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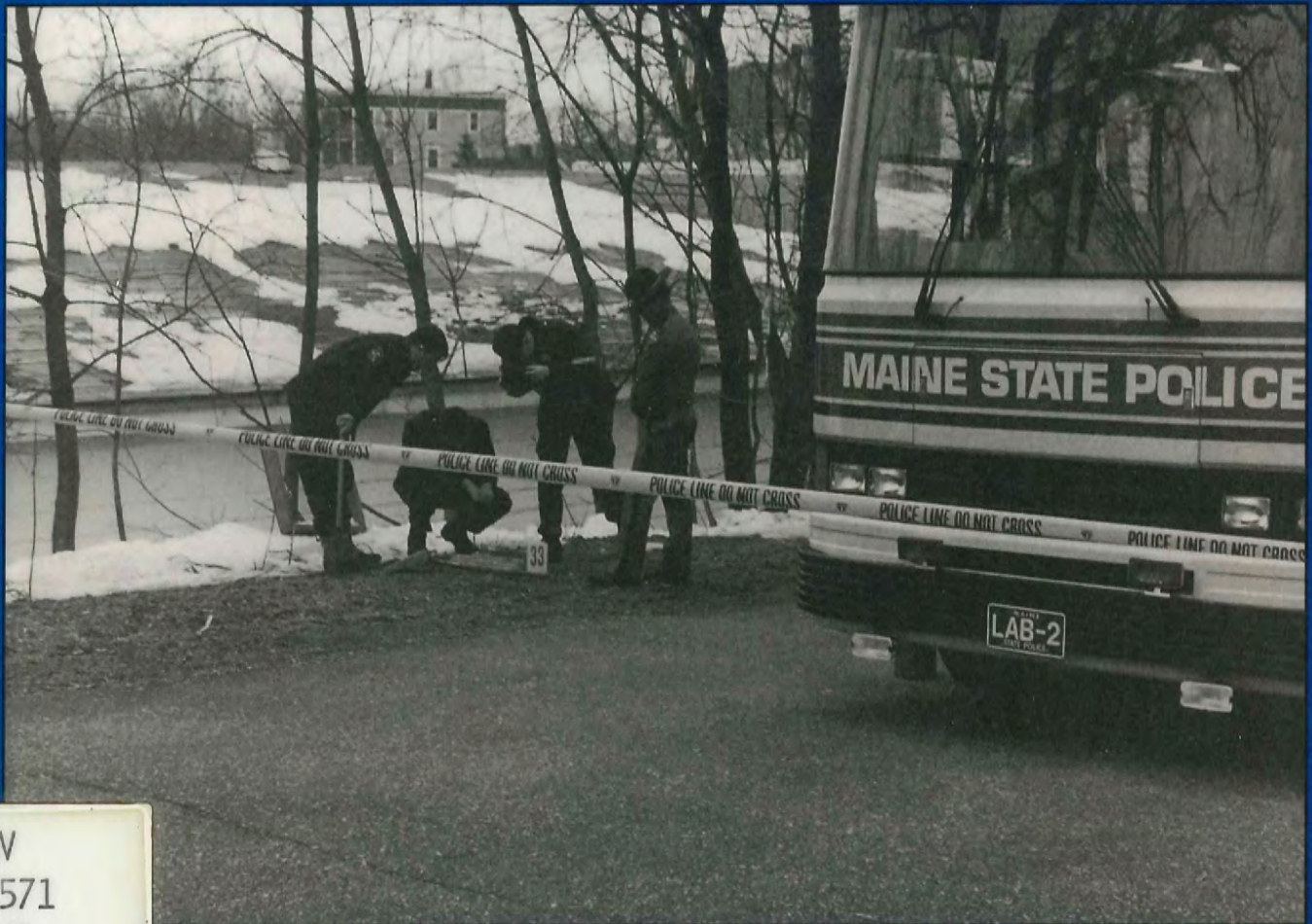
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Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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May 15, 1997

The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor of Maine
State House Station #1
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

Dear Governor King:

It is with great pleasure that I present you with the 1996 Maine State Police Annual Report which contains the events and highlights of the past year.

Forty-three new State Troopers graduated from the State Police Academy in 1996 and planning began for the 45th Training Troop which is scheduled to begin later this year. An academy requires extra effort by all our personnel which results in a renewal of the pride taken in the organization each time a new class graduates.

Conversely, 1996 was also a year of great sadness for the State Police because Trooper James Griffith died in the line of duty in a motor vehicle accident in April. Tragically, Trooper Jeffrey Parola also died in the line of duty in a single vehicle accident in the fall of 1994. We dedicate this report to their memory.

On a personal note, your continued support for the men and women of the Maine State Police and the law enforcement community is most gratifying. The initiatives that you have supported on our behalf serve as incentives for us to continue to provide superior service to the citizens of Maine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Alfred R. Skolfield'.

ALFRED R. SKOLFIELD

Chief of the Maine State Police
Commissioner of Public Safety

DEDICATED

To



State Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola who died on November 13, 1994, in a car crash in Sidney.



State Trooper James A. Griffith who died on April 15, 1996, in a car crash in Warren.

Both Troopers died in the line of duty and the State Police
will never forget them.

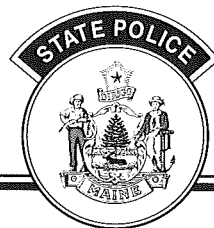


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*COVER PHOTO – Detectives Mark Lopez, Herb
Leighton and Bob Slattery, along with Trooper David
Andreasen, at a Lewiston crime scene with the Mobile
Command Post (McCausland photo)*



COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Parker F. Hennessey	1972 to 1974
J. Edward Marks	1974 to 1975
Donald E. Nichols, Sr.	1975 to 1976
Allan H. Weeks, Jr.	1976 to 1979
Arthur A. Stilphen	1979 to 1987
John R. Atwood	1987 to 1994
Alfred R. Skolfield	1994 to Present

CHIEFS OF THE MAINE STATE POLICE

Chief Arthur H. Field	1925 to 1927
General James W. Hanson	1927 to 1936
Captain Wilbur H. Towle	1936 to 1938
General John W. Healy	1938 to 1941
Chief Henry P. Weaver	1941 to 1943
Chief Laurence C. Upton	1943 to 1948
Colonel Francis J. McCabe	1948 to 1954
Colonel Robert Marx	1954 to 1966
Colonel Parker F. Hennessey	1966 to 1974
Colonel Donald E. Nichols, Sr.	1974 to 1976
Colonel Allan H. Weeks, Jr.	1976 to 1987
Colonel Andrew E. Demers, Jr.	1987 to 1993
Colonel Alfred R. Skolfield	1993 to Present

MAINE STATE POLICE

For the past 75 years, the Maine State Police have enforced the laws and patrolled the highways of Maine. The original State Troopers were assigned a gun, law book and a motorcycle and paid \$28 a week. It would be 1936 before the first patrol cars with radios were purchased.

Since those early years many improvements have occurred in law enforcement. The modern technology and innovations of the 1990's weren't even in science fiction books in 1921 when the State Highway Police began enforcement duties of motor vehicle laws. In 1925, those duties were expanded and the Governor named the Department's first chief.

Today's State Troopers continue to enforce motor vehicle laws, but are also involved in daily enforcement of criminal law and the many areas of specialization that Maine has come to rely on from the State Police.

The Criminal Investigation Division investigates all homicides except in the cities of Portland and Bangor. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit, one of the largest divisions in the Department, monitors the thousands of tractor-trailers that travel Maine's highways to assure compliance with the commercial vehicle regulations and safety provisions.

The State Police Crime Lab has opened a DNA lab and an automated fingerprint identification section is in the planning stages.

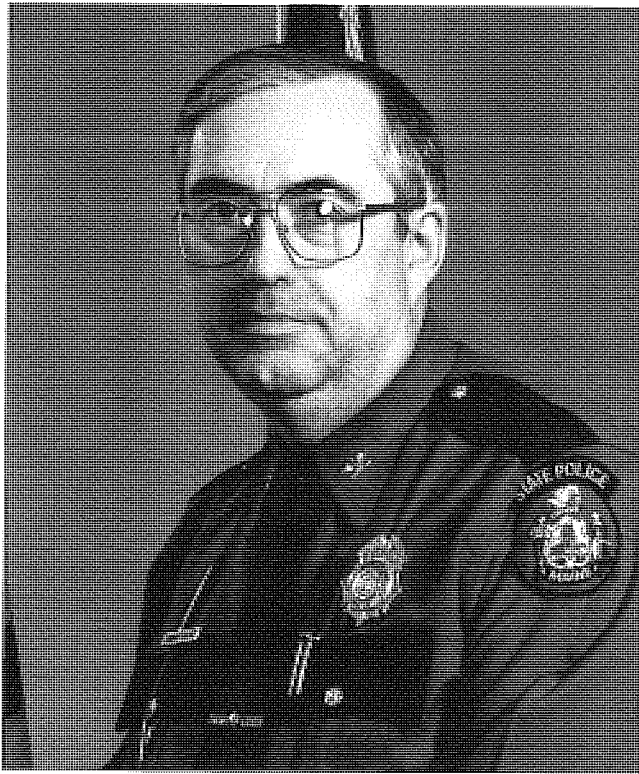
Other areas of specialty that are called upon regularly are the Tactical Team, for the state's most dangerous calls of hostage and barricaded persons; the Canine Team, for locating missing persons and tracking criminals; the Bomb Disposal Team, to respond to suspicious packages; the Underwater Recovery Team, to search for submerged evidence and drowning victims; Accident Reconstructionists, to determine the causes of serious motor vehicle crashes and Executive Protection, which provides Maine's Governor with 24 hour protection.

1996 ended with 304 sworn members of the State Police and planning was underway for the start of the 45th Training Troop and a new class of prospective Troopers undergoing 22 weeks of training, beginning in the summer of 1997.

As this decade comes to an end and the Department prepares for the challenges of a new century, the Maine State Police will continue to play a vital role in the protection and security of Maine citizens.



EXECUTIVE



Colonel Alfred R. Skolfield



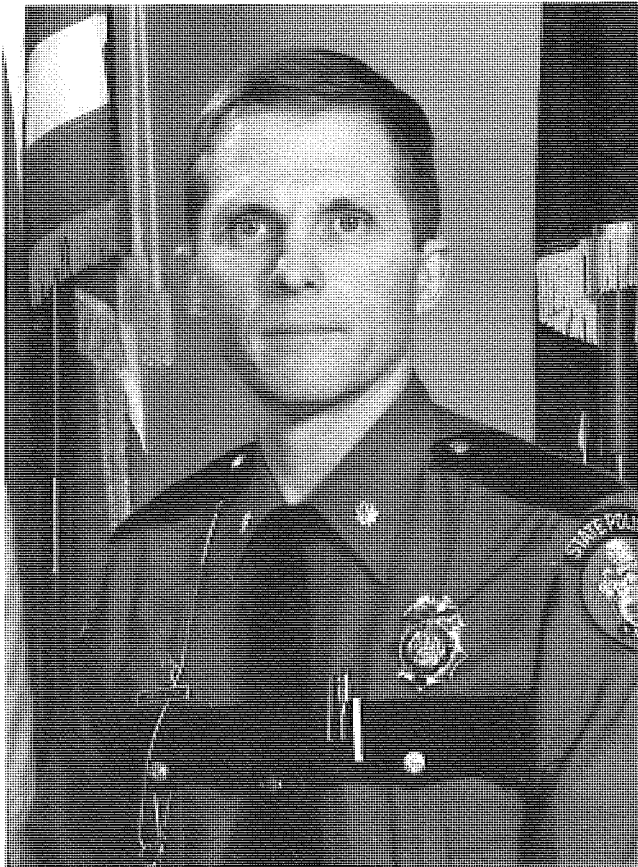
Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm T. Dow

CHIEF – 624-7074

Colonel Alfred R. Skolfield was appointed Chief of the State Police in 1993 after serving as Deputy Chief for six years. Skolfield joined the State Police in 1973 and was first assigned to patrol Interstate 95. In 1977, he was promoted to Corporal and worked in Troop F (Houlton), the Traffic Division and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. He returned to Troop F in 1983 as a Sergeant and was promoted to Lieutenant in the Troop in 1985. He served as Deputy Chief from 1987 to 1993. As Chief of the State Police, he became acting Commissioner of Public Safety in 1994, when Commissioner John Atwood resigned to become a Superior Court Judge. Following the election of Governor Angus King in 1994, Skolfield was selected by the Governor to continue in both positions.

