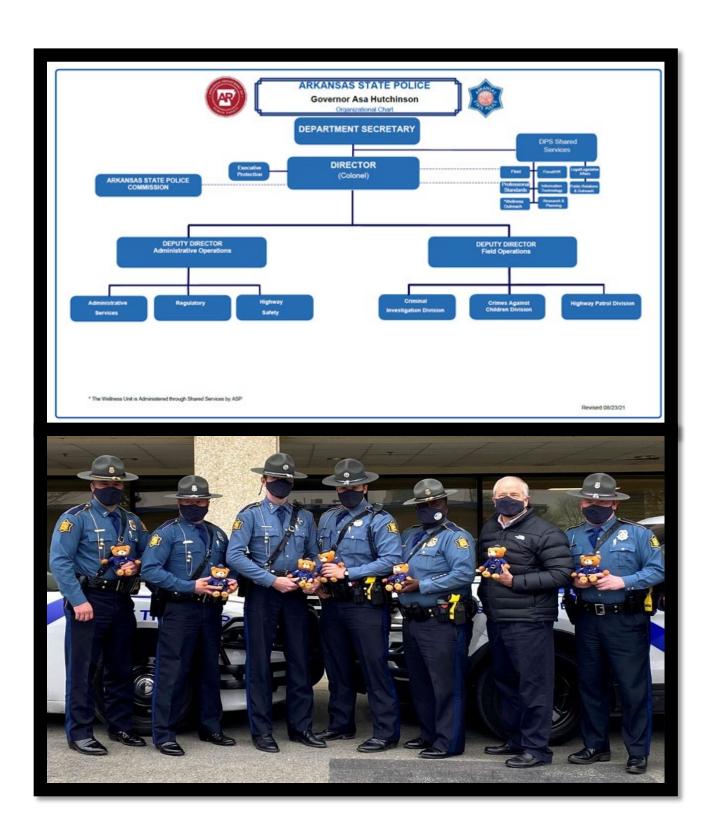
**Excellence** – Professionalism and continuous improvement in all we do







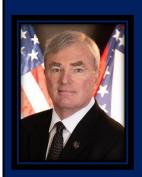
The Arkansas State Police is organized into two separate operational units, Administrative Operations and Field Operations. A Lieutenant Colonel leads each unit. Administrative Operations includes the Administrative Services Division and the Regulatory and Building Operations Division. Field Operations 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 Division. The Commissioners have the statutory responsibilities of approving new hires and promotions, hearing disciplinary appeals, and providing oversight of the Division's communications system and the commissioned officers' health and retirement systems, in addition to other responsibilities as set out in A.C.A § 12-8-103.

Commissioners who served on the Arkansas State Police Commission during 2021:



Neff Basmore Chairman Bella Vista Term: 2015-2022



John Allison Vice-Chairman Conway Term: 2019-2025



Stephen Edwards
Secretary
Marianna
Term: 2017-2023



Jeffery Teague Member El Dorado Term 2018-2024



Jim Hinkle
Member
Conway
Term 2020-2026



Murray Benton Sr.

Member

Jonesboro

Term 2021-2022



Ken Reeves
Member
Harrison
Term: 2021-2027



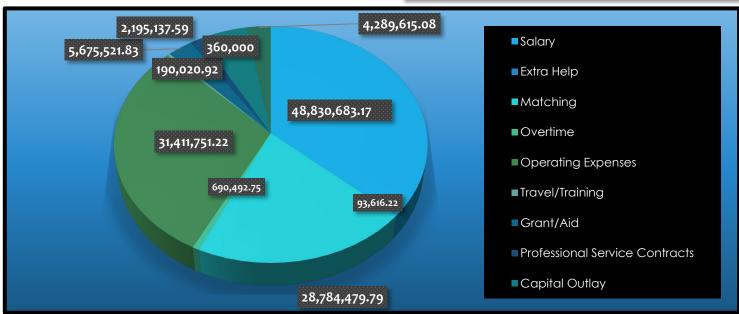


**John Smith** 

#### Arkansas State Police Calendar Year 2021 Expenses

Expenses	Total
Salary	\$ 48,830,683.17
Extra Help	\$ 93,616.22
Matching	\$ 28,784,479.79
Overtime	\$ 90,492.75
Operating Expenses	\$ 31,411,751.22
Travel/Training	\$ 190,020.92
Grants/Aid	\$ 5,675,521.83
Professional Service Contracts	\$ 2,195,137.59
Claims	\$ 360,000
Capital Outlay	\$ 4,289,615.08
Total	\$ 122,521,318.57









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 consists 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 Hoffman**Public Information Officer

The DPS Public Relations Section is an integral exchange center for information disseminated to the Arkansas public and the state's news organizations seeking to know more about the largest statewide law enforcement agency and its internal operations.

Led by Public Information Officer Bill Sadler, three positions are devoted to keeping the section operational. In addition to Sadler's 25 years of service predominately devoted to interacting with national and local newsrooms, Corporal Elizabeth Hoffman coordinates all social media postings and maintains the division's website. Jonathan Nettles supports the public affairs section with multi-media productions in the form of video and photographs.

The Public Information Officer is a 24/7 365 point of contact for newsrooms big and small. During 2021 the oncall PIO averaged approximately 50 inquiries weekly from news organizations and responded with 1,430 unilateral statements. Additionally, the PIO distributed approximately 1,000 general news releases nationwide.

During 2021 more than 310,000 people received news and information about the Arkansas State Police through the division's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok).

Subscribers to the ASP Facebook account received news and topical information from the state police daily with 334 posts reaching 25,000 – 55,000 citizens.





The DPS Legal Section and Legislative Affairs Section provides advice and legal counsel to the Director, Deputy Directors, and the Division Troop and Commanders in civil, Company 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 Division 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 Division, and for drafting and reviewing legislation. Legal Section personnel receives 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 2021, the Legal Section was staffed by DPS Chief Legal Counsel Cody Hiland, ASP General Counsel Hugh Finkelstein, Attorney Specialists Joan Shipley, Amanda Yarbrough, and Tess Bradford.



