## **Arkansas State Police**

## ANNUAL REPORT







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## Service from the Heart





## The ASP Administration



### **Colonel Mike Hagar**

During 2023, Colonel Hagar was appointed into office by Governor Sarah Huckabee-Sanders. He now serves as the DPS Secretary and Colonel/Director of the Arkansas State Police. Colonel Hagar's Administration is supported by two Lieutenant Colonels.



#### **Lieutenant Colonel Michael Kennedy**

Lt. Colonel Michael Kennedy commands the Administrative Services Division, the Regulatory and Building Operations Division, Fleet Operations, the Office of Professional Standards, and the Highway Safety Office.



#### Lieutenant Colonel Jason Aaron

Lt. Colonel Jason Aaron commands the Criminal Investigation Division, the Crimes Against Children's Division, and the Highway Patrol Division.



## Director's Comments

On behalf of the dedicated employees of the Arkansas State Police (ASP), I am pleased to present the 2023 ASP Annual Report. The contents of this report reflect the ongoing efforts of this agency in providing the highest standards of law enforcement capabilities possible to serve the citizens of this great state.

The information compiled within this report includes activity logs and records kept by each division and section from within the ASP from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding the data contained in this report, or the operations of the Department, please contact the ASP at 501.618.8000.



## Arkansas State Police Code of Ethics

### Mission

The Mission of the Arkansas State Police is to protect human life and property in the state of Arkansas by providing the highest quality of law enforcement services to the public.

### Vision

The Arkansas State Police will be the premier law enforcement agency of the state, by developing the skills of our members through efficient and effective management of agency resources to deliver the highest level of service to the public.

## Core Values

**Honor** – Adhere to the highest principles.

Respect – Treat all people with dignity & compassion.

Trust - Hold ourselves to a higher standard of accountability.

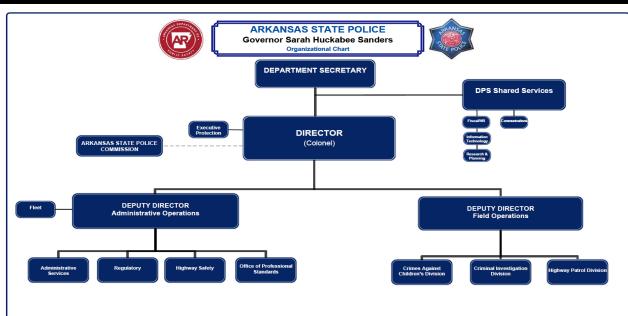
**Integrity – Character in Action** 

**Duty – Value the standards of ethical conduct** 

Excellence – Professionalism and continuous improvement in all we do







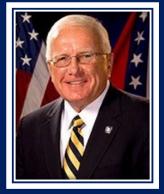






## Arkansas State Police Commission





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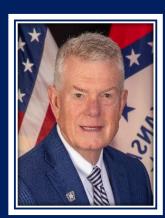
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Chairman



Jeffery Teague Vice Chairman



John Allison Secretary



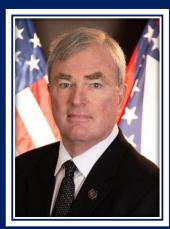
Mike Akin Member



Jim Hinkle Member



Ken Reeves Member



Neff Basore Member

The Arkansas State Police Commission serves in an oversight capacity to the Division. The Commissioners have the statutory responsibilities of approving new hires and promotions, hearing disciplinary appeals, and providing oversight of the Division's communications system and the commissioned officers' health and retirement systems, in addition to other responsibilities as set out in A.C.A § 12-8-103. The Commissioners who served on the Arkansas State Police Commission during 2023 are shown above.



## **DPS Fiscal Section**



Karen Perry Chief Fiscal Officer

ASP Calendar Expenses for 2023	<u>Total</u>
Salary	\$56, 307,192
Extra Help	\$ 129,714
Matching	\$31,706,536
Overtime	\$1,440,233
Operating Expenses	\$41,405,787
Travel/Training	\$374,627
Grants/Aid	\$4,687,824
Professional Service Contracts	\$2,655,248
Claims	\$267,500
Capital Outlay	\$14,743,048
Total	<u>\$ 153,717,709</u>

## 2023 Expenditures





## **Executive Protection**



The Arkansas State Police shall be responsible for the safety and security of the Governor and her family as well as the Governor's Mansion (A.C.A. §12-8-108). Executive Protection Command Staff consists of one Captain, one Lieutenant, and two Sergeants. Staff members are assigned in numbers to such locations as is necessary in order to carry out their responsibility.







## Communications Unit

The Communications Unit at the Arkansas Department of Public Safety provides updated and timely information to the public as well as news media organizations seeking to learn more about the largest statewide law enforcement agency and its internal operations. It is led by Communications Director Cindy Murphy. The Communications Unit also includes Janie Runkle (Deputy Communications Director), Jonathan Nettles (Public Information Coordinator), Nick Genty (Public Information Specialist), and Lacey Kanipe (Public Relations Manager). The team compiles the latest news reports related to DPS, responds to media representatives and constituents, manages the agency's social media presence, maintains the agency's website, coordinates public events, and produces photographs and video footage for recruitment and other special projects.

Members of the Communications Unit are available 24 hours a day as a point of contact for local, statewide, and national news outlets. More than 225,000 individuals receive news and information about the Arkansas State Police through the division's social media platforms (Facebook, X, Instagram, and YouTube). Subscribers to ASP's social media accounts and media advisories receive consistent updates on the agency's internal operations with 354 posts made in 2023. These posts have the potential to reach 3.5 million people, based on page interactions, profile visits, comments, reactions, and tags.





## Legal Counsel

The DPS Legal Section and Legislative Affairs Section provides advice and legal counsel to the Director, Deputy Directors, and the Division Troop and Company Commanders in civil, administrative, personnel, and criminal, disciplinary matters. The Legal Section provides consultation for investigations conducted by the Office of Professional Standards, represents the Director in all disciplinary cases appealed to the Arkansas State Police Commission by commissioned personnel and administers appeals on behalf of ASP to the internal Complaint Review Board for non-commissioned employees as well as the State Employee Grievance Appeal Panel (SEGAP). The Legal Section reviews and responds to requests for records information submitted under the U.S. Department of Justice's Giglio policy. The Legal Section provides representation to the Division's Regulatory and Licensing Divisions in administrative appeals for concealed handgun licensing and private investigator/private security licensing and representation to the Division in matters filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Division. All subpoenas and service of legal process are reviewed by the Legal Section, who then determines the appropriate action and

legal response. The Legal section provides representation for the agency before the Arkansas State Claims Commission as well as in state court for appeals from regulatory and licensing decisions. In cases where the Division and its employees are represented by the Arkansas Attorney General's Office in civil lawsuits filed in federal court, the Legal Section manages the litigation. The Legal Section is also responsible for reviewing contracts and Memorandums of Understanding on behalf of the Division, and for drafting and reviewing legislation. The Legal Section promulgates rules pursuant to new legislation or an update of existing rules. Legal Section personnel receive and respond to all requests submitted under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In 2023, the FOIA requests became so voluminous it became necessary for the Legal Section to begin charging for FOIA requests for videos longer than three (3) hours, as provided in A.C.A. \$ 25-19-112(c). Various training is provided to Division units, personnel, and trainees by the Legal Section. In 2023, the Legal Section was staffed by DPS Chief Legal Counsel Joan Shipley, ASP Deputy Counsel Tess Bradford, Attorneys Jesi Feld, Ryan Roach, Taylor Pearson, and legal specialists Michelle Spencer and Brooke Jarrett.





