

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection



At a Glance

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Established - The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection established July 1, 2011, by PA 11-51

Statutory authority - CGS Titles 28 and 29, Section 7-294a et seq. and Section 7-323j et seq., as amended

Central office - 1111 Country Club Road,
Middletown, CT 06457-2389

Number of positions authorized - 1,670

Current number of employees - 1,579, including 1,101 Troopers and 478 civilians

Recurring operating expenses – \$173 million for Fiscal Year 2012

Organizational structure - Office of the Commissioner; Division of State Police; Commission on Fire Prevention & Control; Police Officer Standards & Training Council; Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications; Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security; Division of Scientific Services.

Mission

“The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection is committed to protecting and improving the quality of life for all by providing enforcement, regulatory, and scientific services through prevention, education, and innovative use of technology.” In striving to accomplish our mission, we embody our core values with great PRIDE.

PROFESSIONALISM through an elite and diverse team of trained men and women.

RESPECT for ourselves and others through our words and actions.

INTEGRITY through adherence to standards and values that foster public trust.

DEDICATION to service.

EQUALITY through fair and unprejudiced application of the law.

Preface

The agency is comprised of six separate divisions, all supported by Bureau of Management Support:

Division of State Police

Division of Fire, Investigations & Statewide Emergency Telecommunications

Commission on Fire Prevention & Control

Police Officer Standards & Training Council

Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Division of Scientific Services

Bureau of Management Support

The human resource and financial management needs of the divisions are handled centrally by the agency's Bureau of Management Support. The Bureau of Management Support is comprised of Fiscal Services and Human Resources.

Fiscal Services is responsible for the preparation, management and expenditure of the agency's \$173 million operating budget, as well as, processing expenditures from the \$ 1.3 million capital budget, \$63.8 million of state and federal grants, and \$34.7 million for other funded programs. The units constituting Fiscal Services include: Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, General Accounting, the Quartermaster and Inventory Control. In FY 2012, the unit processed over 2,300 purchase orders and paid over 18,000 invoices. The agency's inventory is valued at approximately \$167 million.

The Human Resource function provides a uniform and equitable system of personnel administration for the agency's employees who are members of seven labor unions, administers the agency's Workers' Compensation and the Employee Safety / OSHA program. The units constituting Human Resources include: General Administration, Payroll, Employee Benefits, Labor Relations and the Employee Safety/OSHA program. The agency's safety program oversees comprehensive occupational safety inspections of the department facilities to ensure compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and works to reduce employee injuries and Workers' Compensation costs.

DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

The Division of State Police is under the direction of Colonel Danny Stebbins and consists of approximately 1,125 sworn troopers and approximately 290 civilian personnel. It is considered the oldest state police division in the nation. With ever-increasing responsibilities, our Troopers and support staff have risen to the challenge securing the safety and preserving the quality of life we all enjoy as citizens of this great State.

The Division is divided into three components: the Office of Field Operations, which provides direct law enforcement services to the citizens of the state, the Office of Administrative Services, which provides logistical support while maintaining several registries and licensing bureaus, and the Bureau of Professional Standards and Compliance.

The Connecticut State Police is steadfast in its commitment to provide the best possible law enforcement services to the State of Connecticut. The Divisions look forward to meeting the many unique challenges in serving the State of Connecticut.

The Connecticut State Police received initial accreditation status through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 1988. This accreditation demonstrates the agency's compliance with the most stringent of administrative and operational standards. These standards are recognized and accepted both nationally and internationally. The Connecticut State Police remains one of the larger CALEA accredited agencies.

OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS

The Office of Field Operations, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Robert A. Corona, is responsible for the delivery of police services statewide through three geographical districts (including a total of 11 Troops), three Major Crime Squads, the Traffic Services Unit, the Emergency Services Unit, Governor's Security Unit and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

In early 2012, a Missing Persons Team, comprised of veteran Major Crime Squad Detectives, was formed to investigate complex and/or cold missing persons cases. This team, which focuses on existing State Police missing persons cases, as well as those in local police jurisdiction, has already enjoyed significant investigative success.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations consists of seven specialized investigative units within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. These units include: The Statewide Narcotics Task Force (SNTF); The Statewide Organized Crime Investigative Task Force (SOCITF); The Statewide Urban Violence Cooperative Crime Control Task Force (SUVCCCTF); The Connecticut Regional Auto Theft Task Force (CRATTF); The Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force (SFTTF); The Central Criminal Intelligence Unit; and the Extradition Unit. Each of these units conducts a myriad of both long-term and short-term criminal investigations that are focused on the detection and suppression of various criminal enterprises whose activities negatively impact the quality of life of the citizens of Connecticut. While primarily staffed with state police personnel, some of the Bureau's units and task forces are augmented with personnel from several local police departments, federal law enforcement agencies, the Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department, and the Connecticut National Guard. Many investigations rely upon established partnerships, coordination and collaboration with the FBI, DEA, ATF, Coast Guard, US Immigrations & Customs and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

Statewide Narcotics Task Force (SNTF)

SNTF is a task force that is comprised of Connecticut State Troopers, local law enforcement officers from police departments across the state, federal law enforcements officers from the FBI and DEA and is also supported with personnel from the Connecticut National Guard. SNTF has an administrative office in Meriden, and has five field offices spread across Connecticut. SNTF investigators conduct a wide variety of investigations concerning the illegal sales, trafficking, distribution, cultivation, diversion and manufacturing of narcotics in Connecticut.

Statewide Organized Crime Investigative Task Force (SOCITF)

SOCITF has the responsibility of conducting investigations into complex criminal organizations that conduct illegal activities here in Connecticut. The nature of these investigations, are characteristically complex and often involve cooperation with various law enforcement agencies such as the FBI, DEA, and other Connecticut local law enforcement agencies.

Statewide Urban Violence Cooperative Crime Control Task Force (SUVCCCTF)

SUVCCCTF is comprised of Connecticut State Troopers, federal and local law enforcement officers whose primary mission is targeting urban violence by conducting and coordinating investigations in connection with crimes of violence and other criminal activity that negatively impact quality of life issues both in and around Connecticut's urban communities.

Connecticut Regional Auto Theft Task Force (CRATTF)

CRATTF has the responsibility of investigating crimes involving the theft of automobiles and other vehicles. Personnel from this task force have specialized skills in the detection and identification of stolen vehicles. They conduct a myriad of investigations including vehicle theft, chop shop operations, and insurance fraud. CRATTF is staffed with Connecticut State Troopers, local law enforcement officers, and members of the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, with assistance from personnel of the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB).

Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force (SFTTF)

SFTTF investigators are responsible for the investigation of illegal sales, trafficking and transfer of firearms in Connecticut. This task force is currently comprised of Connecticut State Troopers who work closely with federal investigators from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

Central Criminal Intelligence Unit (CCIU)

A CCIU analyst provides investigative support to Connecticut State Police personnel to include access to on-line investigative support software and services upon request. The following are examples of the services offered: employment background queries for state appointments and positions, Department of Labor information, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network information, and Department of Revenue Service's information.

Extradition Unit

This unit consists of Connecticut State Police personnel that facilitate the coordination of documents between the judicial system (courts), the Governor's Office, and the Secretary of State's Office for extraditions and renditions of prisoners for both state and local police agencies and facilitates the transfer of prisoners to out of state law enforcement entities. The unit also coordinates efforts to locate fugitives wanted in other states that may be residing in Connecticut for any state or local law enforcement agency.

TRAFFIC SERVICES UNIT

The Traffic Services Unit is responsible for the administration of all specialized traffic enforcement activities statewide and its Commanding Officer serves as the State Traffic

Coordinator. A majority of the personnel assigned to the Traffic Services Unit conduct traffic enforcement duties on a regular basis, and are assigned to Aggressive Driving Teams or Commercial Vehicle Teams. Aggressive Driving Teams (ADT's) are deployed in strategic locations across the state to target areas experiencing a high incidence of hazardous moving violations. ADT personnel utilize non-traditional patrol vehicles and specialized enforcement techniques, such as aerial sky-timing, to accomplish their mission. The Commercial Vehicle Teams (CVT's) conduct weight and safety inspections of commercial vehicles at both fixed Weight and Safety Inspection Stations and at mobile location sites across the state. CVT personnel are certified to conduct federal motor carrier safety inspections of commercial vehicles and are individually equipped to inspect and weigh these vehicles in any location. In 2011, the Traffic Services Unit ("TSU") issued 20,857 summonses for motor vehicle violations. The Traffic Services Unit frequently provides assistance to State Police Troops and municipal police agencies in addressing areas experiencing a high incidence of violations and accidents. In addition, the Traffic Services Unit has a long history of joining efforts with the Department of Motor Vehicles' Commercial Vehicle Safety Division in programs to target commercial vehicles that are committing moving violations or operating with safety deficiencies.

Several components within the Traffic Services Unit provide specialized services as needed. The Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Squad (CARS) provide full-time collision analysis and reconstruction services to State Police commands and municipal police agencies upon request. The Motorcycle Unit provides motorcycle officer training for State Police Troopers and municipal police officers, and conducts operational and ceremonial escorts for special events. The Traffic Services Unit also operates the Breath Alcohol Testing Vehicle (BATMobile), which is deployed at field sobriety checkpoints to increase their operational efficiency, and the Seatbelt Convincer and Rollover Demonstrator devices, which are used to educate the public in the importance of utilizing seat belts. The Railroad Liaison Office serves to provide statewide law enforcement training and investigative assistance for railroad-related law enforcement matters.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT

The Emergency Services Unit is comprised of the Bomb Squad, Dive Team, Marine Unit, Tactical Team (SWAT), Crisis Negotiators, Aviation, Mass Transit Security Unit and Canine Section. Emergency Services is headquartered at the Fleet Administration Building in Colchester and provides specialized assistance to all State Police Troops/Units as well as local, federal or other state agencies.

Bomb Squad incidents involving explosives, search for explosives (K-9), fireworks seizures storage of explosive evidence (not including IEDs) as evidence, technical assistance for post blast investigations, destruction of old ammunition, flares and chemical munitions. State Police Bomb Technicians also assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation as members of the Weapons of Mass Destruction – Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Hazardous Materials Technician assistance for any incident involving the use or threatened use of a Weapon of Mass Destruction including: chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosive incidents.

Dive and Marine Units respond to any emergency in a marine environment including: lost boaters, search & rescue, underwater evidence recovery, hull and pier sweeps. The Tactical Team (SWAT) responds to any high risk incident including: barricaded subjects, hostage

situations, searches for armed and dangerous subjects, high risk warrant service, special transportation protection (e.g. high risk prisoners, narcotics, firearms); dignitary protection, hostage negotiators for any tactical situation as well as suicidal individuals threatening the use of physical force against themselves or another, and any civil disturbance situation.

Canine assistance is available for the following types of situations: tracking, building search, criminal apprehension, search and rescue, body recovery, searches for explosives, narcotics and evidence of accelerants in suspected arson situations. Training is also available for authorized departments.

The Mass Transit Security Unit was fielded in the spring of 2011 and provides increased radiological detection capabilities as well as explosive detection K-9's at mass transit venues throughout the state. They also play an integral role with the Transportation Security Administration's VIPR (Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response) missions, and work closely with other federal, state and local partners including AMTRAK and MTA Police along Connecticut's rail lines and ferry terminals.

Aviation assistance is available for the following types of situations: surveillance, traffic enforcement, search and rescue, marijuana field location and eradication, photo missions, tactical operations, medical transport, and forest fire suppression. Emergency medical support is available for tactical situations, weapon of mass destruction incidents, mass casualty incidents and search and rescue. Emergency generators and lighting are available as well for natural and man-made disasters.

BUREAU OF TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Bureau of Training and Support Services is comprised of the State Police Training Academy, Firearms Training Unit, Recruitment and Selection Unit, Background Investigative Unit, Polygraph Unit, Fire and Explosives Investigation Unit, COLLECT, Reports and Records, State Police Bureau of Identification (SPBI), Fingerprint Unit, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit which includes Boxing Regulation, and the newly acquired licensing for Pawn Brokers, 2nd Hand Dealers and Precious Metal and Stones Dealers, Sex Offender Registry Unit (SOR), and Crimes Analysis, which includes CompStat Statistical Analysis.

The Training Academy trains qualified applicants as State Police Trooper Trainees, provides mandatory in-service training and specialized law enforcement training for the department, and other state and local agencies.

The Firearms Training Unit provides weapons qualification and certification courses and other training related to the use of force.

The Recruitment and Selection Unit is dedicated to recruiting and selecting qualified candidates for appointment as State Police Trooper Trainees.

The Background Investigative Unit conducts background investigations of applicants, prospective employees, and appointees for the department and other agencies.

The Polygraph Unit conducts polygraph examinations for criminal investigations and pre-employment examinations for the State Police as well as municipal police agencies.

