



# **FY2016 Annual Report**

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

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HAL TAYLOR  
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*The Honorable Kay Ivey  
Governor of Alabama  
Alabama State Capitol  
Montgomery, AL 36130*

*Dear Governor Ivey:*

*On behalf of the over 1,300 employees of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), I submit to you the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report. This report is the first full fiscal year report for ALEA.*

*The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency was established Jan. 1, 2015 by the Alabama Legislature. The agency was created by consolidating the following law enforcement services from existing agencies: the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety, Alabama Bureau of Investigation, Fusion Center, Criminal Justice Information Center, Marine Police, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Enforcement Division, Department of Revenue Enforcement, Forestry Commission Investigations, Agriculture and Industry Investigations, Public Service Commission Enforcement and Office of Prosecution Services Computer Forensic Laboratories.*

*After analyzing each of the involved agencies' functions and services, ALEA leadership eliminated non-essential programs to ensure efficiency and effectiveness. We strive to maximize our resources and are dedicated to strengthening existing programs and developing new services to benefit our citizens. As the State Police Agency, ALEA protects the citizens of Alabama in numerous of ways; from patrolling the roadways and waterway; to issuing driver license; assisting local, state and federal law enforcement agencies investigate major crimes and protecting criminal and sensitive data. ALEA is showing how consolidation of law enforcement services provides a more efficient and cost effective structure for state government.*

*I am grateful for the men and women of ALEA that work hard to protect and serve the citizens of Alabama. Thank you, Governor, for graciously giving me this opportunity to serve our great State as Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.*

*Kind Regards,*

Hal Taylor  
Acting Secretary

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## Office of the Secretary



The Secretary of Law Enforcement statutorily appoints and oversees the Division Directors for the Department of Public Safety and the State Bureau of Investigation. The Office of the Secretary also consists of the following units: Homeland Security, Protective Services, Administration, Support Services, and Integrity.

### Homeland Security

The Homeland Security Program works with federal, state and local partners to prevent and respond to terrorism in the state. Homeland Security works closely with the public and private sectors in law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire services, agriculture, public health, public safety, communications, environmental management, military and transportation.

The Homeland Security Program is also the administrator for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). The purpose of the SHSGP is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the state for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. In fiscal year 2016, the department administered \$3,734,500 to state and local partners.

Grants Administered

\$3,734,500

### Protective Services

Protective Services consists of the Dignitary Protection and Uniform units. Protective Services is responsible for providing general law enforcement/police services at all state facilities, buildings, and other designated properties (primarily within the state Capitol complex in Montgomery), as mandated by §32-2-100, Code of Alabama, 1975; providing for the protection of certain state officers and visiting dignitaries to the state as mandated by §36-33-1, et. Seq. Code of Alabama, 1975; and fulfilling numerous related duties.

#### Dignitary Protection Unit

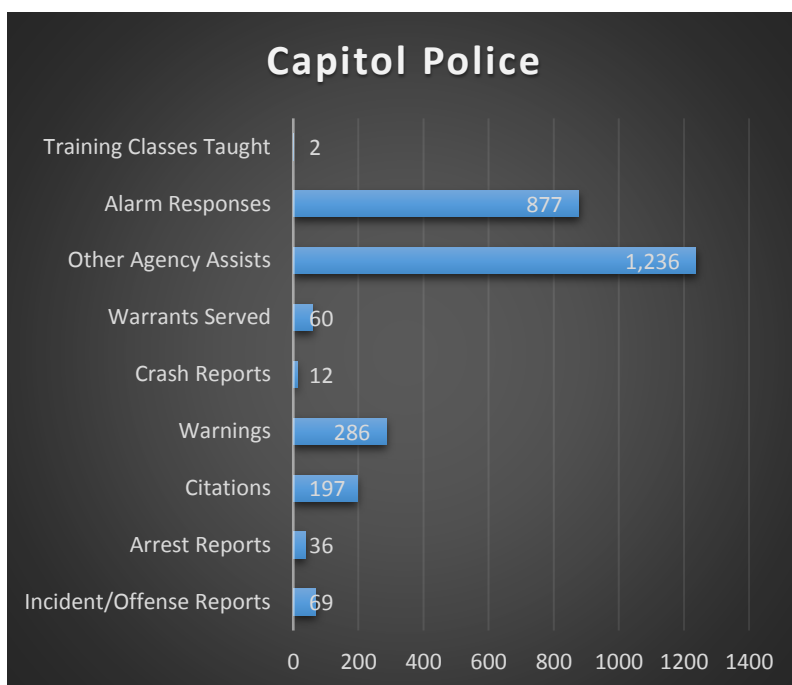
The Dignitary Protection Unit is responsible for the security and protection of certain state officials and visiting dignitaries. Specifically, staff members provide protection for the Governor and family (from the date of election, throughout the term of office and five years after leaving office), Lieutenant Governor, President Pro-Tem of the Alabama Senate, Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, and the Attorney General.

