

The Agency

State Police

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island State Police ensure citizens an increased level of safety and security through a professional uniformed and investigative law enforcement agency having statewide jurisdiction. The agency is organized into three divisions: the Patrol Division, the Detective Division, and Central Management.

The Patrol Division prevents crime and investigates criminal and noncriminal activities. The division establishes highway safety through enforcement of motor vehicle laws with emphasis on hazardous moving violations, i.g., drunk driving and speeding.

The Detective Division is the Primary Investigative Unit. It assists the Attorney General's Office in investigating organized crime and white collar crime, and provides support to police agencies throughout the State. It is composed of several bureaus: the Area Detectives, the Intelligence Bureau, the Narcotics Bureau, the Auto Theft Unit, the Bureau of Criminal Identification, a Financial Crimes Unit, and a Major Crimes Unit.

The Central Management Division consists of the Command Officers, the Inspection Division, the Training Academy, Planning and Research, the Business/Supply Office, and a Communications section. The Communications and Technology Unit supports all users of its local and wide area networks, microwave and radio systems, and electronic surveillance and communications equipment located in the agency's fleet. The State Police retirement costs are entirely funded through the annual general fund appropriation, including widow and disability pensions, cost of living adjustments and health insurance benefits.

Agency Objectives

To recruit and train new troopers who are diverse in race, culture, and ethnicity; to operate a full-time highway enforcement program to combat motor vehicle accidents and highway fatalities; to provide the most efficient investigative and support services to other state agencies and municipal law enforcement agencies to combat complex and serious crimes; to maintain a cyber crime specialized unit; to continually upgrade radio and microwave communication and investigative equipment to state of the art level; to maintain national accreditation; and to increase public awareness of Rhode Island State Police mission.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. 42-28 established the Rhode Island State Police in 1925. Sections 1 through 20 include organization, membership, duty, salary, equipment, and legal requirements; Sections 21 through 33 include retirement, training and appropriation requirements; and Sections 34 through 46 include special units, public accident reports and special crime systems.

The Budget

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	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Support	3,540,565	3,910,292	4,760,887	3,791,084
Detectives	6,938,805	6,480,288	6,472,120	6,590,687
Patrol	16,059,114	16,900,790	19,042,719	20,640,063
Pension	12,802,773	13,669,663	14,570,480	15,277,951
Communications and Technology	3,029,655	2,330,104	2,576,536	2,761,532
Total Expenditures	\$42,370,912	\$43,291,137	\$47,422,742	\$49,061,317
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	25,297,323	25,295,446	27,468,227	28,689,098
Other State Operations	4,253,961	4,219,466	5,123,345	5,098,828
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	12,801,027	13,665,314	14,566,170	15,273,391
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$42,352,311	\$43,180,226	\$47,157,742	49,061,317
Capital Improvements	18,601	110,911	265,000	-
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$42,370,912	\$43,291,137	\$47,422,742	\$49,061,317
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	38,382,940	39,142,431	42,477,586	44,785,482
Federal Funds	1,768,728	1,323,304	1,740,301	1,379,224
Restricted Receipts	193,184	379,015	445,268	301,100
Other Funds	2,026,060	2,446,387	2,759,587	2,595,511
Total Expenditures	\$42,370,912	\$43,291,137	\$47,422,742	\$49,061,317
FTE Authorization	259.0	257.0	274.0	274.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	5.6%	6.3%	8.2%	8.2%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	14.4%	15.5%	15.2%	15.2%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Program Measures				
Persons Ejected from Vehicles	54	43	42	41
Safety Violations Found for Every One Hundred Vehicles Inspected	25.1	17.1	24.0	24.0
Overweight Violations per One Hundred Vehicles Weighed	1.6	3.9	2.5	2.5