This Bureau provides training, planning, and support services to the agency through a wide array of the above mentioned units. Recently, the Bureau played a major role in enhancing the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Sex Offender Registry database. The new database will provide better monitoring of the state's sex offender population and allow residents to track registered sex offenders in their area. The new database is a Web-based management tool that collects all data required by the National Sex Offender Registry and makes it available to all state agencies responsible for the registration of sex offenders. By using this application to track sex offenders, there is little to no delay in new or updated information for both public and law enforcement access. Additionally, the new registry allows for public access to the system. Users are able to log on to a community web portal to search for specific offenders, or they may register to be notified by e-mail when an offender moves into their neighborhood. Details of the crime the offender committed are also input into the database and are accessible on the public website. There is a mapping feature that allows users to view offenders residing within a five mile radius of a given address. There is also a feature that allows the public to input email addresses to determine if the address is associated with a registered sex offender.

The Bureau of Training and Support Services continues to move forward on several significant infrastructure and IT projects. Some of those projects include the upgrade to the Connecticut On Line Law Enforcement Teleprocessing System (COLLECT) which is the statewide criminal database system for all state law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. COLLECT is the primary system used by all law enforcement /criminal justice agencies across the state. COLLECT stores information on wanted persons, missing persons, supervised persons, sex offenders, unidentified bodies, stolen vehicles, stolen guns articles, securities and more. COLLECT provides its users with access to other state systems such as DMV, DOC, PRAWN, JEB, Weapons in state criminal history data. Users rely on COLLECT to access the FBI's national data base of wanted persons, missing persons, supervised persons sex offenders unidentified bodies, stolen vehicles, stolen guns, articles securities, Interpol, INS ,nationwide criminal record checks, etc. The COLLECT system is the only system that provides access to other states data bases, for example, criminal history records, DMV driver and registration data. There are 15,000 system users, over 10 million transactions a month, 99.9 uptime and a 2 second response time to all queries. The newest upgrades will enhance the legacy COLLECT programs and meet the established national standards. The Bureau of Training and Support Services also continues to upgrade the Department's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to enhance the system's interface with other criminal record databases.

The Fingerprint unit handled 180,354 fingerprint transactions for the year which include applicants and criminal as well as live scan and inked transactions. This averages to 15,029 per month.

The State Police Bureau of Identification (SPBI) is the repository for all criminal records in the state, which includes updating the disposition from the court. This unit handles

approximately 70, 000 fingerprint cards a year in addition to approximately 21,000 other requests, i.e., pardons, non-paying agencies, etc.

The Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit (FEIU) (formerly the Office of the State Fire Marshal) conducts in excess of 300 investigations per year in areas that have been deemed to be the unit's responsibility. The unit consists of sworn members and K-9 counterparts with the primary responsibility of investigating fires, explosions, commercial fireworks and explosive licensing throughout the state. Additional responsibilities and/or duties that the unit is required to perform either by statute, memorandum of understanding (MOU), or upon request to assist state and municipal fire and building officials. The unit maintains and deploys 2 fire scene investigation vans.

On 07/01/2011, Governor's Bill 1010 ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION AND THE JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES*** took effect, statutorily removing certain responsibilities from The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. However, FEIU still conducts the following investigations and enforcement either through MOU or verbal agreement:

Mechanical Amusement Rides and Devices and Circuses:

In addition to the statutory responsibility to investigate fires and explosions throughout the state, the CSP-FEIU, through an MOU with the Department of Consumer Protection, is responsible for the regulation, inspection and enforcement of mechanical amusement rides and devices and circuses, as well as the investigation of any accident involving these rides and devices that results in serious injury or death. During the 2011 calendar year, FEIU conducted 265 amusement inspections.

Fireworks, Special Effects, and Explosives:

An MOU is still **not** in place between the Department of Construction Services and the CSP-FEIU, to give CSP Troopers assigned to the FEIU authority for these inspections since they currently fall under the Department of Construction Services and the State Fire Marshal statutorily. However, Troopers still conduct site evaluations, fireworks displays, and special effects displays while enforcing the state statute/regulations of the use of these products. This is in large part due to the vast amount of training and experience that sworn personnel assigned to the FEIU possess. In addition, and in the furtherance of this expertise, it has been an ongoing practice of the agency that at least one Trooper assigned to FEIU is also an ESU Bomb Technician. This training and experience is neither possessed nor is it available to members of the Department of Construction Services. Troopers are also responsible to conduct investigations of an accident, injury, or fatality involving commercial fireworks or explosives. During the 2011 calendar year, FEIU conducted 137 commercial fireworks and special effects inspections conducted 7 investigations leading to enforcement of illegal fireworks or improper use of fireworks or an injury reported involving commercial fireworks.

Investigations of Incompetence of Negligence:

Troopers assigned to FEIU are statutorily mandated to conduct investigations for the State Building Inspector and State Fire Marshal upon written complaint pertaining to the competence or negligence of a local official¹.

Assists to the State Building Official and State Fire Marshal

Troopers assigned to FEIU are frequently called on to assist the State Building Official and State Fire Marshal with investigations of incidents that previously fell under the purview of the Department of Public Safety. These incidents include violation of the state's crane regulations, crane accidents, violations of the Propane Gas Code, and elevator accidents. During the 2011 calendar year, FEIU conducted 4 investigations that resulted in criminal arrests for violations of the state's crane regulations, and 3 investigations pertaining to violations of the Propane Gas Code.

The FEIU also conducts training as lead instructors for the annual Advanced Fire Cause and Origin/Courtroom Testimony School, the annual Car Fire School as well as providing instructors to the Office of Education and Data Management Section of DCS for the Fire Marshal Precertification Program and ongoing In-Service training programs. In addition, the unit provides training at the county detective conferences throughout the state, as well as at the request of local fire officials for topics such as fire scene evidence preservation.

The members of the Fire and Explosives Investigation Unit are committed to professionalism in the preservation of life and property and through their efforts, the residents of Connecticut and those who visit, will have a safe place to live, work and entertain.