DEPUTY CHIEF 624-7068

Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm T. Dow has served as Deputy Chief since 1993. He joined the State Police in 1976 and spent the majority of his career in Troop F (Houlton). He was promoted to Corporal in 1982, Sergeant in 1985 and Lieutenant of Troop F in 1988, where he served until being named Deputy Chief. In 1980, he was named "Trooper of the Year" and is a 1993 graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Major Charles N. Love

MAJORS

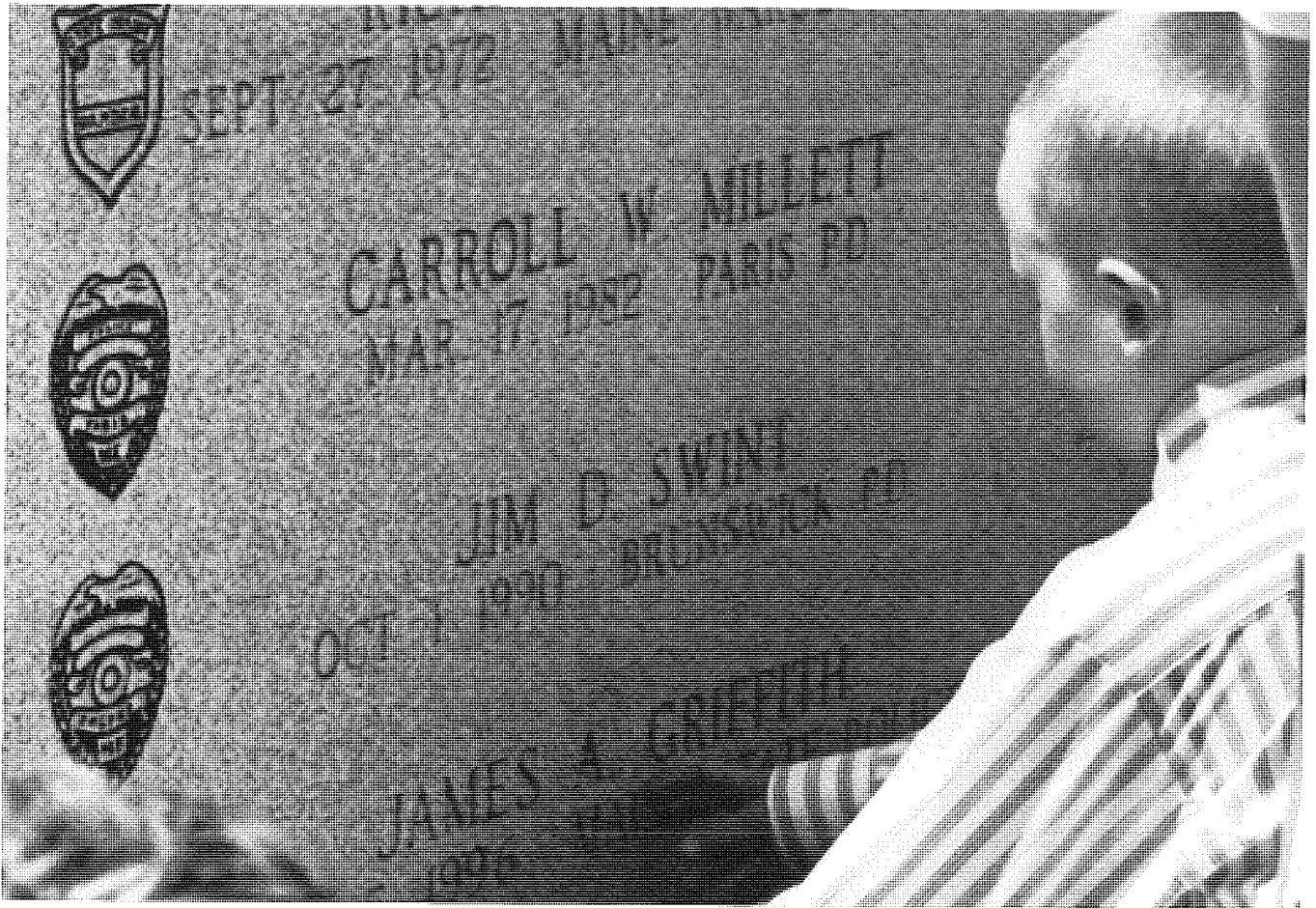
Major Charles N. Love joined the State Police in 1970 and oversees the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and the eight field troops. He patrolled his early years in Somerset County before being promoted to Sergeant in Troop F. He later transferred to CID and was promoted to Lieutenant in CID II in 1986. He served as Captain of the entire Criminal Investigation Division from 1990 to 1996 when he was named Major.



Major Jefferey D. Harmon

Major Jeffrey D. Harmon joined the Department in 1982 and oversees all operations at Headquarters, as well as Intelligence, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Fleet Services. He patrolled in the Millinocket-Lincoln area before being named Detective in 1985. Harmon was promoted to Sergeant in 1990 in the Criminal Investigation Division. He was named Lieutenant in charge of Intelligence in 1993 and promoted to Major in 1996.

HONOR ROLL



*Ten year old Zach Griffith touches his father's name on the Maine Law Enforcement Memorial in Augusta during the 1996 observance at the site. He is the 73rd Maine law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty
(Carolyn Marsh photo, Courier-Gazette)*

TROOPERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Trooper Emery O. Gooch 1885-1924

Officer Gooch was killed when he lost control of his motorcycle in Mattawamkeag on August 9, 1924. He had joined the State Highway Police the month before.

Trooper Fred A. Foster 1898-1925

Trooper Foster was killed when his motorcycle struck a horse, hauling a load of hay. The accident occurred on August 30, 1925 in Belfast. He had joined the State Highway Police in 1924.

Trooper Frank C. Wing
1902-1928

Trooper Wing was killed when his motorcycle collided with an oil truck in Millinocket on August 19, 1928. He had joined the State Police two months earlier.

Trooper Charles C. Black
1936-1964

Trooper Black was shot to death on July 9, 1964 outside the Maine National Bank in South Berwick during an armed robbery. He was the first Trooper to die by gunfire. He joined the Department in 1958.

Trooper Thomas J. Merry
1952-1980

Trooper Merry was killed on July 12, 1980 in Palmyra when struck by a car involved in a high speed chase. Merry had parked his cruiser in the roadway as part of a roadblock and was attempting to seek safe cover when struck by the fleeing car. He had joined the State Police in 1977.

Trooper Michael R. Veilleux
1962-1986

Trooper Veilleux was killed on June 17, 1986 when he lost control of his cruiser and it overturned in Dayton. He had graduated from the State Police Academy the previous month.

Detective Giles R. Landry
1952-1989

Detective Landry was shot to death on March 31, 1989 while investigating a child abuse complaint in Leeds. The gunman also killed a woman who had been talking to the Detective and then killed himself. Landry had joined the State Police in 1976 and was promoted to Detective in 1988.

Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola
1967-1994

Trooper Parola was killed on November 13, 1994 when his cruiser crashed through a guardrail in Sidney. He was a member of the Tactical Team and was responding to a domestic violence call at the time of the crash. Parola had joined the State Police in 1989.

Trooper James A. Griffith
1961-1996

Trooper Griffith was killed on April 15, 1996 when his cruiser was struck by a second vehicle in Warren, as the Trooper was attempting to make a U-turn to pursue a speeding car. Griffith had joined the State Police in 1986.

FIELD FORCE



A State Police cruiser maneuvers along the flooded Maine Turnpike during the heavy rains in Southern Maine in the fall of '96. (Portland Press Herald photo)

The field force of the State Police is made up of eight troops that provide full police services to the citizens in their patrol areas. Each troop is commanded by a Lieutenant and the following is a breakdown of each troop's area, responsibility and significant events during 1996.

TROOP A
Route 202
RR 2 Box 266
Alfred, ME 04002
324-1150
Lt. Steven Marchessault

Troop A covers York County and a part of Oxford County. The Troop is presently staffed with three Sergeants, 15 Troopers and two non-sworn members. During 1996, the Troop handled 4,683 calls for service, which was a 16% increase over 1995. Among those calls were

three motor vehicle fatalities and 146 other accidents involving personal injury. The Troop charged 141 persons with Operating Under the Influence. The most frequent calls during the year were disorderly conduct, burglary and domestic assaults.

Troop A continues to be of assistance to the U.S. Secret Service because of the Kennebunkport summer home of former President George Bush. The Troop is frequently called up for motorcade security for the former President and dignitaries that visit him.

The Troop has also established a call sharing program with the York County Sheriff's Department that coordinates the use of deputies and Troopers responding to emergency calls in the county. The agreement allows for the closest available unit to be dispatched to a call regardless of which agency received the request.

TROOP B
Route 26
One Game Farm Road
Gray, ME 04039
657-3030
Lt. Ronald Harmon

Troop B is responsible for Cumberland, Oxford and part of Androscoggin Counties. The Troop also patrols Interstate 295 and 95 from Scarborough to Brunswick. The Troop currently consists of three Sergeants and 24 Troopers. During 1996, Troop B handled 7,885 calls for service. Included in those calls were 4,638 traffic incidents; 891 criminal incidents; 2,238 civil or related public services and 108 drug investigations. During the year, the Troop covered ten motor vehicle fatalities and 284 personal injury accidents. Troopers spent a considerable amount of time with drunk driving enforcement, including the use of specialized OUI patrols and road-blocks. 247 persons were charged during the year with Operating Under the Influence.

1996 was an election year and the Troop was asked several times to provide assistance to the U.S. Secret Service and municipal police agencies as the Presidential campaigns flew into the Portland International Jetport and made appearances in Southern Maine.

Community policing projects continued in the towns of Gray, New Gloucester and Livermore and the Troop worked closely with those communities.

TROOP C
Route 2
P.O. Box 6570
Skowhegan, ME 04976
474-3350
Lt. Gerald Coleman

Troop C is responsible for Somerset and Franklin Counties, along with most of Kennebec and northern sections of Androscoggin and Oxford Counties. The Troop also patrols Interstate 95 from Augusta to Newport. The total geographic area is over 6,700 square miles and accounts for almost 22% of the entire state.

The Troop currently consists of three Sergeants and 22 Troopers, along with two non-sworn employees.

During the year, Troop C handled 7,825 calls for service, including 1,380 motor vehicle accidents. Of those, seven were fatalities and 244 involved personal injury. 245 persons were charged with Operating Under the Influence during the year.

The Troop issued 5,559 summonses, 15,278 warnings and 4,944 defect cards. There were 1,039 warnings and 73 summonses for child safety seat and seat belt violations.

TROOP D
Route 1
222 Main St.
Thomaston, ME 04861
354-2523
Lt. Dennis Hayden

Troop D is responsible for the mid coast area from Brunswick to Winterport, covering the counties of Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo and southern Kennebec. The Troop also patrols Interstate 95 from Topsham to West Gardiner. The Troop presently consists of three Sergeants, 19 Troopers and a secretary.

During 1996, Troop D handled 6,991 calls for service, including 1,332 traffic accidents. Of those crashes, eight were fatalities and 325 involved personal injury. The Troop investigated 341 serious crimes during the year, including 190 thefts and 120 burglaries.

Traffic enforcement activities during the year resulted in 222 OUI arrests, 2,722 summonses for speeding and 2,373 other infractions.

The Troop also instituted a call sharing agreement with the Sheriff's Departments in Lincoln and Waldo Counties. Under the program, whichever department has the closest police unit to an emergency scene gets the call.

The Troop's saddest day of the year was April 15, the day Trooper James "Drew" Griffith was killed when his car was struck by another vehicle along Route 1 in Warren. More than 500 law enforcement officers attended his funeral in Thomaston, along with an equal number of other citizens. Griffith was the only Maine law enforcement officer to lose his life during 1996.

