

NYSP BCI - FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES (BCI-FISS)

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: To meet the challenges posed by today's mobile, technically sophisticated criminals, the State Police has developed and adopted an array of specialized BCI Forensic Investigative Support Services. Based at the Division's **Forensic Investigation Center and Headquarters Crime Laboratory in Albany**, these bench scientists and BCI investigative personnel provide the State's entire law enforcement community with a multifaceted, "one-stop-shopping" approach to criminal evidence examination and analysis.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: NA

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Law enforcement agencies and prosecutors offices; local and county governments.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

- **Medicolegal Investigation Unit** - This unit provides expert support in the forensic investigation of homicides, suspicious deaths, skeletal remains, assaults, and interviews of living victims of sexual assaults. Its scientific experts and consultants are board-certified experts in forensic anthropology, photogrammetry, behavioral sciences, psychiatry and medicolegal jurisprudence. They conduct forensic case examinations, analyses, referrals and consultations, help investigators with forensic case coordination and review, and render opinions on current and old cases. Services also include skull photo superimposition, radiological identification, trauma and bite mark/pattern injury analyses.
- **Violent Crime Case Review** - NYSP scientific and investigative experts routinely perform Violent Crime Case Reviews of long-unsolved crimes to determine if any possible leads can be uncovered through the application of new technology. Cases being readied for prosecution and other elaborate investigations also can be evaluated to suggest possible investigative and prosecutorial strategies.
- **Computer Crimes Unit (CCU)** - Originally established to examine evidence stored in computers seized in criminal investigations, the CCU now devotes much of its efforts to other emerging areas of technology-based crime: pornography, use of computers by predatory pedophiles, consumer and credit card fraud, theft of funds through electronic transfers, money laundering, cellular telephone cloning, theft of services and cyber-terrorism related activity.
- **Crimes Against Children** - The Division's Child Abuse & Exploitation (CAE) Unit works to prevent, investigate and prosecute crimes against children, supports all law enforcement/social welfare agencies that need assistance with child abuse, neglect, exploitation or domestic violence cases, and serves as a contact point for inquiries from the law enforcement community.
- **New York State Violent Crime Analysis Program (NYS VICAP)** - NYS VICAP works closely with the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program to help police identify or link cases involving crimes committed by serial offenders. Services are available to any criminal justice agency wishing to participate. The program provides information management assistance and case-specific analyses to law enforcement agencies investigating potentially related homicides, missing persons suspected of being victims of foul play, unidentified human remains and sexual assaults. Cases are analyzed and cross-searched. If matches are made, VICAP puts the lead agencies or investigators in touch so they can exchange information and coordinate their investigations.
- **Forensic Imaging** - This section performs such diverse services as updating age progressions of wanted or missing persons, enhancing blurred or distorted photographs, reconstructing skulls, developing scaled illustrations and large demonstration displays of crime scenes for courtrooms or command posts, and preparing hand-drawn illustrations from the interviews with crime witnesses or victims.

NYSP COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: Provides communications and dispatch services and support to local and county law enforcement and emergency services agencies. The NYSP also provides command and communications equipment during natural and man-made disasters, civil disturbances and events involving mass gatherings.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: NA

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Law Enforcement and Emergency Service Agencies, Local and County Governments.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: E-911 and cellular 911 public service answering points and dispatch, emergency command and communications vans, dispatch for local police departments, and disaster and emergency planning.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

The State Police provides public service answering points for E-911 and cellular 911 calls and works with local law enforcement and government bodies to develop 911 programs. The State Police support dispatch of the closest available unit with jurisdiction, without regard to agency affiliation. The Division also provides emergency command and communications vans and equipment.

**NYSP COMMUNITY NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT
TEAMS (CNET)**
(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: To help local police departments clean up areas blighted by drug trafficking and related street crime.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: 1990

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: The Chief Executive of any local or county law enforcement agency, or any district attorney, may request CNET assistance.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Available to assist any police agency north of New York City.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

Five regional Community Narcotics Enforcement Teams (Capital, Hudson Valley, Central, Southern Tier, Western) are deployed across the State, providing specially trained State Police undercover narcotics enforcement personnel to local law enforcement authorities upon request. CNET personnel fill a critical void for many rural, suburban and small city police departments, which typically lack the personnel or resources to maintain their own trained undercover narcotics units. CNET investigators also target illegal gun dealing.