The Dignitary Protection Unit personnel also provide varying levels of security and protection for any other persons as designated by the Governor or the Secretary of ALEA. The Unit also assists federal partners with visiting dignitaries.

## Uniformed Unit

The Uniformed Unit consists of Executive Mansion Security Detail, Capitol Security Detail, and Capitol Patrol. They provide a visible law enforcement presence and respond to calls for service while keeping citizens and state employees around the capitol complex safe.

The Uniformed Unit performed 24,426 building checks, managed 43 public rallies and 187 special events during FY16. The Unit provided security for 22 dignitaries who visited Alabama during this time.



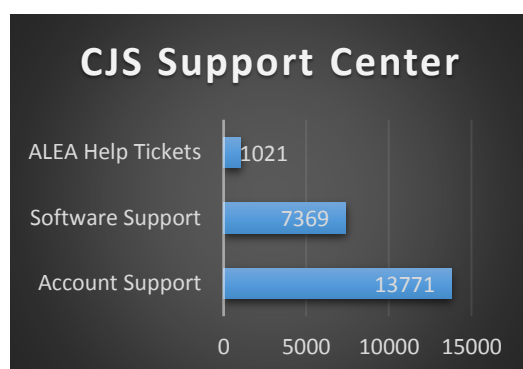
## Administration

### Accounting

The Accounting Unit has the following primary areas of responsibility in the overall operations for ALEA: manage Departmental Budgets and general fund appropriations, issue all purchases, travel, rent, repairs, and utilities through Accounts Payable; prepares and processes Accounts Receivable; prepares and monitors Grants accounting; and reviews all orders and contracts for Purchasing.

### Information Technology

The Information Technology (IT) Unit provides all network services for the agency, Application Development services, Communications Engineering, as well as technology and hardware Support Services to all 1,335 employees statewide. The IT Unit worked to implement the online Driver License renewal interface for the public and partnered with the Alabama Secretary of State's Office to create an Electronic Voter Registration at all Driver License Offices.



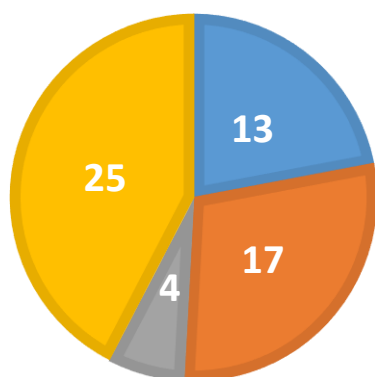
The IT Unit processed approximately 25,000 requests for tech-related assistance.