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**





Sergeant Marcus Daniels Commander



Trooper First Class Dean Pitchford Investigator



**Veronica King** Program Coordinator

The DPS Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is staffed with Commander Marcus Daniels and Investigator Dean Pitchford who serve as investigators for administrative investigations conducted on employees of the Arkansas State Police. OPS is also staffed with Program Coordinator Veronica King who is responsible for revisions and additions to policies and procedures, completing special assignments, and assisting with various tasks within OPS.

2021 OPS Investigations		
Inter-Departmental Complaints	39	
External Complaints	6	
Racial Profiling Complaints	0	
Officer-Involved Shootings	9	
Avoidable Crash Investigations	32	
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 2021 were approximately \$8.5 million.









# **DPS FLEET OPERATIONS**





Lieutenant Jeff Whitlock

2021 Fleet Statistics		
Total Vehicles at the beginning of 2021	964	
Vehicles Added	81	
Vehicles sent to M&R	71	
Accidents Involving Fleet Vehicles	208	
Estimated Miles Driven in 2021	14,512,000	
Estimated Gallons of Fuel in 2021	969,181.767	
Fuel Cost for 2021	\$2,693,687.06	



# **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION**



Major Charles Hubbard Commander





**Captain Roby Rhoads** Assistant Commander





**Lieutenant Craig Teague**Training Section



**Lieutenant Rick Neill**Recruiting and Wellness



Sergeant Mike Gunnett
Training Unit



Sergeant Ben Hoyt Training Unit



Sergeant Wanda James
Recruiting Section



Sergeant Zach Owens Recruiting Section

Staff within the Administrative Services Division (ASD) are responsible for providing guidance 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 division 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 Division. 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, 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 all ammunition and firearms for the Division. 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 any needed maintenance.

In 2021, the Training Section presented, coordinated, and/or certified 860 training hours for the 2021-A Troop School. This training culminated in the graduation of thirty (30) newly commissioned troopers for Arkansas. Training classes include, 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, an X2 Taser course. The ASP SWAT Team, ERT, K9 Teams, and Hostage Negotiator Teams logged over 600 hours of training across their respective units. The 2021-A Troop School conducted EVOC,

Traffic Stop, and Accident investigation training on the new track. The training section also hosted twenty-five (25) courses at the driving track facility. During 2021, the road and traffic control signs were added, groundwork began for the Auto Shop and Safety Tower and K9 Kennels were built behind the training facility.

#### 2021 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
- Instructor training (EVOC, Firearms)



#### **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.

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 2021-A Troop School.

In 2021, recruiting staff contacted a total of 226 applicants to take the physical assessment and written examination to become a commissioned officer. Of the applicants contacted, 136 took the Physical Assessment Test. As part of the hiring process, the Recruiting Unit conducted 111 written tests, reviewed 77 polygraph results, and administered 70 background investigations. From the background investigations, 54 applicants were selected to advance to the final two stages in the hiring process which took place in November and December of 2021.





#### ASP Benefits and Health Plan

The Administrative Services Division (ASD) 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 3,099 total covered lives. In 2021, this unit processed supplemental insurance billing in the amount of \$334,798.41, dental/vision totaling \$458,077.94, and \$1,600,858.50 in retirement premiums. In addition, Benefits processed twenty-one (21) retirements and two (2) medical retirements.

ASD is tasked with the coordination of Annual Open Enrollment for ASP Uniformed employees. ASD personnel attends 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 completes 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.



# **REGULATORY AND BUILDING OPERATIONS DIVISION**



**Major Lindsey Williams** Commander State Fire Marshal



**Captain Michael Moyer** Regulatory and Building Operations



**Lieutenant Tiffany Dycus** Identification Bureau/AFIS





Sergeant Dustin Morgan Private Investigators and Security Guard Licensing



**Sergeant Larry Dawson** Fire and Explosives Unit



**James Trammell** Concealed Handgun Licensing



**Sergeant Michael Wallace** Maintenance and Inmate Services



**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 Unit

The fire investigators worked 66 fires during 2021. They assisted city, state, and federal agencies throughout the state.

#### **Explosives**

The Hazardous Device Technicians responded to forty (40) explosives-related calls across Arkansas during 2021. The State Police Bomb Team supported the ASP SWAT team on four calls during 2021. The Arkansas State Police Bomb Team currently consists of three members; all are certified as Hazardous Device Technicians by the FBI.





# **REGULATORY SERVICES ACTIVITY 2021**

CONCEALED HANDGUN CARRY LICENSE		P.ISECURITY-ALARM INSTALLATION AND MONITO	ORING	
New Applications	23,642	2 Class A, B & E Applications		
Renewal Applications	26,520	Class C Applications		
Applications for Transfer	832	Class D Applications	177	
New Instructor License	48	Alarm Apprentice	261	
		Alarm Agent	213	
AFIS		Alarm Monitor	830	
Criminal Fingerprint Cards Processed	106,978	Alarm Technician	1083	
ASP Electronic Fingerprint Site	63	Assistant Training Administrator	30	
Non-ASP Electronic Fingerprint Sites	73	Assistant Training Administrator-IOI	4	
Civil Fingerprint Cards Processed	135,706	Company- Private Business/School Security Dept.	5	
Police Applicant Cards Processed	5,776	Credentialed Private Investigator	97	
Mobile AFIS Requests Processed	3,534	Commissioned Security Officer	1276	
		Commissioned School Security Officer	247	
IDENTIFICATION BUREAU		IOI – Institution of Instruction	3	
Background Checks Processed	256,111	Private Security Officer	4,373	
		Agency Representative (REP)	411	
BLUE LIGHT SALES		Training Administrator	38	
Sales Reported	7	Training Administrator - IOI	3	
		Training Instructor	1	
CRASH REPORTS		Training Instructor - IOI	1	
Crash Reports Received	4,563	Opened Complaints	16	
Crash Reports Sold	117,988	Closed Complaints	16	
		Company Audits	16	
POLYGRAPH AND VOICE STRESS		Examinations Administered	139	
Polygraph Examiner Application	18			
Intern Polygraph Examiner Application	4	MAIL ROOM		
Voice Stress Analysis Examiner Application	14	Copies Made Per Year	342,805	
		Pieces of Mail Processed Per Year	190,250	
FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE				
Fireworks Licenses Issued	444			
Above-Ground Storage Tanks Permitted	52	USED MOTOR VEHICLE		
Building Plan Reviewed	241	New Dealer Application	492	
Inspections	286	Renewal Dealer Applications	2,745	
Fire Investigations	66	Satellite Applications	0	
Bomb/Explosives Calls	40	Dealer Complaints	96	
Swat Responses	8			
Hours of Explosive Training Provided Hours of Explosive Training Received	84 1502			
MAINTENANCE	1502			
Hours Spent on AWIN Projects	5,563			
Miles Driven-AWIN Projects	81,947			
	<b>○1,7</b> +/			

#### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**







Major David Lafferty
Commander



Captain Paulette Ward CID Assistant Commander



Captain Stacie Rhoads
Special Operations Commander



Company A
Lt. Jimmie Thomas

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 Lt. Robert Wilson 1600 Belmont Pine Bluff, AR 71601 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
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Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard,
Lafayette, Little River, Miller,
Montgomery, Nevada, Pike, Polk, and
Sevier Counties.



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Company E
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5196 US 65 South.
Harrison, AR 72601
870-970-9201
Serves Baxter, Boone, Conway, Fulton,
Izard, Johnson, Marion, Newton, Perry,
Pope, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, and Yell
Counties.



Company F
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2216 Access Rd.
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. 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 David Lafferty commanded the Criminal Investigation Division during 2021.



#### **2021 CID ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

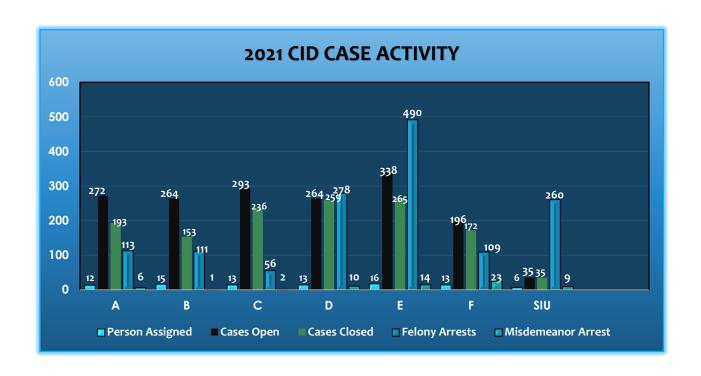
CID opened 1,581 cases in 2021, with some cases resulting in multiple felony charges. Outlined below are the statistics by Company or Unit and by category.

#### 2021 CID Case Activity



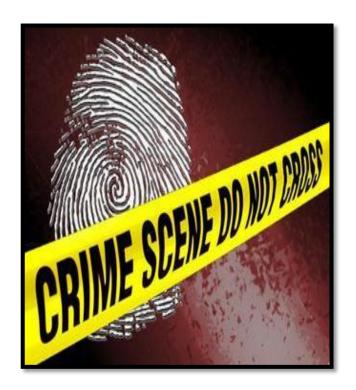
Company/ Unit	Persons Assigned	Cases Opened	Cases Closed	Felony Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests
Α	12	272	193	113	6
В	15	264	153	111	1
C	13	293	236	56	2
D	13	264	259	278	10
E	16	338	265	490	14
F	13	196	172	109	23
SIU/Admin	6	35	35	260	9
Total	88	1662	1313	1417	65



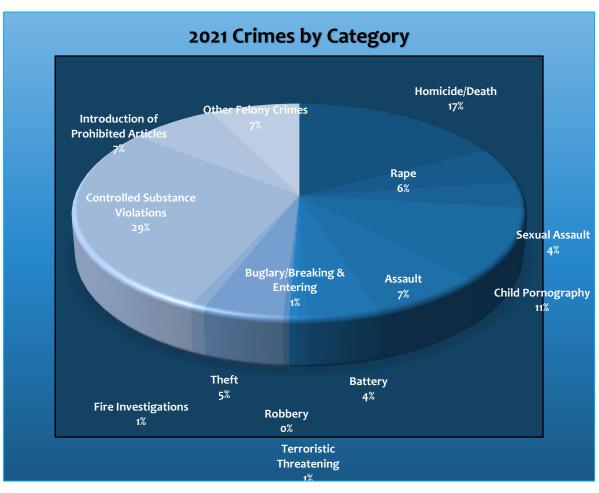


# 2021 Crimes by Category

Crime	Totals
Homicide/Death	238
Rape	75
Sexual Abuse	54
Child Pornography	150
Assault	98
Battery	61
Terroristic Threatening	9
Burglary	7
Robbery	5
Theft	9
Fire Investigation	12
Controlled Substance Violations	390
Introduction of Prohibited Articles	98
Other Felony Crime	101
Total	1307



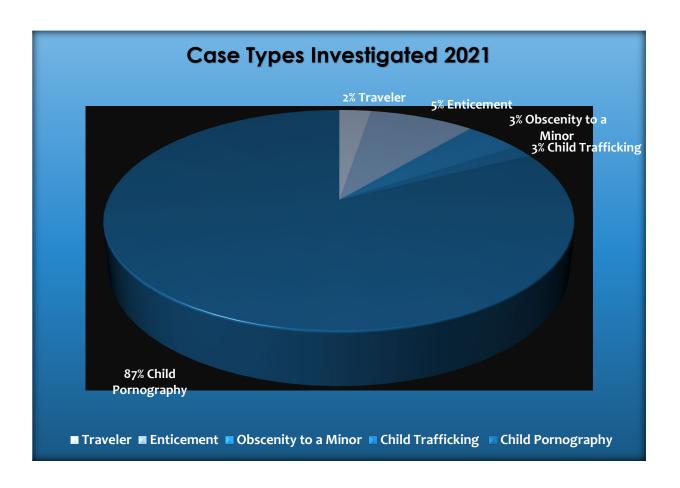




#### **INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

Since 2003, the Arkansas Internet Crimes Against Children (ARICAC) Task Force Program has been organizationally housed and supported by the Criminal Investigation Division Special Operations 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 child sex trafficking.