TROOP E
Route 2
P. O. Box 129
Orono, ME 04473
866-2122
Lt. Herbert Morse

Troop E is responsible for Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties, along with Interstate 95 between Newport and Sherman. The Troop currently consists of three Sergeants, 19 Troopers, 8 non-sworn members who operate the Regional Communications Center at the barracks, a secretary and custodian.

The Troop handled 6,510 calls service during the year, compared to 6,926 calls in 1995. 270 of those calls during '96 were for serious crimes with significant increases reported in burglaries and motor vehicle thefts.

Traffic enforcement devoted a large part of troop activities during the year with 1,075 motor vehicle accidents reported, an increase of 113 over 1995. The Troop investigated eight fatal crashes during the year, which killed nine persons. OUI enforcement by Troopers resulted in 159 arrests. Two unmarked patrol cars were used during the summer months to augment traffic enforcement which resulted in the issuance of more than 1000 citations.

TROOP F
Route 1
P.O. Box 340
Houlton, ME 04730
532-2261
Lt. Barry Smith

Troop F is responsible for Aroostook County as well as northern portions of Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset Counties. In addition the Troop patrols Interstate 95 from Sherman to the Canadian border in Houlton. There are about 95,000 people in this large geographic area made up of over 9,100 square miles. Troop F currently is made up of three Sergeants, 22 Troopers, a secretary, the six police communication operators that staff the Regional Communications Center, a mechanic and a radio technician.

During 1996, the Troop had 6,686 calls for service and referred an additional 765 calls to other agencies. The total calls represented a 5½% increase over 1995. The Troop covered 910 motor vehicle crashes, including seven fatalities. Special traffic enforcement activities during the year focused on speed and OUI violations utilizing federal highway safety funding. The Troop made 239 OUI arrests.



Troop F - Houlton Barracks have been used since 1938 and is due to be replaced during 1998.

The Houlton barracks is the oldest building used by the State Police. Since 1938 the white clapboard building on Route 1 has served as the home base for Troop F. In early 1997 the Maine Legislature approved \$900,000 to construct a new barracks for the Troop. A planning committee was appointed to review building plans and find a location.

TROOP G
Maine Turnpike
Mailing address
One Game Farm Road
Gray, ME 04039
822-0140
Lt. Randall Nichols

Troop G provides 24 hour coverage for the 105 miles of the Maine Turnpike from Kittery to Augusta. The Troop currently consists of four Sergeants and 15 Troopers and the Troop's main office is located at the "Crosby Farm" along the Turnpike in South Portland. The Troop also maintains field offices in West Gardiner and York.

During 1996, 44 million vehicles traveled the Turnpike and the Troop worked very closely with the Maine Turnpike Authority. The Troop's operating budget is paid for in full by toll revenues from the MTA. Because the Turnpike is Maine's busiest highway, Troop G's traffic enforcement activities are constant. The Troop made 239 OUI arrests during the year and speed enforcement activities included radar, laser radar and aircraft. In all, over 9,000 summonses were issued by Troop G during the year and over 10,000 warnings.

A large amount of the traffic on the Pike are commercial trucks and the Troop works closely with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. Over 1,000 trucks were stopped during the year and inspected for safety and logbook violations. Permanent weigh stations are located on both the north and southbound lanes in York and Kittery.

The Maine Turnpike is the main artery into and out of Maine and that brings in business and tourist traffic, but also serves as a pipeline for criminal activity such as drug couriers, stolen vehicles and fugitives. During the year the Troop was involved in 126 drug interdictions and 249 criminal arrests and investigations. A number of fugitives were also apprehended as a result of traffic stops.

TROOP J
Route 191
P.O. Box 250
East Machias, ME 04630
255-6125
Lt. Wesley Hussey

Troop J is responsible for Hancock and Washington Counties and currently consists of three Sergeants, 13 Troopers and a secretary. The Troop's main office is located along Route 191 in East Machias and the troop also maintains a field office in the Town of Hancock.

1996 saw a significant change in the way the State Police conducts business when it entered into a cooperative agreement with Sheriff William Clark of Hancock County. That agreement coordinates the Troopers and Deputies patrolling the county which was divided into patrol areas, some covered by

deputies and others covered by troopers. This arrangement has provided county residents with improved police services and has eliminated any duplication of services. It has also resulted in closer working relationships between the sheriff's department and the State Police.

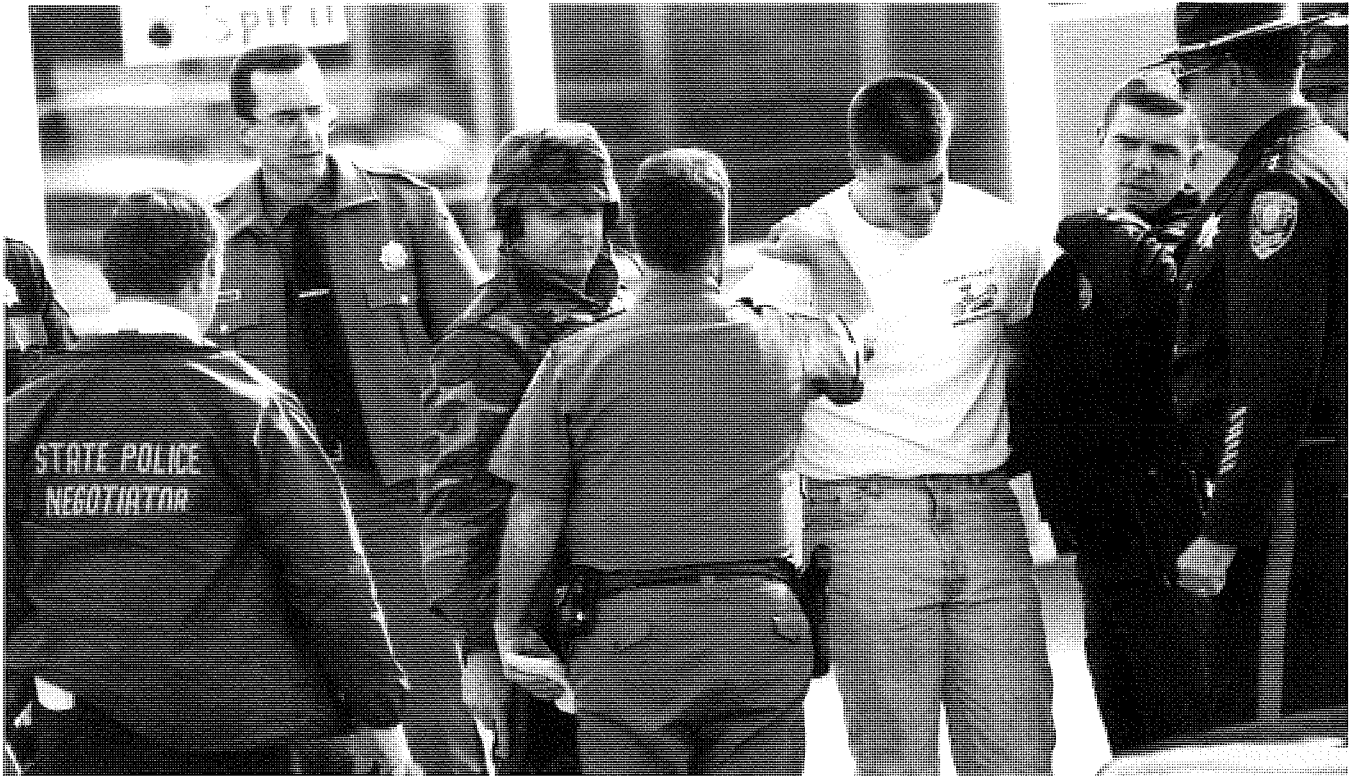
An emergency call sharing program also has been set up between the Troop and the Washington County Sheriff's Department, similar to other agreements in Waldo, Lincoln and York Counties.

Because of the call sharing agreements, Troop J saw a significant increase in calls from the two counties. From Hancock County – a 68% increase in criminal offenses, a 36% increase in traffic offenses and a 30% hike in drug related investigations. From Washington County – the Troop realized a 14% increase in criminal cases and other increases were reported in several other categories.

Overall during the year, Troop J made 100 OUI arrests and issued 2,058 summonses and 3,946 warnings.



CRIMINAL DIVISION



*A Gardiner High School student is taken into custody after bringing a rifle to school and firing a shot. Negotiators convinced him to give himself up ending a tense stand-off with State, County and Local Law Enforcement.
(Andy Molloy photo, Kennebec Journal)*

The Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.) is responsible for major criminal investigations including homicides, suspicious deaths and child abuse cases. C.I.D. investigates all homicides in Maine, with the exception of the cities of Portland and Bangor, which investigate their own.

C.I.D. is divided into three sections (Northern, Central and Southern), each headed by a Lieutenant and two Sergeants.

During 1996 there were 24 homicides in Maine, 22 investigated by State Police and one each in Portland and Bangor.

Although each homicide makes the headlines in the newspapers and evening

news, the State's first murder during 1996 shocked the nation. A 37 year old man, later found innocent by mental disease, broke into a convent in Waterville and attacked four nuns, killing two and seriously injuring the others. Of the 24 homicides during 1996, 12 were domestic related, meaning within a family or relationship and eight of the victims were women killed by their husbands or boyfriends.

Here is a breakdown of Maine homicides during this decade:

1990 - 29	1994 - 28
1991 - 22	1995 - 20
1992 - 25	1996 - 24
1993 - 16	

Since 1971, when detailed homicide records were first kept, the worst year for homicides in Maine was 1989 when 40 people were murdered. The lowest year was 1993 with 16 deaths.

Child abuse cases also are an important and time consuming task. Detectives in the Northern Division investigated 118 cases during the year and the two other Divisions also were involved in many cases. To assist in coordinating those investigations, Detectives are assigned to many of the District Attorney offices in the State.

Polygraph examinations are an important part of criminal work and have many other law enforcement uses. The Division has four qualified polygraph examiners trained at the Canadian Police College and 254 exams were conducted in 1996.

The State's Missing Children Information Clearinghouse is administered by the Criminal Division. C.I.D. II maintains data on missing Maine children and is linked by computer to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other Clearinghouses across the country. The US Postal Service's "Project Eagle Eye" can get a poster of a missing child to every Maine Post Office and rural mail carrier within 24 hours of being notified by State Police. The numbers of children reported missing in Maine were:

158 per month during 1996
149 per month during 1995
127 per month during 1994

The vast majority of these children were runaways.

The following is a breakdown of the three C.I.D. Divisions:

C.I.D. I – Southern Division
Lt. Dale Lancaster - 657-5710
One Game Farm Road
Gray, ME 04039

CID I has 12 Detectives covering York, Cumberland, Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin Counties.

C.I.D. II – Central Division
Lt. Gerard Therrien - 287-7502
18 Meadow Road
Augusta, ME 04330

CID II has 11 Detectives covering Kennebec, Somerset, Waldo, Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties. In addition, one Detective is assigned to the Attorney General's Office to assist with their investigations.

C.I.D. III – Northern Division
Lt. J. Darrell Ouellette - 941-4071
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, ME 04401

CID III has 16 Detectives covering Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, Washington and Aroostook Counties.

TRAFFIC DIVISION – TROOP K

Lt. Bruce Dow – 287-1057



*The sleepy driver of this tractor trailer went out of control in Brunswick and careened into this motel office
(McCausland photo)*

The Division is the largest in the State Police with four Sergeants, 30 Troopers, 11 Motor Carrier Inspectors, a Motor Carrier Supervisor, two pilots and four secretaries. The Division's varied mission is as follows:

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit (CVEU)

This unit is responsible for enforcing the size and weight regulations for the thousands of commercial trucks that travel in Maine and the drivers who operate them. CVEU is staffed with three Sergeants, 22 Troopers, 11 motor carrier inspectors, a motor carrier supervisor and three secretaries.

More than 120,000 commercial vehicles were checked during the year at roadside inspections and the many weigh stations around the State. 17,900 of those

vehicles were weighed. In addition to size and weight, vehicle logbooks are checked to insure compliance with federal and state "hours of service" regulations.