LT. Marcus Daniels Commander



TFC. Dean Pitchford Investigator



CPL. Christiana McKibben Investigator



Veronica King Program Coordinator

## Administrative Operations Office of Professional Standards (OPS)

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is staffed with Commander Marcus Daniels, Investigator's Dean Pitchford and Christiana McKibben. They serve as investigators for administrative investigations conducted on employees of the Department of Public Safety. OPS is also staffed with Program Coordinator Veronica King who is responsible for revisions and additions to policies and procedures, completing special assignments, and assisting with various tasks within OPS. Veronica King is also the Master Administrator for PowerDMS, which is the current public safety workforce platform for the Division.

OPS conducts administrative investigations for complaints filed against ASP/DPS employees from both internal sources and from the public. Investigators are responsible for investigating all complaints filed on employees, officer-involved shootings, and racial profiling allegations involving ASP Troopers. OPS maintains and compiles data for all pursuit and use of force incidents for the Division. OPS also assists the Administrative Services Division with recruit applicant background reviews and sits on the applicant interview panel.

2023 OPS Investigations		
Inter-Departmental Complaints	39	
Citizen Complaints	16	
Racial Profiling Complaints	2	
Officer-Involved Shootings	8	
Total	65	







## Highway Safety



Bridget White Highway Safety Office Administrator



The Highway Safety Office (HSO) administers state and federal highway safety funds and oversees highway safety program efforts supported by those funds for the State of Arkansas. The HSO develops an annual highway safety plan, which identifies traffic-related safety problems in Arkansas and recommends programs most effective in reducing traffic fatalities, injuries, and crashes. A performance plan was prepared which described the State's highway safety problem identification process and identified the State's highway safety benchmarks and goals. The highway safety plan described the strategies for meeting the goals outlined in the performance plan and allocation of highway safety funds. The HSO implemented projects and facilitated activities and programs that contributed toward reaching the State's highway safety goal. Projects and activities implemented included but were not limited to:

Selective Traffic Enforcement Projects	Public Information and Awareness Campaigns
Safe Communities Projects	- Click It or Ticket
Child Passenger Safety Projects	- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
A Teen Driver Safety Project	- U Drive U Text U Pay
• DWI Courts	- Speeding Slows You Down
eCrash/eCitation Projects	- Motorcycles: Share the Road
<ul> <li>Law Enforcement, Judicial and Prosecutor Training</li> </ul>	- Slow Down Phone Down in Work Zones

The HSO recognizes that the achievement of quantified goals is dependent not only on the work of its office but also on the collaborative and ongoing efforts of a multitude of governmental and private entities involved in improving highway safety in Arkansas. HSO expenditures for Calendar Year 2023 were approximately \$9.8 million.



## Fleet Operations



Lieutenant Jeff Whitlock Fleet Manager

2023 Fleet Statistics		
Total Vehicles at the beginning of 2023	903	
Vehicles Added	333	
Vehicles sent to M&R	84	
Accidents Involving Fleet Vehicles	244	
Estimated Miles Driven in 2023	14,975,730	
Estimated Gallons of Fuel in 2023	1,002,071.22	
Fuel Cost for 2023	\$2,994,322.58	





## Administrative Services



Major Roby Rhoads Commander



Captain Craig Teague Assistant Commander



Lieutenant Mike Gunnett
Training Section



Lieutenant Ben Hoyt
Training Section



Sergeant Shawn Mason Training Unit



Sergeant Alex Bray Training Unit



Sergeant Chad Staley Training Unit



Sergeant Zach Owens Recruiting Section



## Administrative Services Division

Staff within the Administrative Services Division (ASD) are responsible for providing guidance to the Director's Office, command staff, management, and supervisors regarding training, recruiting, wellness, and workforce issues. They also maintain liaisons with other state entities, representing the division at legislative proceedings, and conduct Line of Duty Death Benefit briefings for various law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, the ASD staff are responsible for presenting monthly reports to the Arkansas State Police Commission regarding uniformed personnel matters and the ASP Uniformed Health Plan.

The ASD is responsible for oversight of the Sergeant and Lieutenant promotional process. Arkansas State Police hosts promotional testing for commissioned officers every two (2) years with an average of 200 eligible candidates. The ASD coordinates candidate testing and location selection for the written examinations, assigns Test Proctors to oversee testing at each off-site location, and coordinates the off-site Oral Board exams. This lengthy process takes up to eighteen (18) months of preparation.

The ASD works closely with personnel who are members of the National Guard and Reserve forces to ensure a seamless process for these employees who transition from full-time employment status to inactive status during periods of military leave. The ASP Training Staff works hard to ensure these military members meet all mandatory training requirements.



#### ASP Benefits and Health Plan

The Administrative Services Division (ASD) is responsible for Medical, Pharmacy, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, and Long-Term Disability for members consisting of active and retired employees and eligible spouses and dependents for 3,239 total covered lives. In 2023, this unit processed supplemental insurance billing (Life LTD, UNUM, Pan AM) in the amount of \$327,585.47 and dental/vision totaling \$478,219.53. Retirement premiums for 2023 totaled \$1,720,767.60. In addition, Benefits processed twenty-four (24) new retirements.

ASD is tasked with coordinating Annual Open Enrollment for ASP Uniformed employees. ASD personnel attend monthly State Employee Health Subcommittee and Board meetings to keep informed of insurance enhancements and benefit and rate changes for state employees. In addition, the division staff completes the annual IRS 1095 form reporting and all division contracts.

ASD assisted in and completed Special Projects, such as but not limited to the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Legislative Audit – ASP Health Plan, Health Insurance Cost Study for US Census Bureau, Gag Clause Attestation, and assisted in compiling & verifying coverage for 1094 & 1095 reports, W2 reporting, and VA training and enrollment (Veteran GI Bill Certification).

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Sgt. Charles Lewis Wellness Unit Commander

Dr. William Lackey, PhD

## Wellness Unit

The Wellness Unit is responsible for providing emotional and spiritual support to the Arkansas State Police and Arkansas Department of Public Safety personnel, their immediate family members, and members of the public who are victims of a crime or accident. The primary goal of this program is to alleviate the adverse effects of stress among department personnel and their families when invited and deemed appropriate. The Wellness Unit comprises one (1) commissioned officer and one (1) non-commissioned employee.



## WELLNESS





## Training Unit

In 2023, the Arkansas State Police (ASP) Training Staff consisted of eleven (11) commissioned officers and three (3) non-commissioned employees. Together, they were responsible for coordinating and implementing all levels of training for the Division. The Training Unit responsibilities include but are not limited to Troop School planning and coordination, Canine training, the Training Academy management, Physical Fitness training, Use of Force and Pursuit Driving basic/remedial training, TASER training, Radar training, Firearms training, Violent Encounter Resolution Skills (VERS) Defensive Tactics training, Active Shooter training, Instructor Development training, Arkansas Healthy Employee Lifestyle Program (AHELP) coordination, Drug Recognition Expert coordination, Field Training Officer Training Program coordination, Riot Control training, Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) testing certification coordination, assisting with the ASP Promotional Process, body armor replacement, equipment maintenance, and other duties as assigned. One (1) training staff member serves as the State Firearms Instructor and the ASP Armorer. The responsibilities for this position include issuing and maintaining inventory and ordering all ammunition and firearms for the Division. The Armorer assists with any needed firearm repairs and coordinates the Wrightsville firing range schedule, including maintaining the supplies and scheduling any needed maintenance.