During the calendar year of 2021, ARICAC received and processed 3,797 CyberTips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children resulting in ARICAC Task Force Program participating agencies initiating 853 investigations. Also, during the year, 28 children were identified as victims of abuse, 110 arrests were made, and 439,589 gigabytes of data was examined.





Special Operations of the Criminal Investigation Division consists of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), the Arkansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ARICAC), the Digital Evidence Lab (DEL) and the Arkansas State Fusion Center (ASFC).

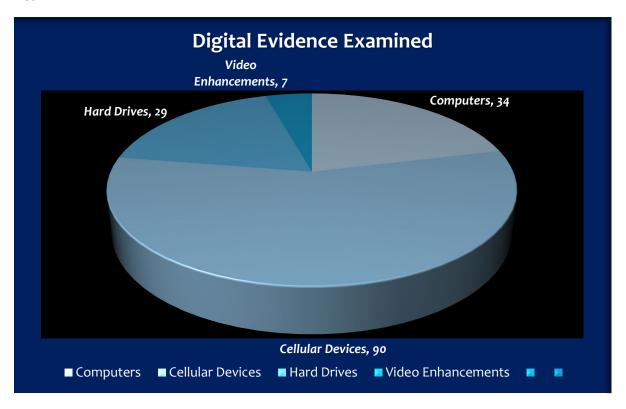
SIU conducts public integrity investigations throughout the state and oversees all federal task force participation by ASP. These specialized federal task forces include the United States Marshal's Office Fugitive Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, and the FBI ARKTrust Task Force.

SIU includes the Cold Case Unit, which consists of three dedicated personnel in keeping unresolved homicides and long-term missing person's cases in a contemporary status. In 2021, the Cold Case Unit reviewed over 40 cold cases. One arrest was made in a cold case homicide from 2013 in Saline County.



#### **Digital Evidence Lab**

The Digital Evidence Lab provides forensic digital examinations of electronic evidence seized or collected by Special Agents across the state and conducts forensic examinations related to ICAC Task Force investigations. In 2021, 67 separate cases were submitted to the DEL for digital examinations and over 50 TB of data was examined.







**Celestina Williams** ASFC Administrator

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

In 2021, the ASP provided six full-time civilian personnel as staff to the ASFC: Tina Williams serves as the ASFC Administrator/Director and Chris Carter serves as the ASFC Intelligence Analyst Supervisor. The other ASP personnel are ASFC Senior Intelligence Analyst 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 19 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
- 19. Arkansas Department of Agriculture



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 2021, 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 2021 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).

2021 Fusion Center Activities	
Bulletins	1115
Hotline Reports	235
Requests for Information	455
Requests for Services	3
Presentations	19

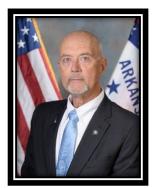


#### **During 2021, ASFC personnel:**

- 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, Pulaski
   County Sherriff's Office 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 for the 2021 Little Rock Marathon
- Provided intel and support to state and local agencies during multiple protests/rallies/events throughout the year
- Provided continued training to 25 Homeland Security Liaison Officers (HSLO) at the annual conference
- 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.
- One analyst virtually attended the Open-Source Intelligence training (OSINT)
- Two analysts attended the Foundations of Intelligence Analysis Training in Tulsa, OK (FIAT)
- All staff attended the i2 Analyst Notebook training. An instructor for the company came to the FC to teach.
- One analyst virtually attended the eight-week Basic Intel and Threat Analysis Course (BITAC) training.
- One analyst virtually attended the National Child Protection Task Force training.
- One analyst virtually attended multiple Financial Records Examination and Analysis trainings.
- All analysts virtually attended the Annual Southern Shield Fusion Center Directors/Lead Analysts conference held on the ZOOM platform
- All analysts virtually attended the National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) training event held on the ZOOM platform
- All analyst virtually attended different trainings throughout the year focusing on their Fusion Center portfolio



Major Jeffrey Drew Division Commander



**Gary Glisson** Investigations Administrator



**Dan Mack** Hotline Administrator

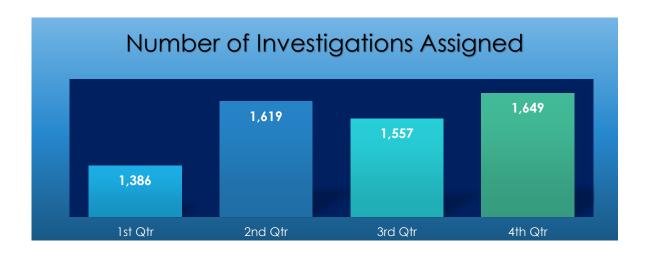
The Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) operates with one (1) Division Commander, one (1) Investigations Administrator, one (1) Admin Specialist III, three (3) Admin Specialist II, eleven (11) Area Managers, seventy-three (73) Investigators, one (1) Hotline Administrator, (5) Hotline Supervisors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



Child Abuse Hotline operators in the CACD of the Arkansas State Police received 63,085 referrals in 2021. Of these reports, 35,217 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 **6,211** cases being investigated by the CACD's Investigation section in 2021. Each report may contain multiple allegations.