Over 6,000 summonses were issued during 1996 resulting in fines of more than \$1.4 million.

CVEU has also taken a larger role in the investigation of commercial motor vehicle crashes with many local police and sheriff's departments calling on the expertise of the Unit when truck accidents have occurred in their communities.

Traffic Safety

Maine requires all motor vehicles to undergo a safety inspection once a year. The inspections, costing six dollars each,

are conducted at automobile dealerships, service stations and garages. To insure inspection mechanics are complying with the state's many safety provisions, eight Troopers conduct annual reviews of their performance and facilities. In addition, those Troopers personally inspect Maine's school bus fleet every February and August.

Accident Reconstruction and Records

Reconstructing an accident involves a close analysis of skid marks, vehicle location and a number of other factors in order to determine the cause of the crash. During the year, 272 accidents were reconstructed, resulting in 69 operators being charged with violations.

Assisting the team with their tasks was the purchase of two "Forensic Mapping Systems", that resemble a surveyor's fulcrum and electronically assist investigators by mapping the locations and then drawing to scale the accident scene on computer.

The Division also receives all of the 39,760 accident reports filed during 1996. Each report is reviewed, coded and processed by the office and separate files are maintained on all of the 156 fatal crashes that resulted in 169 persons being killed. (46 years of Motor Vehicle Crash Data is on page 44).

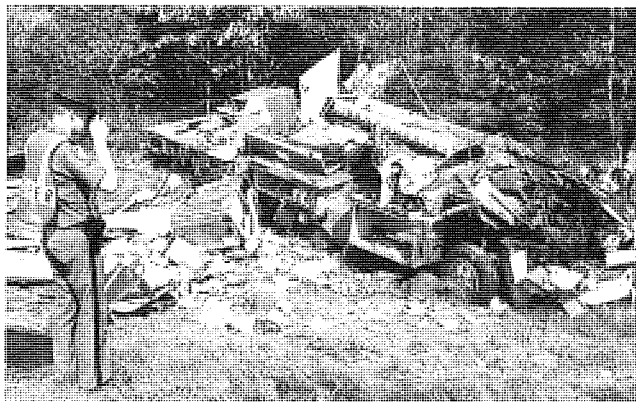
Air Wing

The State Police maintain two fixed wing Cessna aircraft and have two full-time pilots. The planes are used in speed enforcement, surveillance, marijuana eradication, aerial searches and

manhunts. The planes also work in conjunction with the CVEU to monitor commercial trucks that are placed out of service. During 1996, 4,149 speed summonses were issued as a direct result of aircraft speed enforcement which generated \$370,000 in fines. The aircraft are available to assist any law enforcement agency and can respond to an emergency in any area of the State within one hour.

Fleet Safety Board

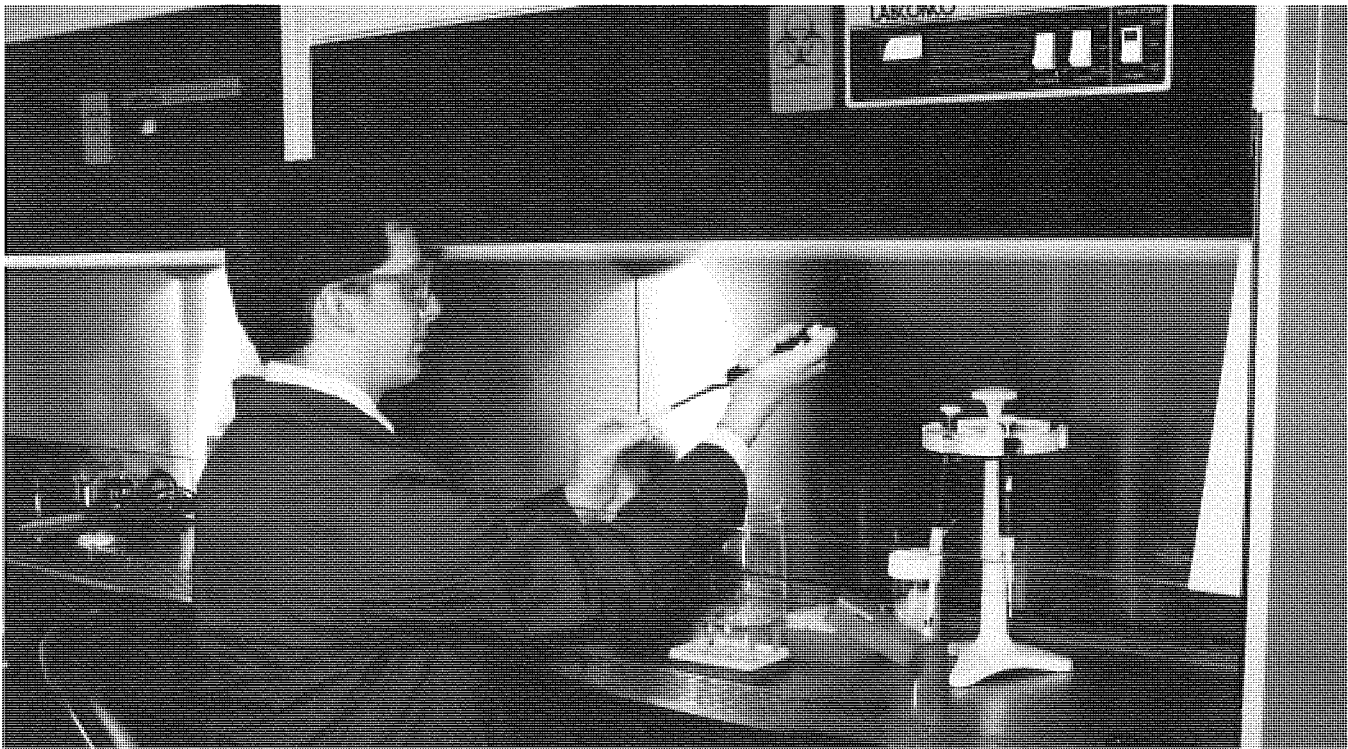
The board reviews each accident involving a State Police vehicle to determine if the crash was avoidable. During 1996, 110 crashes were reviewed involving 114 fleet vehicles. 69 of the accidents were judged non-preventable, 43 preventable and two intentional crashes were determined to be justified. Total damage was estimated at \$170,000 to fleet vehicles and \$45,000 to others.



Trooper David Millett takes photos of an accident scene in Howland involving a recreational vehicle (Kevin Bennet photo, Bangor Daily News)

CRIME LABORATORY

Lt. Michael Harriman – 624-7017



Analyst David Muniec in the new DNA section of the Crime Lab. (McCausland photo)

The State Police Crime Lab is located at 30 Hospital Street in Augusta, adjacent to Headquarters and is staffed by 15 persons. More than 52,000 items were examined by the Lab during 1996 involving the fingerprint, ballistics, chemistry and photography sections. The workload was a 20% increase over the previous year.

Construction began during the year on a six room addition to the ten year old building. The 1,500 square foot addition was completed in February of '97 to house a new DNA section, which is expected to be operational later in the year and is a first for Maine. This new section will be staffed by three forensic DNA analysts responsible for analyzing DNA from physical evidence and comparing it to DNA obtained from victims and suspects. Also, the section will collect, analyze and store DNA from convicted felons, maintain

and code those samples for future comparison here in Maine along with other similar databases across the country.

Another new program started during the year involved a bullet and shell casing identification system known as DRUG-FIRE, an automatic ballistics imaging system. The program will compare firearms used in Maine to data from other states to determine if the same weapon was used elsewhere. The ballistics section will oversee DRUGFIRE and it is anticipated the system will be on line late in 1997.

During 1996, the ballistics section examined 3,517 firearms or related items, conducted 220 toolmark related examinations and 166 reviews of serial numbers.

The chemistry section identifies and compares evidence such as body fluids, hairs, fibers, paint, plastics and glass. The fingerprint section identifies and compares finger and palm prints, as well as footwear and tire impressions. An Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) will greatly assist this section and is likely to go on line in 1998.

The photography section, which assisted with many of the photos in this annual report, processed over 65,000 photos during '96. To help free up supervisors who once had to respond to every request in the field for photographs, 150 automatic 35 mm cameras were purchased allowing nearly every Trooper to have one.

In addition to in-house work, the Crime Lab during 1996 processed 32 major crime scenes, attended 37 autopsies and conducted 60 motor vehicle examinations.



Sgt. Steve Drake and Specialists Craig Handley and Chuck Helm from the State Police Crime Lab at a Bath crime scene (Terry Taylor photo, Times-Record)

TRAINING AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Lt. Charles Howe
877-8017

Training is constant in a police organization and the State Police conduct training at a number of levels throughout the year. Operating out of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville, this section is responsible for in-service training for State Troopers and overseeing the complex application process for new Troopers.

Since 1994, two new State Police Training Troops have graduated 77 new State Troopers and planning is well underway for another academy during 1997. The 43rd Training Troop graduated in November of 1994 with 34 graduates. That process began during 1993 with 1,800 applications. The 44th Troop graduated in April of 1996 with 43 graduates, out of 1,661 original applicants.

The 45th Training Troop will begin in July '97 and graduate in December. 1,336 persons started the application process in 1996, which is described in detail in the Human Resources section on page 28.

Several other training classes on a number of subjects were held during the year, including coordinated training with the New England State Police Administrative Compact, known as NESPAC.

DARE

**Trooper Christine
Buchanan – 877-8012**

DARE is the national program that puts police officers in the classroom to teach children to resist the peer pressures of using drugs and alcohol. The State Police have five trained Troopers taking part in the program, along with one Liquor Enforcement Officer. During 1996, the team taught in 26 schools throughout Maine, providing instruction for 4,360 students. Although all grades can take part in the curriculum, 5th and 6th graders are the prime focus of the instruction. 716 students in those two grades took part in the 17 week program.

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

**Lt. Gerard Therrien
287-7502**

This specially trained group of eleven negotiators responds to life threatening events such as suicidal threats, barricaded persons or hostage takers. The goal is to open a line of communication to peacefully and safely resolve the situation.

The team works very closely with the Tactical Team and responds to most of their calls and is also available to local and county law enforcement agencies. The team trains with the Tactical Team twice a year and during 1996 also took part in training dealing with suicidal persons and

those with post traumatic stress disorder. During 1996, the Crisis Negotiation Team responded to 29 calls, which compares to 34 calls in 1995 and 17 calls in 1994.

TACTICAL TEAM

**Sgt. Richard Golden
877-8019**

Since 1980, the Tactical Team has responded to Maine's most dangerous calls of hostage and barricaded persons. The team consists of 17 members, augmented with two canine handlers and two medics. Twenty five times during 1996, the team was called out to tense situations and firearms were used or threatened in 12 of those calls. During 1995, the Team was called upon 37 times.

Training is constant and they devoted 23 days during the year to honing their skills and requalifying with their weapons. In addition to their training exercises in Maine, the Team also trains with their counterparts from the other New England states.

The most dangerous call during 1996 occurred in the town of Otisfield, when a young man barricaded himself in his house and fired almost 50 shots from a number of guns. The only shot from the Tactical team was tear gas to the end of the stand off, testament to the team's experience and training.

UNDERWATER RECOVERY TEAM

Lt. Bruce Dow - 287-1057

Trooper John Scheid

The thirteen member team is responsible for recovery of drowning victims and submerged evidence. The team consists of nine members from the State Police, three from the Marine Patrol and one from the Fire Marshal's Office. During 1996, the team was involved in 28 dive operations looking for murder and drowning victims or the recovery of weapons, vehicles or items stolen in burglaries. In addition, the team trains about two days every two months in a variety of different locations and conditions.

BOMB DISPOSAL TEAM

Sgt. Joe Poirier - 877-8005

For decades, Maine law enforcement had relied on the bomb disposal team from the Brunswick Naval Air Station to investigate suspicious packages and disposal of explosive material. That naval team relocated outside of Maine in 1993 and the State Police trained and equipped two members to fill the void. Two additional members were added to the team during 1996 following training at the FBI's Hazardous Device School in Alabama. In addition to the four members of the team, the State Police also have three explosive sniffing dogs. During the year, the team responded to a total of 71 calls; 19 suspicious packages, 15 military ordinances, 10 homemade devices, 15 old dynamite, blasting caps or chemicals, 3 searches and five other calls.