## Legal

The primary responsibility of the Legal Division is to represent the agency and its employees in all legal matters arising out of the performance of their duties. The Legal Division consists of five attorneys and six support staff members. The responsibilities of the Legal Division are very diverse and complex and including federal, state and administrative claims. Much of the work required the attorneys and staff to travel to court, requiring them to be away from the office much of the time. The Legal Division handles Personnel Matters within the agency, responds to multiple inquiries from the Department of Justice, reviews and drafts numerous contracts and agreement with outside agencies, represents the agency on Board of Adjustment Claims, teaches legal topics to three classes at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center, responds to hundreds of subpoena requests in both state and federal court, provides legal advice to agency members, handles thousands of driver license appeals cases and continues to assist in the process of registering out-of-state sex offenders.

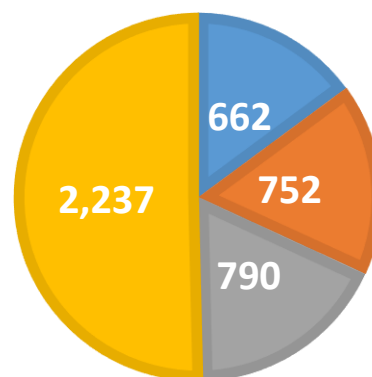
### MAJOR LITIGATION

■ New                      ■ Hearings Attended  
 ■ Depositions Attended   ■ Approximate Pending



### DRIVER LICENSE APPEALS

■ New                      ■ Hearings Attended  
 ■ Disposed                ■ Approximate Pending



#### Personnel Matters

Hearings Attended                      12

#### Contracts/Leases

Contracts/MOAs/MOUs Reviewed    150  
 Leases    28  
 Contract Review Committee Meetings   6

#### Board of Adjustment Claims

New    130  
 Hearings Attended                      9

#### Sex Offender Registration

New    337  
 Disposed                                      312  
 Approximate Pending                      334

#### Subpoenas

Received/Responded                      608

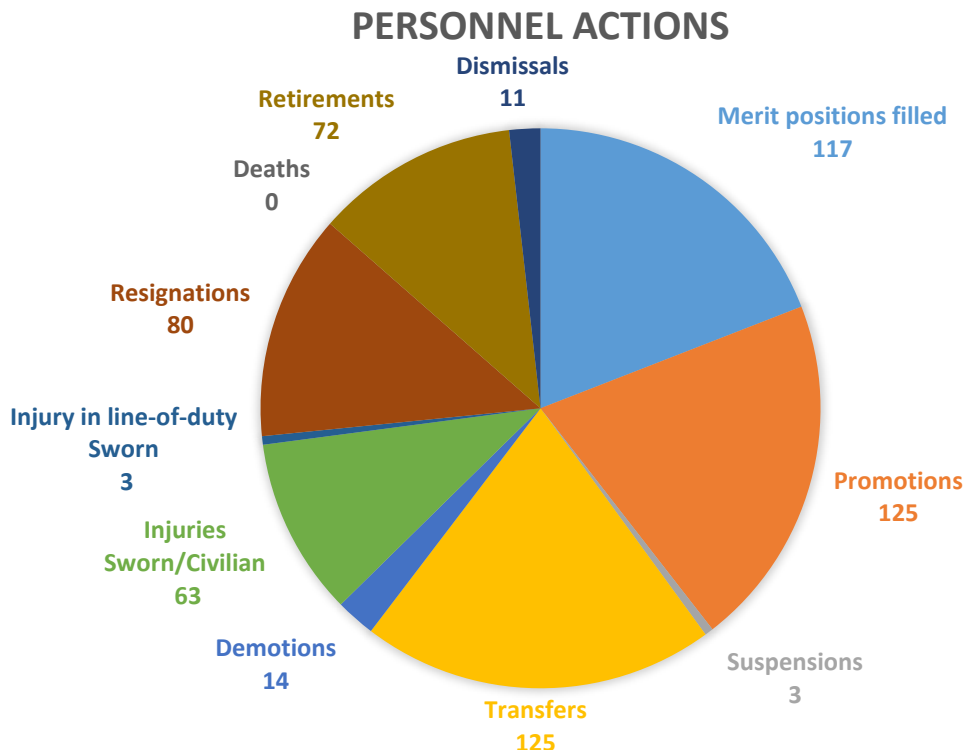
#### Instruction at Academy

Basic Police Classes                      124 hrs.