Of the total number of Priority 1 allegations, 3,638 (73%) involved sexual-related offenses.

CACD investigators closed 6,177 referrals in 2021. Of the closed referrals, 2,026 (33%) 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.

#### Total Priority I Allegations by type for 2021

Abandonment – 3

Abuse w/a Deadly Weapon – 37

Bone Fracture - 100

Brain Damage/Skull Fracture – 45

Burns/Scalding - 175

Cuts, Bruises, Welts – 223

Death – 31

Failure to Protect –165

Failure to Thrive – 2

Immersion – 13

Indecent Exposure – 86

Internal Injuries - 7

Juvenile Aggressor – 345

Malnutrition - 4

Medical Neglect of Disabled Infant - o

Mental Injury – 22

Oral sex -222

Poison/Noxious Substance - 13

Pornography/Exposure to Live Sex – 150

Sexual Contact – 1,963

Sexual Exploitation – 116

Sexual Penetration - 614

Sexual Solicitation – 54

Voyeurism – 48

Subdural Hematoma – 25

Suffocation – 321

Threat of Harm -140

Human Trafficking (Sexual Abuse) - 40

Human Trafficking (Labor)- 2

# **Arkansas State Police**



# **Crimes Against Children Division**

#### **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

1 State Police Plaza Dr. Little Rock, AR 72209 501-618-8282 Serves Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski, Saline 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 C Captain John Carter

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



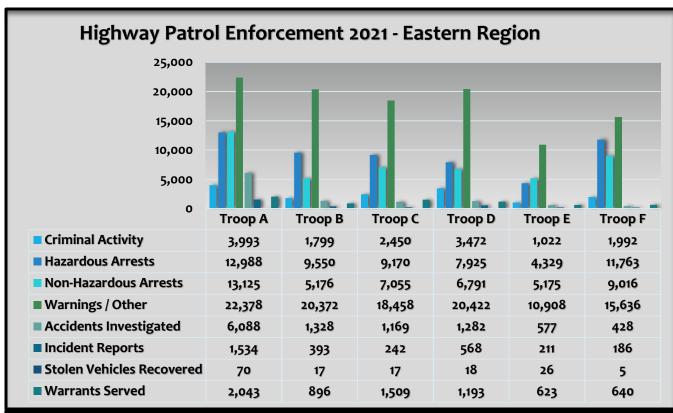
Troop E Captain David Williams

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





### HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

### WESTERN REGION (TROOPS G-L)







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 479-783-5195 Serves Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Scott, and Sebastian Counties.



Troop I **Captain Wesley Smithee** 

5196 US 65 South 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.



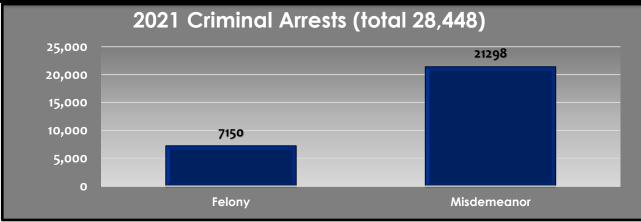
Troop L **Captain Scott Russell** 

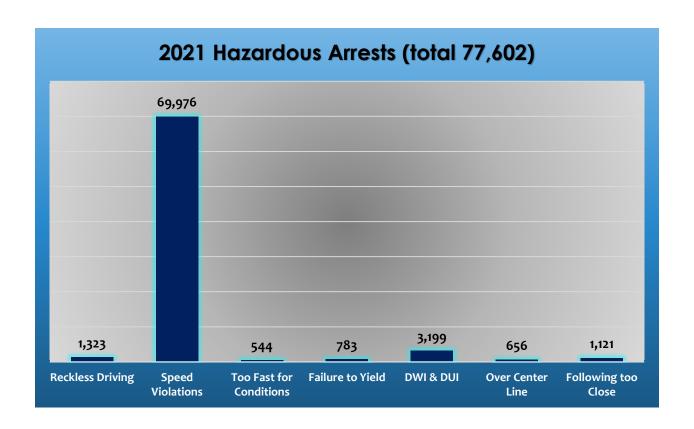
1120 W. Monroe Ave. Lowell, AR 72745 479-751-6663 Serves Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington Counties.

#### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY - WESTERN REGION**









#### **HAZARDOUS AND NON-HAZARDOUS ARRESTS**



# **ASP CANINE PROGRAM**



In 2021, Arkansas State Police Canine (K-9) Program had nine narcotic detection canine teams assigned to Highway Patrol. The teams combined for 143 narcotics sniffs, resulting in the seizure of over 1,727 pounds of marijuana, 32 pounds of cocaine, 10 pounds of methamphetamine, 40 grams of heroin, and over \$1,462,380.00









# INTERSTATE CRIMINAL PATROL (ICP) -2021

During 2021 the Interstate Criminal Patrol team seized the following:

- Marijuana 6063.12lbs (Street value: \$27,501,879)
- Cocaine 130.52lbs (Street value: \$5,920,288)
- Meth 282.98lbs (Street value: \$12,835,757)
- Fentanyl 3.82 (Street value \$693,088)
- Heroin .02lbs (Street Value \$3,628)
- Cash \$2,289,522
- 33 Weapons



100lbs Meth Seized 12/7/2021 Trooper Dustin Arnold



190lbs Marijuana Seized 8/25/2021 TFC Josh Elmore



\$200,000.00 Cash Seized 11/1/2021 Sgt. Rocky Rapert



300lbs Marijuana Seized 2/1/2021 Corporal Chris Short

# **TACTICAL AND AIR SUPPORT**

#### **AIR SUPPORT UNIT-**

During 2021, the Air Support Unit received 329 flight requests:

- > 250 requests were made from within the Division
- 79 requests were made from federal, state, or local agencies

