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REPLY MAY BE MADE TO

The Honorable Guy Hunt  
 Governor  
 State of Alabama  
 Alabama State House  
 Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Hunt:

It is my pleasure to present the Alabama Department of Public Safety's annual report for the 1987-88 fiscal year. In this 53rd report, we provide a synopsis of the duties, accomplishments and future plans of the units which comprise the department's five divisions: • Administrative • Alabama Bureau of Investigation • Driver License • Highway Patrol • and Service.

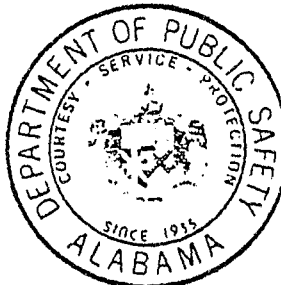
During the 1987-88 fiscal year, Public Safety's commitment to serving and protecting the people of Alabama has been ensured and fulfilled by dedicated, professional efforts of the civilian employees and arresting officers within the department.

An enhanced DUI and speed enforcement program has contributed to a significant increase of safety on Alabama's roadways. Alabama witnessed fewer traffic fatalities in 1988—traffic fatalities significantly decreased from 770 in 1987 to 634 in 1988. Additionally, enhanced narcotics enforcement resulted in the confiscation of almost \$200 million in illegal drugs and property. Department employees continue to make every effort to make Alabama safer for all its citizens and visitors.

As the director of Public Safety, I speak on behalf of all members of the department in pledging our continued commitment to effectively fulfilling the Department of Public Safety's obligations to the public.

Sincerely,

**Thomas H. Wells**  
 Director

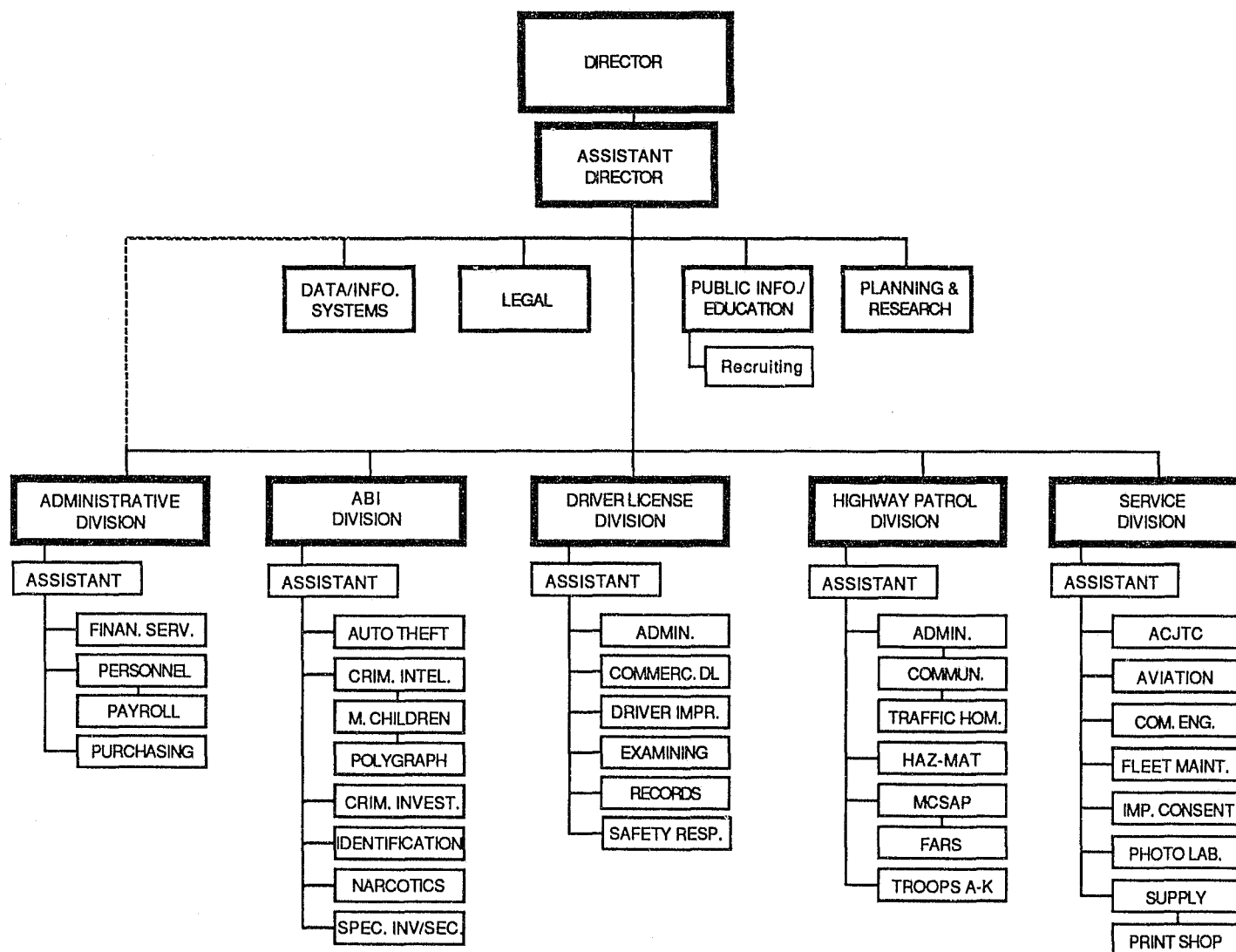


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# Alabama Department of Public Safety

## 1987-88 Fiscal Year



# Administrative Division



Major R.C. Taylor, Chief

■ commanded by a state trooper major, the Administrative Division consists of eight units • Data/Information Systems • Financial Services • Legal • Payroll • Personnel • Planning and Research • Public Information/Education • and Purchasing

■ The Administrative Division serves all other divisions within the Department of Public Safety in the purchase of expendable supplies and nonexpendable supplies and equipment, monies for salaries, housing, records, reports and other special services necessary to the operation of the department. The division also implements policies and procedures for the operation of the Administrative Division.

The division is commanded by a state trooper major, and consists of eight units: Data/Information Systems, Financial Services, Legal, Payroll, Personnel, Planning and Research, Public Information/Education and Purchasing. The division is staffed with 81 persons, including 19 arresting officers and 62 civilian employees.

During the 1987-88 fiscal year, the Administrative Division computerized its administrative, financial services, personnel, payroll and purchasing functions which increased productivity and efficiency by eliminating time spent in manual file searches. Workmen's compensation insurance was expanded to cover state trooper reserve officers. The Hamilton and Opelika state trooper post facilities were replaced and future plans are being made to replace the Demopolis office. An additional attorney was employed for the Legal Unit. The Safety Education and Public Information Units were combined into a single unit to increase the visibility of the department. An in-house newsletter, *The Blue Light*, was developed and is now published on a monthly schedule. Plans are being implemented to cross-train Administrative Division personnel in the duties of other Administrative Division units. A unified purchase order approval form was established as part of implementing purchasing guidelines. An archives clerk was hired to update departmental historical files, maintain current event files/records and serve as relief for the information/security desk. The department is in compliance with the goals as prescribed by the timetable of the Paradise/Wells Consent Decree, Civil Action 3561-N, signed July 6, 1987. One sergeant and one civilian employee were transferred into the Planning and Research Unit, enabling the department to make long-range plans in all facets of its operation, including equipment, staffing and legislation. Outdated office equipment was replaced from in-house inventory, and the new Performance Appraisal Plan was coordinated to become effective in the 1988-89 fiscal year.

## Data/Information Systems Unit

■ The Data/Information Systems Unit was created through consolidation of the Data Processing and Data Programming units. The unit was then reassigned from the Driver License Division to the office of the director/assistant director as a staff unit.

The mission of D/IS is to provide direction for development, coordination and maintenance of data/information and office automation systems for the Department of Public Safety. Initial plans have been developed to outline the direction for automation of department functions.

Operations include maintaining driver license databases for department operations and in support of law enforcement agencies throughout Alabama. Access is provided to all state law enforcement agencies. Other databases maintained support ABI, department personnel and accounting.

The unit directly supports jury lists through the Administrative Office of Courts, supports parent locator activities through the Department of Human Resources, Medicaid payment tracking through the Medicaid Agency and support for issue of driver licenses through the probate judges and license commissioners.

Unit operations provide support for 409 batch applications and 101 on-line, interactive applications with 19 major files (databases). Operations included support for 232 terminals.

The unit consists of five major sections under the direction of a manager with a secretary:

- Computer Operations has five employees who are responsible for routine and recurring production of reports and file updates
- Data Entry Operations has 17 employees who are responsible for converting all hard copy input to electronic files to update and maintain systems files
- Application Systems Development and Programming has eight employees who are responsible for development and implementation of application systems and computer programs
- Technical Support has one employee who is assigned to a wide range of duties including technical support for programmers, analysts, operators, data entry, evaluation of hardware and software, assistance in planning for software and hardware, and interface with DSMD on software and hardware issues
- The User Support Section has no assigned employees at this time. All employees are expected to respond to assist any user based on area of expertise and need.

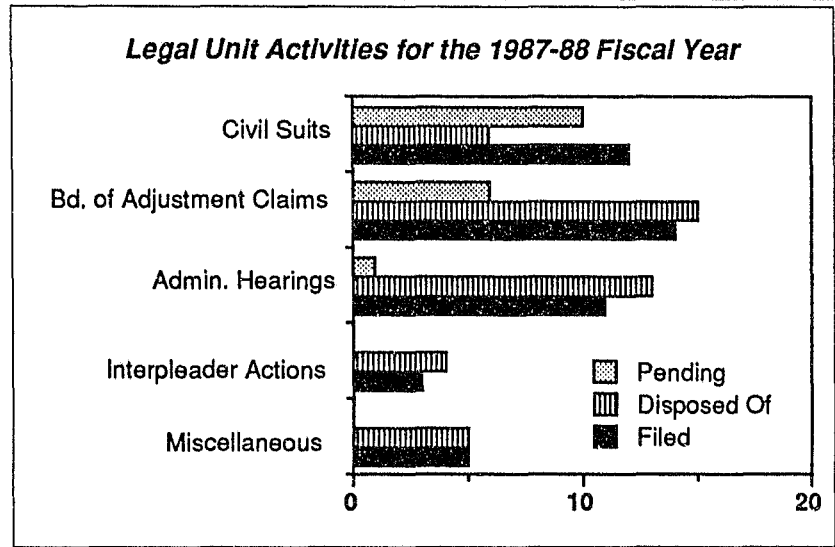
Records processed for file updates, required reporting and routine production activities Data/Information Systems, 1987-88 Fiscal Year	
Suspensions and Revocations	96,781
Motor Vehicle Reports	794,628
Traffic Convictions	726,107
DL Expirations	613,196
DL and ID Renewals	597,644
License Surrenders	39,482
Retail Weapon Sales	22,337
New ID Card Applications	22,780
Accounting/Payroll/Leave	127,942
Accident Reports	126,413
New DL Applications	115,248
Failed To Appear Reports	112,919

■ The Financial Services Unit is responsible for budget preparation, reporting on fiscal matters, expenditure controls and general accounting for the Department of Public Safety. In doing so, it must conform with procedures established for all state agencies and, in the case of funds obtained through federal grants, certain restrictions on the use and accounting for federal funds.

## Financial Services Unit

The unit consists of two accountants and four clerks.

Legal Unit Activities for the 1987-88 Fiscal Year



## Legal Unit

■ The primary responsibility of the Legal Unit is to represent the department in all litigation of any nature affecting the Department of Public Safety. The unit represents department employees in administrative hearings and court litigation resulting from actions taken by the employee in the

scope of his or her employment.