In 2023, the Training Section presented, coordinated, and certified two separate Troop Schools. The 2023-A Troop School consisted of 1,134 training hours. This training culminated in the graduation of twenty-one (29) newly commissioned troopers for Arkansas. The 2023-B Troop School consisted of 760 training hours in a condensed 10-week Troop School for prior certified officers. The 2023-B Troop School graduated fifty-two (52) newly commissioned troopers, the largest graduating class since 1977. Training classes included basic and advanced firearms training and qualification, Active Shooter Training, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Violent Encounter Resolution Skills (VERS) course, Bias-Free Policing training, and Taser training course. The 2023 Troop Schools conducted EVOC, traffic stops, and accident investigations at the ASP track. The training section also hosted thirty-five (35) weeks of various training courses at the driving track facility.

#### 2023-A Troop School Graduates





### 2023-B Troop School Graduates







## Recruiting Unit

We are tasked with recruiting highly qualified personnel for the position of a Trooper in the Arkansas State Police. The Recruiting Unit is committed to identifying the best recruits who align with the values and standards of our agency. The Recruiting Unit works diligently to promote the Arkansas State Police at every opportunity.

The Recruiting Unit is responsible for processing Trooper applications. This process begins with the initial screening through ARCareers, followed by scheduling and administering the physical assessment test, written exam, polygraph testing, background investigations, and the oral interview process.

In 2023, the recruiting staff contacted 401 applicants to take the physical assessment and written examination required to become a commissioned officer. Of the applicants contacted, 356 took the Physical Assessment Test. As part of the hiring process, the Recruiting Unit conducted 181 written tests, reviewed 170 polygraph results, and administered 169 background investigations. Based on the background investigations, 128 applicants were selected to advance to the final two stages of the hiring process in December of 2023.

Apart from the recruitment effort and the recruiting application phases, the Recruiting Unit is also responsible for the Trooper Reinstatement hiring process. In 2023, the unit processed a total of ten (10) reinstatements.



## Regulatory and Building Operations Division



Captain Dustin Morgan Regulatory & Building Operations



Major Michael Moyer Commander





Lieutenant Tiffany Dycus
Identification Bureau/AFIS/CHCL



Sergeant Larry Dawson Fire and Explosives Unit



Sergeant Michael Wallace Maintenance & Inmate Services



Corporal Lindy Cartwright
Crash Records

The Regulatory and Building Operations Division includes the Private Investigator, Security Guard, and Alarm Company Licensing Section, Mail and Copy Room, Crash Record Section, Used Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing, Identification Bureau, Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), and Concealed Handgun Licensing.



### Fire Investigations Unit

The fire investigators worked 74 fires during 2023. They assisted city, state, and federal agencies throughout the state.



## **Explosives**

The Hazardous Device Technicians responded to 46 explosives-related calls across Arkansas during 2023. The State Police Bomb Team supported the ASP SWAT team on three calls during 2023. The Arkansas State Police Bomb Team currently consists of 4 certified Hazardous Device Technicians by the FBI and 5 support personnel.





## 2023 Regulatory Services Activity

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		<u>MONITORING</u>	
New Applications	8,402	Class A, B & E Applications	130
Renewal Applications	22,759		9
Applications for Transfer	577	11	29
New Instructor License	23	Alarm Apprentice	9
		Alarm Agent	212
AFIS		Alarm Monitor	559
Criminal Fingerprint Cards Processed	110,975	Alarm Technician	738
ASP Electronic Fingerprint Site	64	Assistant Training Administrator	16
Non-ASP Electronic Fingerprint Sites	320	$\mathbf{c}$	2
Civil Fingerprint Cards Processed		Company - Private Business/School Security Dept.	33
Police Applicant Cards Processed	8,371	Credentialed Private Investigator	59
Mobile AFIS Requests Processed	186	Commissioned Security Officer	872
		Commissioned School Security Officer	490
<u>IDENTIFICATION BUREAU</u>		IOI – Institution of Instruction	3
Background Checks Processed	269,184	Private Security Officer	1,577
		Agency Representative (REP)	334
BLUE LIGHT SALES		Training Administrator	15
Sales Reported	0	Training Administrator - IOI	3
		Training Instructor	0
<u>CRASH REPORTS</u>		Training Instructor - IOI	1
Crash Reports Received	82,641	Opened Complaints	10
Crash Reports Sold	126,527		10
		Company Audits	10
POLYGRAPH AND VOICE STRESS		Examinations Administered	123
Polygraph Examiner Application	21	Current Active Licenses, Credentials & Commissions	13,215
Intern Polygraph Examiner Application	1	MAIL ROOM	
Voice Stress Analysis Examiner Application	13	Copies Made Per Year	351,167
, 11		Pieces of Mail Processed Per Year	142,240
FIRE AND EXPLOSIVE SECTION			
Fire Investigations	74		
Bomb/Explosive Calls	46	USED MOTOR VEHICLE	
SWAT Responses	3	New Dealer Application	552
Training Provided (Personnel Hours)	585 hrs.	Renewal Dealer Applications	3,001
Training Received (Personnel Hours)	1,966 hrs.	Satellite Applications	16
Accelerant Canine Training	770 hrs.	Dealer Complaints	52

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Hours Spent on AWIN Projects 6,153.25
Miles Driven-AWIN Projects 100,957.80



## Special Recognition







Since 2015, Conway faithfully served as the Accelerant Canine for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and ASP.





## Field Operations Criminal Investigations Division (CID)



CID Division Commander Major Stacie Rhoads



CID Assistant Commander Captain Paulette Ward



Company A
Lt. Randall Murphy



Company B Lt. Morris Knight



Company C Lt. Larry Joe Carter



Company D Lt. Phillip Pierce



Company E Lt. Ted Jones



Company F Lt. Brant Tosh

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is responsible for criminal law enforcement, including drug enforcement, Internet Child Exploitation, and all other non-traffic enforcement activities. The Division is comprised of six (6) Companies, each is responsible for the coverage of two (2) Highway Patrol troops. The Criminal Investigation Division includes several specialized units. The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) conducts white-collar crime and Federal Task Force investigations at the direction of the Division Commander. These Federal Task Forces include the United States Marshal's Office Fugitive Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, and the FBI ARKTRUST Task Force. The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) section works with local, state, and federal agencies to prevent and prosecute child pornography and other internet crimes against children. The Arkansas State Fusion Center (ASFC) disseminates criminal information and intelligence. The Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (AHTC) supports human trafficking victims and prevent and prosecute human trafficking. Major Stacie Rhoads commanded the Criminal Investigation Division during 2023.

## 2023 CID Enforcement Activity

CID opened 1,454 cases in 2023, with some cases resulting in multiple felony charges. Outlined below are the statistics by Company or Unit and by category.



