

Department of State Police



General Overview

The Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) began as World War I constabulary, established by Public Act 53 of 1917, and has evolved into a full-service Statewide law enforcement agency. Public Act 123 of 1921 created the Department of Public Safety and gave it expanded responsibilities. In 1965, Public Act 380 was passed and the Department of State Police was established.

The purpose of the Department is to provide 24-hour statewide quality police service for the safety and protection of the people and their property in the State of Michigan. Its primary responsibilities are to reduce the opportunities for crime, to reduce traffic accidents through diligent and fair enforcement of the laws of this State, to act as a first responder to any citizen's needs that can be addressed through the resources of the criminal justice system, and to administer the State's office of emergency management which coordinates the preparation and response to homeland security and other emergencies.

Major Divisions and Programs

The Department is organized into four bureaus under the Office of the Director. They include the Field Services Bureau, the State Services Bureau, the Information and Technology Bureau, and the Professional Development Bureau.

Field Services Bureau. This bureau is responsible for all patrol and uniformed support services for the Department and includes the administration of seven patrol districts throughout the state and includes Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Special Investigations Division, and Special Operations Division.

State Services Bureau. This bureau includes Forensic Science Division (consisting of seven crime labs throughout the state), Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Intelligence Operations Division, the Grants and Community Services Division, and 9-1-1 Administration.

Information and Technology Bureau. This bureau is responsible for the Biometrics and Identification Division, the Criminal Justice and Information Center, the Information Technology Division, and the Office of Highway Safety Division.

Professional Development Bureau. This bureau includes the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, the Office of Behavioral Science, the Organizational Development Division, and the Training Division.

Other divisions include the Budget, Financial, and Facilities Division, the Human Resources Division, the Transparency and Accountability Division, and the Communications and Outreach Division.