During the fiscal year, the unit handled, either administratively or by litigation, approximately 400 driver license appeal cases. Future goals and plans of the Legal Unit include in-service training and periodic memoranda and articles detailing the most recent civil and criminal court decisions with special emphasis on civil liability, laws of arrest and the use of excessive force.

The Legal Unit is staffed with two attorneys and one clerical employee.

## Personnel/Payroll Unit

### Personnel Transactions 1987-88 Fiscal Year

Job Interviews—	1,990
Appointments—	139
Resignations—	62
Retirements—	60
Payroll Vouchers—	47,393
Special Orders—	343
Correspondence—	2,456
Trooper Physicals—	90
Salary Increases—	340
Injury in Line of Duty—	127
Military Leave—	249
Administrative Hearings—	11

■ The **Personnel Unit** maintains records and files on all department employees and coordinates with the State Personnel Department in processing all personnel action.

It also ensures that department employees are paid in an accurate and timely manner which include regular biweekly paychecks, subsistence pay, longevity and supplemental payrolls. The total number of payrolls per year is 516 or more, depending on the number of supplemental payrolls. The Payroll Section prepares quarterly employees' wage reports as required by the Department of Industrial Relations and the quarterly report of overtime wages as required by the State Personnel Board, provides the Financial Services Unit with a quarterly report on the number of warrants processed, and maintains all payroll records, reports, source documents and correspondence until a fiscal audit report is released.

The unit is staffed with six employees, two of whom are in the Payroll Section.

## Planning and Research Unit

■ The **Planning and Research Unit** is responsible for implementing the department's federal court order pertaining to hiring, promotions, and implementation of the Equal Employment Opportunity program. This is being done by educating responsible field representatives to observe, solicit and convey information beneficial to the needs of minorities. Quarterly reports are filed with the federal court as to progress being made. Successful completion of the court order is anticipated for Dec. 1, 1990.

The unit also wrote several department policies and participated in securing federal funds through the Department of Transportation. Efforts by the unit were successful in obtaining grants for improving communication, drug enforcement and establishing a commercial driver license program.

Members of the staff coordinated the Accident Review Board and Employee Suggestion Committee and chaired the department administrative hearings.

During the fiscal year, the Planning and Research Unit conducted a national and border state survey of trooper pay plans and salary structures and made a proposal for an equitable pay plan and salary incentive. The unit also assisted and supported the Governor's Highway and Safety Program by proposing legislation and providing legislative liaison and security.

Planning and Research is staffed with three arresting officers, two clerical employees and one civilian assistant.

■ The **Public Information/Education Unit** provides information statewide to the public, media, law enforcement agencies, government agencies and others concerning all phases of department operations, including safety-related issues.

During the fiscal year 1987-88 • district officers made talks and conducted programs at media outlets, schools and other organizations • represented the department at news conferences • assisted in high school driver training courses • assisted in recruiting at schools, fairs and other events • organized and instructed local law enforcement training programs, including the emergency vehicle operator's course • staffed department displays at fairs, malls and schools • assisted Highway Patrol officers during natural disasters and other events • conducted classes in media relations at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma • and taught the department's driver improvement course.

In addition, PI/E staff prepared and distributed news releases of local and statewide interest to more than 500 media outlets statewide. Other duties of the unit include coordination of television and radio appearances by department personnel, special projects for the director, speech writing, conducting tours of the department museum at headquarters, scheduling and coordination of news conferences, and the production of various written and video materials.

Unit staff developed a new trooper recruiting brochure and a monthly departmental newsletter. In addition, unit staff wrote, produced and distributed public service announcements promoting speed limit compliance and energy conservation, assisted in the production of a recruiting brochure and 15-minute video for the State Personnel Department and videotaped incidents of interest to the department.

During fiscal year 1987-88, PI/E officers made 2,500 talks attended by 101,252 people. In addition, 84,064 people viewed 2,220 films and videotapes presented by PI/E officers. Other unit activities during the fiscal year are detailed in the far right column of this page.

The addition of a full-time recruiter to the unit greatly enhanced department recruiting capabilities. PI/E officers conducted numerous career day programs at high schools and colleges in Alabama and surrounding states.

PI/E staff participated in the Operation CARE national conference in Baltimore and Project 50 ceremony in Washington, D.C., and the regional International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Point Clear in July.

Commanded by a state trooper captain with a state trooper lieutenant as assistant commander, the unit is comprised of • 10 arresting officers who serve as information/education district officers • one state trooper corporal who serves as the department recruiter • three civilian information specialists • four clerical personnel • and one laborer.

## Public Information/ Education Unit

### Other PI/E Activities for the 1987-88 Fiscal Year Include:

Miles traveled—	224,769
Hours worked—	20,270
Talks—	2,500
Safety literature distributed—	139,721
News releases—	27
Media interviews—	2,121
Radio & TV programs—	131
Career days—	14
Fairs—	7

### *The recruiting program was inaugurated on Feb. 23, 1988.*

*Alabama State Personnel reported on June 3, 1988, that 1,087 persons were eligible to test for the position of trooper trainee; 597 persons took the examination.*

*State Personnel administered a test for trooper cadets in January 1988. a total of 412 persons applied to take the written examination; 286 persons actually took the test for the cadet position.*

■ The **Purchasing Unit** initiates procurement of all supplies and equipment for the Department of Public Safety. Purchases include expendable and nonexpendable items and services and must meet specifications written to ensure the quality and quantity of all goods and services necessary for the regular and emergency needs of the department.

Purchase requisitions are prepared and forwarded to the Division of

## Purchasing Unit



Purchases and Stores of the State Finance Department. All invoices are assembled with the material receipt, audited for accuracy, approved for payment, posted to a journal account or purchase order account and forwarded to the Financial Services Unit for payment.

Records of all purchases are maintained in the Purchasing Unit. Payment against all accounts is recorded and expenditures are increased as necessary for processing all payments against the account.

During the fiscal year, the unit • obtained installation and implementation of an IBM System 36 computer which has allowed word processing and some storage capabilities to prepare, log and track requisitions • established mini-contracts for purchase of automobile repair parts and supplies • installed a computer terminal for access to Central Purchasing, Finance Department and Division of Purchases and Stores for queries • established and implemented planning sessions, meetings and more cohesive communication lines among the Administrative Division personnel • cross-trained one employee to assist Payroll Unit personnel.

The unit is staffed with four civilian employees.

### **Purchasing Unit activities during the 1987-88 Fiscal Year**

<b>Type Account</b>	<b>Total # Accounts</b>	<b>Initial Encumbrance</b>	<b>Approx. Annual Expenditure</b>
Purchase Requisition	387	\$1,628,262.40	\$1,700,000.00
Contract Requisition	73	240,336.00	241,000.00
Annual Agreement	77	401,995.41	1,607,981.64
LDO/Open End	155	47,800.00	137,100.00
Confirming/Emergency	235	155,978.67	155,978.67
DPS Confirming No.	2,453	122,650.00	123,000.00
Bulk Gasoline Accounts	25	274,146.81	1,096,587.26

# Alabama Bureau of Investigation Division



*Major Jerry Shoemaker, Chief*

■ *commanded by a state trooper major, the ABI Division includes the following services • Auto Theft • Criminal Intelligence Center • Criminal Investigation • Identification and Latent Print • Narcotics • and Special Investigation and Security Service.*

■ The Alabama Bureau of Investigation is the investigative arm of the Department of Public Safety. This division was formerly titled the Investigative and Identification Division. It was renamed the Alabama Bureau of Investigation in October 1974, by executive order pursuant to §32-2-3, Code of Alabama, as recompiled in 1975.

The primary mission of this division is to provide investigative support to law enforcement agencies within and outside the boundaries of the state. This support includes initiating investigations into criminal activity and providing investigative assistance to municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. This assistance is not limited to field investigations, but includes crime scene searches, latent print case work, polygraph examinations, and the maintaining and disseminating of criminal information. Through the Identification Service, the division maintains criminal and fingerprint records for all law enforcement agencies in Alabama.

The division is commanded by the chief of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, Major Jerry Shoemaker. It comprises the following services: Auto Theft, Criminal Intelligence Center, Criminal Investigation, Identification and Latent Print, Narcotics, and Special Investigation and Security Service. Each is commanded by an arresting officer, with the exception of the Identification Service, which is commanded by a civilian employee. Job titles of support personnel include: latent print examiners, fingerprint classifiers, clerks, clerk typists, clerk stenographers, intelligence technicians and police communications officers.

During the past year, the main emphasis at the division level has been to implement a new case reporting system and to computerize new and existing files and reports. The new case reporting system was put into effect in July 1987. The system was designed to simplify the reports to allow field agents more time to do actual investigative work. It also was designed to increase the level of agent supervision and case management. The computerizing of files and reports will include a complete indexing of all reports prepared and maintained by this division. This is being accomplished by the Criminal Intelligence Center, which is continually upgraded to accommodate this project.

The primary objective for the division in the upcoming year is the continuation of computerizing investigative records maintained by the ABI.

## Auto Theft Service

■ The Auto Theft Service concentrates primarily on professional vehicle theft activity, including theft rings and the professionals who alter vehicle identification numbers and change vehicles to conceal the identity. The unit has been successful in identifying many vehicles of this type by the expertise of agents in the use of acid, heat and other methods of tracing the vehicles and their component parts.

The unit recovered 246 vehicles valued at \$1,762,785 during the fiscal year. Unit personnel recovered other stolen property valued at \$400,200 for a value of \$2,162,985. Auto Theft investigated 13 vehicle theft rings (a ring consists of three or more cars) during the fiscal year. Additionally, the

unit conducted 372 investigations involving the following offenses:

- 147—theft of motor vehicles • 111—receiving stolen motor vehicle • 10—personnel applicant investigations • 38—obscured identity of motor vehicles • 11—theft of stolen property • 20—receiving stolen property • 8—crimes involving titles • 27—miscellaneous crimes.

The Auto Theft Unit arrested 178 persons for the following offenses:

- 94—theft of motor vehicles and other property • 47—receiving stolen property and motor vehicles • 2—obscured identity of motor vehicles • 35—miscellaneous crimes.

The conviction rate of those arrested by Auto Theft agents is excellent, with many entering pleas of guilty because of thoroughness of investigation and case preparation.

Agents of the unit assisted other units within the department with other types of investigations including • surveillance details • applicant investigations • narcotics investigations • and security details. The agents also assisted the Highway Patrol Division with its investigations of stolen vehicles recovered on Alabama highways.

The unit's police communication officers trace vehicles, registrations and titles for the unit and for other law enforcement agencies nationwide. They utilize computerized information and other type files to trace vehicles from the manufacturer to their present location. In addition, the police communication officers maintain a close liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the national Automobile Theft Bureau, local and state police agencies and insurance companies.

The Auto Theft Service consists of a commander, an assistant commander, and 13 field agents. Three of the field agents have an additional supervisory responsibility of agents within their respective regions. The commander and assistant commander are stationed at headquarters in Montgomery. The 13 agents are strategically stationed in Florence, Huntsville, Gadsden, Jacksonville and Birmingham. The civilian personnel, also based at headquarters, consist of one clerk stenographer II and two police communication officers I.

#### ***Auto Theft Service 1987-88 fiscal year***

Number of vehicles reported stolen—  
10,273

Total investigations—362

Vehicles recovered by Auto Theft  
Unit—246

Other investigations—116

Vehicles stolen out-of-state—94

Vehicles stolen in Alabama—152

Vehicles recovered value—  
\$1,762,785

Other recovered value—\$400,200

Total recovered value—\$2,162,985

■ The Criminal Intelligence Center is structured to receive, automate, abstract, process, enhance and disseminate criminal intelligence data compiled from ABI reports and other sources. Also, the Criminal Intelligence Center maintains management statistics and status data on all reports generated by ABI.