The Special Licensing and Firearms Unit (SLFU) as the Point of Contact (POC), per C.G.S. and in conjunction with the F.B.I./NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System), performed 101,534 gun sale authorization in 2011 and denying 142 sales as a result of state and federal prohibitors and registering approximately 60,000 firearms. This unit is also mandate by state statute to perform an annual machine gun registration along with issuing and maintaining the assault weapon certificates. SLFU issued 33,964 new and renewed pistol permits in 2011, denying and/or revoking 2069 of those permits. Some revocations caused the seizure or surrender of 3119 firearms due to state and federal prohibitors as well as 2196 firearms being destroyed due to court orders or requests of owners upon seizure or surrender. SLFU also issued or renewed approximately 9,000 licenses dealing with professional bondsmen, armed and unarmed bail enforcement agents, security companies, unarmed and armed guards, security guard instructors, armed security guard instructors, professional boxing licenses, pawn shops, second hand dealer and precious metal and stone dealers and fireworks and explosive licenses, bringing in revenue in excess of over a total of 3.1 million to the state. Staff includes 16 non-sworn and 4 sworn members to assist, serve and protect the public.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Bureau of Information Technology Services and Support (BITSS) is organizationally aligned under the Office of Administrative Services (OAS) within the Division of State Police. BITSS leadership consists of a Bureau Chief (Agency IT Director) and one unit supervisor. The

mission of the Bureau of Information Technology Services and Support is to provide effective and efficient solutions and services for the information technology needs of the department and relevant information needs of Connecticut law enforcement agencies, the criminal justice community, and the public. BITSS is charged with providing several key IT services to DESPP, including agency-wide IT governance and project management, application and database development, IT infrastructure enhancements, IT operations management, field technology support and researching emerging technologies that can be leveraged to continuously enhance public, officer, and firefighter safety, emergency management and homeland security.

Planned projects for FY13 include phase 3 of the DESPP infrastructure refresh program which will replace the oldest 25% of all agency desktops, laptops, servers, printers and network hardware with new equipment. Additional efforts will be made to replace obsolete, VHS-based mobile video recorders in CT State Police patrol cruisers with high quality digital equipment. BITSS is also leading an initiative to create a customer-centric DESPP Internet portal which will further emphasize public services offered by the department, and will upgrade to the latest Internet template that includes additional social media capabilities. Lastly, BITSS will continue to collaborate with the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications to complete phase 2 of the statewide Public Safety Data Network (PSDN). This state-of-the-art network will provide DESPP with numerous benefits, including drastically-improved wide area network performance and functional capabilities that will enhance information sharing, collaboration, and training opportunities amongst first responders.

BUREAU OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The Office of Administrative Services has also maintained critical oversight to the numerous facility and infrastructure projects. Some of those projects include the relocation and consolidation of investigation units to a more central location to maximize investigative processes and the realignment and renovation of evidence storage facilities. The Office of Administrative Services continues to work on projects designed to update agency infrastructure and increase efficiency such as a department wide troop study, regional dispatching, planning and development of an emergency services facility, canine training center and firearms training center.

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE

The Bureau of Professional Standards and Compliance, under the command of Major Regina Y. Rush-Kittle, is divided into three components: the Internal Affairs Unit, the Accreditation Unit, and the Inspections Unit.

The Internal Affairs Unit conducts investigations of sworn and civilian employees within all six (6) divisions of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, including constables under the supervision of Resident State Troopers. Occasionally internal investigations are conducted for other municipal police departments. Additionally, the unit investigates and processes other complaints, inquiries and commendations from the public. The unit also maintains statistics on the Use of Force statistics within the department, and conducts an annual Racial Profiling Report, to include a review of any racial profiling complaints made against department personnel.

The Inspections Unit and Accreditation Unit maintain the required standards of compliance for the department, as dictated by the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), as a nationally accredited law enforcement agency. The Accreditation Unit acts as a liaison with other agencies nationwide concerning departmental policies, rules, and regulations.

OFFICE OF STATEWIDE EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The goal of the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (OSET) is to provide for the development and maintenance of coordinated statewide emergency service telecommunications for public safety organizations and to the residents of the State of Connecticut.

The Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (“OSET”) provides for statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 planning and implementation, public safety telecommunicator training and certification, as well as public safety frequency coordination. OSET provides funding for numerous projects and agencies including but not limited to: funding for regional communications centers (7), cities with populations greater than 40,000 (22), training funds for 98 public safety answering points (PSAPs), multi-town PSAPs (9), State Police dispatch centers (8), coordinated medical emergency direction centers (CMEDs) as well as transition grants for regionalization and capital expenses. OSET’s budget for fiscal year 11/12 to provide for services, equipment and grants was \$ \$48,967,724.56.

OSET provides all state and local public safety agencies with street centerline and street address information, (geographic information systems – GIS) for emergency response purposes. Statewide mapping initiatives continue to ensure that street centerline data is accurate for all emergency responders.

OSET is currently in the request for proposal (RFP) process to acquire a new hardware and software platform for 9-1-1 call handling at Connecticut’s 106 PSAPs. This system will replace the current obsolete system and provide for the transition to next generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) which will be delivered on an internet protocol (IP) based network and will allow for multimedia data capabilities and data access from all sources.

OSET has completed the construction of phase I of the public safety data network (PSDN), a high speed fiber optic data network which will provide interconnectivity for public safety related applications and services throughout the state. The purpose is to provide the required connectivity for the upcoming implementation of NG9-1-1. Initial applications include 9-1-1, COLLECT (Connecticut On-Line Law Enforcement Teleprocessing) and P25 radio interoperability. OSET is also working closely with DAS/BEST on the Phase II PSDN deployment, which significantly increases the number of Public Safety sites, via a Federal BTOP grant award. Finally, with respect to the PSDN, OSET will be coordinating the recently enacted legislation which creates a PSDN Governance Board to set rules and policy regarding access to the network.

OSET provides chairmanship and plan development for six New England, state 700 MHz, 800 MHz and 4.9 GHz planning committees. The creation of a regional plan and the subsequent

approval by the FCC has paved the way for all New England states to utilize the new public safety 700 MHz spectrum that became available in June 2009 as part of the transition to digital TV. The federal grant money that has been received will facilitate the creation of a 700 MHz platform on the current state 800 MHz system for statewide interoperability purposes.

In 2010 OSET was directed by the E911 Commission to fund and conduct a PSAP consolidation feasibility study. The study which took place in 2011 included obtaining technical and operational information from 106 PSAPs via onsite surveys and interviews. Goals of regionalization include improving public safety, improving efficiency of operations and reducing costs. OSET continues to work closely with municipalities to provide technical support and financial incentives to encourage regionalization.

OFFICE OF STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COORDINATION

The Connecticut Office of Statewide Interoperability Coordination is the central coordination point for State's interoperability effort and is responsible for the implementation of the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) through coordination and collaboration with the emergency response community. The office facilitates governance, training and exercise, and policy efforts to further interoperability across all disciplines of emergency responders, including developing and delivering reports and briefings, coordinating interoperability and communications projects, and assembling interoperability working groups to develop key recommendations and programmatic implementation. The Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), located within this office, chairs the Statewide Interoperability Governing Body (SIGB) and works closely with State Agencies and regional governance entities.

The Office of Statewide Interoperability Coordination is also the lead organization for the State's Emergency Support Function (ESF) #2 – Communications activities. Planning for and supporting the restoration of the communications infrastructure, and coordinating State communications support to response efforts during incidents or for planned events requiring a coordinated State response. ESF#2 also provides communications support to State and local governments and first responders when their systems have been impacted.