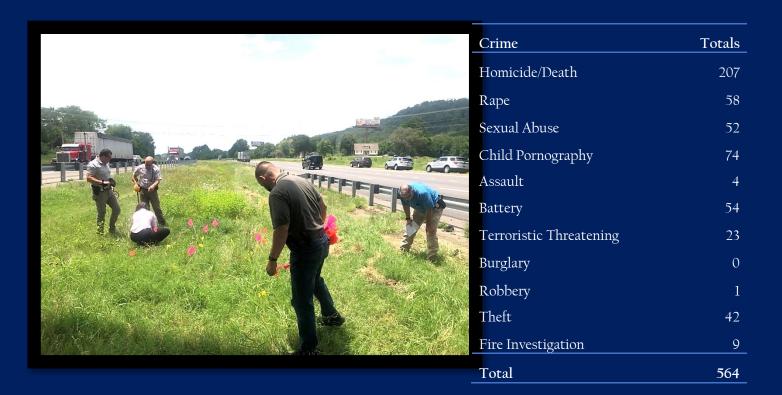
2023 CID Case Activity

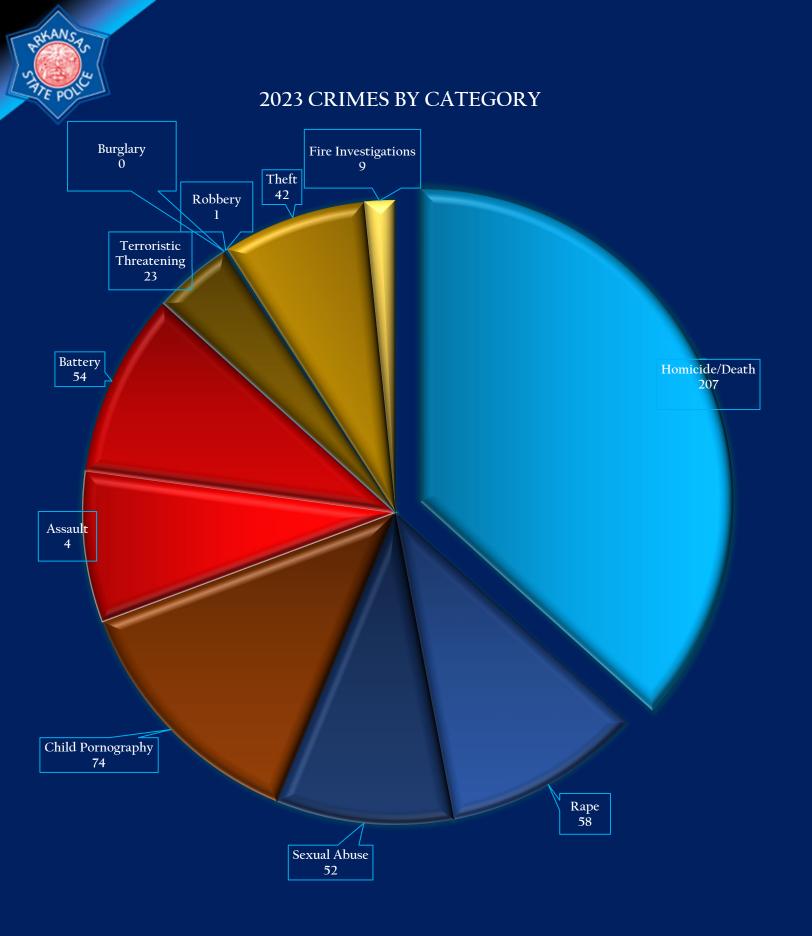
Company/ Unit	Persons Assigned	Cases Opened	Cases Closed	Felony Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests
A	12	190	287	77	0
В	15	154	216	114	42
$\mathbf{C}$	11	234	232	390	0
D	12	326	380	109	10
E	12	270	258	395	35
$\mathbf{F}$	12	182	212	171	42
SIU/Admin	7	98	89	319	2
Total	81	1454	1674	1575	131



#### 2023 CID CASE ACTIVITY









The Arkansas Human Trafficking Council (AHTC) is a multidisciplinary collaboration of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with organizations providing comprehensive services to trafficking victims to 1) to identify all forms of human trafficking, 2) to provide all victims access to services, 3) to investigate and prosecute HT cases at the local, state, and federal levels, 4) to address individualized service needs through a comprehensive array of service providers.

The core team of the Council is the Department of Public Safety Division of Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Attorney General's Office, and the Department of Human Services Division of Children and Family Services.

The Council has the following subcommittees: Outreach and Awareness, Strategic Planning and Trafficking Protocol, Training, Victim Service, Law Enforcement, and Survivor-led Committee.

#### HT Operations:

- Operation Awakening was a multidisciplinary anti-human trafficking event in the Central Arkansas region.
- The operation occurred over a one-day period in September 2023, and law enforcement officers, support personnel, and advocates from over seventeen federal, state, local, and non-government organizations.
- 10 adults were encountered and offered services.



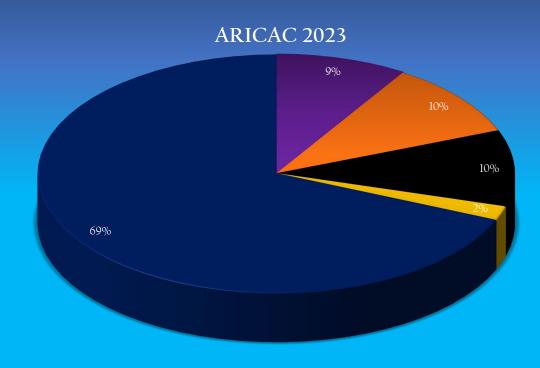


### Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Arkansas State Police commemorated two decades since establishing the Arkansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which operates from an invitation-only grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs, a division of the Department of Justice. This funding sustains all facets of the task force's operations, including training, equipment procurement, and tools necessary for evidence extraction. Without this financial support, investigations crucial for safeguarding Arkansas's most vulnerable would lack the necessary resources.

Under the guidance of Sergeant Corwin Battle, the ARICAC task force handled 61 traveler cases, 70 enticement cases, 71 instances of obscenity directed at minors, 13 cases of child sex trafficking, and 470 cases involving Child Sexual Abuse Material. Throughout the year, the task force received 6,112 Cybertips, sparking 875 investigations resulting in 246 arrests. Over this period, 59 child victims were identified. Additionally, the task force provided training for 413 law enforcement officers and 213 prosecutors, while engaging nearly 1,500 citizens on online safety measures. Despite having only one digital evidence examiner, the Digital Evidence Lab completed over a hundred examinations related to child exploitation cases.

The ARICAC remains steadfast in its commitment to rescuing children and removing individuals' intent on harming them from our communities.



## Special Investigations Unit



Lt. Robert Middleton SIU Commander

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) consists of Commander Robert Middleton, 5 Special Agents, 3 Cold Case Investigators, and 1 Administrative Assistant. SIU is dedicated to integrity and accountability. Within SIU, the Cold Case Unit reviews and investigates long-standing mysteries, bringing closure to friends and family members of the deceased. Together, SIU and Federal Task Forces work seamlessly to combat crime effectively.

Our Special Agents, including those in Federal Task Forces, are committed to upholding the law with thorough investigations. We collaborate closely to address various challenges swiftly and ensure no illegal activities go unnoticed.

In partnership with Federal Task Forces and local Cold Case Units, SIU has fought corruption, brought closure to families, and protected the innocent. Our Agents' dedication to excellence and law enforcement is unwavering, ensuring justice prevails. SIU operates with discretion and professionalism in high-profile cases and operations, maintaining the integrity of each case and earning community trust through transparency and accountability.











#### **Fusion Center**



Celestina Williams ASFC Administrator

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

In 2023, the ASP provided six full-time civilian personnel as staff to the ASFC: Tina Williams, the ASFC Administrator/Director; Danny Watkins, the ASFC Intelligence Analyst Supervisor; Shemiracle King, ASFC Senior Intelligence Analyst; Nicole McKendree and Alan Sutton, ASFC Software Support Specialists; and LaKendra Shelton, Administrative Specialist.