The unit utilizes an IBM System/36 computer, which has a unique software environment to process and store ABI's data within the computer's 460 million byte memory. The system, called *Capture*, allows a suspect inquiry to be made and ABI files searched by 62 different indices.

The Criminal Intelligence Center is upgrading this capability and automating various other ABI functions by placing computer equipment at the unit level and in field offices, thereby allowing each to search recorded data as needed. As this system is installed, the unit plans to automate an M.O. matching function designed to assist the investigator in identifying suspects.

Services offered by the Criminal Intelligence Center include case

## **Criminal Intelligence Center**

enhancement assistance through financial tracking, flow charting, locating biographical or biological data, telephone data and intelligence processing.

*Housed within the Criminal Intelligence Center is the Missing Children/Unidentified Bodies function and the Polygraph Service.*

*In the fiscal year 1987-88, the Missing Children Bureau/Unidentified Bodies function cites the following:*

**Cases...Opened/Closed/Continuing**

Total missing adults.....	20.....	15.....	5
Total parental kidnapping.....	15.....	11.....	4
Total runaways.....	20.....	20.....	0
Total missing persons assists.....	390		
Unidentified bodies.....	5.....	4.....	1

*During the fiscal year 1987-88, 113 polygraph examinations were administered during criminal investigations, and 113 applicants were administered pre-employment polygraph examinations.*

■ The Missing Children/Unidentified Bodies function is designed as an information clearinghouse and serves to assist local, state and federal agencies in locating missing children and adults and identifying deceased persons.

The Criminal Intelligence Center creates and distributes flyers, regenerates investigative data and serves as a liaison agency between the public and multi-agency personnel to aid in smoothing the interim process from reporting to recovery or identification. A toll-free number in Alabama (1-800-228-7688) is maintained as a part of this function.

A new position of intelligence technician has been created to allow a sufficient number of personnel to be assigned within the Criminal Intelligence Center to expedite inquiries and enhancement requests.

■ Polygraph examinations are conducted by the Polygraph Service section of the Criminal Intelligence Center when necessary on subjects, suspects, witnesses and victims in criminal and internal investigations. Pre-employment examinations are also conducted on all state trooper and state trooper cadet applicants. Applicants from other state agencies are tested upon request following approval by the chief of ABI. Examinations are administered upon request from local, state and federal agencies.

During the fiscal year 1987-88, the Polygraph Service standardized testing procedures among the examiners and implemented new forms and reporting procedures.

Due to the increased demand for testing, the future objectives are to increase the number of examiners and to place them in strategic locations that have been determined by need. A long-range goal is to modernize and update equipment and the offices where tests are administered. This would include, but is not limited to, advanced video and audio equipment. The service recently purchased four new LaFayette polygraph instruments and four portable chairs.

There are specific guidelines set forth in the form of policy and procedures governing the use of the polygraph by the ABI Division. The commander has direct supervision over the administering of tests, the training of examiners, the overall development of operational procedures and the coordination of polygraph activities conducted by ABI.

The Polygraph Service consists of a commander and six examiners located at state trooper posts throughout the state.

## Criminal Investigation Service

■ The Criminal Investigation Service initiates investigations into criminal activity and assists local, county, state and federal agencies in criminal investigations for the Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies.

The unit also has the primary responsibility for conducting applicant investigations for state troopers, state trooper cadets, out-of-state applicants for various law enforcement positions and certain non-merit and merit

positions within state government.

Criminal Investigative Unit personnel include • one unit commander • four area commanders • and 38 field agents. The unit is divided into four areas based on geographical divisions. The rank structure consists of a captain as unit commander, one captain for each of the areas, and a lieutenant as assistant area commander. The unit commander also serves as the assistant chief of the division. In addition, the unit is supported by a clerical staff, which includes one unit secretary and five area secretaries.

**The Criminal Investigation Service opened 545 investigations during the 1987-88 fiscal year.**

**Arrests—435**

**Value of stolen property recovered—\$305,900**

**Stolen vehicles recovered—13**

The four areas are based on geographical divisions, which are as follows:

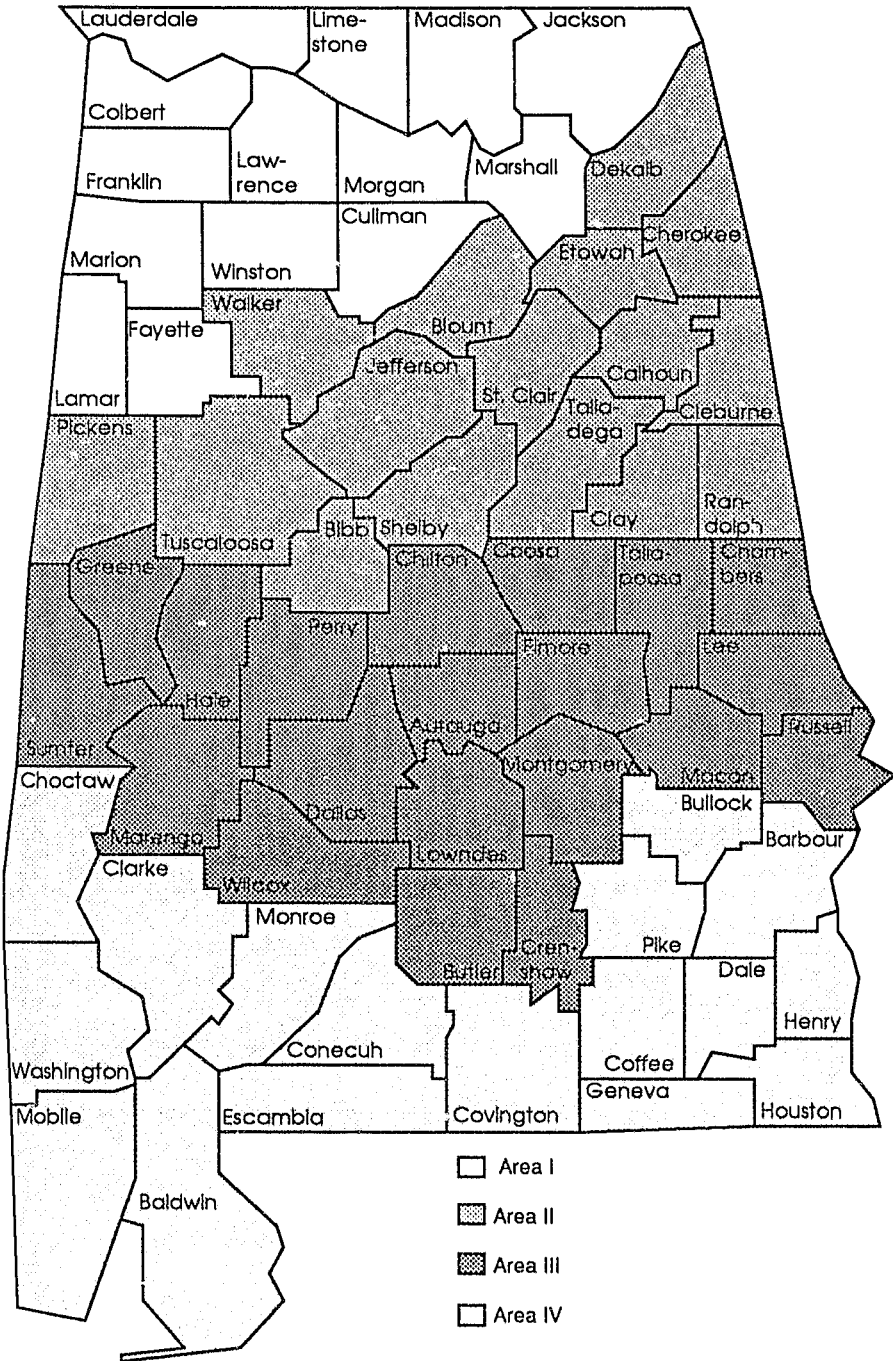
AREA HEADQUARTERS

**AREA I Muscle Shoals**  
(counties include: Colbert • Cullman, Fayette • Franklin • Jackson • Lamar • Lauderdale • Lawrence • Limestone • Madison • Marion • Marshall • Morgan • Winston)

**AREA II Birmingham**  
(counties include: Bibb • Blount • Calhoun • Clay • Cleburne • Cherokee • DeKalb • Etowah • Jefferson • Pickens • Randolph • Shelby • St. Clair • Talladega • Tuscaloosa • Walker)

**AREA III Montgomery**  
(counties include: Autauga • Butler • Chambers • Chilton • Coosa • Crenshaw • Dallas • Elmore • Greene • Hale • Lee • Lowndes • Macon • Marengo • Montgomery • Perry • Russell • Sumter • Tallapoosa • Wilcox)

**AREA IV Dothan/Mobile**  
(counties include: Baldwin • Barbour • Bullock • Choctaw • Clarke • Coffee • Conecuh • Covington • Dale • Escambia • Geneva • Henry • Houston • Mobile • Monroe • Pike • Washington)



## Identification Service

■ The Identification Service is divided into two sections, the Criminal Record Section and the Latent Print Section.

The primary function of the Criminal Record Section is to maintain an accurate criminal fingerprint file for individuals arrested in Alabama. In addition, this section maintains repeat offender files, arrest dispositions, classifies fingerprint cards and provides criminal history information to law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. There are approximately 300 arresting and judicial agencies in Alabama which submit criminal history information to the Criminal Record Section.

Identification Unit personnel received 206,401 fingerprint arrest cards and 32,167 transcripts during the 1987-88 fiscal year. The unit also answered 493,336 requests for criminal history information.

The primary function of the Latent Print Section is to process crime scene evidence for latent fingerprints and to compare these prints with the fingerprints of individuals who may have been at the scene of the crime.

Additionally, Latent Print provides court testimony for state and federal agencies statewide. The section also provides professional training and lectures in the science of fingerprints to law enforcement agencies.

Unit personnel received 1,562 latent fingerprint cases and made a total of 1,511 identifications during the 1987-88 fiscal year. The unit also made 86,988 fingerprint comparisons, 34 court testimonies, 50 field operations and 12 lectures.

The Identification Service is in the process of converting its criminal record file to microfilm. The conversion will be completed by 1989. The unit is also actively pursuing the purchase of an Automated Fingerprint Identification System. The computerized system would automatically match incoming criminal history information with previous information, and match latent fingerprints to known offenders contained in its data base.

The unit is comprised of the following civilian personnel: • one unit supervisor • one assistant supervisor • four certified latent print examiners • three classifier II's • 10 classifier I's • two clerk typist II's • two clerk II's • and six clerk I's.

*fingerprint cards received—  
206,401  
transcripts received—32,167  
persons fingerprinted for other  
agencies—1,100  
record checks—493,336  
latent cases received—1,562  
cases identified—378  
total number of identifications—  
1,511  
court trips—34  
field trips—50  
lectures—12*

## Narcotics Service

■ The Narcotics Service of the Alabama Bureau of Investigation is responsible for statewide drug enforcement activities. The unit initiates investigations of controlled substance violations and provides investigative assistance to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

The Narcotics Service concentrates its efforts on the trafficking, diversion and smuggling of narcotics and dangerous drugs. The unit also administers funding for the Alabama Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program and coordinates the efforts of city, county, state and federal agencies which participate in the program. During the year, 187,000 home-grown marijuana plants were destroyed and 80 persons arrested. Alabama was among the top five states in the nation in total number of plants destroyed.

In addition, the unit participates in the Felony Awareness Program within the Highway Patrol Division, designed to identify, arrest and seize the assets of drug couriers traveling on Alabama's highways.