NYSP COUNTER-TERRORISM & HOMELAND SECURITY

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: To consolidate all State Police activities associated with preventing, investigating and responding to terrorism, to coordinate the State's intelligence efforts, and to maintain liaison with the State's Office of Homeland Security and federal, state and local law enforcement/emergency management officials.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police, Office of Counter-Terrorism

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: 2003

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: All local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, and all local and county governments.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

The Office of Counter-Terrorism (OCT) was established January 29, 2003, to consolidate all State Police activities associated with preventing, investigating and responding to terrorism, to coordinate the State's intelligence efforts, and to maintain liaison with the State's Office of Public Security and federal, state and local law enforcement/emergency management officials. OCT also oversees the operations of NYSP units created in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001: the Counter Terrorism Intelligence Units, Border Enforcement Units and the Joint Terrorist Task Forces. OCT became fully operational February 6, 2003. It operates from the Upstate New York Regional Intelligence Center in Latham (Albany County).

- **Upstate New York Regional Intelligence Center (UNYRIC)** - Modeled after the highly successful New York/New Jersey High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) intelligence center, the UNYRIC opened August 1, 2003. Located in the Capital District and staffed by personnel from the NYSP and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the UNYRIC's mission is to advance the efficient, timely and accurate exchange of information between all law enforcement agencies in the State. It focuses on all aspects of criminal activity outside New York City, Long Island and Westchester County, and interacts with law enforcement agencies nationwide. The UNYRIC augments law enforcement operations by acting as a centralized, comprehensive, criminal intelligence center that coordinates the exchange of criminal intelligence information. NYSP sworn and civilian personnel at the UNYRIC collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence information in an effort to identify, investigate and prevent criminal activity. The UNYRIC provides law enforcement agencies throughout the state an access point to a variety of computerized state, federal and regional databases, and acts as a centralized clearinghouse for law enforcement and criminal justice information.
- **Criminal Intelligence Section (CIS)** - CIS consists of sworn and civilian personnel, assisted by representatives of the New York National Guard Counter-Drug Program, who perform a variety of analytical services designed to aid law enforcement agencies throughout New York State. CIS also handles national and international requests for information. CIS maintains a Consumer Product Tampering Incident database and analyzes the information for serial events and other common elements. CIS also functions as liaison to a variety of national and international law enforcement resources, including the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN), New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU), the New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) and the U.S. National Central Bureau - INTERPOL. Members of the CIS are a source of information and a point of contact for other law enforcement concerns, including: burglary trends and patterns; gangs; money laundering; organized crime; and schemes to defraud. They also maintain contact with experts throughout the country on topics of consistent and current interest.

NYSP COUNTER-TERRORISM & HOMELAND SECURITY (cont.)