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Director of ASP or the Director's designee (who serves as Chair) and representatives from the following 19 federal, state, and local partners:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security	U.S. Attorney for the Eastern Dist. of Arkansas
U.S. Attorney for the Western Dist. of Arkansas	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Adjutant General of Arkansas	Attorney General of Arkansas
Arkansas Department of Health	Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
Arkansas Crime Information Center	Arkansas Department of Correction
Arkansas Department of Community Correction	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Arkansas Highway Police	Arkansas Prosecuting Attorney's Association
Arkansas Sheriff's Association	Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police
Office of the Governor	Arkansas Fire Fighter's Association
Arkansas Department of Agriculture	







# PRHANS PULLY STATE POLICY

#### During 2023, ASFC personnel:

- Provided instruction on Fusion Center operations and on the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) to officers attending the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in East Camden, Central, and Springdale
- Provided instruction on Fusion Center operations and on the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) to officers attending the ASP Troop School, the ACC Parole/Probation Academy, Pulaski County Sherriff's Office Academy, BRTC LETA, and the Little Rock Police Academy
- Produced analytic products recognized in the DHS "Fusion Center Product Portfolio" as quality products
- Provided a Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) portal to facilitate communications by and between security and first responders for the 2023 Little Rock Marathon
- Provided intel and support to state and local agencies during multiple protests/rallies/events throughout the year.
- Provided continued training to 20 Homeland Security Liaison Officers (HSLO) at the annual conference and 15 HSLO students for the initial training.
- The ASFC Director Tina Williams completed the fellowship program with the Department of Homeland Security.
- An analyst attended the Foundations of Intel Analysis in Tampa, FL
- Analysts attended the Human Trafficking Training in West Memphis & Conway and a Human Trafficking Conference in Branson, MO
- Two analysts attended the LEIU/IALEIA Annual Training in Las Vegas, NV
- An analyst attended the AR Safer School Conference in North Little Rock, AR
- An analyst attended the MS-ISAC Cyber Training in Salt Lake City, UT
- Two analysts attended the ADEM annual conference in Hot Springs, AR
- Three analysts attended the Open-Source Intelligence Course
- Two analysts attended the Annual Southern Shield Fusion Center Directors/Lead Analysts conference in Orlando, FL
- Four analysts virtually attended the National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) training event in D.C.
- All analyst virtually attended different trainings throughout the year focusing on their Fusion Center portfolio.

#### 2023 Fusion Center Activities

Bulletins1199Hotline Reports1500 callsRequests for Information423Requests for Services1Training Announcements18

Presentations 16 (attendees)





## Crimes Against Children Division







Kalika Rodgers

Investigations Administrator

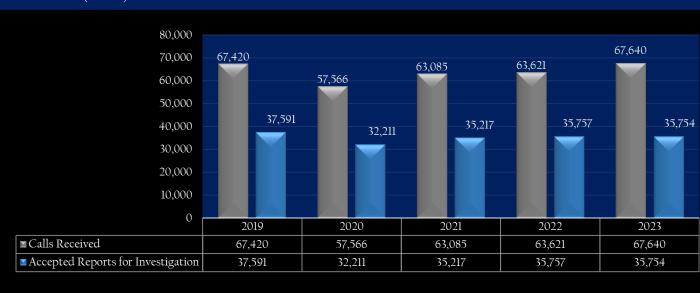
Major Jeffrey Drew Division Commander



Dan Mack Hotline Administrator

The Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) operates with one (1) Major, one (1) Investigations Administrator, one (1) Admin Specialist III, three (3) Admin Specialist II, eleven (11) Area Managers, seventy-three (73) Investigators, one (1) Hotline Administrator, five (5) Hotline Supervisors and twenty-three (23) Hotline Operators.

Child Abuse Hotline operators in the CACD of the Arkansas State Police received 67,640 referrals in 2023. Of these reports, 35,754 were accepted as legally valid allegations of abuse or neglect. They were assigned for investigation to CACD investigators or the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS).



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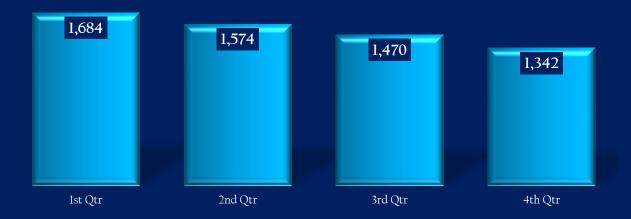
## Crimes Against Children

The referrals accepted by the Hotline are divided into categories for investigation, pursuant to an agreement with DHS. This resulted in 6,070 cases being investigated by the CACD's Investigation section in 2023. Each report may contain multiple allegations. Of the total number of Priority 1 allegations, 4,443 (66%) involved sexual-related offenses.

CACD investigators closed 5,887 referrals in 2023. Of the closed referrals, 1,858 (32%) were found to be 'true'.

The investigative determination of 'true' means there was a preponderance of evidence that indicated the allegations(s) were true. An 'unsubstantiated' finding means the evidence was insufficient to support the allegations(s). Investigations closed with a determination of 'true' were reported to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

#### Number of Investigations Assigned



#### TOTAL PRIORITY I ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE FOR 2023

ABANDONMENT – 8 ABUSE – 1121 NEGLECT – 334 Sexual Abuse – 2,865 Sexual Exploitation – 93 Death - 22



# Highway Patrol Division



Major Ron Casey Highway Patrol Commander









# Highway Patrol Troop Commanders (A-F)



Troop A
Captain Jeff Sheeler



Troop B
Captain Todd Shaw



Troop C Captain John Carter



Troop D Captain David Moore



Troop E Captain David Williams



Troop F Captain Rick Neill



# Highway Patrol Troop Commanders (G-L)



Troop G
Captain Brady Gore



Troop H
Captain Chris Goodman



Troop I
Captain Wesley Smithee



Troop J Captain Kyle Drown



Troop K
Captain Scott Joe



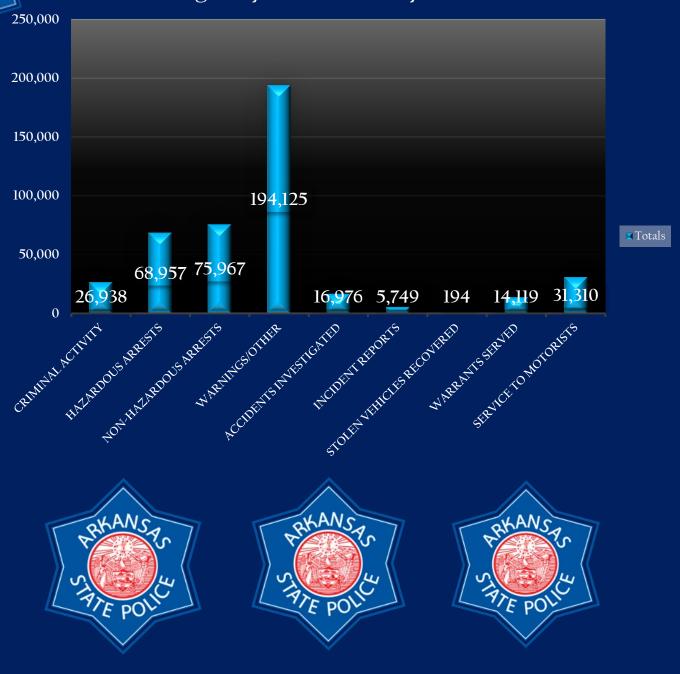
Troop L
Captain Scott Russell



The Highway Patrol Division (HPD) is the uniformed branch of the Arkansas State Police (ASP). It is responsible for traffic supervision, traffic, and criminal law enforcement on the highways of Arkansas. The HPD also assists with other incidents including riots, prison disturbances, labor-related disturbances, and providing security at public events. The HPD has 12 Troops (A-L), which are all stationed throughout Arkansas, providing coverage to multiple counties so that no county goes without coverage. Arkansas has a total of 75 counties within the State. The HPD also has several specialized units. The Interstate Criminal Patrol (ICP), Emergency Response Team (ERT), Driver's License/Commercial Driver's License (DL/CDL), Mobile Incident Command Center/Tactical Command Vehicle (MICC/TCV), Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), Drone Team, Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT), SWAT, Honor Guard, Tactical and Air Support, Communications, and K-9 Team. Major Ron Casey commanded the HPD during 2023.