CANINE UNIT

Specialist Donald

Pomelow - 688-4495

Seventeen Troopers and their dogs were members of the Canine Unit as 1996 ended. During the year, the team took part in 1,463 calls. Among those were 818 drug searches, 343 tracks, 131 demonstrations, 54 back ups to other officers, 38 building searches, 36 evidence searches and 31 bomb searches.

The State Police Canine School, which has been housed at the former Pineland Center in Pownal, trained eight teams during the year. The school has been looking for an alternative site to conduct its training and several locations have been considered.

In addition to training in Maine, the unit also conducted training with their counterparts from other New England states.

Three longtime members of the canine team retired during the year: Trooper Dan Ryan's dog "JD" was killed by a car after nine years of service; Trooper Peter Stewart's dog "Tracker" retired after nine years; and Trooper Jim Urquhart's dog "Justin" retired after six years of service.

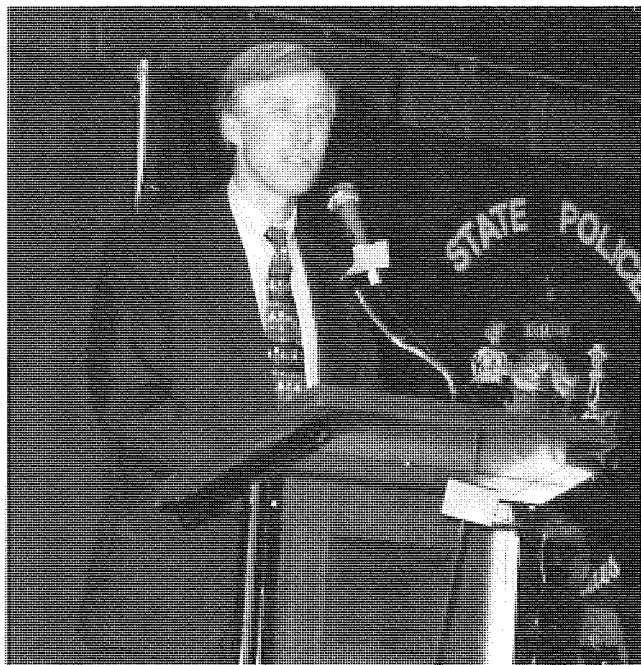


EXECUTIVE PROTECTION

Sgt. William Snedeker
287-3531

Providing security to the Governor and his immediate family is the responsibility of the Executive Protection Unit. In addition to round the clock protection, the unit also provides security to visiting dignitaries.

The decision by Governor King to remain living at his Brunswick home, rather than at the Blaine House in Augusta, presented a unique challenge to the Unit. The Governor has provided a fully equipped living area at his home to accommodate the detectives, who also travel with him in the daily commute to the State House. In addition the Unit maintains close ties and coordination with Brunswick Police and Troop D (Thomaston) in performing its mission.



Governor King at the '96 State Police Graduation.

Since Governor King took office in January of 1995, he has traveled on two overseas trade missions each lasting ten days. Those trips, to Japan and to England and Scotland, took extensive planning by the Unit, which dealt with travel plans, lodging, security and in the case of the Japanese visit, a language barrier.

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

Sgt. Barry Hathaway
624-8787

The State Police Criminal Intelligence Unit's primary function is to monitor and investigate criminal activity in Maine and to share that information with other divisions of the State Police and police agencies, in and out of Maine. Staffed by two field agents and three criminal analysts, the Unit monitors such criminal activity as auto theft, motorcycle gangs, organized crime, money laundering and drug trafficking.

Inquires and requests for investigative assistance are received from law enforcement agencies throughout Maine and the country.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

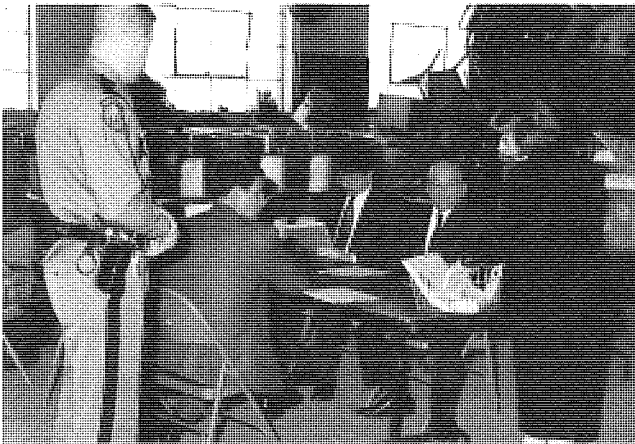
Lt. David Viles – 624-8786

Internal Affairs is responsible for insuring that all allegations of misconduct and other violations against members of the State Police are investigated. The

Division is staffed by a Lieutenant from the commissioned officers ranks and a Sergeant from the noncommissioned side.

Investigations are completed by the two members of the division or by oversight of investigators assigned at the troop level.

In addition to looking into complaints, the Division also assists the administration handling grievances filed by members of the State Police and is the repository for all letters of accommodation and appreciation.



Trooper Robert Ducasse oversees ballot inspections of some 1996 Legislative races. State Police are now in charge of ballot security in all state election recounts.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Lt. Anne Schaad
624-7074

This office monitors the Department's legislative activities by drafting legislation and testimony for public hearings, gathering supporting data, analyzing proposed bills, reviewing enacted legislation and compiling and distributing information on chaptered public laws to Maine's law enforcement community.

Planning and Research, staffed by a Lieutenant and a Trooper, also reviews and updates the State Police's Standard Operations Manual, manages highway safety and other grants, evaluates equipment, oversees rulemaking and acts as a liaison with other agencies on legal matters.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lt. Michial Heino
624-7083

The State Police Communications Division consists of the four Regional Communications Centers (RCC) in Augusta, Gray, Orono and Houlton, each providing 24 hour service to the public. The RCC's answer thousands of phone calls each year and dispatch those calls to State Troopers from one end of the State to the other. In addition, the RCC's dispatch for all other bureaus of Public Safety and many other state agencies and departments, such as the Maine Warden Service and Marine Patrol. Because the Centers operate around the clock they field thousands of calls for non-emergency information, such as weather and road conditions and general questions about state government.

Augusta has the largest staffing with two supervisors and 16 Police Communications Operators (PCO). The Augusta RCC received 21,681 calls for service during the year. In addition to dispatching for State Police, Public Safety and other state agencies, Augusta's RCC handled ambulance and fire department calls from the towns of China, Palermo, Somerville, Union, Vassalboro, Washington and Windsor. Augusta also serves as the primary answering point for Maine Yankee and the National Warning System.

Gray is staffed with one supervisor and 15 PCO's and received 23,200 calls for service during 1996. In addition to dispatching for all of Southern Maine, Gray's RCC also dispatches Limington's police, fire and rescue calls and fire and rescue calls for New Gloucester.

Orono is staffed by one supervisor and eight PCO's who received over 10,000 calls from the four counties that make up Troops E and J. The Orono RCC also dispatches for the local police departments of Medway, Dexter, Lincoln and Eddington.

The Houlton RCC answered 7,451 calls during the year and is staffed by a supervisor and five PCO's. Houlton covers all of Aroostook County and maintains close ties with the U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs Service.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) began in 1995 for the department which modernized dispatch and computerized calls for service, radio call numbers, wrecker logs and assists PCO's in researching prior calls and reports. CAD began with Troops C, D and CID II out of the Augusta RCC and is on line or will be, by the end of 1997, for the entire department.

METRO is the Maine Telecommunication & Radio Operation which provides operational support for the 112 law enforcement agencies in Maine that utilize it. Anytime a driver's license or motor vehicle registration is checked or one department sends a teletype to another, that message is routed through Headquarters and during 1996 there were 28 million such transactions. METRO conducts training and audits throughout the year to insure compliance with state and federal laws and guidelines.

RADIO REPAIR

Mark Poole – 624-7091

Radio communications is a vital link with any police organization and the State Police maintain four Regional Communications Centers (RCC), 22 transmitter sites and over 100 repeater and base stations. To insure that once a microphone is keyed and a radio transmission is received, five radio technicians and a supervisor maintain and service the system. The technicians service nearly 800 mobile radios for the State Police, Public Safety and several other state agencies including the Maine Warden Service and Baxter State Park.

The transmitter sites range from the four RCC's in Augusta, Gray, Orono and Houlton to remote mountains and radio towers scattered throughout Maine.

The unit also has upgraded the radio systems at the Orono and Houlton RCC's in the past two years to improve the transmission and reception of radio calls in the northern half of the State.

In an effort to improve officer safety, new portable radios have been purchased that allow Troopers to communicate outside their cruisers. The new radios also have a "panic button" which notifies an RCC when an officer has a problem and cannot transmit.

In addition to radios, the repair section also services and maintains the 240 radar units used by State Police for speed enforcement. New equipment has been purchased in recent years to allow "same lane radar", which allows Troopers to monitor speed of vehicles behind or in front of them. The 40 video cameras installed in cruisers are also maintained by Radio Repair.

STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

**Dorothy Morang,
Director – 624-7009**

SBI has maintained criminal history records for the State since 1937 and over 500,000 of those records are now on file. SBI receives thousand of requests annually from governmental agencies, nonprofit groups and private employers for adult conviction data.

Like SBI staffers in earlier decades, criminal history is still sorted by hand despite many attempts to automate the system in recent years. A new program began during 1996 to computerize the division. Eight temporary staffers were hired to review and verify data to build a complete and accurate master name index, accessible to criminal justice agencies on a 24 hour basis.

In addition to criminal history, more than 200,000 fingerprints are on file with the bureau and they work closely with other state and federal law enforcement agencies to identify wanted criminals. An automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) will become operational in 1998 and greatly assist SBI in processing fingerprint requests.

The Bureau maintains the state's sex offender registry, which now contains the names and addresses of 140 persons convicted of Gross Sexual Assault after June of 1992. Offenders are required to notify SBI of their address for a 15 year period after they have been released from jail. SBI then notifies local law enforcement agencies of those addresses.

The Brady handgun law which requires a criminal check and a five day wait for anyone purchasing a handgun from a gun dealer has added a significant demand on SBI. In 1996, the bureau received 9,896 requests because of that law and 55 convicted felons were found attempting to purchase a handgun.

Overall in 1996, SBI received 136,430 requests for criminal history information and of those, 20,815 records were re-searched, verified and sent out. Also 34,990 summaries of court records and 5,473 criminal fingerprint cards were received during the year.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

**Mary Anderson
624-7004**

U.C.R. is responsible for the collection of crime statistics and data from all of Maine's law enforcement agencies at the state, county and municipal level. The Division compiles detailed information on eight crimes, known in law enforcement circles as "part one crimes"-- murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

In addition, U.C.R. collects information on domestic violence, hate crime and law enforcement officers killed or assaulted.

Each year, the Division distributes a news release on a six month and year end basis about statewide crime statistics. U.C.R. has published in the past its "Crime in Maine" report which provides

detailed analysis of crime statistics. The 1992 and 1993 issues were published during 1996 and it is expected that the 1994 and 1995 editions will be published during 1997.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Elsie Ware – 624-7001

This section serves as the central repository for all criminal and civil investigative reports of the State Police. The reports are received from the field and entered onto a computerized master name index. There are 294,076 names now on file, which dates back to 1983. Names from 1955 to 1982 are on microfilm.

During 1996, Records Management received 7,079 new criminal reports and 3,050 additions from cases already on file.