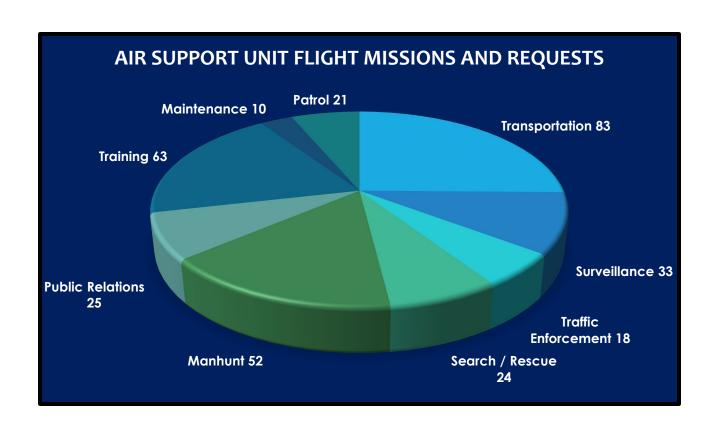
#### Results of the requested flights:

- 246 flights completed as requested
- > 44 flights canceled or declined due to weather, availability, or maintenance issues
- > 39 flights canceled by the requestor prior to the flight

The Air Support Unit flew 401.7 hours during 2021:

- > 175.0 hours N524SP, Bell 407 helicopter
- > 109.1 hours N523SP, Cessna 206
- 117.6 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. 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. Those members who are certified law enforcement instructors, assist with training at the troop level and for new recruits during a troop school.



In 2021, 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 2021. The ASP SWAT Team was activated 13 times in the year 2021.



Following are the activations for the year 2021:

January 11: Six members of the Team were activated to support the Emergency Response Team (ERT) with protests at the Arkansas State Capitol (Pulaski County). The protests were in support of President Trump and stemmed from the storming of the US Capitol the previous week. The protest concluded without incident.

January 20: The Team was again activated to support ERT at the Arkansas State Capitol (Pulaski County) in the event of a violent protest regarding the presidential inauguration. No protests occurred and the event concluded without incident.

<u>April 8:</u> Five members of the Team were deployed to I-30 in Hempstead County for a barricaded suspect in a tractor-trailer at a weigh station. After negotiating with CNT, the suspect surrendered without incident.

<u>April 20:</u> Six members of the Team responded to assist North Little Rock SWAT (Pulaski County) and the FBI with searching a house for an aggravated robbery suspect. The Team members successfully augmented with NLR SWAT and made entry, thus clearing the structure. The suspect was not located but was later arrested at another location by other law enforcement officers.

<u>May 19:</u> The Team was deployed to Helena (Phillips County) for a barricaded murder suspect. The Team surrounded the structure and attempted to contact the suspect but there was no response from the house. The decision was made to enter the structure to search for the suspect. It was determined after the Team made entry that the suspect was not inside and had fled prior to Team arrival. The drone and ASP SWAT K-9 - "Leibo" were used to assist with clearing the structure. The suspect was located 4 weeks later in the same area of the state and was taken into custody by local law enforcement.

<u>May 25:</u> The Team was deployed to Palestine (Saint Francis County) for a suspect that had fled from Troop D Troopers. The suspect was wanted for a shooting in Georgia a few days earlier. The suspect shot and wounded a police officer in Mississippi on May 25 and subsequently stole a police car. The Team coordinated with ASP CID, ADC, and FBI-LR SWAT. After a brief search, the suspect was discovered hiding in a creek and was taken into custody.

<u>September 9:</u> Six members of the Team were deployed to Hensley (Saline County) to assist with locating a homicide suspect that had fled from law enforcement. The Team assisted the Arkansas Department of Correction K9 tracking teams with searching the heavily wooded area but were unable to locate the suspect. He was taken into custody by a local officer the next day while attempting to break into a private residence in the area.

<u>September 12:</u> The Team was deployed to West Helena (Phillips County) for a barricaded suspect who had fired at local police officers and was reportedly holding his children against their will. After negotiating

with CNT, the suspect exited the structure with the children and was taken into custody by members of the Team. The children were safely returned to a family member.

<u>September 22:</u> The Team was deployed to Star City (Lincoln County) for an armed and barricaded suspect that had fired upon police officers that morning. While the Team was arriving, the suspect exited the structure and was arrested by Troopers who were on scene guarding the perimeter.

October 5 – October 6: The Team was deployed to Mayflower (Faulkner County) for an armed and barricaded suspect that had attempted to murder his mother and was firing upon responding law enforcement. After relieving the Faulkner County Sheriff's Office tactical team, The ASP SWAT Team attempted contact with the suspect to establish negotiations but received no response. Non-lethal chemical agents were introduced into the structure but there continued to be no contact with the suspect. After several hours, the Team made entry into the structure and located the suspect in an upstairs bedroom. The suspect was deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

<u>October 23:</u> The Team, along with LRPD SWAT, was tasked with providing security for the UA vs. UAPB game at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock (Pulaski County). The game concluded without incident.

<u>October 24:</u> The Team was deployed to Helena (Phillips County) for an armed and barricaded suspect that was believed to have murdered a family member inside the residence. Negotiations were successful and the suspect eventually exited the residence and surrendered to the Team.

**November 10:** The Team was deployed to Harriet (Searcy County) for an armed suspect that had threatened his neighbors. He refused to surrender to local law enforcement. After negotiating with CNT, while the Team was en route, the suspect exited his residence and surrendered to troopers- assisted by two SWAT members- that were already on scene.



# **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)**

The Arkansas Emergency Response Team is comprised of 86 specially trained Troopers. Each Trooper on the team has extensive training in crowd and riot control. In addition to crowd and riot control, 32 specially trained Troopers are assigned to the Search and Rescue Team and an additional 4 team members are assigned to the ASP Drone Team.