# Highway Patrol Activity for 2023

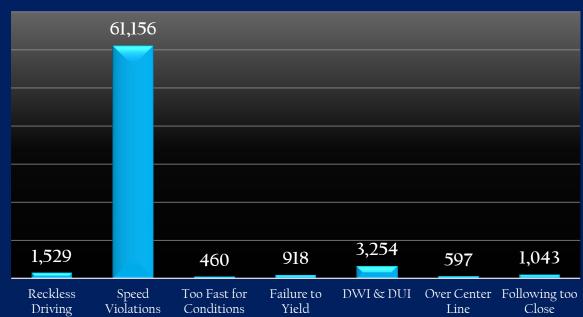


#### 2023 Criminal Arrests



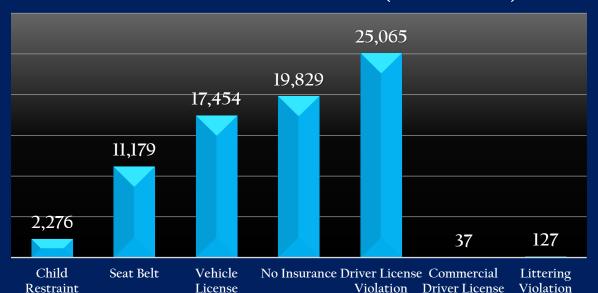


# 2023 Hazardous Arrests (total 68,957)





2023 Non-Hazardous Arrests (total 75,967)

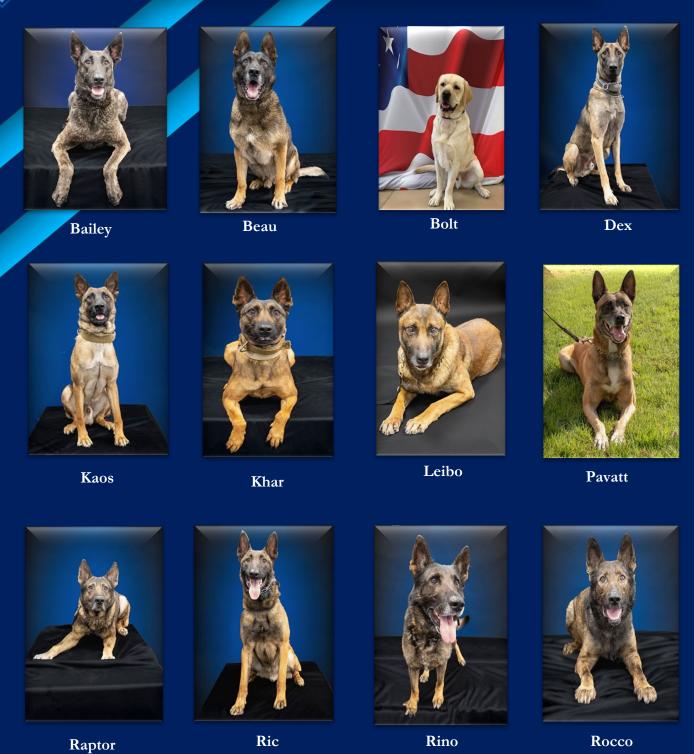


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# ASP K-9 Unit



In 2023, the Arkansas State Police Canine (K-9) Program teams engaged in the following deployments: 610 Narcotics, 3 Patrol, and 2 Evidence Recovery. The K-9 team also seized 1,648.6 pounds of Marijuana, 177 pounds of Cocaine, 1.58 pounds of Methamphetamine, \$413,857 in Cash, and seized 3 Vehicles.

# Interstate Criminal Patrol (ICP)



Cpl. Chris Short and Cpl. Josh Elmore \$132,020 seized on 06.22.23



284 lbs. Marijuana – Cpl. Chris Short



300 lbs. Marijuana – Cpl. Josh Elmore

# During 2023 the Interstate Criminal Patrol team seized the following:

- Marijuana 9,248.37 lbs. (Est. Value \$25,170,000)
- Cocaine 353.67 lbs. (Est. Value \$5,293,860)
- Meth 56.65 lbs. (Est. Value \$385,440)
- Black Tar Heroin 1 lb. (Est. Value \$1270)
- Fentanyl 46.31 lbs. (Est. Value \$819,226)
- THC Vape Pens Qty 18,540 (Est. Value \$463,500)
- Promethazine 420 pt. (Est. Value \$4,200)
- THC Edibles 1,138 lbs. (Est. Value \$185,000)
- Weapons 20
- Cash \$1,478,165



Trp. Ana Escamilla and Tfc. Tanner Middlecoff 141 lbs. of Marijuana & 10 lbs. THC Wax seized on 10.03.23





# Tactical and Air Support



During 2023 the Air Support Unit received 196 flight requests

- ➤ 149 requests were made from within the Department.
- ➤ 47 requests were made from federal, state, or local agencies.

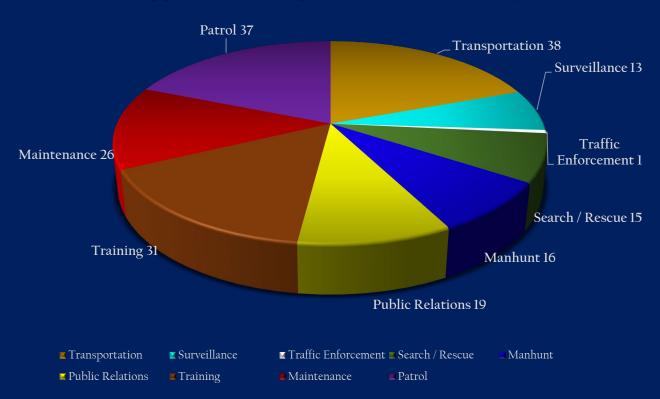
The results of the requested flights are as follows:

- ➤ 164 flights completed as requested.
- ➤ 14 flights canceled or declined due to weather, availability, or maintenance issues.
- ➤ 18 flights canceled by the requestor prior to the flight.

The Air Support Unit flew 296.8 hours during 2023.

- ➤ 190.3 hours N524SP, Bell 407 helicopter
- > 52.1 hours N523SP, Cessna 206
- ➤ 54.4 hours N390SP, Beechcraft B200 King Air

#### Air Support Unit Flight Missions and Requests





# Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team



The Arkansas State Police SWAT team consists of approximately 25 highly trained troopers from various divisions within the department. Selection for this team is highly competitive as are the standards to remain a member of the unit. Team members are dispersed across the state, which allows for immediate response to tactical situations by several members, while the remaining team members travel to the location with specialized equipment. Team members, who are certified law enforcement instructors, assist with training at the troop level and for new recruits during troop school. In 2023, ASP SWAT members spent approximately 250 hours training.

The training focused on problem-solving specific threats such as barricaded suspects, hostage rescue, and counterterrorism missions. Training included less-lethal and chemical munitions, counterterrorism tactics, SWAT K-9 techniques, technology tactics (robots), firearms proficiency, ballistic-vehicle training (B.E.A.R. and BEARCAT), rural mission operations, commercial and residential entry techniques, and explosive breaching. The ASP SWAT Team is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as a Level 1 team (the highest ranking). As a whole the ASP SWAT Team was activated 5 times in the year 2023.