FLEET SERVICES

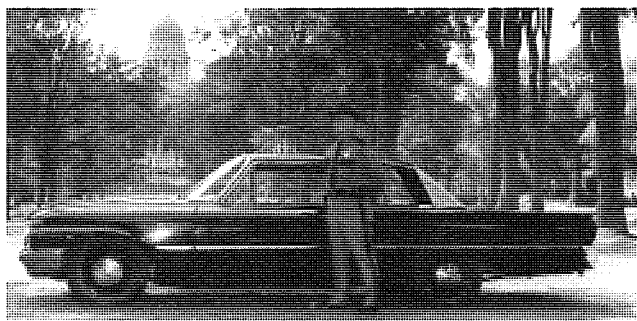
**Sgt. Michael Ledger
287-8237**

The four Public Safety garages service and maintain 550 vehicles in the Department's fleet. The Augusta garage is located in a rented facility on outer Riverside Dr. and staffed by four mechanics and a secretary. In South Portland, off the Maine Turnpike, the Department's maintenance facility is staffed by two mechanics. Smaller garages are also located at the Orono and Houlton barracks, each staffed by one mechanic.

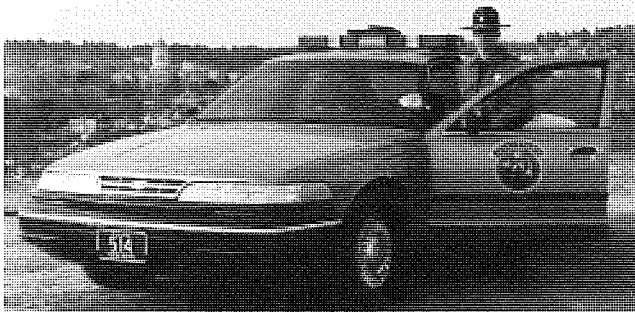
The Department's former Augusta garage, located behind Headquarters on

Hospital Street, was constructed in 1958 and used until 1994 when building code concerns caused Fleet Services to move elsewhere. The building is now used primarily for storage and houses Public Safety's E-911 Bureau.

The State Police fleet got a new look during 1996 when Ford Crown Victorias started being used as patrol cars. Chevrolet Caprices had been used exclusively since 1982 to 1995. Although many older G.M. models remain, 114 Fords are now part of the fleet. Another new look to the fleet came as 30 Dodge Ram pickups were purchased for use by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. The pickup replaced Caprice station wagons, which Chevrolet discontinued. 1996 also saw the purchase of eight Chevrolet Camaros on a trial basis. The cars are used in patrol work and have proved to be attention grabbers on the road and at special events.



Two generations of Ford Cruisers. Trooper Herman Boudreau in 1961 at Capitol Park and Trooper William Harwood 35 years later.



STATE POLICE OPERATIONAL BUDGET

fiscal year ending June 30, 1996

OPERATIONS

Personal Services	\$18,898,054
Other	4,633,823.
Capital	<u>3,476,089</u>
SUB-TOTAL	27,007,967

TRAFFIC SAFETY AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Personal Services	\$ 3,007,124
Other	538,966
Capital	<u>158,850</u>
SUB-TOTAL	3,704,941

TURNPIKE ENFORCEMENT

Personal Services	\$ 2,036,618
Other	183,356
Capital	<u>406,545</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 2,626,520
TOTAL	\$33,339,429

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Roland Leach – 624-7047

This Division provides administrative support for the State Police in the areas of budget, finance, human resources, licensing and inspections. Support for the entire Departments of Public Safety and Defense & Veteran's Services are also handled by this division.

Finance – Ray Dutil – 624-7046

This section pays the bills, maintains the accounting records, financial reports, purchase orders and conducts audits.

Human Resources – Gary Mather 624-7056

Personnel, payroll, employee benefits and workers compensation are part of Human Resources. The lengthy State Police application process has also been coordinated from this section.

For the 45th Training Troop, due to start in 1997, the process began on July 15, 1996 when applications were accepted for a five week period. A total of 1,336 applications were received and all but nine took the three hour written test at four sites around Maine. The field then began to narrow with 500 candidates going to the next step – physical fitness testing followed by a three member oral board and 277 of the prospective troopers were interviewed. The 116 top candidates were certified to continue the process which includes polygraph exams, background investigations and an interview with the Colonel. The finalists, once they



New Troopers saluting at the '96 graduation.

successfully complete a psychological and medical test, will become members of the 45th Training Troop. The same procedures also took place for the two preceding Training Troops – the 44th in 1994, which graduated 43 Troopers, and the 43rd Troop in 1993, which graduated 34 Troopers.

There were 18 retirements from the State Police during 1996, including ten veterans taking advantage of a retirement incentive approved by the Legislature in 1994.

Licensing and Inspection – 624-8775

This section was created during the year as part of the Productivity Realization Task Force efforts and now provides a single point of contact for State Police, Fire Marshal and Liquor Enforcement licensing and inspections.

On the State Police side, concealed firearms permits, Brady handgun applications, private investigator licenses, games of chance & beano licenses and motor vehicle inspection stickers are all issued from this section.

During 1996, the following activity was recorded:

Resident concealed firearms permits	1,354
Non-resident concealed firearms permits	671
Brady handgun checks	4,722
Identification cards	175
Private investigators	171
Beano organizations	396
Beano licenses	3,741
Games of chance	11,927

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Stephen McCausland
624-7064

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is the chief spokesman for the State Police and Public Safety. All Troopers are authorized and encouraged to make news releases on routine matters, but the PIO is usually called in when a major event has occurred.

In addition to spokesman, the PIO serves as an advisor to State Police personnel, edits the Department's newsletter "The Communicator", instructs at the Criminal Justice Academy and writes news releases on State Police and Public Safety topics.

THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY POLICE

Source -- Journal and Register of
Governor's Executive Council
July 23, 1925

James Adams, Saco
Willis Beal, Lisbon
Wilbert Berry, Houlton
William Burgess, Waterville
Harold Carson, Newport
Earle Chase, Gray
Merle Cole, Portland
George Coleman, Fryeburg
Harold Coombs, Portland
Arthur Cushman, Skowhegan
Perlie Durgin, The Forks
George Dyer, Bangor
Tristram Eaton, York
Malon Ellis, Portland
Levi Flint, Dover-Foxcroft
Fred Foster, Camden
Burtis Fowler, Monmouth
George Fowler, Monmouth
Sidney Frost, Waterville
Joseph Gagnon, Lewiston
William Gibson, Calais
Earle Grenier, Augusta
Paul Hamilton, Skowhegan
William Hancock, York
Marion Jewell, Brewer
George Jewett, Bath
Charles Kane, Ellsworth
Clifford Kennedy, Jackman
Foster King, Monmouth
Walter Ladd, Dover-Foxcroft
Joel LeBell, Houlton
J. Littlefield, York
Truman Littlefield, Kennebunk
Stanley MacGowan, Portland

George Marcia, Winslow
Edward Marks, Randolph
Austin McKeen, Belfast
Ralph Merrow, Augusta
Llewellyn Ouellette, Frenchville
Daniel O'Connell, Lewiston
C. Palmer, Dexter
Everett Parker, Westbrook
Charles Patten, Rumford
Earl Preble, Richmond
Granville Seamans, Sanford
Lloyd Sewall, Bangor
Leon Shepard, Farmington
H. Smallidge, Winter Harbor
Eugene Stevens, South Paris
Joshua Sweetser, Portland
Harry Thompson, Bath
Colby Wardwell, Penobscot
Arthur Weed, Millinocket
Charles Wentworth, Rockland
Alton Weyman, Caribou
Raymouth Weymouth, Brewer
Carl Wibe, Westbrook
George Wood, Oxford
James Young, Bar Harbor
Joseph Young, Augusta

Editor's note -- These men gathered in Augusta on July 25, 1925, two days after their names had been approved by the Governor's Executive Council. The 60 men presented their bonds and were commissioned into the new department. Most of these men were new to the force, but several names were members of the State Highway Police from the years 1921 to 1925 and continued with the new department. Although the official name, by statute, was "State Highway Police" and the men were referred to as "officers, patrolmen or members", the terms are synonymous with State Police and State Trooper. In 1935, legislation was adopted officially changing the name of the department to State Police.

THE HISTORY OF THE MAINE STATE POLICE

Revised and updated in March, 1997

1921

34 members of the State Highway Police begin work in July under the supervision of the State Highway Commission. 25 additional officers are commissioned in August. The officers, also known as Inspectors, mostly work on a seasonal basis, but some are full-time. They enforce motor vehicle laws and collect money from auto registrations and driver license fees. Some are issued Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles and most are assigned to offices around the state.

1922

The State Highway Police are placed under the supervision of the Secretary of State.

1924

State Highway Police Officer Emery Gooch is killed in a motorcycle accident in Mattawamkeag.

1925

"An act to enlarge the powers of the State Highway Police" is enacted into law by the Maine Legislature. The legislation allows the Governor to appoint a chief and sets the duties and powers of the new separate department.

Arthur H. Field, who had served as Lewiston Police Chief, is named the first Chief of the State Police and serves for two years.

On July 25, 1925, 60 members of the new department meet in Augusta with Governor Ralph Owen Brewster and Chief Field. They present their bonds and are commissioned as members of the State Highway Police, empowered to enforce all Maine laws, in addition to motor vehicle statutes. The new officers are assigned a motorcycle, pistol and a law book and given patrol areas throughout Maine. They are paid \$28 a week.

Trooper Fred Foster is killed on August 30 when his motorcycle strikes a horse in Belfast. He was one of the new officers commissioned in July.

The first State Police shoulder patch consists of white letters on a red background.



State Highway Police Officer George Jewett in 1925.

1926

The 1st Training Troop takes place at Camp Keyes in Augusta. William Hancock is the Camp Commander and the training takes place from April 12 to May 28.

1927

State Adjutant General James W. Hanson is appointed Chief of the State Police and serves for nine years.

1928

Trooper Frank Wing is killed when his motorcycle collides with an oil truck in Millinocket.

1935

"The State Highway Police are hereby designated and shall hereafter be known as the "State Police" is approved by the Maine Legislature. The name change makes official what had been customary for several years. Members are still required to re-enlist every three years.

For the second time in 10 years, the department expands to increase the sworn personnel to 100 Troopers.

1936

The first automobiles are purchased. The 47 black sedans, costing \$515 each, are bought in place of 46 Harley-Davidson motorcycles and 25 sidecars. Several motorcycles continue to remain in use.

Captain Wilbur H. Towle is named Chief of the State Police by Governor Louis Brann and serves for two years.

Department divided into five State Police districts with headquarters located in Wells, Fairfield, Thomaston, Bangor and Presque Isle.

1937

The State Bureau of Identification is created by the Legislature under the control of the State Police. The Bureau will maintain all criminal records in the state.

The "campaign hat" is introduced for Troopers to provide them with greater comfort and protection.

Hundreds of striking shoe workers riot in Auburn. State Troopers and the Maine National Guard are called out to restore order.

1938

General John W. Healy is named Chief of the State Police by Governor Lewis Barrows and serves for three years.

New barracks constructed in Houlton along Route 1 to serve as the Fifth District Headquarters and Troop F, replacing Presque Isle. The building was still in service in 1997, but scheduled for replacement



Sgt. Ralph Sullivan with the Governor's car, in 1938.

1940

New barracks completed in Thomaston on Route 1 next to the Maine State Prison.

The first 2-way radios are used in the Department and police radio stations are established in Thomaston, Wells and Augusta.

1941

State Police Headquarters building at 36 Hospital Street in Augusta is completed and dedicated on October 2, 1941. Prior to that, various divisions of the State Police are located in office space at the Adjutant General's building, State Highway Commission and at the Augusta Airport administrative building.

Henry P. Weaver is named Chief of the State Police by Governor Sumner Sewall and serves for two years

1942

State is divided into six troop areas:

- Troop A -- Wells
- Troop B -- West Scarborough
- Troop C -- Fairfield
- Troop D -- Thomaston
- Troop E -- Bangor
- Troop F -- Houlton

Work week for Troopers is changed from a seven day week to one day off in seven.

1943

Laurence C. Upton is named Chief of the State Police by Governor Sumner Sewall and serves for five years.

1944

A U.S. Army bomber crashes into a trailer park in South Portland killing two crewmen and 17 persons on the ground. It is the worse plane crash in Maine history and State Troopers are among those called to the scene.