During the 1987-88 Fiscal Year, Narcotics Unit personnel arrested 326 individuals on 787 drug-related charges and confiscated drugs and property,

**Confiscations...Monetary Value**  
Cocaine.....\$ 8,984,684  
Marijuana.....\$178,603,312  
Other drugs.....\$4,406,237  
Vehicles.....\$1,909,525  
Other property..\$2,529,674  
  
**total.....\$196,433,432**

including 85 vehicles, valued at \$196,433,432. Of these charges, 234 were cocaine related, and 425 were marijuana related. Also during the year, the unit received a \$500,000 grant that allowed the employment, training and equipping of 10 additional personnel, the purchase of four drug-detection dogs and a Forward Looking Infrared Radar. This radar will be used in locating underground marijuana greenhouses, locating and tracking escapees and locating lost or missing persons.

■ In April 1988, the ABI Division of the Department of Public Safety instituted a new investigative service, the **Special Investigation and Security Service**. The purpose of SISS is to establish an organized effort in the areas of white collar crimes, public corruption, fugitive investigations and security-related functions.

Although SISS is still in the formative stages, several of its functions are becoming operational. Presently, SISS is in the process of developing criteria for use in establishing a "most wanted" fugitive list for Alabama. ABI will solicit input from all of Alabama's sheriff's offices and police departments to choose the "most wanted" criminals. The fugitive section is maintaining contact with other fugitive units throughout the country and will assist those other units in apprehending their fugitives located in Alabama. Thus far, the fugitive section has arrested or been instrumental in the arrest of nine fugitives.

In security-related matters, SISS is responsible for the personal protection of those individuals mandated by state law. In addition, SISS assists in assuring the protection of visiting dignitaries while they travel in the state of Alabama. SISS, using its protective expertise, has provided courtroom security in several instances and has provided protection to some witnesses and defendants.

INTERPOL, through the United States National Central Bureau, selected ABI to serve as state liaison to INTERPOL for all law enforcement in Alabama. Through this liaison agreement, ABI coordinates INTERPOL activity in this state. To better understand INTERPOL, and how it can serve local law enforcement, some background will be provided.

INTERPOL, founded in 1923, promotes mutual assistance among international law enforcement authorities in prevention and suppression of international crime. The INTERPOL constitution, however, prohibits intervention in or investigations of matters of a military, religious, racial or political character.

INTERPOL functions wholly within the limits of the laws of each member country and the provisions of its own constitution. Thus, INTERPOL has no powers of arrest, nor can it conduct a search and seizure or a criminal investigation. These powers may be exercised only by police of the member nations.

INTERPOL's membership today totals 142 countries. The INTERPOL organization in the United States includes 14 federal law enforcement agencies. Each member country has established an office called the National Central Bureau. The American counterpart is called the United States National Central Bureau.

In the United States, the USNCB does not investigate criminal matters itself, but it serves as a communications link among member agencies. The investigative function actually is conducted by a police force in the foreign

## Special Investigation and Security Service

*The following is a list of the types of assistance available through INTERPOL:*

- Name Checks
- Weapon Traces
- Criminal Histories
- Modus Operandi Information
- License Checks
- Extradition and Deportation Proceedings
- Fingerprint Checks
- Selected Types of Stolen Property Identification and Recovery
- Photograph and Physical Description Checks
- Information on Missing, Ill or Deceased Persons
- Fugitive Searches
- Wanted Notices
- Witness Location and Interview

country to which a request is made.

The USNCB refers investigative requests from foreign member countries to the appropriate federal agencies or state liaison office. The investigative results then are routed through the USNCB to the requesting country. The state liaison program was established by the USNCB in order to more effectively and efficiently handle INTERPOL matters.

Another function of this service is the investigation of white-collar crime, organized crime and public corruption. Again, with the service in its formative stages several investigations have been initiated. While several investigations are presently pending further investigation or pending the action of local grand juries, one investigation has resulted in the indictment of a mayor and a city clerk. These public officials were charged with several counts of theft of city funds, forgery of public documents and ethics violations.

The Special Investigation and Security Service consists of one trooper captain, two lieutenants, three sergeants, four corporals, six executive security officers, one typist II and one steno II.



# Driver License Division



Major Robert M. Patterson,  
Chief

■ Testing and keeping records on Alabama's licensed drivers is the responsibility of the Driver License Division. These records include accident reports, traffic arrest forms, driver license applications and traffic violation convictions. In addition to administering the written and road skills driver license examinations, the division is responsible for the application of penalties that may result in the revocation or suspension of the driver license.

During the 1987-88 fiscal year, the department established the Commercial Driver License Unit to implement the new commercial driver license regulations and to assist the transportation industry in compliance with the new law. Additionally, plans are being implemented to computerize the locator card section of the Safety Responsibility Unit.

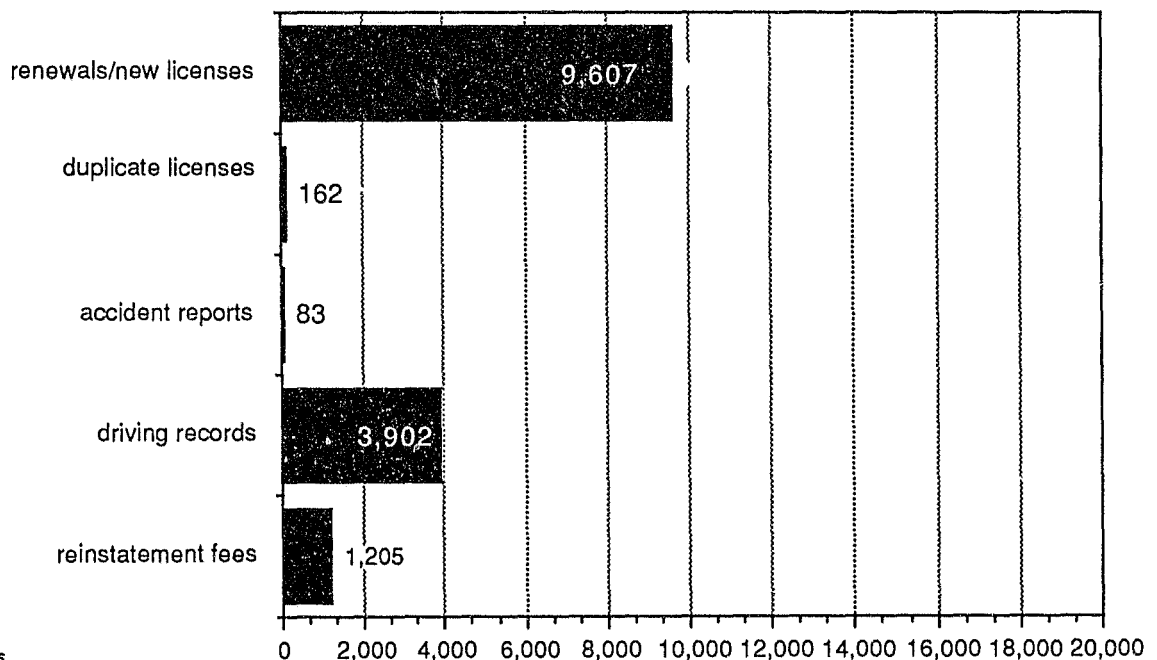
The Driver License Division is made up of six units: Administrative, Commercial Driver License, Driver Improvement, Driver Records, Examining and Safety Responsibility. The unit is staffed with 60 arresting officers and 207 civilian personnel.

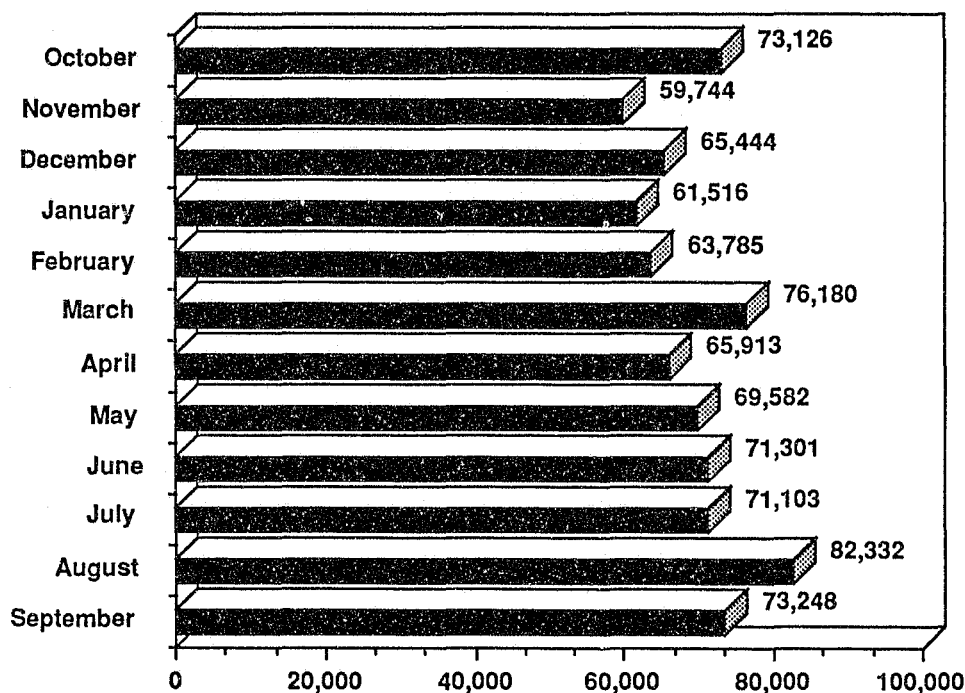
■ *commanded by a state trooper major, the Driver License Division consists of six units • Administrative • Commercial Driver License • Driver Improvement • Driver Records • Examining • and Safety Responsibility*

## Administrative Unit

■ In addition to instituting and implementing policies and procedures for the operation of the Driver License Division, **Administrative** Unit personnel audit new and renewal applications and receive and process money received from the sale of records, duplicate driver license applications, accident reports, and reinstatement fees. Personnel of the unit also

**Driver License Fee Receipts**  
(in thousands of dollars)





***Renewal and Duplicate  
Licenses Issued  
1987-88 Fiscal Year***

distribute all mail received by the division.

The unit is responsible for ordering and maintaining all supplies for the division, including supplies for driver license issuance by probate judges and license commissioners. Material receipts for purchases and equipment maintenance also are handled by the unit.

More than 975,417 driving records and 27,394 accident records were processed through the unit. Fees received were • \$9,607,032 for 711,632 driver license renewals • \$82,614 for 27,394 accidents reports • \$3,901,668 for 975,417 driving records • and \$1,205,575 for 47,740 reinstatement fees. Monies collected are forwarded to the State Comptroller's Office.

■ Implementation of the **Commercial Driver License Unit** is now in process to comply with the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986. This act requires development of uniform standards for testing and licensing operators of vehicles over 26,000 pounds, vehicles carrying 16 passengers or more including the driver, and any vehicle carrying hazardous materials. This bill also requires that drivers be at least 21 years old to obtain a commercial driver license. The provisions of the act apply both to interstate and intrastate drivers involved in trade, traffic and transportation. The act includes many persons and vehicles, particularly those in intrastate commerce, not previously covered by federal motor carrier safety regulations.

The Department of Public Safety will receive \$100,000 per year in grants from the Federal Highway Administration to have the Commercial Driver License Program implemented by April 1, 1992.

The immediate task of the unit is to certify trained people and establish facilities to conduct testing of drivers in the types of vehicles they will be operating. An advisory committee has been appointed to help with the implementation of this program.

Plans are currently underway to set up a school in Selma to train personnel as commercial licensing examiners.