The Office of Statewide Interoperability Coordination serves as the lead for communications and information technology planning and coordination activities for the agencies consolidation projects. These include the consolidation of multiple Troop dispatch functions into centralized physical locations and the consolidation and expansion of duties of the message center adding additional agencies, organizations and functionality.

CONNECTICUT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

The Connecticut Telecommunications System (CTS) is comprised of several sub-systems that are integrated into providing a statewide telecommunications resource for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) as well as a number of other State agencies. The sub-systems consist of: physical plant, Digital Private Microwave Radio Network, Digital Trunked Simulcast Radio Network, 800 MHz Mutual Aid Radio Network, interoperability systems, statewide console network, Emergency Telephone System, Emergency Restoration System, and the Network Management System.

CTS encompass' eighty-four (84) sites at various locations across the state to support the System. Many of the sites include an antenna support structure (tower), an equipment shelter, a generator, eight (8) hours of battery backup, redundant HVAC systems, entry control, and fire detection systems. These sites support not only the needs of DESPP but also of other State agencies as well as various local and Federal agencies as well.

The System supports over nine-thousand subscriber radios supporting the Department of Emergency Service and Public Protection. In addition, the system supports various communications requirements of the Departments of Motor Vehicles, Correction, Transit Judicial Marshals, CONN-DOT Transit, 14 town Region 1 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and States Attorney.

Personnel assigned to the system are responsible for planning, operating, and maintaining the system, serving as subject matter experts to various State agencies, as well as responding to incidents or events (both planned and emergent) requiring communications assistance.

STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS MESSAGE CENTER

The Statewide Communications Message Center is open 24 hour/7 days a week and provides the primary communications link between the field units and the executive command staff of the Connecticut State Police. The staff gives administrative support to state, local, federal and international law enforcement agencies. The Communications Message Center is the contact point for various tip lines including Homeland Security, narcotics, missing children and arson. It serves as the liaison to the National Weather Service, responsible for dissemination of inclement weather notifications to state and local agencies. The Message Center serves as Connecticut's Missing Person Clearinghouse and all Amber Alert notifications and Safe Haven Incidents are the responsibility of the center.

DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

The Division of Scientific Services provides forensic services to over 109 stakeholder agencies at the federal, state, and local government level. During 2012, the Division was accredited by the American Crime Laboratory Director's (ASCLD) to the ISO international standard level. The Division received permanent funding to absorb 15 durational grant positions and has received authorization to hire an additional 22 positions in FY 2012-2013 to address increasing forensic requests by the Connecticut Criminal Justice community.

In 2012, the Division has begun re-organizing the three original laboratories; Computer Crime and Electronic Evidence Laboratory, Forensic Laboratory, and the Controlled Substance and Toxicology Laboratory, into a single laboratory to improve efficiency and the delivery of forensic services. The Division will be made up of three central sections: Toxicology, Controlled Substances, Chemistry and Instrumentation; Forensic Biology and DNA, which includes mitochondrial DNA, and convicted offender data index system (CODIS); and the Identification Section, which includes the following disciplines – Firearms and Toolmarks, Electronic and Digital Imaging, Latent Prints, and Computer Crimes.

Additionally, during 2012, the Division of Scientific Services implemented new policies to ensure that felony cases received priority service at the laboratory. The Division is currently

managing 13 federal grants worth 4.3 million dollars, which is used to purchase capital equipment and supplies for forensic services.

During 2012, the Division of Scientific Services received 6,432 forensic requests for services. The Division has made significant strides to reduce the backlogs in forensic biology and latent prints.

The Division of Scientific Services is currently in the process of civilianizing the Computer Crime forensic section and has hired six Connecticut Career Trainees to eventually assume the duties of sworn personnel by conducting computer forensic examinations. This will allow three state troopers to assume active law enforcement investigations. During 2012 the Division has reconfigured laboratory space to expand the DNA to address increasing demands placed on the unit.

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY

The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) is responsible for coordinating with state and local government personnel, agencies, authorities, as well as the private sector to ensure the adequate planning, equipping, training, and exercise activities with regard to emergency management and homeland security. This includes: coordinating, and as may be necessary, consolidating homeland security communications and communications systems of the state government with state and local governments; distributing and, as may be appropriate, coordinating the distribution of information and security warnings to state and local government agencies, authorities, and the general public; and establishing standards and security protocols for the use of any intelligence information for homeland security purposes. DEMHS assists the Commissioner to fulfill his responsibility for providing a coordinated, integrated program for the protection of life and property and for statewide emergency management and homeland security. DEMHS subordinate elements include the Office of Emergency Management and the Office of Counter Terrorism. DEMHS has a Statewide Advisory Council, which advises the Division on the coordination and integration of emergency management and homeland security programs.

In 2012, the DEMHS Division served as the lead agency for the Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI). This included a statewide Hurricane Exercise on July 28-31, 2012. Participants in the exercise included pertinent state agencies, over 165 of the state municipalities and two tribal nations, utility services providers, communications providers, and various non-governmental agencies. Initial feedback is that the exercise met its goals. The after action review process is ongoing and will result in an improved posture for state and local response to future potential disasters.

The Division is overseen by the Deputy Commissioner of DESPP for Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

THE OFFICE OF COUNTER TERRORISM

The Office of Counter Terrorism works to utilize all resources within state government to develop unified safety and security measures to deter, prevent, mitigate and manage criminal

and/or terrorist incidents threatening the quality of life of the citizens of Connecticut. The Office of Counter Terrorism includes Connecticut State Police (CSP) personnel assigned to the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). CSP personnel assigned to this division serve as liaisons and are responsible for coordinating efforts and fostering partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies. These sworn State Police Officers may engage in law enforcement related investigations and operations with a homeland security mission. The Office of Counter Terrorism presently consists of the Critical Infrastructure Unit (CIU) and the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC). Each of these units has a complex and unique function and responsibility.

Critical Infrastructure Unit. The CIU is tasked with the assessment and protection of Connecticut's public and private critical infrastructure assets and key resources. Critical infrastructure sites in Connecticut include those public and private entities (both physical and cyber-based systems) that are essential to maintaining minimal operational capabilities of government and are necessary to the well being of the economy. The CIU within the DEMHS Office of Counter Terrorism identifies these key assets, assesses their vulnerability, participates in multi-agency deter and protect activities in and around high use/highly visible public assets, and develops a mitigation strategy designed to improve security at those sites.

The Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC). The CTIC is the designated state fusion center, which is comprised of state, local and federal partners (including Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Division of State Police, Department of Correction, Municipal police, the FBI, US Coast Guard, the Office of the United States Attorney, and the federal Department of Homeland Security). The CTIC serves to collect, evaluate, analyze and disseminate both criminal and terrorism related intelligence to all law enforcement agencies in the State of Connecticut and to disseminate pertinent vetted information to authorized and appropriate agencies within the first responder and private sectors. CTIC takes an all-crimes approach to intelligence. CTIC acts as the primary conduit of information sharing for the State of Connecticut, both within the state and nationally. CTIC also endeavors to identify emerging threats and criminal trends and serves as a statewide central resource to effect intelligence sharing. It operates under a privacy policy that is designed to promote CTIC agency and user conduct that complies with applicable law and assists its users in protecting individual privacy, civil rights, civil liberties, and other protected interests.

THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management works to coordinate comprehensive state disaster preparedness, planning, response, and recovery regarding all hazards, integrated across all disciplines and all levels of government. The Office includes the following units: Operations, Training and Exercise (including Regional Coordinators in the State's five designated DEMHS emergency planning regions); Radiological Emergency Preparedness; Operational Planning; and Field Support Coordination, including Urban Search and Rescue. The Office is headed by the State Director of Emergency Management. The Office manages the State Emergency Operations Center and works on strategic and all-hazards planning, as well as on recovery activities, including requests for, and implementation of, federal disaster assistance. In the summer and fall of 2011, Tropical Storm Irene and the October Nor'easter (Winter Storm Alfred) resulted in full

activations of the State Emergency Operations Center for extended periods of time, as well as Presidential Declarations of a major disaster for both storms. Connecticut residents received over \$9 million in federal Individual Assistance funds for damage incurred in Tropical Storm Irene. Public Assistance grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are expected to exceed \$51 million for Tropical Storm Irene and \$103 million for Winter Storm Alfred. The Office is the point of contact for FEMA, and collaborates with other states in the New England region and across the country, as well as with eastern Canadian provinces.

The DEMHS Strategic Planning and Community Program Management Unit provides strategic planning, program design and development, and grant program administration for emergency management and homeland security programs to enhance Connecticut's prevention, preparedness, response and recovery capabilities at the state, local, and regional levels. This Unit works closely with the DESPP Bureau of Management Support regarding the fiscal administration of grants.

The Recovery Unit works with DEMHS legal staff to facilitate preliminary damage assessments and Presidential Declaration Requests for severe weather events, in conjunction with federal and municipal partners. Upon receipt of a Presidential Disaster Declaration, the Recovery Unit works with other DEMHS Units to coordinate federal Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation disaster relief funds for state and local governments, eligible non-profit organizations, and individuals.

DEMHS training and exercise activities include emergency preparedness training, seminars, exercises, and conferences for state and local officials, as well as residents and first responders. DEMHS collaborates and works closely with the DESPP first responder training academies. Training may also be available to approved personnel through the Emergency Management Institute, U.S. Fire Academy, and the Office of Domestic Preparedness. In addition, on-line independent study courses as well as FEMA courses are available to members of the public through the Emergency Management Institute.

In coordination with federal, state, regional, and local partners, DEMHS conducts, coordinates and/or participates in exercise events that strengthen the ability of the state and local emergency management community to prepare for, respond to, and manage large-scale incidents. DEMHS serves as the federal point of contact for DHS/FEMA consortium training programs. DEMHS also participates in the Regional Catastrophic Planning Program with New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The program provides an array of strategic emergency plans for the metropolitan area that are designed to synchronize response and recovery across the multiple jurisdictions.

POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING COUNCIL

The Police Officer Standards and Training Council has a three-fold mission. First, it is committed to providing innovative, credible and responsive high quality basic, advanced and specialized training to Connecticut police officers in an economical manner and in amounts sufficient to enable them to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to serve the public with commitment, empathy and competence.

The Police Officer Standards and Training Council is also committed to adopting and enforcing professional standards for certification and for decertification of Connecticut's police officers, in a manner consistent with the law, considerate of the regulated community and uncompromising as to basic values, and ethics.

Third, The Police Officer Standards and Training Council is charged with developing, adopting and revising a comprehensive accreditation standards program for local law enforcement units, to grant accreditation to those units that demonstrate their compliance with such standards and to conduct assessments to determine such unit's compliance with such standards.

Statutory Responsibility

Agency responsibilities are to provide basic police and in-service police training and set entry-level educational, licensing and training standards for all non-state police division police officers in the State of Connecticut; accredit training programs offered to police recruits in police academies; control the certification of police instructors; establish procedures for certified review training; oversee and award credit for certified review training of veteran officers and recertify triennially those who qualify; and encourage the growth of professional development, and continuing education programs for police officers. In addition to town and city police, the agency also regulates, and oversees the training of police personnel from the four police departments of the Connecticut State Universities, the University of Connecticut, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Environmental Conservation Law Enforcement Unit; and numerous other state agency law enforcement units.

Public Service

The agency, recognizing the difficulty that police agencies are having recruiting and hiring new officers, has greatly expanded guided tours of this facility during business hours to select groups of young people interested in policing and currently involved in some association with law enforcement. These tours have been provided in the last 12 months to students from the University of New Haven Criminal Justice Program, West Hartford Mock Police Youth Academy, MDC interns, Vernon High School Criminal Justice Club students, Wallingford Schools—Criminal Justice focus, South Windsor Summer Youth Academy, Hamden Middle School—Criminal Justice focus, the Police Commissioner's Association of Connecticut and police officials from South Korea and Bangladesh escorted by University of New Haven Criminal Justice staff. The tours permit students and visiting police officials to observe the daily routines of Academy life including driver training, our firearms range, driving simulators, physical fitness and academics.

Improvements/Achievements 2011-12

These achievements are described in detail in other parts of this narrative.

The Basic Training Division conducted five recruit training sessions over a 12-month period graduating 194 recruit police officers. In addition to in-house basic training, our personnel conducted mandatory driver training for all of the satellite training academies involving approximately 107 students.

Wilcox Township continues to provide a venue for practical skills training for our students and other law enforcement agencies. Wilcox Township is a small tactical training village on the Academy property consisting of a shed for storage, two commercial buildings, a two story house, a simulated police station, an 8 room motel, a domestic violence trailer, CCTV ready and a crime scene trailer. This project was a joint effort with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, Connecticut State Police and Wilcox State Technical School. The facility has been reserved more than 31 times in 2011-2012, ranging from one to four days per reservation and has been employed by POSTC, Connecticut State Parole and Probation, numerous police departments, Federal Parole, U.S. Postal Inspectors and available to the Connecticut State Police.