Captain Llewellyn Ouellette, in 1946. He was one of the originals who joined in 1925.

1947

The State Police radio system becomes a lifeline as Troopers and Barracks relay valuable information to firefighters battling the forest fires in late October that burned over 200,000 acres and killed 15 persons.

1948

New barracks in West Scarborough, along Route 1, is completed at a cost of \$36,818. The new brick building is occupied by Troop B.

Francis J. McCabe is named Chief of the State Police by Governor Horace Hildreth and serves for six years.

The 10th Training Troop takes place from April 26 to June 19 at the Sanford Airport. Lt. Robert Marx serves as Director.

1949

New black shoulder patches are issued designating the six different Troops. The patch features a green pine tree.

1950

New barracks along Route 2 in Orono is completed and occupied by Troop E. The white Cape Cod building costs \$48,000.

1951

The last ten Harley Davidson motorcycles used by the Department are sold at public auction.

1952

New barracks completed on Route 2 in Skowhegan and occupied by Troop C.

North side wing added to Augusta Headquarters.

1954

Robert Marx is named Chief of the State Police by Governor Burton Cross and serves for 12 years.

Reorganization of the department approved by the Governor and Executive Council, providing for a central staff of seven :

- *Chief

- *Deputy Chief

- *five Captains in charge of Criminal, Special Services, Traffic & Safety and two Field Divisions

Liaison established between the State Police and the Civil Defense Agency.

1955

Troop G is activated to patrol the Maine Turnpike which was completed from Portland to Augusta during the year. The Kittery to Portland stretch was opened in 1947.

Trooper Detective named for each Troop.

New barracks in Kittery completed along Route 1 and occupied by Troop A.

New Stetson style hat replaced cap as standard uniform.

Department adopts new license plates with red letters on white background and words "State Police", replacing former plates with black numerals on a blue background with initials "S.P."

1956

Revolving blue roof lights installed for the first time on cruisers.

Polygraph room equipped and put into use at Augusta Headquarters.

1958

Seven people are killed when their car is struck broadside by a tractor-trailer at Richmond Corner on Labor Day weekend. The crash is investigated by Troopers and is the worst motor vehicle accident in Maine history.

New garage completed in the rear parking lot of Augusta Headquarters to maintain the State Police fleet.

Two bloodhounds acquired by department.

1959

A Limerick man, upset over finances, shoots and kills his wife, the Westbrook Police Chief, and wounds two State Troopers, one critically, before killing himself. Hundreds of shots were fired in the five hour gun battle between police and the barricaded gunman. Over 100 police officers responded to the shooting at the man's Limerick home.

1960

20th Training Troop takes place at Camp Keyes in Augusta from Sept. 5 to Nov. 11. Captain Willard Orcutt serves as Director.



Trooper Durward Durrell in 1960

1961

Open collar short-sleeved shirt adopted for summer wear.

Traffic Division established, made up of Bureau of Traffic Records and the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

1962

State Police personnel procedures placed under the rules and regulations of the State Department of Personnel.

1964

Trooper Charles Black is shot to death while responding to a bank robbery in South Berwick. He is the first Trooper killed by gunfire and the fourth to die in the line of duty.

1965

South wing of the Augusta Headquarters is completed.

Color of cruisers is changed from black to blue.

1966

Parker F. Hennessey is appointed Chief by Governor John Reed and serves for 8 years. He dies of a heart attack in his office in 1974.

1968

Criminal Intelligence Unit formed to investigate white collar and organized crime.

Perlestone "Bub" Pert is named the first public information officer for the State Police.

1969

Troopers work week changed from a six-day week to six days on and two days off.

1970

276 people lose their lives on Maine highways, the most fatalities ever in one year. Troopers investigate the majority of those traffic crashes.

1971

70 Troopers are dispatched to Madawaska to maintain order during a labor strike at the Fraser Paper Co. A confrontation between Troopers and over 300 strikers, wives and children resulted in rocks being thrown and six State Police cruisers damaged.

1972

The Maine Department of Public Safety is created by the Legislature and the State Police becomes a Bureau in that new department.

50 Troopers are joined by 150 other law enforcement officers from across New England in a gambling raid at the Poland Spring Inn. 60 persons are arrested.

1973

Corporal rank instituted.

Agility test adopted for Trooper applicants; height to weight ratio substituted for minimum height and maximum weight requirements.

Troop G headquarters moved to a brick maintenance building along the Turnpike in West Gardiner.

1974

Donald E. Nichols, Sr., is appointed Chief of the State Police by Governor Kenneth Curtis and serves for two years.

Troop I activated to patrol Interstate 95 from Waterville to Houlton. The Troop was disbanded in 1984.

Troop A (formerly Kittery), Troop B (formerly West Scarborough), Troop G (Turnpike) and the Southern Criminal Investigation Division are relocated into a rented office building along Route 1 in Scarborough, under a 15 year lease.

The Uniform Crime Reporting Division is established to collect and evaluate crime reports from all Maine law enforcement agencies.

Adoption of high collar dress blouse for formal occasions.

Garage addition completed at the Houlton barracks.

Established full-time recruiting section.

30th Training Troop completes 16 weeks of training at the newly opened Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville with 27 new Troopers graduating. The new facility is the former Thomas College campus on Silver Street.

1975

Major J. Edward Marks retires from the State Police after a 50 year career. Marks is considered the "Dean of the Nation's State Troopers" and was one of the original Troopers hired in 1925.

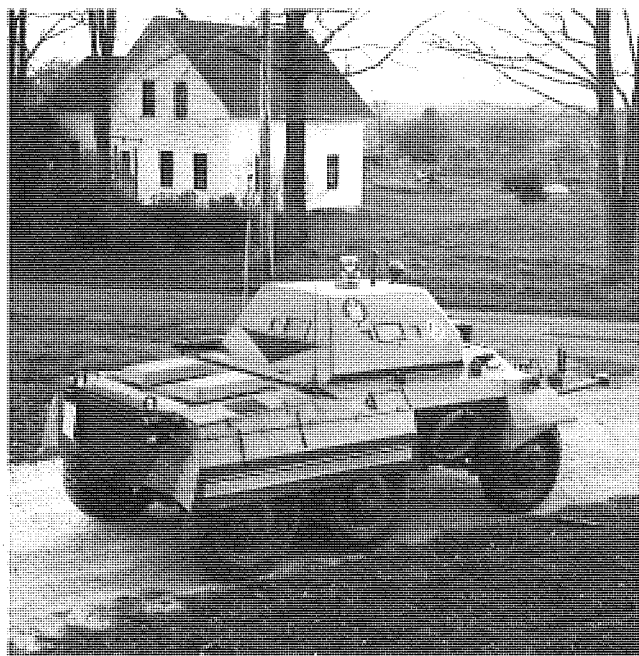
First aircraft acquired to enforce the 55 mile per hour speed limit imposed during the nationwide energy crisis.

Two snowmobiles purchased for use in winter rural patrols.

1976

Allan H. Weeks, Jr., is appointed Chief of the State Police by Governor James Longley and serves for eleven years.

The patrol force is equipped with Citizen Band radios, purchased with a federal grant. The CB's are popular with motorists and used as a communications resource for highway safety.



One of two State Police armored vehicles used during the 60's and 70's. The WWII era surplus equipment proved impractical for police work and were sold in the early 80's.

The Underwater Recovery Unit, known as the Dive Team, is established to assist in criminal investigations.

A confiscated motorhome, seized in a drug arrest, is converted into a "Mobile Command Post" to be used in investigations at remote locations.

1977

Anna Polvinen becomes the first woman Trooper following her graduation from the Maine State Police Academy, as a member of the 34th Training Troop. Other women would follow in later years.

The .38 caliber service revolver is replaced by the more powerful Smith & Wesson .357 magnum.

Mandatory retirement age removed.

The age limit for applying for a Trooper is lowered to 20. However the person must be age 21 upon graduation from the Academy.

1978

The Aircraft Enforcement Unit becomes a permanent part of the department after proving itself a useful tool in traffic enforcement.

1979

17 people are killed when a Downeast Airlines plane crashes in rain and fog at the Owl's Head Airport. State Troopers are among the many agencies that rush to the scene to assist.

A law enforcement orientation program is initiated to assist in the placement of additional women and minorities into the State Police.

1980

Trooper Thomas Merry is struck and killed by a car involved in a high speed chase in Palmyra while attempting to set up a roadblock. He is the fifth Trooper to die in the line of duty.

90 Troopers spend almost a month at the Maine State Prison as part of "Operation Safety", when intelligence indicates the possibility of an inmate uprising. The "lock down" is the largest assignment of Troopers over an extended period in State Police history.

The first Canine Unit is formed after two Troopers and their dogs receive out-of-state training.

The Tactical Team is created, made up of specially trained Troopers to respond to barricaded person and hostage-type emergencies.

A BAT-mobile is put into use. BAT, short for Breath Alcohol Testing, is a specially equipped van with an intoxilizer for rural drunk driving offenders.

1981

George Bush is sworn in as Vice President of the United States. The State Police become involved in the security at his ocean front vacation home in Kennebunkport. Troopers continue to provide protection after Bush is elected President in 1988.

Two escaped convicts from the Maine State Prison began the longest manhunt in State Police history. The search was concentrated around Moody Mountain in Searsport and for 22 days, hundreds of Troopers, Deputy Sheriffs, Game Wardens and 20 Canine teams from across New England searched for the pair. During the

search one of the convicts shot and wounded one of the dogs. It was due to the tracking ability of the canines the two escapees were finally captured on August 5th. Canine Ben, who had been wounded, received the State Police Bravery Award and was retired.

State Police began an experimental program of utilizing rural Troopers on 12 hour shift work, rather than 24 hour on-call duty. The program becomes permanent in 1982.

In an effort to save gasoline, troop commanders and plainclothes officers are assigned smaller cars.

1982

Troop J is established to serve Washington and Hancock counties. The barracks is a converted library on Route 191 in East Machias.

The Maine State Police Canine School conducts its first graduation at Colby College in Waterville. Four Troopers and their dogs receive their certificates.

Department establishes a planning committee to address long-range planning needs for the State Police.

1983

150 Troopers provide security for the week long National Governor's Conference in Portland, attended by 47 governors. It is the largest call-out of Troopers for a single event in State Police history.

Maine State Police Memorial Scholarship Fund is established by benefactor Henry Ferne of Wiscasset to provide scholarships to the children of active, retired or deceased State Police officers.

Voluntary fingerprinting of children for identification purposes becomes an ongoing program for the State Police.

1984

O.U.I. roadblocks are initiated by State Police in rural areas to apprehend drunk drivers.

The Organized Crime Investigative Division is established to coordinate criminal intelligence and drug enforcement.

The Division of Internal Affairs is established to investigate all complaints against State Troopers.

State Police coordinate the first marijuana eradication program, aimed at locating outdoor plots of marijuana.

Child abuse investigators are assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division.

Hostage Negotiation Unit is established.

1985

Retirement benefits for Troopers are changed. For new Troopers, full retirement benefits will start after 25 years of service at the age of 55. Veteran Troopers remain under the 20-year retirement plan.

A uniformed trooper is assigned as Community Relations Officer funded by a federal highway safety grant.

The first State Police Awards Night is held to honor employees, retirees and civilians.

State Police institute a motto, "Semper Aequus" (Always Just) to reflect the essence of Troopers efforts to serve and protect the people within Maine.



The Negotiations Van equipped with communications equipment to assist negotiators.

1986

State Police Crime Laboratory is constructed next to Headquarters in Augusta. The 12,000 square foot building contains lab space for serology, finger printing, firearms examinations and forensic photography. A three bay garage for vehicle examinations and a large conference room for meetings and training are also part of the new building.

Trooper Michael Veilleux is killed when he loses control of his cruiser and it crashes in Dayton. He is the sixth Trooper to die in the line of duty.

Maine State Police Training Academy is expanded from 16 to 18 weeks and the 40th Training Troop graduates on December 14 with 23 members.

Troop G relocates it's headquarters to Crosby Farm, along the Maine Turnpike in South Portland.