# Following are the activations for the year 2023:

- January 10: The Team assisted with security at the inauguration of Governor Sarah Huckabee-Sanders in Little Rock (Pulaski County). Several Team members assisted with security throughout the day at various locations augmenting with ASP's Executive Protection detail. The event concluded without incident.
- January 28: Five members of the Team responded to West Memphis (Crittenden County) to assist with protests in response to an in-custody death at the Memphis Police Department. The protest concluded without incident.
- <u>April 22 April 23:</u> The Team was deployed to Hopper (Montgomery County) for an

- aggravated assault suspect who had shot at a neighbor and then retreated into his residence. The suspect surrendered to the Team immediately on arrival.
- <u>July 3:</u> The Team was activated to arrest a suspect from a shooting incident in Stuttgart (Arkansas County). The suspect surrendered to local law enforcement while the Team was en route to the location.
- August 15: The Team was activated to arrest a suspect in Pangburn (White County) who had pointed a rifle at ASP's helicopter during a marijuana eradication operation. The suspect surrendered to the Team upon arrival.













# Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The Arkansas Emergency Response Team is comprised of 82 specially trained Troopers. Each Trooper on the team has extensive training in crowd and riot control. In addition to crowd and riot control, 24 specially trained Troopers are assigned to the Search and Rescue Team and an additional 2 team members are assigned to the ASP Drone Team.

In 2023, the team conducted approximately 41 hours in crowd control training in preparation to handle any civil unrest in the State of Arkansas. The team conducted a large scenario-based training event with multiple agencies from the Central Arkansas area, which helped the state prepare for a large, coordinated response to a civil disorder incident.

Instructors on the team provided approximately 112 hours of instruction in Mobile Field Force Operations to officers and police recruits throughout the State of Arkansas. Instruction was provided to Northwest Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Central Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Black River Technical College Law Enforcement Training Academy, and multiple agencies throughout the state with mobile field force teams. The training provided is crucial to the State's preparedness for a unified response to any large-scale civil unrest event within the State of Arkansas.

In 2023, the Emergency Response Team deployed 9 times. Each of the deployments was in response to calls for assistance from other agencies, which include Little Rock Police Department, West Memphis Police Department, FBI, DEA, and U.S. Marshalls Service. The team responded to 2 crowd control incidents, provided event security at the Arkansas State Fair, provided tactical assistance to ASP SWAT, and federal law enforcement agencies. Members of the team also deployed to several locations throughout the State of Arkansas to perform highly visible criminal patrols to address the high crime rates.





# Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is comprised of 13 Troopers from both the Highway Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions. There is a competitive selection process for all team members and each member is expected to maintain high standards on the team and at their regular assignment. Each team member receives extensive training in active listening and communication skills, including a 40-hour course taught by FBI negotiators. The team trains together throughout the year compiling over 160 hours of training annually. CNT members respond with the SWAT team to all activations and operations. CNT members also respond to assist local agencies around the state to provide negotiation assistance during critical incidents. The primary role of the Crisis Negotiation Team is to diffuse critical incidents through the use of active listening and communication skills.

In 2023, the Crisis Negotiation Team responded with ASP SWAT to two activations. Members of CNT also responded to another incident to assist other agencies with negotiations for a total of three activations during the year. Members of the CNT spent time in active negotiations or assisting other agencies during the following incidents:

January 5<sup>th</sup>: CNT negotiators responded to Mountain Home for an armed barricaded male subject who had physically assaulted a female. The female was able to exit the residence; however, the male subject refused to come out, prompting the Mountain Home SWAT team to be activated. Upon arrival, one negotiator set up a throw phone for the SWAT team to deploy into the residence. The male subject came out and was taken into custody without incident. The subject was a parole absconder and faced several felony charges as a result of the incident. During a search of the residence, our negotiator located the handgun and a key piece of evidence used in the prosecution of the subject.

<u>April 22<sup>nd</sup>:</u> CNT responded with SWAT to a barricaded male subject in Caddo Gap (Troop K). As SWAT approached the residence with CNT members in the Bearcat, the subject was told to come out and he exited the residence without incident.

#### August 15th:

CNT responded with SWAT to an armed subject near the Pangburn area in Cleburne County. ASP Helicopter (Air-4) was in the area assisting with a marijuana eradication mission when they observed a subject pointing a rifle in their direction. A perimeter was quickly set around the residence, where the suspect was last seen by Air-4. SWAT and CNT arrived on the scene and the CNT was on standby to attempt phone contact with the suspect after SWAT moved into a position near the home and took over the perimeter. Before contact was made, the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody without incident.





#### Crash Reconstruction Team

The Arkansas State Police Crash Reconstruction Team consists of 8 highly trained Troopers from the Highway Patrol Division. One (1) full-time coordinator and seven (7) part-time members dispersed across the state. One member (Sgt. Greg Dycus-Team Coordinator) is nationally accredited through the Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR).

The ASP Crash Reconstruction Team is one of the most highly trained teams in the nation and spends hundreds of hours each year in continuing education. Along with teaching 160 hours of basic crash investigation at the 2023 ASP Troop Schools. The team also trains several local departments in crash investigation and instructs basic crash investigation at the Central Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

The team utilizes 1 Trimble X-7 3D laser scanner, 5 Nikon Total Station laser mapping devices, 1 RTK (Real Time Kinematics) GPS Station, 5 Trimble Quick Response GNSS Systems (QRS), and 5 DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise drones

along with the REVEAL Realworks, and Pix4d computer drawing programs to produce "To Scale" drawings of fatal crash scenes with 1-3 cm's of accuracy.

In 2023, the ASP Crash Team's assistance was requested 86 times by 22 different agencies across the state.

The ASP Crash Team also analyzed 116 Airbag Control Modules (ACM) using the Bosch Crash Data Retrieval Tool. The ACM is the computer "brain" of the vehicle that decides whether or not to deploy the airbag in a crash situation. The ACM also continually monitors the various functions of the vehicle such as the vehicle's speed, braking, engine RPMs, and steering angle.

Additionally in 2023, the ASP Crash Team flew 86 UAS (drone) missions in conjunction with the reconstruction/ ACM image requests.

The ASP Crash Team experienced an 87% increase in requests for assistance from 2022 to 2023.







#### Mobile Incident Command Center (MICC)/Tactical Command Vehicle (TCV)

The MICC and TCV are specialized communication vehicles used by the Arkansas State Police for command and control. The MICC and TCV are equipped with the latest technology to support field personnel and other agencies (local, state, and federal) with tactical operations, disasters, and other emergencies. Troopers assigned to operate these vehicles are trained a minimum of 192 hours per year. Personnel assigned to the MICC and TCV include two full-time troopers and three part-time troopers assigned as needed. In 2023, MICC personnel trained with other agencies to prepare for various types of emergencies that may occur in Arkansas. Personnel trained with the following:

- 1. Arkansas State Police CNT
- 2. Arkansas State Police ERT
- 3. Arkansas State Police Drone personnel
- 4. Other law enforcement agencies and military on riot and protest scenarios

Our team, along with our equipment, was dispatched to four SWAT callouts in 2023. ERT training locations were in Fort Chaffee at Fort Smith and in Conway at the Convention Center.







# **ASP Drone Team**

In 2023, the ASP Drone Team logged 305 flights with 159 hours flown. These missions included search and rescue operations, surveillance for SWAT operations, crash reconstruction, and criminal investigations.

The ASP Drone Team currently has 14 pilots assigned to the Highway Patrol Division and 6 pilots assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. All pilots have their FAA Part 107 license and train monthly.

ASP owns 17 drones: 1 Matrice 300, 1 Matrice 210, 2 Mavic 3Ts, 1 Mavic Dual, 11 Mavic 2 Zooms, and 1 Mavic Air assigned to the Communications Unit.

The ASP drone team has assisted other agencies by providing air support, training, policy, procedures, and licensing.