- **Criminal Gun Clearinghouse (CGC)** - The New York State CGC provides a variety of specialized services to law enforcement agencies throughout New York State with the goal of reducing gun-related violence in our communities. Located in the UNYRIC, it serves as a central repository of information for all guns seized, forfeited or found, and which were used or believed to have been used in the commission of a crime. In addition to its role as a central repository of firearms-related information, the CGC acts as an investigative resource for law enforcement agencies throughout New York State.
- **Financial Crimes Unit (FCU)** - The FCU investigates money laundering and assists field personnel in identifying assets for criminal forfeiture proceedings. It also searches for individuals or businesses involved in laundering illicit funds. The FCU also provides training to Division members and personnel from other law enforcement and regulatory agencies, prosecuting attorneys and the private sector in financial crimes investigation.
- **Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU)** – Formed to collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence on street, prison and outlaw motorcycle gangs and extremist/hate and transient criminal groups. GIU also is responsible for gathering, processing and sharing information from the State-Federal Correctional Criminal Intelligence Program (CCIP), which seeks to identify criminal and terrorist activity in and around the correctional system.
- **Narcotics Intelligence Unit (NIU)** – NIU works to provide field personnel with accurate, actionable intelligence on narcotics matters.
- **Counter Terrorism Center (CTC)** – CTC provides law enforcement agencies across the State with timely intelligence to assist in the prevention, detection and deterrence of terrorism. Working with the Office of Homeland Security, CTC provides a centralized contact point for the public and police to report suspicious activity. It vets all information and directs it to the appropriate federal, state or local agency for investigation.
- **Electronic Surveillance Unit (ESU)** – ESU provides technical assistance in the installation and maintenance of video surveillance, vehicle tracking and covert transmitting and recording equipment. Its technical assistance to law enforcement agencies statewide facilitates criminal investigations, including narcotics trafficking cases, burglaries, robberies and homicides. It also maintains the [Auto Theft Equipment Loan Library](#), which makes sophisticated electronic surveillance equipment available to local law enforcement agencies for theft prevention and investigations.
- **Response and Training** - This OCT section oversees the NYSP's Emergency Management Program and prepares its response to natural disasters, terrorist attacks and special events involving mass gatherings. This includes the development and administration of a comprehensive training program in emergency management, weapons of mass destruction and hazardous materials response. It prepares for a wide variety of emergencies by evaluating actual responses to disasters and emergencies, by participating in state and local planning efforts and exercises, and by analyzing specialized response requirements.
- **Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** - Historically, the Division's SIU has worked to combat organized crime and racketeering. Specializing in complex, multifaceted investigations that typically require inter-departmental cooperation, specialized technical expertise and a long-term commitment of experienced personnel and resources, SIU works closely with the state's Organized Crime Task Force (OCTF), federal prosecutors, district attorneys and local law enforcement agencies in a variety of investigations targeting all forms of organized crime, gambling, document fraud, identity theft, drug cartel money laundering, illicit drug trafficking groups, industry corruption and racketeering. Because it is believed that money laundering, identity theft, cigarette smuggling and document fraud are fertile grounds for terrorist-related activity, SIU, with its wealth of specialized expertise in the investigation of these crimes, was transferred to the Office of Counter-Terrorism (OCT) in March 2003. Internally, SIU also features an **AutoTheft Unit (ATU)**, which helps local agencies target auto theft rings, chop shops, exporters of stolen vehicles and other automobile-related crimes. Unit investigators respond to requests for assistance by State Police field members and outside agencies.

NYSP CRIME LABORATORY SYSTEM SERVICES

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: Provides investigative and laboratory services to local, county, State and federal agencies.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: 1936

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Law enforcement agencies throughout the State.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

Since its inception in 1936, the New York State Police Crime Laboratory System has made quality service to the law enforcement community its fundamental mission. Over the years, the lab has grown in complexity and size, and now incorporates four facilities:

- The **Southern Tier Regional Lab** in Port Crane specializes in drug chemistry;
- The **Western Regional Lab** in Olean specializes in trace, drug chemistry, toxicology and forensic vehicle examinations;
- The **Mid-Hudson Regional Lab** in Newburgh provides analyses of drug chemistry and toxicology; and
- The **Headquarters Laboratory**, located in the Division's **Forensic Investigation Center** in Albany, provides the entire State criminal justice system with forensic science services in the areas of questioned documents, fingerprints, bioscience (serology and DNA), toxicology, drug chemistry and firearms. The Forensic Center also maintains the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and the Combined Ballistic Imaging System (COBIS) for New York State.

NYSP CRIME VICTIM SPECIALISTS (CVSs)

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: Provides direct assistance and support to the victims of crime.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: 1999

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Crime victims and their families.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies. Federal VOCA restrictions apply.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

The NYSP has trained Crime Victim Specialists (CVSs) in each of its eight upstate troops. These specialists work closely with sworn NYSP members and local police officers to provide liaison with local/regional crime victim service providers. They assess the specific needs of victims, provide training in intervention techniques and services, provide crisis intervention, short-term counseling and follow-up support, assist victims in obtaining compensation, explain legal options and procedures, help obtain protective orders and case status information, and secure emergency housing, legal services, medical treatment and specialized counseling.