In 2021, the team conducted approximately 105 hours of crowd control training. Instructors on the team provided approximately 120 hours of instruction in Mobile Field Force Operations to officers, police recruits, and military police personnel throughout the State of Arkansas. Instruction was provided to Northwest Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Central Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy, and the 216<sup>th</sup> MP unit of the Arkansas National Guard. The training provided is crucial to the State's preparedness for a unified response to any large-scale civil unrest event within the State of Arkansas. The Emergency Response Team deployed 12 times. Each of those deployments were in response to calls for assistance from other agencies. The team responded to 3 crowd control incidents, provided event security at the Arkansas State Fair, and provided tactical assistance to federal law enforcement agencies on two occasions. Also, several members of the team deployed to Helena-West Helena to perform highly visible criminal patrols to address the high crime rate in the area.

The ERT Search and Rescue team deployed 4 times in 2021. One deployment was in response to a missing person, which resulted in the subject being successfully located. Two deployments were to assist with locating and collecting evidence at the request of ASP CID Company A. In addition to deployment within the State of Arkansas, one deployment was at the request of the Louisiana State Police to assist with the disaster response to Hurricane Ida. The largest response of the team in 2021 included 33 members, mostly comprised of ERT Search and Rescue Team members, deploying to the Gulf Coast to assist the Louisiana State Police. During their 14-day deployment, the team assisted LSP with providing assistance to the citizens of Louisiana, performing criminal patrols to address looting in areas affected by the storm, and assisting other responding entities with security and traffic control. ASP ERT members took on a wide variety of tasks, from assisting citizens with pumping gas and handing out food, to responding to 2 active shooter incidents. The team took part in numerous criminal arrests during the deployment, including the arrests of several suspected looters. The response was the first time ASP personnel deployed to another state to assist with a similar incident since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



### **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 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 the use of active listening and communication skills.



In 2021, 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 during the year. Members of CNT spent time in active negotiations with subjects during the following incidents:

**February 17, 2021:** Two CNT members responded to Caddo Valley to assist Clark County Sheriff's Office with an armed barricaded subject. The sheriff's office had received a call for a welfare check on the subject. When they responded to the residence, they heard shots fired from inside the house. CNT was able to make contact with the subject and get him to come out on the carport of the residence. Once on the carport, Clark County Deputies challenged the subject and tased him. The subject ran back into the residence and deputies followed him in where they were able to take him into custody.

March 15, 2021: One CNT member responded to a subject armed with a knife barricaded in a vehicle at the Arkansas Highway Police Commercial Vehicle Weight Station in Crittenden County. CNT carried on a lengthy negotiation with the subject. At some point, another officer tased the subject through the window and several officers pulled him out of the vehicle. Once out of the vehicle and on the ground, the subject used the knife

to attempt to cut his throat and stabbed himself in the leg. He was provided medical assistance on scene and transported to a local hospital.

<u>April 8, 2021</u>: One CNT member responded to the Arkansas Highway Police Commercial Weight Station at Hope for a subject barricaded in a commercial vehicle. CNT assisted AHP officers with a brief negotiation that ended with the subject surrendering to ASP SWAT.

**April 24, 2021:** One CNT member responded to a subject barricaded with a knife in Washington County. The subject was suicidal and had numerous warrants. He did not want to go back to jail and planned to charge officers with the knife, forcing them to shoot him. After a lengthy negotiation, the subject surrendered and was taken into custody.

August 21, 2021: One CNT member responded to an armed barricaded subject in Lawrence County. Local officers had responded to a welfare check on a subject when she barricaded herself in a bedroom in the residence. Officers attempted to negotiate with the subject from inside the residence when she fired at them. CNT responded and attempted to continue negotiations with the subject mostly through text messaging. After no contact with the subject for a lengthy time, officers entered the residence and found the subject deceased with a single gunshot wound to her chest.

<u>September 12, 2021</u>: CNT responded with SWAT to an armed barricaded subject with children in the residence in Helena. Helena Police Department responded to a call of a child in distress in front of a residence. When officers arrived, they encountered a male subject on the front porch, and he fired at officers before retreating into his residence with the children. Negotiators from the CNT and FBI negotiated with the subject, and his children, for several hours. The subject exited the residence with his children where he encountered several ASP SWAT members. The subject attempted to retreat into the residence but was taken into custody by ASP SWAT.





**November 10, 2021:** CNT responded with SWAT to a barricaded subject in Searcy County. The geographical layout of the property presented several obstacles to approaching the residence. Negotiators and SWAT members were able to make contact with the subject off and on through phone and by voice from his driveway. The subject would come partially down the driveway then retreat back to his residence. The subject eventually came to the end of the driveway where he was taken into custody.

# **CRASH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM**

The Arkansas State Police Crash Reconstruction Team consists of nine highly trained Troopers from the Highway Patrol Division. One full-time coordinator and eight part-time members dispersed across the state. 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. Along with teaching 120 hours of basic crash investigation at the 2021 ASP Troop School. The team also trains several local departments in crash investigations.

The team utilizes 1 Trimble X-7 3D laser scanner, 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, and Pix4d computer drawing programs to produce "To Scale" drawings of fatal crash scenes with 1-3 cm's of accuracy.

In 2021 the ASP Crash Team performed 3 full reconstructions and 3 PIT fatal investigations.

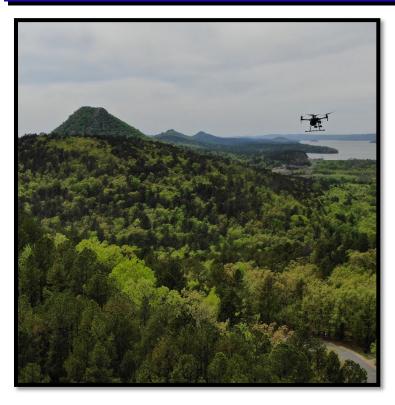
Also, in 2021 the ASP Crash Team analyzed 81 Airbag Control Modules (ACM) using the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Tool, 26 of which were requested by outside agencies. The ACM is the computer "brain" of the vehicle that decides whether or not to deploy the airbag in a crash situation. The ACM also continually monitors the various functions of the vehicle such as the vehicle's speed, braking, engine RPM's, and steering angle.