## **Commercial Driver License Unit**

*The following sites have been selected as commercial driver testing stations:*

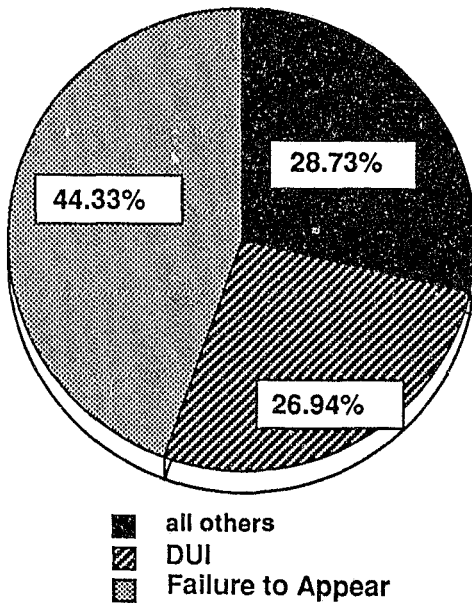
- Huntsville
- Montgomery
- Decatur
- Dothan
- Jacksonville
- Evergreen
- Birmingham (2)
- Mobile
- Tuscaloosa

The tentative plan of the department is to test and issue commercial licenses by approximately January 1990.

The Commercial Driver License Unit will consist of one coordinator, two secretaries and 50 to 75 license examiners.

## Driver Improvement Unit

*License Suspensions and Revocations  
1987-88 Fiscal Year*



■ The Driver Improvement Unit is responsible for processing all actions taken against the driving privilege, as well as the reinstatement of driver licenses. Notifications of suspensions and revocations are automatically generated by computer once a traffic conviction is entered.

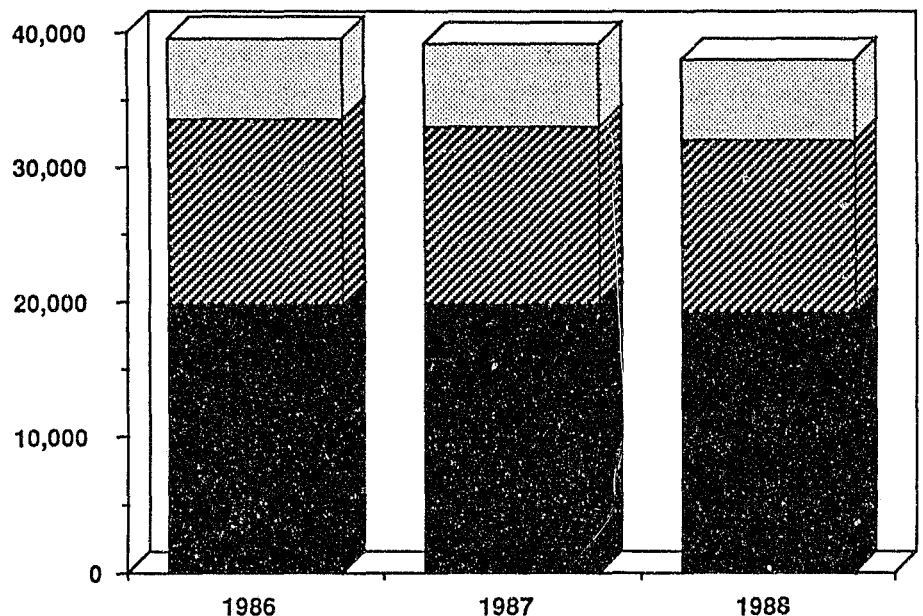
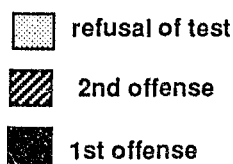
Driver Improvement personnel • cite persons for vision examinations and driver re-examinations • handle disbursement of patrol orders and records for hearings and interview/investigations • correct erroneous driver records • review and maintain medical records and results • and notify drivers of review results and answer all driver license correspondence.

During the fiscal year, more than one million pieces of correspondence were mailed from the Driver Improvement Unit, including 127,436 suspensions, revocation or cancellation notices. Suspensions for failure to appear in court accounted for 55,718 of the notices. Suspension for driving under the influence for a first conviction accounted for 20,523. Revocation for driving under the influence for the second or subsequent conviction accounted for 13,327. Refusing to take the chemical test accounted for 6,394 of the suspensions. Suspensions for points accounted for 13,463. All other suspensions or revocations accounted for 18,011. In addition, 57,080 reinstatements were processed.

The unit • received and processed 39,979 driver licenses • processed 16,123 SR-22 insurance forms • processed 12,528 SR-26 insurance cancellation forms • processed 3,222 medical records • examined 31,891 files for Driver Improvement action • checked 213,386 records through the National Driver Register • mailed 30,955 warning letters • and received 6,640 tags.

The Driver Improvement Unit is staffed with three arresting officers, three driver license examiners who are utilized as review officers and 25 clerical personnel.

*DUI-related  
Suspensions/Revocations  
1986-1988 Calendar Years*



## Driver Record Unit

■ Records for some 3.5 million persons who have been licensed to drive in Alabama are kept by the **Driver Record Unit**. About 2.5 million of these have active driver licenses. Some 4 million papers were processed by unit personnel. These papers include new license applicants, changes of names, reported accidents, convictions of traffic violations, and requests for information from other units of the department, other law enforcement agencies, courts, insurers and individuals.

The unit is responsible for the timely and accurate delivery of central issued driver licenses and also provides information to the public concerning the driver license. The unit also provides license status information obtained from the Alabama Criminal Justice Information System.

Records are maintained using a computer system as well as a manual filing system. The computer records system and the microfilming of records have increased efficiency and created a more complete record for the use of courts, police agencies and insurers.

The Driver Record Unit is staffed with 42 civilian employees.

## Examining Unit

■ **Examining Unit** personnel are responsible for administering the driver license examination to all applicants wishing to obtain an Alabama driver license, Alabama motor-driven cycle license, learner permits and identification cards for those who do not drive.

During the fiscal year, 414,424 driver license examinations were administered with 86,001 applicants failing some part and 23,748 not completing the examination. The number of applicants who obtained a driver license and motorcycle license were 141,146; 103,159 applicants obtained learner permits. There were 23,577 non-driver identification cards issued during the fiscal year; 55,509 obtained a duplicate license. A total of \$988,181 was received in testing fees.

Nine state trooper lieutenants are responsible for 11 districts located throughout the state. Under the supervision of the district lieutenant are 13 sergeants, seven corporals, and five driver license trooper examiners. Four of the sergeants serve as full time hearing officers in four of the districts.

In addition, there are 16 suspension and revocation officers who pick up suspended and revoked licenses and plates from drivers who were notified by mail by the Safety Responsibility and Driver Improvement units they have failed to comply. Suspension and revocation officers picked up 39,979 driver licenses and 6,640 license plates.

The hearing officers and supervisors of the Examining Unit are responsible for administering hearings and investigations at the request of the Driver Improvement and Safety Responsibility units. During this period, there were 5,316 hearings and investigations.

The Examining Unit is commanded by a state trooper captain with a lieutenant serving as the unit's assistant commander.

## Safety Responsibility Unit

The Safety Responsibility Unit receives and processes all accident reports required from drivers involved in accidents within the state of Alabama which resulted in injury, death or property damage in excess of \$250 to any one vehicle. The unit is also responsible for receiving all funds posted as security for uninsured drivers and for seeing that the funds are deposited with the State Treasurer's Office. The unit also issues certificates of self insurance to qualified agencies upon approval of application.

During the past fiscal year, 204,271 reports covering 131,546 accidents were received. This resulted in 87,737 claim affidavits and 16,559 suspension notices issued to persons involved in accidents and 10,291 pick-up orders issued to suspension and revocation officers statewide.

Security was posted with the unit covering 342 accidents and totaling \$281,340, with 379 disbursements of security made totaling \$305,519.

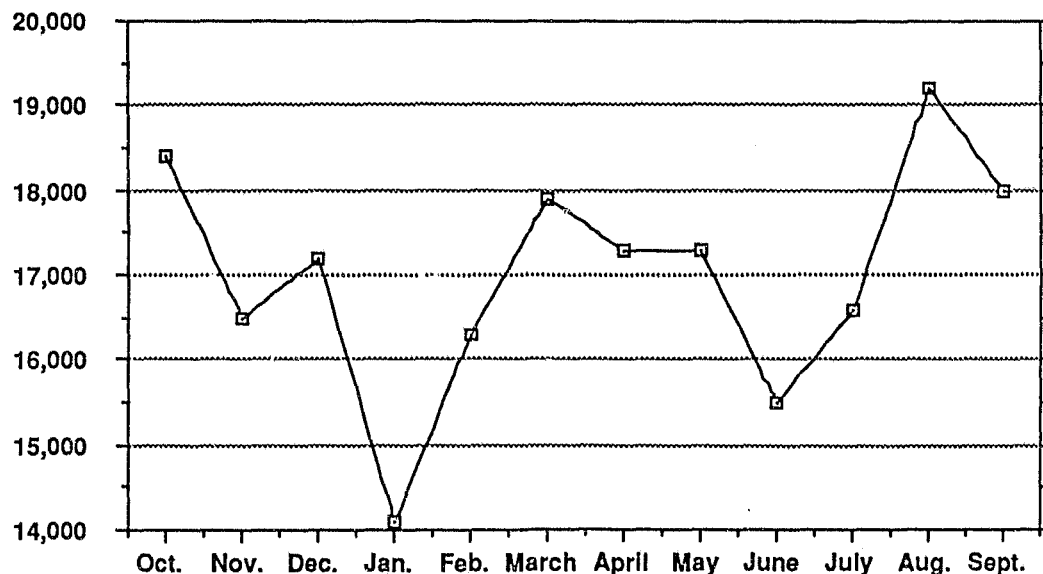
As a result of correspondence directed to the unit, 6,296 original letters and 12,702 form letters were issued, and a total of 37,729 phone calls and personal interviews were recorded. The unit also received and prepared answers for 77 appeals made by individuals on suspension due to the actions of the unit, and the officers from the unit attended court on 132 appeal cases.

A total of 5,020 record searches and certifications regarding driving records and insurance information were issued to the public, attorneys and insurance companies.

The Safety Responsibility Unit has progressed from approximately eight months behind in processing actions to approximately three months behind and is continuing to work hard to close the gap to within the required 60-day window.

Coordinated efforts among Safety Responsibility Unit personnel, Data Information Systems personnel and consultants at Auburn University to computerize the locator card section of the unit continue. Pending approval of funds and equipment, this system should be on line during the 1988 fiscal year.

The unit is staffed with two commissioned officers and 28 civilian employees.



Accident Reports Processed  
1987-88 Fiscal Year by Month

# Highway Patrol Division



Major N.W. McHenry, Chief

■ The Highway Patrol Division is responsible statewide for enforcing Alabama's motor vehicle and truck weight laws, investigating rural traffic accidents, assisting motorists, ensuring the orderly flow of traffic, supervising and operating a statewide law enforcement and emergency communications system, and providing immediate law enforcement response to natural disasters and other emergencies, such as those resulting from hazardous materials accidents. The primary mission of the Highway Patrol Division is to reduce the rate and severity of rural highway traffic accidents. Members of the division deter crime through the use of highly visible patrol techniques and apprehend criminals during the actual commission of their crimes or during their immediate flight from the crime scene. Division personnel also provide traffic and crowd control during significant special events, coordinate the Alabama State Trooper Honor Guard, and supervise the Alabama State Trooper Reserves.

The Highway Patrol Division ended the fiscal year with 489 state troopers and 144 other employees, for a combined total of 633 employees. The division's civilian personnel include one statistician, 29 clerical employees, two custodial employees and nine laborers.

The Highway Patrol Division chief is a state trooper major who directly supervises the Headquarters Unit, nine troop commanders, and the Hazardous Materials and Motor Carrier Safety units.