NYSP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION UNIT (DVI)

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: To improve access to services for domestic violence victims.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: 1998

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Local law enforcement, criminal justice and community service agencies, local and county governments.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

The DVI Unit helps field personnel with issues related to domestic violence cases or issues, and helps clarify recent changes in law and policy. DVI field coordinators work with local service providers to improve access to victims' services, work in partnership with the State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to provide enhanced training to State Police and other criminal justice personnel, conduct follow-up contacts with domestic violence victims, and cooperate with service providers to ensure victims are aware of, and have access to, available services.

NYSP INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: The NYSP's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) has approximately 900 plainclothes investigators and senior investigators dedicated full-time to the suppression and eradication of violent crime in the community

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

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Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, local and county governments.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

- **Violent Crime Investigative Teams (VCIT)** - Teams in each of the Division's upstate troops work with local authorities to investigate serious violent crimes, particularly those that might be part of an ongoing series. VCITs make skilled, experienced NYSP investigators available to assist police agencies statewide. This helps improve case solvability and facilitates prosecutions. The full resources of the State Police, including crime scene technicians, the NYSP Crime Laboratories, the Medicolegal Investigations Unit, and the NYS VICAP and Crime Analysis Unit, are available to communities receiving VCIT assistance.
- **Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** - SIU combats organized crime and racketeering, specializing in complex investigations that require inter-departmental cooperation, technological expertise and a long-term commitment of personnel and resources. SIU field offices in Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Newburgh, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica and White Plains work closely with New York's Organized Crime Task Force (OCTF), federal prosecutors, district attorneys and local law enforcement agencies to target all forms of organized crime, gambling, money laundering, drug trafficking, industry corruption and Internet child pornography.
- **Auto Theft Initiative** - SIU also provides the framework for a statewide initiative aimed at combating auto theft. State Police investigators assigned to SIU Auto Theft Units in Albany, Buffalo, Long Island, Rochester, Syracuse and White Plains can help requesting local law enforcement agencies attack and dismantle auto theft rings, chop shops, exporters of stolen vehicles and other automobile-related criminal operations. They are backed by the full complement of NYSP technical resources, forensic identification capabilities, agency personnel assigned to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the NYSP Computer Crimes Unit.
- **Violent Felony Warrant (VFW) Squad** - Seven regionally based VFW Squads are responsible for apprehending violent criminals who flee prosecution or evade arrest. They assist local departments which lack the resources or staff to conduct their own warrant enforcement efforts, and will pursue any violent felony warrant anywhere in the State, if requested. VFW Squads accept all cases defined as violent felony offenses under New York's crime classification system: homicide, sexual assault, felony narcotics, and the most serious degrees of assault, robbery, burglary, arson and kidnapping. It also pursues prison escapees, felony parole violators and "major offenders" - persons whose individual offenses may not be violent, but whose collective criminal histories warrant special attention.

NYSP PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: To provide a direct link between the NYSP and the localities it serves, ensuring communities receive the appropriate type and level of service they need.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: 1992

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Local and county governments.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

- **School Resource Officers** - Since 2002, the NYSP has deployed School Resource Officers (SROs) in partner school districts across the state. SROs are sworn State Troopers who combine their skills as police officers with those of a teacher and counselor to render a variety of school and family-based services to students, school staff and parents. SROs work extensively in the classroom, teaching lessons and seminars to staff, students, parents and school district residents. They also perform school safety audits, conduct tabletop school emergency exercises, host DWI-prevention programs and many other activities. Today there are 92 State Police SROs providing services to 118 school districts throughout the state.
- **School & Community Outreach** - In July 1999, the NYSP established a network of School and Community Outreach Coordinators (SCOCs) to work with educators and local leaders in each of the upstate troops. These specially trained troopers work closely with local organizations and have given thousands of presentations to over hundreds of thousands of participants in topics such as **Safe Schools**, the **Step Away for Safety Program**, **Workplace Violence** and many other subjects. The SCOCs also have been designated as emergency management assistants to the Troop Emergency Management NCOs. They also have received advanced training in Emergency Management Operations, which in turn enables the SCOCs to provide better emergency planning and violence prevention services to the schools and communities in their areas.

