

The Agency

State Police

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island State Police (RISP) ensures 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.e. 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. Further, the RISP assumed control of the Judicial Branch's Warrant Squad to consolidate statewide operations in the apprehension of fugitives.

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 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 the state of the art level; to maintain national accreditation; and to increase public awareness of the 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 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Support	4,769,639	4,077,544	5,186,218	9,857,270
Detectives	6,606,333	8,135,142	9,640,868	9,571,750
Patrol	18,358,092	20,150,735	27,295,616	23,722,537
Pension	14,554,736	15,208,061	15,837,192	16,138,052
Communications and Technology	2,171,787	2,176,665	2,702,964	3,254,694
Total Expenditures	\$46,460,587	\$49,748,147	\$60,662,858	\$62,544,303
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	28,656,210	31,338,223	39,838,325	37,315,762
Operating Supplies and Expenses	3,855,949	4,105,945	4,953,669	5,180,916
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	13,205,340	13,695,107	14,138,284	14,442,405
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$45,717,499	49,139,275	\$58,930,278	\$56,939,083
Capital Purchases and Equipment	743,088	608,872	1,732,580	5,605,220
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$46,460,587	\$49,748,147	\$60,662,858	\$62,544,303
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	42,443,124	45,221,617	54,070,136	52,958,743
Federal Funds	1,143,803	1,330,660	2,077,783	1,091,916
Restricted Receipts	248,488	164,847	614,333	312,100
Other Funds	2,625,172	3,031,023	3,900,606	8,181,544
Total Expenditures	\$46,460,587	\$49,748,147	\$60,662,858	\$62,544,303
FTE Authorization	274.0	282.0	273.0	280.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	15.2%	15.2%	14.9%	14.5%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-
Program Measures				
Persons Ejected from Vehicles	56	56	50	50
Safety Violations Found for Every One Hundred Vehicles Inspected	15.7	17.8	25.0	25.0
Overweight Violations per One Hundred Vehicles Weighed	1.2	25.5	10.0	1.5