1987

Andrew E. Demers, Jr. is named Chief of the Maine State Police, by Public Safety Commissioner John R. Atwood and Governor John R. McKernan and serves six years.

60 Troopers keep the peace during a vocal and tense labor strike at the International Paper Co. in Jay.

1988

9 mm Beretta semiautomatic pistols are issued to Troopers to replace the .357 Smith & Wesson service revolvers.

Maine voters approve a \$3 million Public Safety bond issue. The projects proposed for improvement are new barracks in Gray and Alfred, a South Portland garage and renovations to the Thomaston and Orono barracks.

1989

Detective Giles Landry is shot and killed investigating a child abuse case in the town of Leeds, becoming the seventh Trooper to die in the line of duty.

Construction is completed on the new barracks in Gray, on Route 26. The facility houses Troop B, the Southern Communications Center and the Southern Criminal Division. The project costs \$1 million.

1990

New barracks is completed in Alfred, along Route 202, to house Troop A. The facility, costing \$450,000, is funded from proceeds of the 1988 bond issue for Public Safety improvements.

The new fleet maintenance facility, along the Maine Turnpike in South Portland, is completed at a cost of \$688,000.

The former Scarborough barracks on Route 1 is vacated following a 15 year lease.

Utilizing a \$90,000 federal grant, a new "Mobile Command Post" is purchased for use in Southern Maine. The 36 foot long motor home, containing investigative and communications equipment, will be used at major crime scenes.

The last "Original" State Trooper, Lt. Foster King of Rangeley, dies at the age of 86. He was the last surviving member of the original State Troopers hired in 1925.

62 Troopers are called into downtown Waterville after several hundred persons become disruptive at a July 4th celebration.

1991

The Maine Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial, located next to the State House in Augusta, is dedicated on May 25. The memorial honors all Maine law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The memorial was enlarged in 1996 for future names, which now number 73.

Colonel Andrew Demers, Chief of the State Police, is featured on the CBS-TV program "Top Cops", reenacting a 1986 shoot-out in Bowdoinham.

70 Troopers, along with 140 other local and county law enforcement officers, oversee a large and vocal demonstration by over 1,000 AIDS activists in Kennebunkport. President Bush was staying at his vacation home at the time and the demonstration comes within 1/4 mile of it. There are no arrests but it is the largest number of demonstrators in recent times in Maine.

1993

Alfred R. Skolfield is named the 13th Chief of the State Police by Public Safety Commissioner John Atwood and Governor John McKernan.

Lt. Richard Arnold is the second member of the State Police to be featured on the CBS-TV program, "Top Cops". In 1986, Arnold single handily arrested an armed man who held up an Augusta bank.

1994

Trooper Jeffrey Parola is killed when his cruiser crashes in Sidney. Parola, a member of the Tactical Team, was responding to a domestic violence call. He is the eighth State Trooper to die in the line of duty.

The State Police Academy is expanded from 18 to 22 weeks.

The Bomb Disposal team is formed after a similar team from the Brunswick Naval Air Station relocates out of state. Two Troopers receive special training and two more are added to the team in 1996.

In an effort to curb high speed police chases, 550 spike mats are purchased by the Bureau of Highway Safety and distributed to State Police, as well as county and local law enforcement agencies. The mats are designed to deflate a fleeing car's tires

Extensive renovations are completed at the Thomaston and Orono barracks. Most of the work at Thomaston is done by inmates from the adjacent State Prison.

1995

Video cameras, purchased with federal highway safety funds, are installed in many cruisers. The cameras prove useful in drunk driving enforcement and have several other law enforcement uses.

1996

Trooper James Griffith is killed when his cruiser is struck by another vehicle on Route 1 in Warren. He is the ninth State Trooper to die in the line of duty.

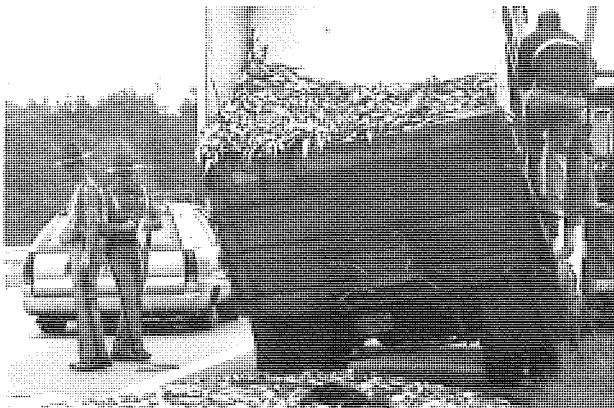
1997

\$900,000 is appropriated by the Maine Legislature to replace the Houlton Barracks, which was built in 1938 and is the oldest building used by the State Police.

A site will be selected in '97 and construction will begin in '98.

An addition to the State Police Crime Lab in Augusta is opened to house a DNA section. The \$300,000 construction project began in the fall of 1996.

The 45th Training Troop begins in the summer.



Trooper Mike Pearson and Bob Byron assess 10,000 smelly pounds of bait fish after the truck's load spilled onto I-95 in Freeport (Gordon Chibroski photo, P.P.H.)



75 years of State Police history is featured in the display cabinets around Headquarters, overseen by Museum Curator Tim Culbert. Photos, scrapbooks and State Police memorabilia have been donated over the years by retirees and friends of the department.



Sgt. Michael Ledger with one of the "Stinger Spikes". (Carol Clapp photo)

TROOPER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

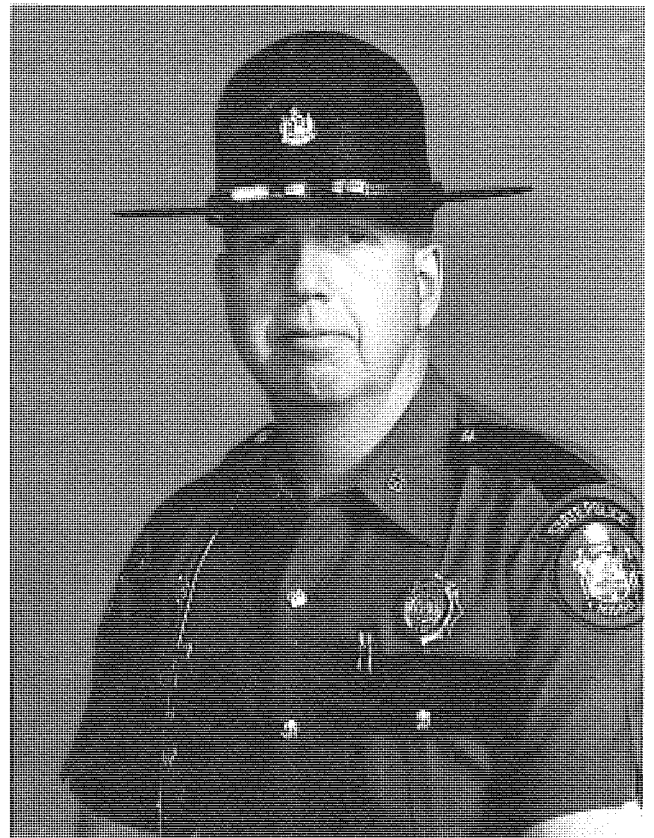
Established in 1964 in honor of Trooper Charles Black, who was shot to death during a bank robbery that year

1964 Trooper Herman J. Boudreau
 1965 Trooper Harry A. Hansen
 1966 Trooper Anson T. Doughty
 1967 Trooper George W. Graves
 1968 Trooper Reynold J. Lamontagne
 1969 Trooper Andrew E. Demers Jr.
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 1971 Trooper Lawrence W. Gauthier
 1972 Trooper Ronald L. Eccles
 1973 Trooper Arthur R. Roy
 1974 Trooper Thomas G. Wolverton
 1975 Trooper David W. Sinclair
 1976 Trooper William J. Caron
 1977 Trooper Willard F. Parker
 1978 Trooper Percy A. Turner
 1979 Trooper Burchell D. Morrell
 1980 Trooper Malcolm T. Dow
 1981 Corporal Norman J. Auger
 1982 Trooper Michael D. Vittum
 1983 Corporal Charles H. Howe IV
 1984 Corporal Arnold G. Gahagan
 1985 Corporal Donald W. Pushard
 1986 Trooper Robert A. Andreasen
 1987 Trooper Brian W. Theriault
 1988 Trooper Kim M. Espling
 1989 Trooper Kelly J. Barbee
 1990 Trooper Steven Spaulding
 1991 Trooper Jeffrey C. Trafton
 1992 Trooper John T. York
 1993 Trooper Jean L. Poirier
 1994 Trooper David R. McPherson
 1995 Detective Richard K. Fowler

LEGENDARY TROOPER RECIPIENTS

Selected from the retired ranks

1985 Trooper Lawrence W. Gauthier
 1986 Colonel Donald E. Nichols
 1987 Sergeant Herman J. Boudreau
 1988 Major J. Edward "Eddie" Marks
 1989 Lieutenant Maynard J. Lindsey
 1990 Detective Camille E. Carrier
 1991 Trooper George W. "Bud" Graves
 1992 Sergeant Gerald "Perry" Margeson
 1993 Detective Willard Parker



*1996 Trooper of the Year
 Frank J. Holcomb
 of
 Livermore*

1996 Maine Crime Statistics

Crime in Maine overall increased 2.4% in 1996. Violent crime went down 5% and property crime increased by 3%. It is the third year crime has taken a slight increase, following two years of big declines totaling 16.6% in '93 & '92.

Here are the 1996 highlights :

Rape	- 0.7%
Domestic Assault	-11. %
Robbery	-11.8%
Aggravated Assaults	- 4.8%
Simple Assaults	+ 3.3%
Burglary	+ 0.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	+ 2.8%
Larceny-Theft	+ 3.3%
Arson	+15.1%
Urban Crime	+ 3.5%
Rural Crime	- 2.0%
Murder	24 in '96 compared to 20 in '95
Adult arrests	+ 8.2%
Juvenile arrests	+11.5%
Total arrests	+ 9. %

Maine remains one of the safest states in the nation. The '96 crime rate was 34.27 offenses per 1000 people compared to the '95 national average of 52.78.

Source - Uniform Crime Reporting Division

MAINE MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH DATA

1950 - 1996

YEAR	TOTAL CRASHES	FATAL CRASHES	ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT	NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED
1950	4,491	138		162
1951	5,002	130		149
1952	5,508	122		137
1953	5,503	153		172
1954	5,907	135		148
1955	7,246	133		164
1956	8,182	139		160
1957	14,367	145		153
1958	15,560	174		204
1959	15,567	123		136
1960	16,619	158		178
1961	16,218	154		174
1962	16,750	149		176
1963	18,712	171		197
1964	19,203	164		196
1965	20,539	186		228
1966	21,445	200		234
1967	23,750	221		263
1968	23,660	198		230
1969	26,975	229		263
1970	26,859	233		276
1971	26,669	230		271
1972	24,954	222		258
1973	24,951	223		247
1974	24,940	192		217
1975	26,671	204		226
1976	30,147	201	136 (59.9%)	227
1977	32,183	200	131 (60.1%)	218
1978	32,719	212	147 (60%)	245
1979	29,577	203	140 (58.6%)	239
1980	27,910	234	157 (60.2%)	261
1981	26,698	186	127 (60.2%)	211
1982	30,522	151	84 (50.6%)	166
1983	31,375	198	127 (56.7%)	224
1984	34,544	211	125 (53.9%)	232
1985	36,799	189	110 (53.4%)	206
1986	40,378	190	108 (50.5%)	214
1987	43,201	212	114 (49.1%)	232
1988	40,764	231	89 (34.8%)	256
1989	43,498	175	61 (32.1%)	190
1990	37,468	196	81 (38%)	213
1991	35,046	181	73 (35.6%)	205
1992	35,548	189	85 (39.7%)	214
1993	37,819	168	74 (40%)	185
1994	37,561	167	65 (34.4%)	189
1995	38,512	171	51 (27.1%)	188
1996	39,760 (est.)	156	55 (32.5%)	169

Source: Maine Bureau of Highway Safety

MAINE STATE POLICE BARRACKS LOCATIONS