■ *commanded by a state trooper major, the Highway Patrol Division consists of nine troops, Motor Carrier Safety, Hazardous Materials, and Headquarters/Administrative units.*

## Headquarters Unit

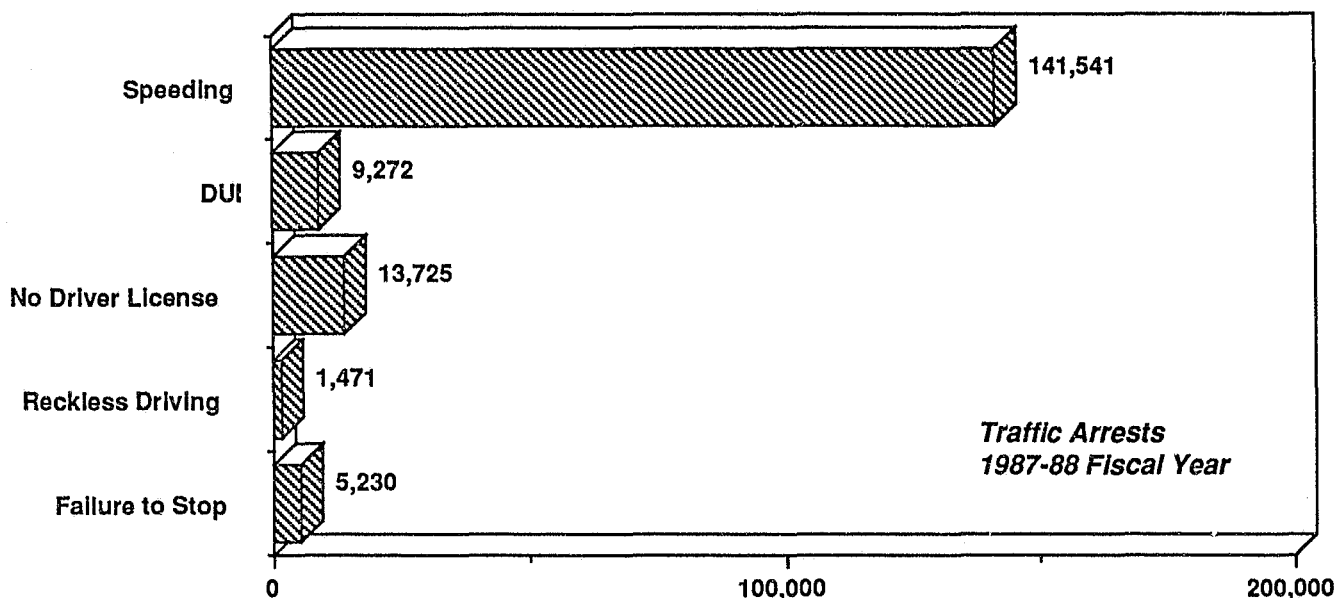
■ The Headquarters Unit consists of the following personnel:

- A clerk stenographer III who serves as the major's secretary.
- A state trooper captain who serves as the division's assistant chief.
- A state trooper lieutenant who commands the division's Administrative Unit, which includes coordinating traffic homicide investigations, communications, and records and reporting.
- A clerk typist III who maintains division records and reports and serves as secretary to the Administrative Unit commander.
- A statistician who supervises the Fatal Accident Reporting System and who reviews, corrects and updates vehicle accident reports and serves under the Motor Carrier Safety Unit.
- A clerk typist III who is the analyst for FARS and serves under the Motor Carrier Safety Unit.
- A state trooper corporal assigned to the Administrative Unit responsible for the development and coordination of division training programs and for conducting staff studies and other administrative duties.

Each Highway Patrol troop is commanded by a state trooper captain with a state trooper lieutenant as assistant commander. Each troop commander is responsible for one or more subordinate Highway Patrol posts commanded by state trooper sergeants. The nine troop commanders are collectively responsible for a total of 569 employees assigned to 18 Highway Patrol posts.

Arrests made for the following offenses comprise 79 percent of the total traffic arrests made:

- Speeding - 141,541 • DUI - 9,272 • No Driver License - 13,725 • Reckless Driving - 1,471 • Failing to Stop - 5,230 • Total - 171,239



Traffic violations for the fiscal year totaled 217,610. Included in these violations were 597 arrests tickets issued for child restraint violations.

During the 1987-88 Fiscal Year, two major goals of the Highway Patrol Division were to increase the number and quality of DUI arrests and initiate an aggressive drug interdiction program. To improve the DUI arrest rate, 30 selected state troopers attended the 50-hour IPTM DUI instructor's course to certify the officers as DUI field instructors. Subsequently, all arresting officers completed the 16-hour DUI enforcement course, which stressed DUI detection, apprehension and field sobriety testing.

To improve the division's drug interdiction efforts and expand cross-training programs, 96 arresting officers attended a three-day course in smuggling investigation and criminal patrol techniques sponsored cooperatively by the DEA, Florida and Mississippi highway patrols, and the ABI Division of Public Safety. Additionally, four narcotics detection dogs were put into service as part of the Felony Awareness Patrol's efforts and to assist other law enforcement agencies in joint narcotics investigations.

#### **FAP Activity • 1987-88 Fiscal Year**

Arrests • 94  
 Property Seized/Recovered • \$172,409  
 Weapons Seized/Recovered • 36  
 Fugitives Apprehended • 8  
 Marijuana Seized • 190 lbs.  
 Cocaine Seized • 189 grams

#### **Highway Patrol Division operations for the 1987-88 Fiscal Year are reflected in the following figures:**

Miles Traveled - 14,125,366  
 Routine Patrol - 10,727,699  
 Other - 3,397,667  
 Hours Expended - 900,933  
 Routine - 560,419  
 Other - 340,514  
 Motorist Contacts - 450,847  
 Traffic Arrests - 217,610  
 Non-Traffic Arrests - 2,613  
 Warnings Written - 182,846  
 Motorists Assisted - 19,048  
 Accidents Investigated - 28,730  
 Vehicle Inspections - 53,469  
 Checkpoints - 595  
 Drivers Arrested - 3,254  
 Drivers Warned - 5,019  
 DUI Arrests - 9,272  
 Stolen Vehicles Recovered - 199  
 Approximate Value - \$662,720  
 Total Number of Relays - 395  
 Emergency - 248  
 Non-Emergency - 147  
 Miles Traveled - 31,357  
 Hours Expended - 584  
 Total Troopers Assaulted - 18

■ The Administrative Unit is responsible for coordinating the Traffic Homicide Program and Communications Section and for maintaining all records and reports of the division. Its staffing includes a state trooper lieutenant who serves as commander, a state trooper and a clerk typist III.

The Traffic Homicide Program, begun in 1977, is designed to provide in-depth and systematic investigations for all multiple fatality accidents or accidents involving suspected criminal negligence or conduct in which

## **Administrative Unit**

prosecution is indicated. The program is coordinated by a state trooper lieutenant and includes 112 troopers trained as traffic homicide investigators. These officers completed 156 traffic homicide investigations during the fiscal year.

In December 1987, 35 troopers completed an 80-hour traffic homicide school at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center. The training included advanced accident investigation techniques, tire forensics, photography and legal aspects.

**Communications** functions of the department also are coordinated through the Administrative Unit. These include all radio communications and data transmissions and the maintenance of 24-hour communications at each of the 18 posts and at headquarters.

The division employs 105 police communications officers to carry out this important task. During the fiscal year these employees, using data terminals alone, handled 717,644 incoming and 1,858,426 outgoing communications.

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## Honor Guard Unit

■ The department's **Honor Guard** was established in April 1980 to participate in state ceremonies, state funerals for dignitaries and funerals for law enforcement officers. The Honor Guard, whose 35 members are selected from throughout the department, is under the supervision of the division chief.

During the fiscal year the Honor Guard participated in the following events:

- Provided bag pipe and trumpet players to assist the VFW in the burial of a WWI veteran in Carbon Hill;
- Presented the colors for Police Memorial Day at Troy State University;
- Presented the colors on the south lawn of the State Capitol on Police Memorial Day;
- Presented the colors for the 25th Governor's Highway Traffic Safety Conference;
- Presented the colors at the State Elks Convention in Dothan;
- Presented a display for Class 88-A upon graduation from the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center.

The Honor Guard also participated in funeral ceremonies for Tpr. J.D. Gossett, Tpr. Elizabeth Cobb, Capt. (Ret.) James Powell, Capt. (Ret.) John Hendrix, Capt. (Ret.) R.P. Hooks, Cpl. (Ret.) Raymond L. Howard, Tpr. (Ret.) Jack Fuller, Tpr. (Ret.) W.T. Vanderford, Sgt. (Ret.) Marcellus Posey, Charter Member (Ret.) Allen Hargroves, Former Gov. James E. Folsom, Florence City Police Officer Steven L. Sticer, and Ozark City Police Officers John D. Seifert and Ray Alcuri.

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## Hazardous Materials Unit

■ The **Hazardous Materials Unit** is specially trained and equipped to respond statewide to emergency incidents involving explosives and other hazardous materials. It is commanded by a state trooper captain, and its staff includes a clerk typist II and three troopers. The troopers each staff one of three response teams equipped with response vehicles and specialized equipment. Four inspectors assigned to the Motor Carrier Safety Unit who have been trained in hazardous materials work with the teams when needed.



When not responding to hazardous materials incidents, team members train other agencies and work with the Motor Carrier Safety Unit in enforcing hazardous materials regulations. The unit's three-member diving team has conducted several training exercises and is available for search, recovery and rescue operations.

During the fiscal year the unit accomplished the following:

- Four members attended the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators conference in Huntsville;
- Two members taught an explosives entry course for state SWAT teams in Selma;
- One member also taught minimum standards requirements to a trooper recruit class in Selma;
- Two members attended the U.S. Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Hazardous Materials Regulations Enforcement school in Montgomery;
- All team members received hazardous materials retraining conducted by Safety Systems, Inc., in St. Augustine, Fla.;
- One member attended SWAT training in Selma;
- One member attended an academic instructors course at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.;
- The unit conducted 33 training sessions in explosives and other hazardous materials for local fire and police departments; it also presented 43 educational programs, speeches and displays about hazardous materials.

Major incidents to which the unit responded during the fiscal year include the following:

- Tanker overturned in Blount County, spilling 6,000 gallons of liquid oxygen;
- Tractor-trailer rig overturned in Montgomery County, spilling 8,800 gallons of gasoline;
- Railcar trailer spilled 800 packs of Diazonon in Jefferson County;
- Truck spilled 48,460 pounds of nickle hydroxide on roadways in Montgomery County;
- 1,300 pounds of high explosives recovered from magazine in Blount County and destroyed;
- Tractor-trailer spilled 47,960 pounds of potassium hydroxide in Mobile County;
- Tractor-trailer spilled 44,000 pounds of Diazonon;
- Six drums of PCB's found abandoned in Decatur;
- Tractor-trailer spilled 500 gallons of PCB's.

Unit plans for the next fiscal year include the retraining of personnel, the addition of personnel, and acquisition of bomb disposal equipment and explosive dog.

#### **Explosives Responses**

Abandoned/Stolen Explosives - 23

Military Ordnance - 1

Chemical Explosives - 0

Improvised Explosive Devices - 1

#### **Types/Amounts of Explosives Recovered and/or Destroyed**

Various Commercial Explosives - 1,793 lbs.

Dynamite - 3,200 sticks

Tovex - 183 sticks

Blasting Caps - 182 caps

Prima-Cord - 2,000 feet

Connecting Detonators - 72

Picric Acid - 4 gals.

Ether - 150 gals.

Primer Sticks - 2 lbs.

Blasting Agent - 50 lbs.

Pipe Bomb - 1

Anti-Aircraft Round - 1

Improvised Explosive Device - 3

Bomb Threats - 15

#### **Hazardous Materials Responses**

Highway Accidents/Incidents - 30

Fixed Site Incidents - 1

Railway Incidents - 1

#### **Types/Amounts of Hazardous Materials Encountered**

Flammable Gas - 180 lbs.