The Basic Training Curriculum has been recognized by Charter Oak College and graduates continue to be awarded 26 credits toward an undergraduate degree following a lengthy evaluation of our curriculum and training materials. In 2010, the Basic Training Division was the recipient of a \$125,000 grant from the then Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security which purchased a supply of Personal Protection Equipment including gas masks and filters which are issued to Recruit Officers once training is completed. Gas masks and filters are still being issued to our graduates.

The Field Services Training Division provided 101 in-service training programs in which 3806 police officers were trained in executive development, supervisory and management topics, legal update, criminal and crash investigation, drug enforcement techniques, advanced firearms, and other specialized and technical training programs. The Division staff worked to provide in-service training with the Connecticut Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Defense, the Multijurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force and St. Petersburg (Fla.) College in partnership with the Florida National Guard made available through the U.S. Department of Defense to provide drug investigation training programs within this State.

The agency's website, www.ct.gov/post, underwent a design change with a template reflecting other state agencies allowing continuity and ease of use by people accessing state agency websites. The POST site reflects the activities of its various divisions and is a fundamental source of information for the law enforcement community, personnel, civilians and the general public. Police agencies are able to access updated information on upcoming recruit classes or in-service courses available for their staff. Applications are readily available for download and electronic submittal. Information is provided regarding the certification of police officers and instructors. A new feature is the posting of "Advisories" issued by the Certification Division giving vital information for law enforcement. The "Career Opportunities in Law Enforcement" web page continues to provide updated job announcements with links to law enforcement agencies actively recruiting entry level and certified police officers. Important announcements, legal issues, publications, etc. are posted under "Latest News." Affirmative Action policies are also published for public viewing.

Certification Division

This agency's Certification Division conducted on-site training records audits for compliance of police departments completing 2 this year. Four satellite Basic Police Training Academies; Bridgeport, Hartford, Milford, and New Haven were approved by the POST Council during the year. Milford and Hartford concluded previous academy sessions this year which commenced in

2011. Four classes also graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden. During the academy sessions they were monitored by the Certification Division for overall operation and compliance with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council's required curriculum, lesson plans, certified instructors and other POST Council regulations. The Certification Officer conducted a total of 12 on-site inspections of these academies. This agency sets the professional standards and randomly audits compliance of approximately 7,676 currently certified officers representing 159 police departments/law enforcement agencies as of June 30, 2012. This agency also sets the instructor criteria, instructional goals and objectives and standards for approximately 1,259 currently certified law enforcement instructors as of June 30, 2012. This agency also set the criteria and certification of new field training officers. There were 52 new FTOS as of June 30, 2012. This agency also monitors certain sustained departmental charges (including perjury, making false statements and tampering with evidence) and felony criminal convictions of the certified police officers and enforces Section 7-294(d)(22)(2)(A-G), Connecticut General Statutes to revoke their police officer certifications. Six police officers were decertified for violations of the referenced statute based on felony conviction as of June 30, 2012.

Accreditation Division

The Accreditation Unit has responsibility for maintaining the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Public Safety Training Academy, accreditation award and managing the Police Officer Standards and Training Council's, (POSTC) Connecticut State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

The POSTC Connecticut Police Academy was originally accredited by CALEA in March 2008 and re-accredited in March 2011. The CALEA Public Safety Training Academy accreditation program contains 152 standards pertaining to all facets of management and operation of a public safety training program. The accreditation award is for three (3) years. Prior to the end of the accreditation period, the academy will undergo another review of the academy's continued compliance to the CALEA standards. This assessment will take place in December 2013.

The second area of responsibility is the POST Council law enforcement accreditation program for Connecticut law enforcement agencies. This program was developed by the POST Council. The Council's program contains 327 standards divided into three tiers. The program is open to all Connecticut law enforcement agencies. Presently there are 24 agencies accredited by POST council and 53 agencies actively working towards one of the three tiers. The POST Council is currently reviewing the accreditation standards to ensure applicability to the contemporary issues of the law enforcement profession in Connecticut. This review will be completed by the end of 2012.

Strategic Planning

The agency's planning function is performed by a Council subcommittee studying the issues and making recommendations to the full Council. That subcommittee's long-term efforts, along with the full Council, have concentrated on exploring the feasibility of a new driver training venue as this agency provides driver training to all Law Enforcement agencies in the state that

fall under POSTC jurisdiction. Plans for such a facility have not been funded in the past. This training currently takes place at Rentschler Field in East Hartford and may cease at some point in the future due to development of that tract of property.

Comprehensive Municipal Police Training Plan as Required by Sec. 7-294c

Our training plan includes provisions to train approximately 200 municipal police officers per year at our residential Connecticut Police Academy in four annual classes of 50 students each. We also intend to certify, inspect and audit up to eight satellite police academies around the state which supplement our Meriden academy, primarily sponsored by the larger municipal police agencies in this state.

Additionally, our training plan includes providing and or sponsoring in-service training programs to accommodate approximately 8,000 sworn in-service officers in this state to assist them in complying with our POSTC mandated 60 hour review training cycle every three years. Furthermore, we are currently in the process of reviewing our entire recruit training curriculum on an annual basis to reflect developments in police training nationwide and to provide current, comprehensive and meaningful training to our students.

The members of the Council are: Chief Anthony J. Salvatore, Sr., Chairperson, Cromwell; Chief Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc, Willimantic; Chief Douglas L. Dortenzio, Wallingford; Chief Christopher J. Edson, Naugatuck; Chief Louis J. Fusaro, Sr., Norwich; First Selectwoman Laura Francis, Durham; Town Administrator John D. Ward, Vernon; Officer William Brevard, Jr., Stamford, Dr. Amy K. Donahue, West Hartford; Howard L. Burling, II, Stratford; Kurt P. Cavanaugh, Glastonbury; James N. Tallberg, Esq., Rocky Hill; Richard P. Boccaccio, Westbrook, Jack Moshier, Hartford and Kevin T. Kane, Chief State's Attorney. Reuben F. Bradford, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Kimberly Mertz, Special-Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, are ex-officio members.

COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION & CONTROL

The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC) serves as the focal point for fire service training, public fire and life-safety education and professional competency testing and certification. The Commission's operating units are comprised of the Office of State Fire Administration, Connecticut Fire Academy and Certification Unit. Appointed members of the Commission represent the statewide fire service organizations and serve to advise the Commissioner under the leadership of Chairman Peter Carozza, Jr. The Division is overseen by State Fire Administrator Jeffrey J. Morrissette.