NYSP SPECIALIZED SUPPORT TO LOCAL AGENCIES

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: Provides specialized services and support to local law enforcement/emergency service agencies.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: NA

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

Local NYSP Troop Commander

Fiscal Contact:

NA

Eligibility: Local and county law enforcement/emergency service agencies.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Varies.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact local NYSP Troop Commander.

Description of Aid:

- **Aviation** - The NYSP Aviation Unit operates a fleet of regionally based helicopters and fixed wing aircraft from bases in Albany, Batavia, Newburgh, Saranac Lake and Syracuse. Its highly experienced pilots search for lost persons and escaped criminals, conduct aerial speed enforcement details, assist in vehicle pursuits, transport NYSP SCUBA divers, Mobile Response Team members, bomb disposal experts and K-9 teams to emergencies, conduct seasonal marijuana eradication sorties, perform rescue and medevac missions, organ donor and recipient transfers, environmental conservation missions and other specialized functions.
- **Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU)** - Regionally deployed bomb technicians, all of whom are cross-trained as hazardous materials experts, perform regular NYSP duties and respond as specialists to bomb-related calls and reports of found military ordnance, commercial explosives, fireworks and dynamite, improvised (homemade) devices and suspicious packages. Related specialized equipment includes bomb containment vessels, X-ray machines, "frag bags" and other devices used for the safe, temporary storage and transportation of explosives.
- **K-9 (Canine) Unit** - More than 60 teams of specially trained dogs and handlers are assigned strategically throughout the State. Dogs are trained to detect explosives, narcotics and cadavers. The Division also maintains four bloodhounds, which are valuable for tracking or seeking out long-missing human beings.
- **Marine Detail** - Boat patrols are maintained on Lake Champlain, the St. Lawrence River, the Finger Lakes, Oneida Lake, Lake Ontario, Lake George, the Hudson River and along the State's canal system to assist boaters in distress, investigate boating accidents, conduct narcotics interdiction operations and work with other police agencies, especially during BWI enforcement details. NYSP marine units promote boater safety by conducting inspections and training, and by enforcing the Navigation Law and other applicable laws.
- **Mobile Response Team (MRT)** - Specialists in operations, tactics and weapons, MRTs respond to situations requiring specialized training and equipment, such as high-risk arrests, seizures, searches, rescues, barricaded person incidents and narcotics raids. Some team members are cross-trained as SCUBA divers, firearms and defensive tactics instructors. MRT specialists are deployed in four regional teams: North, South, Central and West. Unless engaged in team operations or training, all MRT members are assigned to regular patrol or administrative duty.
- **Crisis Negotiation Program** - Deployed within each troop are teams of trained negotiators whose primary goal is to save lives. These specialists are networked for ongoing training.
- **SCUBA** - The NYSP has operated its own underwater diving detail since 1934, and today maintains SCUBA teams in all Troops except L, T and NYC. When not assigned to a dive detail, the Division's divers perform regular patrol and administrative duties.

NYSP SPECIALIZED SUPPORT TO LOCAL AGENCIES (cont.)

- **Collision Reconstruction Program** - The Division's 58 full-time collision reconstructionists are specifically trained in the identification, collection and preservation of roadway and vehicle evidence. By evaluating and interpreting this material, they can estimate speeds or establish a series of events leading to the cause or causes of a crash. Their assessments often are used to determine if criminal action is warranted.
- **"Operation IMPACT"** - Under Operation IMPACT, the NYSP is contributing the services of more than 300 troopers and investigators with expertise in gangs, guns and drug-trafficking to a special multi-agency initiative aimed at helping the 17 counties in New York State (outside of NYC) with the highest crime rates: Albany, Broome, Chautauqua, Dutchess, Erie, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Orange, Rensselaer, Rockland, Schenectady, Suffolk, Ulster and Westchester. NYSP personnel are cooperating with local representatives and law enforcement agencies to develop and implement specific programs to bring local crime down. Under Operation IMPACT, special NYSP units and Division of Parole personnel assist local law enforcement agencies in reducing violent street crime. Other state agencies lending their expertise and resources include the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, the Department of Taxation and Finance, the Office of Children and Family Services and the State Liquor Authority.
- **Gun Crimes Unit (GCU)** – The NYSP has dedicated 100 BCI investigators to a special federal/state/local police joint initiative designed to target illegal trafficking of firearms throughout the state. Investigators work closely with federal and local law enforcement personnel to identify and interdict the flow of illegal guns into New York from states with less stringent firearms control laws.