Flammable Liquids - 21,392 gals.

Flammable Solids - 470 lbs.

Corrosive Solids - 48,460 lbs.

Corrosive Liquids - 50,480 gals.

Poisons - 800 lbs.

Organic Peroxides - 6,000 gals.

PCB's - 110 gals.

■ The Motor Carrier Safety Unit's primary responsibility is enforcement of commercial motor vehicle laws, administering of the Fatal Accident Reporting System, and correcting and updating of traffic accident reports. Through these activities, the unit seeks to reduce the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle traffic accidents and hazardous material incidents on Alabama roadways. The unit is staffed with a state trooper captain, one lieutenant, two sergeants, three corporals, 34 troopers, one statistician and four clerk typists. The sergeants serve as field commanders for

## **Motor Carrier Safety Unit**

**Motor Carrier Safety Activity  
1987-88 Fiscal Year**

Vehicles Inspected - 16,699

Drivers Inspected - 18,173

Total Vehicle Violations - 34,308

Total Driver Violations - 12,136

Total Out-of-Service Vehicle Violations - 10,748

Total Out-of-Service Driver Violations - 1,861

Hazardous Material Violations - 365

Hazardous Material Out-of-Service Vehicle Violations - 169

Off-Hours Inspections - 3,695

**Weight detail activity:**

Total Trucks Weighed - 28,654

Trucks Weighed on Interstates - 5,769

Trucks Weighed on Other Roads - 22,885

Overweight Arrests - 3,711

Other Related Arrests - 2,068

Total Arrests - 5,779

north and south Alabama districts, and the 34 troopers make up nine inspections teams and 11 weight teams. Thirty-three civilian employees of the Highway Department are assigned to work with the weight teams.

Each trooper in the unit has received more than 96 hours of specialized training, most of which was provided by U.S. Department of Transportation officials. They also all know how to driver a tractor-trailer should the need arise. Six troopers assigned to the unit have received specialized training in hazardous materials and are available to assist the Hazardous Materials Unit. Additionally, many team members are involved with the department's tact teams, special operations and pistol teams, and the Honor Guard.

Unit members weigh some 2,400 trucks and inspect more than 1,500 commercial vehicles each month. Records show that dump-type vehicles are the most likely vehicles to be overweight. The most common violations are improper lights and improper brake adjustments. The most common out-of-service violations are defective brakes, improper lights and tires. The most common driver violations are a lack of medical cards for intra-state drivers and daily log book violations (10-hour rule) for interstate drivers. The most frequent out-of-service violation for drivers involves the 10-hour rule — driving more than 10 hours without rest — for both intra-state and interstate drivers.

In addition to enforcement efforts, the unit seeks compliance through education, making more than 5,000 personal contacts with the transportation industry through seminars, workshops, safety meetings, demonstrations and association functions during the fiscal year. Unit troopers also conducted 1,356 safety reviews on interstate motor carriers to enable the carriers to receive a safety rating by the Federal Highway Administration.

The unit also has implemented the Safetynet system, a computer link-up with the FHWA mainframe to join other states in data gathering and dissemination. Each inspection report is entered on the Safetynet system and the information gathered is used by FHWA and this unit for motor carrier profiles, workload reports and to answer requests for information on motor carriers.

Plans for the 1988-89 fiscal year include the addition of more field supervisors; an increase in the number and quality of inspections, and in efforts to apprehend overweight trucks; and additional training in hazardous materials and commercial vehicle inspections. The unit's efforts to obtain and initiate a mobile data terminal system as a data gathering, communications and management tool continues.

■ **Alabama's Fatal Accident Reporting System** is a census of data on all fatal traffic accidents that occur on Alabama roadways. Alabama is part of the FARS network of 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico that report on the fatal accidents within their jurisdictions. To be included in FARS an accident must involve a motor vehicle traveling on a traffic-way customarily open to the public and result in the death of a person within 30 days of the accident.

For the past nine years, the Department of Public Safety has defined a motor vehicle traffic fatality as a person injured in a motor vehicle traffic accident who died as a result of those injuries within 90 days. Beginning with accidents occurring on or after Jan. 1, 1988, the 90-day period was reduced to 30 days, bringing Alabama's fatality count in line with the

FARS count, thereby allowing the use of its computerized records for fatality analysis. FARS is now the official unit for motor vehicle traffic accident fatality records and statistics.

The computerized fatality file provides information on time and location of crashes; roadway configurations; weather conditions; emergency medical service response times; types, impact points and extent of deformation for each vehicle involved; license status; violations charged and past records of all drivers involved; age, sex and restraint usage; injury severity and alcohol involvement of each person involved in motor vehicle crashes.

Recently national FARS data has been used to evaluate the effects of the 65 mph speed limit, the minimum 21-year-old drinking age and safety belt usage laws. The addition of RBASE/System V software has allowed similar data requests to be made of state FARS data. These requests during the fiscal year included data for truck-related and train-related fatalities, all-terrain vehicles in fatal accidents, pedestrian fatalities by class of trafficway, rear-seat occupant seat belt usage, and rural fatalities by age by class of trafficway.

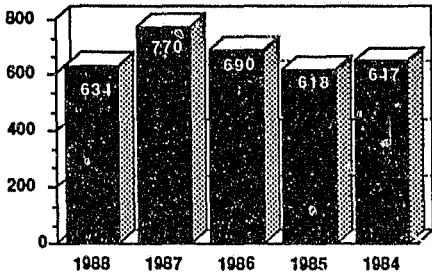
Areas of increased emphasis and special studies for 1987 and 1988 included:

- Multiple license study that revealed 11 percent of drivers had two or more licenses for a heavy truck;
- National Driver Register study to determine the proportion of heavy truck drivers in fatal crashes with suspended/revoked licenses vs. a control group of drivers;
- Consumer Product Safety Commission study that resulted in an agreement by manufacturers to stop building three-wheel ATVs;
- Rural/urban interstate fatality data that was used in NHTSA's report to Congress on the effects of the 65 mph speed limit;
- Improvement in obtaining emergency medical services data;
- Continued efforts to obtain blood alcohol and drug results for drivers;
- Obtaining death certificate data;
- Accuracy of VINs.

In the 1987 calendar year, there were 976 fatal traffic accidents in Alabama, with 1,111 fatalities reported by the Alabama FARS Unit.

Unit personnel include one statistician who is the FARS supervisor, and one clerk typist III who is the FARS analyst.

Alabama Traffic Fatalities



Fatalities by Roadway

	Interstate	U.S.	AL	County
1988	68	119	190	257
1987	59	152	239	320

*Traffic fatalities decreased from 770 in 1987 to 634 in 1988. In 1987, alcohol involvement in traffic fatalities from accident reports filed with the department show 33 percent of all traffic deaths in Alabama involved alcohol.*

*In order to increase trooper DUI arrests and decrease alcohol-related fatalities, state troopers last year took part in specialized DUI training and made 9,715 arrests for DUI in 1988, and 9,392 in 1987.*

■ Members of the State Trooper Reserves augment the state trooper force. These volunteer citizens work and train with the Highway Patrol Division, serve without compensation, and have the power of peace officers only when summoned to duty by the department. Reservists accompany troopers on routine patrol duty; direct traffic and assist in crowd control at the Talladega races, George Lindsey benefit weekend, major football games and other special events; participate in manhunts; and assist troopers during natural disasters.

During the fiscal year, reserve officers contributed 8,744 hours, or a total of 1,093 days, of voluntary duty to the state. This equals \$45,468 in trooper salaries.

There were 51 State Trooper Reserves in the fiscal year 1987-88.

## State Trooper Reserves Unit

# Service Division

■ Providing the supplies, training and all other special services necessary to the effective operation of the Department of Public Safety is the function of the Service Division. This division works closely with members of other divisions to determine and fill needs in a timely and efficient manner. Many of these same services are provided to other state and law enforcement agencies.



Major Ben Gamel, Chief

■ *commanded by a state trooper major, the Service Division comprises the following units: • Aviation • Communications Engineering • Fleet Operations • Implied Consent • Photographic Services • Supply and Training Center*

## Aviation Unit

■ The Aviation Unit maintains and operates a fleet of five airplanes and two helicopters and upon request provides aerial support to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Unit pilots provide aerial support for Alabama's Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program, which netted 80 arrests and 187,000 plants during 1988, earning Alabama a sixth-place ranking nationwide in the number of home-grown marijuana plants located and destroyed.

Unit personnel assist in the transport of prisoners and fugitives throughout the United States and assist in missing persons searches in Alabama. The unit assists the Auto Theft Unit in the search and recovery of stolen vehicles and construction equipment, participates in SWAT team training at the academy and assists the Highway Patrol Division during traffic control at the Talladega races and other events.

The unit supports other agencies during hostage situations and police shootings. Upon request, the unit provides training to local SWAT or tactical teams, using the helicopter as a primary training tool.

During the fiscal year, pilots flew 2,400 accident-free hours, 1,300 hours in fixed-wing and 1,100 hours in rotary-wing aircraft.

The Aviation Unit is staffed with six arresting officers, two civilian aircraft mechanics, one lineman and one clerk typist. During the fiscal year, a state trooper pilot classification was developed for arresting officers within the unit.

Goals for the unit in 1988-89 include placement of a Forward Looking Infrared or FLIR device into service, the acquisition of an additional helicopter for training purposes and the addition of an observer/pilot trainee to the unit.

**Aviation Unit flight hours  
1987-88 Fiscal Year**  
1,300 hours—fixed wing  
1,100 hours—rotary wing

## Communications Engineering Unit

■ The Communications Engineering Unit procures and maintains VHF and UHF base stations and control centers for the department.

The Unit is responsible for procuring, installing, repairing and servicing radios, sirens, radar units and pagers for the department and 32 other state departments and agencies. The unit is also responsible for the department's telephone system, including all ATTNet services, and for updating the state telephone directory.

At the conclusion of the fiscal year, a proposal was being processed for a statewide mobile data system to provide data communications with headquarters, the National Crime Information Center and Alabama Criminal Justice Information Systems.

The unit consists of one clerk typist III, one communications technician I, 10 communications technician II's, one laborer and two communications technician supervisors.

■ **Fleet Maintenance** is responsible for the issuance and maintenance of all vehicles operated by the department. Additional responsibilities of the unit include the installation and repair of gas tanks and pumps owned by the department, supplying automotive parts to outlying state trooper posts, and assisting other department units during special details.

During the fiscal year, 101 new vehicles, 59 reissued used vehicles and six confiscated vehicles were placed in service. In addition 27 vehicles were rebuilt and placed in service.

Mechanical repairs, including general service, totaled 2,555. The unit performed body work on 273 vehicles, made 289 wrecker trips, repaired or replaced 20 gas pumps, and repaired office and lawn equipment.

The unit maintains a parts inventory valued at approximately \$565,000. Once a month parts are disbursed from the main shop in Montgomery to branch shops throughout the state.

Unit personnel also provided assistance at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center during driver training courses and assisted at the races in Talladega.

During the fiscal year Fleet Maintenance and the Alabama Power Company conducted a study on patrol vehicle replacement policy. Questionnaires were distributed to other states and an in-house study was also conducted. Study results were under review at the end of the fiscal year.

Selected unit personnel attended courses in purchasing, material management and creative writing at Auburn University at Montgomery, attended the NAFA convention in Sacramento, Calif., and attended an evaluation of police patrol vehicles conducted by the Michigan State Police in Lansing, Mich.

Unit personnel include a state trooper captain, one equipment management specialist, one equipment repair supervisor, one warehouse superintendent, one mechanical stock clerk, eight patrol vehicle mechanics, one auto mechanic, one equipment operator I, two equipment operator II's, one clerk stenographer II and one laborer.