OFFICE OF STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATION

The Office of State Fire Administration provides overall coordination, management and support of division activities and facilities. With the creation of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, opportunities for inter-agency collaboration were sought. The Office provides consulting services to communities regarding fire department organization and administration, Juvenile Fire-setter Intervention, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention and coordination of the regional Foam Trailer Emergency Response program. In addition, oversight of the Statewide Fire Rescue Disaster Response Plan continues as a priority with staff serving as Fire Service Liaison's in the State Emergency Operations Center. Support to the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard continues to ensure the honoring of Connecticut's fallen firefighters.

Coordination and collaboration with the independent Regional Fire Schools is ongoing. Nearly \$10 million in facility enhancements to both the New Haven and Hartford County Regional Fire Schools were completed. Plans are underway for design work to initiate construction at five additional Regional Fire Schools. Information dissemination to fire service constituents continued through use of the CFPC Listserv with over 4,000 informational messages transmitted during the year.

Training Division

The Training Division under the leadership of Adam D. Piskura, Director of Training, delivers a diverse range of training and education programs ranging from the comprehensive, Veteran's Administration approved, 14-week resident Recruit Firefighter Training program to Fire Officer and technical specialty level courses with collegiate transfer credits. Along with some changes within the Recruit Firefighter Training Program itself, the Program's Rules and Regulations have also been updated and conformed to new policies effective Recruit Class #50. Courses are available for delivery throughout the state or at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks.

During FY12, 479 training programs were delivered reaching 7,795 students resulting in 170,751 contact hours. Topical seminars and specialized training including Rescue Week 2011 and the Annual June Fire School provided training to over 1,259 students. In addition to course deliveries, the Connecticut Fire Academy offers services such as respirator face piece fit testing (29 fit testing sessions were conducted to 823 participants), CPAT, College Fair and textbook sales. We have also expanded the Introduction to the Fire Service youth program, to include an Advanced Skills Concepts course. Continued popular was delivery of the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) to assist municipalities identify future firefighters with the capability of career and lifelong success. A total of 1,960 candidates were registered with 1,519 testing. An overall passing rate of 87% was achieved. Charter Oak State College approved 13 CFA programs for collegiate transfer credit adding value to our students. Continue to support the growth of the New England Disaster Training Center and are currently in the process of obtaining passenger rail cars to complete the construction of the railroad rescue/hazmat prop. Several staff members participate in national committees active in the development of training for emergency responders to incidents involving Advanced Powered Vehicles, I-95 Corridor Coalition's 3D IM Training, and the published retesting of contemporary fire hose to develop a validated friction loss matrix that reflects actual experiences. Over 12 adjuncts have written and/or reviewed textbooks for accuracy that are then published. Finally, the CFA Bookstore had \$303,126.27 in sales with a total Cost of Goods Sold of \$198,662.32 resulting in revenues of \$104,463.95. The elimination of the Supplemental Grant Program funding contributed significantly to the \$89,460 drop in CFA Bookstore sales.

Certification Unit

The Certification Division of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control under the direction of Director William Trisler assesses fire service personnel in areas ranging from basic firefighting skills to technical rescue specialties and from instructional methodology to executive officer leadership skills. This knowledge and skills evaluation of specific competencies legitimizes the pre-requisite training requirements and instruction associated to certification-based, fire service-related training courses and education.

The certification process is acknowledged as a means of evaluation for departmental entry-level opportunities, promotions and professional development of firefighters across the state. With the requisite skills and knowledge developed from the National Fire Protection Association consensus standards in support of the statewide educational framework developed from the same standards, emergency services personnel are better qualified to conduct significant incidents while routinely operating in highly hazardous exposure areas when serving the citizens of Connecticut.

The CFPC Certification Division is accredited by two international entities, the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard) and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Accreditation of the Certification Unit validates the professionalism and commitment of full and part-time staff and provides portability to our customers as they pursue their firefighting careers.

During FY12, the Certification Division experienced an additional reduction in staffing with the retirement of and elimination of the Certification Coordinator position. The Division was maintained by the Certification Registrar, with occasional assistance from two adjunct examiners, who maintained the daily operations. The Registrar's professional expertise and selfless commitment resulted in the Division's success and should be duly recognized. The Certification Division offered 5,850 practical skills and cognitive testing opportunities statewide awarding 2,384 certifications with an overall passing rate of 80% for FY12 (Figure 1).

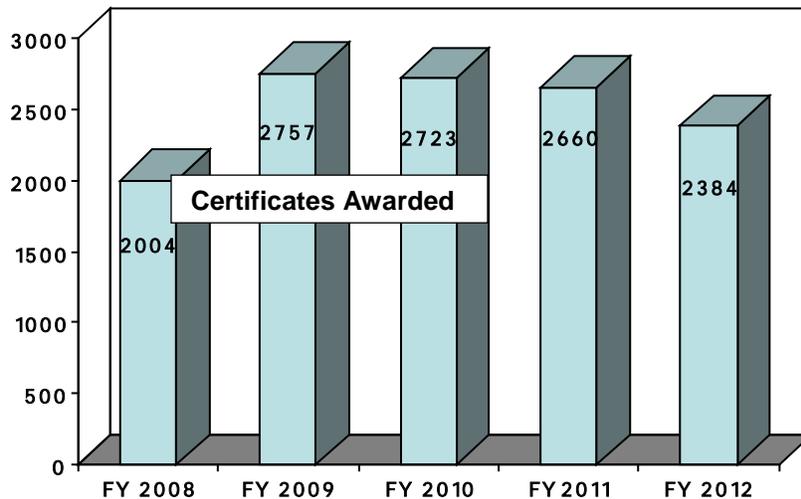


Figure 1 - Total Number of Certificates Awarded Over the Past Five Fiscal Years

Goals for 2013 include: (1) Reaccreditation by ProBoard; (2) Review and revision of current examinations; (3) Development of new examinations; (4) Explore fixed testing sites for written examinations; (5) Explore digitizing certification archive records.

The members of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control are: Peter S. Carozza, Jr., Chairman, West Hartford; Kevin J. Kowalski, Vice Chairman, Simsbury; Charles M. Stankye, Jr., Secretary, Derby; Chief John J. Brady, Ret., Madison; Deputy Chief Clifton Cooper, Hartford; Chief David J. Dagon, Mansfield; Chief Frank C. Hilbert, Mystic; Megan Murphy, Fire Marshal, Trumbull; Chief Matthew Nelson, Ret., Newington; Chief Richard H. Nicol, Ret., Middlebury. Victor Mitchell, Director of Continuing Education & Workforce Services, Tunxis Community College and Robert Ross, CT State Fire Marshal, Department of Construction Services are ex-officio members.