NYSP TRAINING SUPPORT SERVICES

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: To provide specialized training in support of law enforcement and criminal justice programs.

Administering Agency: NYS Division of State Police

Specific Program URL: www.troopers.state.ny.us

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: NA

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NA

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

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NA

Eligibility: Varies.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Training.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Contact NYSP Academy.

Description of Aid:

- o **HFW Homicide Seminar** - The NYSP Medicolegal Investigation Unit is prominently involved in conducting the Division's world-renowned **Col. Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar** (HFW). The premiere training event of its kind in this hemisphere, HFW attracts top homicide investigators from around the world. Training of the caliber featured at the Williams Homicide Seminar is rarely available to local police agencies, and the contacts and resources that participants develop will be invaluable in future investigations of violent crime. Seminar participants hear from a diverse group of speakers who are recognized leaders in the field of criminal investigations and forensic science. Homicide investigators from around the world have attended the annual seminar since its inception; each is a member of the Williams Homicide Associates, a network of homicide investigators who can quickly contact each other for case assistance.
- **Sex Offense Seminar** - The Division's Child Abuse & Exploitation/Domestic Violence (CAE/DV) Unit organizes and coordinates the annual 40-hour **Sex Offense Seminar**, featuring instruction by leading experts in such areas as interview techniques, sensitivity to victims and their needs, victimology, new technology, photographic documentation and legal perspectives. Unit members also lecture at law enforcement academies, and to school, adult, service and community organizations.
- **Laboratory/Forensic Training** - In addition to providing forensic training seminars for State Police personnel, the Division's Laboratory System also opens its training programs to hundreds of law enforcement officers annually from city, county and federal agencies and laboratories throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic states. These seminars promote interagency relations, develop operating procedures and update current training curricula. Among these training seminars are:
 - **The New York Prosecutors Training Institute** - Together with the NYS Prosecutors Training Institute, the State Police Crime Laboratory at the Forensic Investigative Center annually co-hosts a three-day **DNA Capital Trial Advocacy Training Program** at the State Police Academy in Albany. Representatives from district attorney's offices throughout the State take part in this exercise, which includes presentations on the effective trial presentation of physical evidence and several DNA mock trial training sessions.
 - **Major Crimes Seminar** - The Major Crimes Seminar grew out of a recommendation from the Forensic Investigation Center's Advisory Committee to establish basic instruction that would help law enforcement agencies improve the quality of crime scene processing. The resulting Major Crimes-RESPOND (Respond, Evaluate, Secure, Protect, Observe, Notifications, Document) training program incorporates a series of crime scene skits representing the "right" and "wrong" way to handle evidence and give Miranda warnings, and provides a forum for discussing the legal issues involved.

NYSP TRAINING SUPPORT SERVICES (cont.)

Other courses include: Wood Identification; FBI Latent Print Identification School; FBI Gunshot Residue Analysis; Advanced Fire Debris Analysis Course, Introduction to Microscopy; Advanced Microscopy, and the New York State Toxicology Seminar.

- **Safe Schools** - Before conducting *Safe Schools* training for local school district personnel, State Police program presenters coordinate with local law enforcement agencies to make the training available to local police.
- **State Police Academy Training** - Additionally, training in a wide variety of police-related disciplines is available to law enforcement officers from other departments at the New York State Police Academy. This specialized training includes instruction in:
 - **Firearms;**
 - **Emergency Vehicle Operators Instructor Courses (EVOIC);**
 - **Polygraph Operation;**
 - **Collision Reconstruction Certification;**
 - **Defensive Tactics; and**
 - **Instructor Development.**