Additionally, in 2021 the ASP Crash Team flew 87 UAS (drone) missions in conjunction with the reconstruction/ACM image requests.

The ASP Crash Team experienced a 12.4% increase in requests for assistance from 2020 to 2021.



### **ASP DRONE TEAM**



In 2021, the ASP Drone Team logged 519 flights with 259 hours flown. These missions included search and rescue operations, surveillance for SWAT operations, crash reconstruction, and criminal investigations.

The ASP drone team currently has 12 pilots assigned to the Highway Patrol Division and 6 pilots assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. All pilots have their FAA Part 107 license and train monthly.

ASP owns a variation of 14 drones, and one assigned to the media unit.

The ASP drone team has assisted other agencies by providing air support, training, 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 2021, MICC personnel trained with other agencies to prepare for various types of emergencies which may occur in Arkansas.



#### Personnel trained with the following:

- 1. Arkansas State Police SWAT
- 2. Arkansas State Police CNT
- 3. Arkansas State Police ERT
- 4. Arkansas State Police Drone Personnel
- 5. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM)

Our team, along with our equipment, was dispatched to nine SWAT callouts in 2021.

The MICC and personnel was deployed to the Arkansas Razorback Football game at War Memorial Stadium and also had teams working at the Arkansas State Fair.

Some of the regular scheduled events planned during the year were cancelled due to Covid 19.



### **HONOR GUARD**

The Arkansas State Police Honor Guard pays tribute at funerals for in the line of duty deaths and retired Troopers. The Honor Guard also presents the colors at various events throughout the year under the direction of the Director. The Honor Guard currently has 15 active members. The Honor Guard assisted with 12 funerals for the year and presented the colors at 5 events. Honor Guard members attended twenty-four hours of training.



# The Honor Guard fulfilled the following requests for services for 2021:

January 11, 2021: Presented the colors for the opening of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

January 31, 2021: Assisted with the funeral of Retired Sgt. Ron Ball in Malvern.

March 12, 2021: Assisted with the funeral of Cpl. Ray Irvin in Vilonia.

March 16, 2021: Held a quarterly training in Little Rock at the Headquarters.

April 29, 2021: Presented the colors for the Troop School Graduation at the Benton Event Center.

May 18, 2021: Held quarterly training at Little Rock Headquarters.

June 4, 2021: Assisted with the funeral of Sgt. Bill Maley in Benton.

June 29, 2021: Presented the colors at the annual awards banquet at Camp Robinson.

July 22, 2021: The Honor Guard presented the colors for the Attorney General at the Benton Event Center.

<u>August 7, 2021</u>: Assisted with the funeral of Senior Cpl. Jeff Neel of the Arkansas Game and Fish, who died of covid in Hope.

**August 9, 2021:** Assisted with the funeral of retired Sgt. Jerry Green in Nashville.

August 17, 2021: Held a quarterly training at Little Rock Headquarters.

<u>September 15, 2021</u>: Assisted with the funeral of retired Sgt. Jerry Reinold in Greenbrier.

October 5, 2021: The Honor Guard Assisted with the funeral of retired Cpt. John Morrow in Little Rock.

October 9, 2021: Assisted with the funeral of retired Cpl. Marvin Nunn in Little Rock.

October 9, 2021: The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of retired Sgt. Chuck Medford in Brinkley.

October 18, 2021: Presented the colors for the Attorney General at the Benton Event Center.

October 22, 2021: Assisted with the funeral of retired Cpt. Larry Gleghorn in Hot Springs.

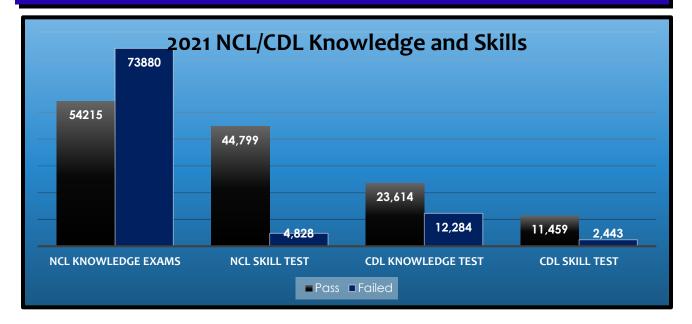
<u>October 23, 2021</u>: The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Independence County Deputy Frank Ramirez in Batesville.

<u>November 16, 2021</u>: Held a quarterly training in Little Rock at the Headquarters and assisted the Arkansas Highway Police in establishing their new Honor Guard.

December 14, 2021: The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of retired Sgt. Ray Davis in Langley.



# **DL/CDL TESTING**

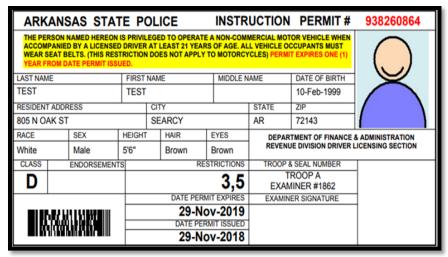


In 2020, we fought Covid and finished the year with a total of 111,123 CDL/DL exams.

This past year was a year of recovery for driver's testing. In 2021, the year finished with a final count of 227,522 exams allowing examiners to administer 116,399 more than in 2020.

A total of 128,095 non-commercial license (NCL) knowledge exams (54,215 passed and 73,880 failed) were administered, with a total of 49,627 skill exams (44,799 passed and 4,828 failed). Totals include motorcycle knowledge and skills.

A total of 35,898 CDL knowledge exams were administered (23,614 passed and 12,284 failed), and 13,902 CDL skill exams (11,459 passed and 2,443 failed) were administered in 2021.





### COMMUNICATIONS



Arkansas State Police has 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, 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 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 REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES...



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