# Honor Guard



The Arkansas State Police Honor Guard pays tribute at funerals for in the line of duty deaths and retired Troopers. The Honor Guard also presents the colors at various events throughout the year under the direction of the Director. The Honor Guard currently has 12 active members. The Honor Guard assisted with 13 funerals for the year and presented the colors at 10 events. Honor Guard members attended twenty-four (24) hours of training.

#### The Honor Guard fulfilled the following requests for service for 2023:

<u>January 11</u>- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Cpl. Robert Cockman in Prescott.

<u>January 13</u>- The Honor Guard assisted with the swearing-in of Col. Mike Hagar in Little Rock.

January 14- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Cpl. John Murphy in Greenwood.

<u>January 16</u>- The Honor Guard presented the colors for the Annual Interfaith breakfast for Marin Luther King at the Governor's Mansion.

<u>January 17</u>- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Special Agent Phil Carter in Jonesboro.

February 17- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Lt. Garland Hughes in Cabot.

February 24- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Sgt. Bill Fuller in Texarkana.

March 14 The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Cpl. Donnie Anderson in Clarksville.

<u>April 25</u> - The Honor Guard presented the colors for the annual Crime Victim Rights Ceremony in Little Rock.

May 1- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Cpl. Wes Adams in North Little Rock.

May 2- The Honor Guard assisted with the burial of Cpl. Wes Adams in Marianna.

<u>May 8</u>- The Honor Guard presented the colors for the annual Memorial Service at Little Rock Headquarters.

May- 16- The Honor Guard presented the colors for the Speakers Ball in Little Rock.

May 17- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Captain Leonard Hogg in Star City.

<u>June 21</u>- The Honor Guard presented the colors for the annual Awards Ceremony at Camp Robinson.

<u>June 29</u>- The Honor Guard presented the colors for Troop School Graduation at the State Capitol.

<u>July 28</u>- The Honor Guard stood guard for State Treasurer Mark Lowery at the State Capitol.

<u>August 4</u>- The Honor Guard presented the colors for a ceremony in Clinton for Judge Weaver.

<u>August 15</u> The Honor Guard held quarterly training at Little Rock Headquarters.

October 23 The Honor Guard presented the colors for the 911 Conference in Hot Springs.

November 14 The Honor Guard held their quarterly training at Little Rock Headquarters.

<u>December 2</u>- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Kaylen Jacobs from the Earle Police Department in Osceola.

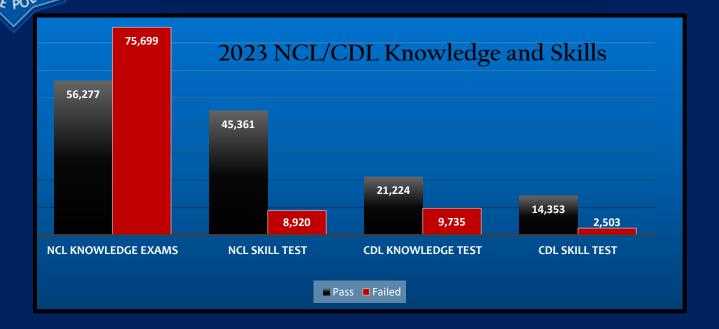
December 15- The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of Sgt. Danny Brown in Piggott.

<u>December 20</u> The Honor Guard assisted with the funeral of ABC Director Greg Sled in Cabot.

<u>December 21</u>- The Honor Guard presented the colors for Troop School Graduation at Camp Robinson.



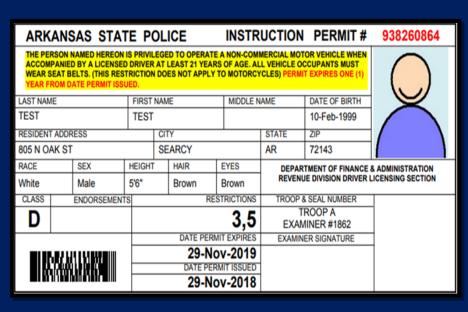
# DL/CDL Testing



In 2023, we finished the year with a total of 234,072 CDL/DL exams.

A total of 131,976 non-commercial license (NCL) knowledge exams (56,277 passed and 75,699 failed) were administered, with a total of 54,281 skill exams (45,361 passed and 8,920 failed). Totals include motorcycle knowledge and skills.

A total of 30,959 CDL knowledge exams were administered (21,224 passed and 9,735 failed), and 16,856 CDL skill exams (14,353 passed and 2,503 failed) were administered in 2023.







# **ASP Communications**

Arkansas State Police Telecommunications Division has a communications center staffed twenty-four (24) hours a day at each of the twelve (12) troop headquarters. The Telecommunication Specialists and Supervisors assigned to these centers are dedicated to preserving the value of life, safety, and property for all officers, citizens, and visitors in our diverse communities. Telecommunications personnel are tasked with answering and dispatching emergency and non-emergency calls in a timely, precise, and skilled manner. At each of the twelve (12) communication centers the Telecommunicator operates a radio console, a backup radio, a multi-line telephone, and a computer-aided dispatch system.

The Telecommunicator receives Calls for Service from the public ranging from accidents/incidents, road rage, disturbances, vehicle/grass fires, stranded motorists, animals/debris in the roadway, speeding, texting; and medical/police emergencies from other agencies. The Telecommunicator relays and receives information from troopers, other law enforcement agencies, fire departments, tow and recovery companies, and emergency response personnel. The Telecommunicator may maintain contact with a caller until responders arrive, question callers to determine their location, what type of response is needed, and complete requests by troopers. Telecommunication personnel at each troop are required to track the number of accidents, incidents, fatalities, vehicles towed, and many other types of data for their location. In addition to the tasks listed above, Troop A's Communication Center (located in Little Rock) is responsible for receiving the entry and dissemination of all Arkansas Amber Alerts, Silver Alerts, Youth Services Escapees from Juvenile Placement Units, and Fatality accident reports for the State of Arkansas. Troop A Telecommunications personnel are responsible for initiating and updating the team activation (to include all Command Staff) by utilizing the Alert Express Notification System when a Division Commander authorizes activation or on-call status for ASP SWAT; ERT/CNT team members. Arkansas State Police Telecommunications personnel are committed to excellence in the delivery of these services while treating people with dignity, respect, and empathy. We are the vital link between public safety and people who need assistance. We strive to continuously improve through training, public feedback, and teamwork. By utilizing technology and experience, we will continue to grow to fulfill the needs of our expanding community and all who pass through.





# Arkansas State Police Memorial





# We Honor Our Fallen...



Sr. Cpl. Michael Springer EOW: February 11, 2022



Sgt. Richard C. LeBow EOW: February 4, 2008



Cpl. Mark W. Carthron EOW: September 12, 2005



TFC. Jimmie H. White II EOW: June 1, 2002



Trp. Herbert J. Smith EOW: February 14, 2001



Cpt. Thomas A. Craig EOW: December 14, 2000



Cpl. Johnny M. Scarberough EOW: September 2, 1998



Trp. Clark K. Simpson EOW: February 18, 1989



Trp. Wilson A. Atkins Jr. EOW: July 3, 1988



Trp. Charles M. Bassing EOW: July 24, 1988



Cpl. Robert W. Klein EOW: October 15, 1984



Trp. Louis P. Bryant EOW: June 30, 1984



Cpl. William L. Rose Jr. EOW: December 28, 1982



Sgt. Fredrick G. Bailey EOW: September 5, 1980



Sgt. Kelly R. Pigue EOW: December 8, 1977



Trp. William R. Brooks, III EOW: February 27, 1975



Trp. Allen H. Bufford EOW: July 27, 1969



Trp. Harry F. Locke EOW: September 24, 1966



Trp. Ermon B. Cox EOW: August 17, 1958



Trp. Algin S. Pavatt EOW: September 26, 1948