## Fleet Maintenance Unit

### *Fleet Maintenance branch shops are located in :*

- Birmingham
- Decatur
- Dothan
- Jacksonville
- Mobile
- Montgomery

■ **The Implied Consent Unit** is responsible for monthly inspections and maintenance of 216 Intoxilyzer 5000 alcohol breath testing instruments located at various law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Personnel of the unit are also responsible for the maintenance and calibration of 525 Alco-Sensor portable alcohol breath testing instruments.

Personnel of this unit are frequently called upon to testify in court as to the accuracy of instruments inspected. They also assist the Public Information/Education Unit and other state departments in conducting experiments which show the effect of alcohol, and in demonstrating Implied Consent

## Implied Consent Unit

equipment. The unit also assists Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center staff in conducting chemical breath testing operators' schools and various minimum standards schools.

During the fiscal year, 12 Intoxilyzer 5000 basic training schools were held with 252 new operators certified. In addition, unit personnel administered 719 pre-entrance IQ tests to prospective operators.

Implied Consent personnel processed 29,313 blood alcohol content reports and 6,817 refusals to take the blood alcohol test.

During the fiscal year, the breath testing program was transferred from the State Board of Health to Forensic Sciences. This transfer was authorized by Act 88-660 of the regular session of the Legislature.

The unit is commanded by a state trooper captain, and a state trooper lieutenant serves as assistant commander. Unit personnel include seven arresting officers and two clerical personnel.

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## **Photographic Services Unit**

■ The Photographic Services Unit provides support for other units of the department through processing of film and proofs of pictures, including crime and accident scenes and criminal suspects. On-scene photographs are done upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

The unit also provides processing and printing services to other law enforcement agencies requesting assistance.

Preserving the chain of evidence, maintaining confidentiality and processing film from scenes of brutality are law enforcement requirements that must be fulfilled by this unit, and not by a commercial photographic laboratory.

During the fiscal year the unit processed 2,310 rolls of film, printed 13,554 black and white prints, 15,522 color photographs and sold a total of \$9,960 in wreck scene photographs.

The unit is staffed by one photographic technician II, one photographic technician I and two photographic laboratory technicians.

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## **Supply Unit**

■ Supplies and equipment, other than that provided through Fleet Maintenance and the Communications Engineering Unit, are distributed through the Supply Unit. The unit also maintains inventory records on all departmental equipment.

Supplies and equipment distributed by the unit include uniforms and weapons for 722 arresting officers, including 53 new troopers; 105 communications personnel; and 90 driver license examiners. A total of \$357,951 in equipment, supplies and uniforms was ordered and distributed.

The unit is also responsible for maintaining and distributing printed material used in departmental operations. Some 13 million billed impressions at a cost of \$125,000 were printed. Included in these figures are the driver manual, with 1.8 million impressions per 100,000 booklets. Some 200,000 manuals were printed during the fiscal year.

The Supply Unit consists of one state trooper sergeant, one printing coordinator, one property manager, one clerk typist II and two stock clerks.

## Training Unit

■ The Training Unit is made up of the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center and the Alabama Criminal Justice Library. The center occupies an 18-acre campus in Selma and has a 10-acre firing range and a three-mile pursuit driving course.

The unit is responsible for planning, developing, organizing, implementing and evaluating training and educational services for the Department of Public Safety, other state agencies and city and county law-enforcement agencies. The unit also provides food services, dormitory facilities, recreation and support services for all students and agencies utilizing the facilities.

During the 1987-88 fiscal year, 52 trooper trainees completed training at the training center. In addition, department of Public Safety personnel participated in basic police management, DUI enforcement training, SWAT and tact team training, special operations retraining, radar recertification, Intoxilyzer 5000, Honor Guard retraining, traffic homicide investigation, hazardous materials, motor carrier safety, police radio communications, pursuit/highway response and defensive and pursuit driving, and ABI in-service schools. The unit conducted 103 separate schools in 64 categories with a total of 4,271 students. Of these 1,929 were state troopers.

The unit is also responsible for semi-annual firearms requalification of all department arresting officers. During the fiscal year, the unit also conducted four minimum standards schools for other law enforcement agencies throughout Alabama.

Other state departments and agencies utilizing the facilities during the fiscal year include Conservation and Natural Resources, Pardons and Parole Board, Forensic Sciences, Criminal Justice Information Systems, Youth Services, Board of Corrections, Forestry Commission and the Alabama National Guard.

The Training Unit is commanded by a state trooper captain with a state trooper lieutenant as assistant commander. Training center personnel include seven arresting officers and six temporarily assigned officers, two vocational instructors, one librarian, one audiovisual technician, three clerical employees and 11 support personnel.

Public Safety's Alabama Criminal Justice Library is responsible for organizing, distributing and maintaining audiovisual and print materials for use by department personnel, other criminal justice agencies and adjunct educational organizations.

During the fiscal year, the library received a total of 2,784 requests for audiovisual materials, which were shown 2,473 times to a total of 61,683 viewers. In addition, 1,555 16mm films were cleaned and inspected, 521 videotapes duplicated, 58 16mm films were transferred to videotape and 62 purchases of audiovisual material were made. A total of 2,032 books and periodicals were lent by the library during the fiscal year. There were 188 new purchases made and 220 books donated to the library.

During the fiscal year library staff completed a shelf inventory and conducted research into possible grant applications to enhance library holdings.

*The ACJTC Library serves to further the educational goals of the Alabama Department of Public Safety, its employees and all state law enforcement agencies.*

**101701/Actual Expenditures by Program for  
Period 10-1-87 through 9-30-88**

Expenditure Object Codes	611-680 Traffic Control/ Accident Prev.	612-681 Criminal Investigations	613-682 Driver License/ Improvement	614-683 DPS Support Services	616-684 Administrative Services	617-685 ACJTC	621-686 Disaster/ Riot Control	Total
Personnel Cost	15,358,438.72	4,100,987.31	5,845,728.98	1,709,617.68	1,484,522.98	910,653.27	34,144.76	29,444,093.70
Employee Benefits	3,338,614.49	850,557.67	1,355,587.16	396,768.51	549,984.17	238,929.78	5,255.57	6,735,697.35
Travel In-State	114,802.76	83,438.60	49,842.37	18,260.45	18,913.48	3,628.85	310.00	289,196.51
Travel Out-of-State	12,378.44	13,176.97	7,195.03	10,282.25	8,288.11	3,448.05		54,768.85
Repairs/Maintenance	16,855.22	24,383.80	140,324.88	32,902.53	20,100.92	15,908.45		250,475.80
Rentals/Leases	5,593.00	2,088.57	176,397.94	127,959.35	349,077.05	349.96		661,465.87
Utilities/Comm.	361,473.24	41,806.61	442,851.46	146,709.71	138,610.60	120,754.33		1,252,205.95
Professional Services	25,285.01	11,587.95	805,650.71	114,829.95	336,960.52	104,025.87		1,398,340.01
Supplies/Materials/ Operating Expenses	25,950.73	24,963.33	567,842.87	351,200.89	18,466.62	82,160.72		1,070,585.16
Transportation Equip. Operations	315.23	63.43	189.59	2,078,216.68	31.84	467.89		2,079,284.66
Grants/Benefits					13,339.72			13,339.72
Other Equip. Purchases	3,800.11	3,413.00	15,116.19	79,015.16	3,808.09	9,220.00		114,372.55
Total 87-88 Actual Expenditures	19,263,506.95	5,156,467.24	9,406,727.18	5,065,763.16	2,942,104.10	1,489,547.17	39,710.33	43,363,826.13

**Encumbered Accounts  
Fiscal Year 1987-88**

1988-E Encumbrance	371,070.36	131,925.62	481,992.64	424,357.31	320,857.35	94,070.63		1,824,273.91
1988 Purchase Orders	1,529.89	985.64	41,493.63	279,852.93	3,506.10	10,322.83		337,690.39
Total Encumbered FY 1987-88	372,600.25	132,911.26	523,486.27	704,210.24	324,363.45	104,392.83		2,161,964.30
Grand Total Actual Expend./Encum.	19,636,107.20	5,289,378.50	9,930,213.45	5,769,973.40	3,266,467.55	1,593,940.00	39,710.33	45,525,790.43



**101701**  
**FY 1986-87 Encumbered Accounts**  
**Actual Expenditures by Primary Object**  
**Paid 10-1-87 through 9-30-88**

Expenditure Object Codes	611-680 Traffic Control/ Accident Prev.	612-681 Criminal Investigators	613-682 Driver License/ Improvement	614-683 DPS Support Services	616-684 Administrative Services	617-685 ACJTC	Total
Employee Benefits					9,499.40		9,499.40
Travel In-State	16,551.60	9,356.72	4,328.20	1,815.00	1,803.92	55.00	33,910.44
Travel Out-of-State	1,743.85	391.44		941.67	986.91	850.38	4,914.25
Repairs/Maintenance	13,969.59	4,081.27	29,661.41	31,166.06	3,217.27	6,114.49	88,210.09
Rentals/Leases	4,486.54	384.00	212.62	8,347.62			13,430.78
Utilities/Comm.	30,054.49	3,098.36	67,789.43	26,131.17	323.76	20,554.60	147,951.81
Prof. Services	21.60	2,642.56	118,865.98	462.74	39,070.19	18,300.88	179,363.95
Supplies/Materials/ Operating Expenses	7,699.82	3,793.47	87,280.06	183,814.04	3,609.38	51,385.64	337,582.41
Transp. Equipment Operations	29.40	14.10		413,522.49			413,565.99
Grants/Benefits					14,389.34		14,389.34
Transp. Equipment Purchases	1,006,956.20						1,006,956.20
Other Equip. Purchases	47,496.93	8,687.25	20,059.09	116,055.75	105,483.42	32,520.87	330,303.31
<b>Total Encumbrances Paid</b>	<b>1,129,010.02</b>	<b>32,449.17</b>	<b>328,196.79</b>	<b>782,256.54</b>	<b>178,383.59</b>	<b>129,781.86</b>	<b>2,580,077.97</b>
<b>Amount Reverting 9-30-88</b>	<b>134,633.40</b>	<b>7,803.41</b>	<b>188,269.88</b>	<b>76,369.98</b>	<b>235,790.00</b>	<b>84,785.87</b>	<b>727,652.54</b>
<b>Total Encumbrances FY 1986-87 (87E)</b>	<b>1,263,643.42</b>	<b>40,252.58</b>	<b>516,466.67</b>	<b>858,626.52</b>	<b>414,173.59</b>	<b>214,567.73</b>	<b>3,307,730.51</b>

**■ Fund:**

391000 Driver License Sales—\$10,182,718.00  
470000 Accident Records—\$86,219.25  
471000 Bid Fees—0  
472000 Driver License  
Reinstatement Fees—\$1,202,337.78  
476000 Certified Driver Records—\$3,819,617.25  
478000 Driver License Exam Fees—\$984,245.00  
537000 Other Fees (misc.)—\$4,350.51  
550000 Fines/Arrest Fees—\$3,398.63  
648000 Lease of Oil & Gas Rights—\$3.83  
684000 Prior Year Refunds—\$70,824.99  
699000 Sale of Salvage Equipment or  
Other Property—\$25,842.99  
800000 Transfers—\$50.00  
940000 Found Monies—\$100.75

**Total—\$16,379,708.89**

**Receipt of Funds**

**October 1, 1987 through  
September 30, 1988**

***Fund 701703 Financial Responsibility***  
**Receipts and Disbursements**  
**(this fund in trust)**

Disbursements.....\$320,933.99  
Balance in trust.....\$289,646.53

***Fund 301702 Livestock Impounding***

Disbursements.....\$84.85  
Balance in trust.....0