

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 3 bureaus under the Office of the Director. They include the Field Services Bureau, the State Services Bureau, and the Administrative Services Bureau.

Field Services Bureau. This bureau is responsible for all patrol and uniformed support services for the Department and includes two regions.

Region I - Special Investigation Division, Motor Carrier Division, and the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Districts.

Region II - Field Operation Division and the Intelligence Section, Region II - Special Investigation Division, and the First, Second, and Third Districts.

State Services Bureau. This bureau includes Forensic Science Division, Office of Highway Safety Planning, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, Emergency Management Division, Auto Theft Prevention Authority Section, and the Office of Behavioral Science.

Administrative Services Bureau. This bureau includes the 9-1-1 Administrative Section, Budget and Financial Division, Management Services Division, Criminal Justice Information Center, CJIS Policy Council Section, Human Resources Division, and the Training Division.