## Personnel

Personnel Department coordinates and processes all personnel actions in coordination with the State Personnel Department. These actions include, but are not limited to, appointments, appraisals, promotions, leave, on-the-job injuries, FMLA, resignations, hearings, travel orders and service awards. Personnel staff members maintain official personnel files on 1,335 active and more than 1,600 inactive employees.



This unit coordinates the Agency’s Policy Order No. 100 regarding assignments and training. The policy provides for announcement of vacant law enforcement positions/duties and ensures that equal consideration is given to all interested employees who meet minimum qualifications. Personnel also processed 1,010 annual raises and 275 probationary raises.

## Public Information and Education Unit

The Public Information and Education Unit provides information to the public, media, law enforcement agencies, constituents, agency staff and others concerning ALEA operations and all aspects of law enforcement and traffic safety; conducts safety programs and campaigns; and is responsible for archiving data, photographs, videos, and all other statutorily required communication. This Unit’s field officers support recruiting efforts by producing and distributing recruiting materials and making individual and group contacts.



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In conjunction with the State Bureau of Investigation staff, Alabama broadcasters and law enforcement agencies, the Unit participated in several AMBER Alerts, Missing Child Media Alerts and Missing Senior Alerts. The staff conducted publicity and educational efforts for several statewide and regional traffic enforcement campaigns during holiday travel periods and other times of the year.

The unit's Public Information Officers contacted media outlets 40,650 times through interviews, news releases and requests for information. The unit also conducted 1,086 safety programs with approximately 90,000 people in attendance.

Radio & TV spots	21
Radio & TV programs	149
Driver Improvement programs	21
Public inquiries/assists	15,488
Patrol contacts	2,046

### Support Services Bureau

#### *Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center*

The Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center (ACJTC) is the largest law enforcement training facility in the state, and it is on the campus of Wallace Community College in Selma. The center provides basic, advanced and in-service training for agency personnel as well as training for other law enforcement and government agencies.

Training sessions conducted	110
Total students trained	2,139
Participating agencies	640

The Alabama Police Academy conducted three Police Academy training sessions, graduating a total of 127 law enforcement officers. These officers represented various agencies across the state including municipal, county, state, as well as other law enforcement agencies.

#### *Aviation Unit*

The ALEA Aviation Unit, which uses both civil and former military aircraft, flew 768 missions for a total of 1,482 flight hours in general support of law enforcement during FY2016. These totals include 116 flights in support of the Marijuana Eradication program, totaling 503.2 flight hours and 120 searches for a total of 225.8 flight hours. Also, ALEA Aviation had 75 executive travel flights for 149.9 hours of flight time.

The Aviation Unit participates in Project Lifesaver International which utilizes bracelets and transmitters to help in searches for individual with Alzheimer's disease. The efforts by Aviation in conjunction with the Southern Company Energizers are responsible for raising money to provide anyone who needs a bracelet to have one at no charge. The training of all Sheriffs' Offices throughout the state by ALEA Aviation personnel has reduced the number of searches because individuals with bracelets who wander can be located by ground crews before Aviation is needed. This is huge for this unit and for the citizens of the state.

Currently, the unit's operational helicopter fleet consists of a Bell 407, Bell Long Ranger L1 (the only aircraft purchased by the agency) and seven OH-58s. The Bell 407 has enhanced the capabilities of the unit by allowing for tactical response, rescue operations and fire suppression. ALEA has four Forward Looking InfraRed-equipped helicopters and three single-engine airplanes located in Cullman,

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Montgomery and Fairhope. Aviation has acquired (through a Port Security Grant) two new high-definition FLIRs (for just more than \$900,000) to assist with locating missing people and felony fugitives.

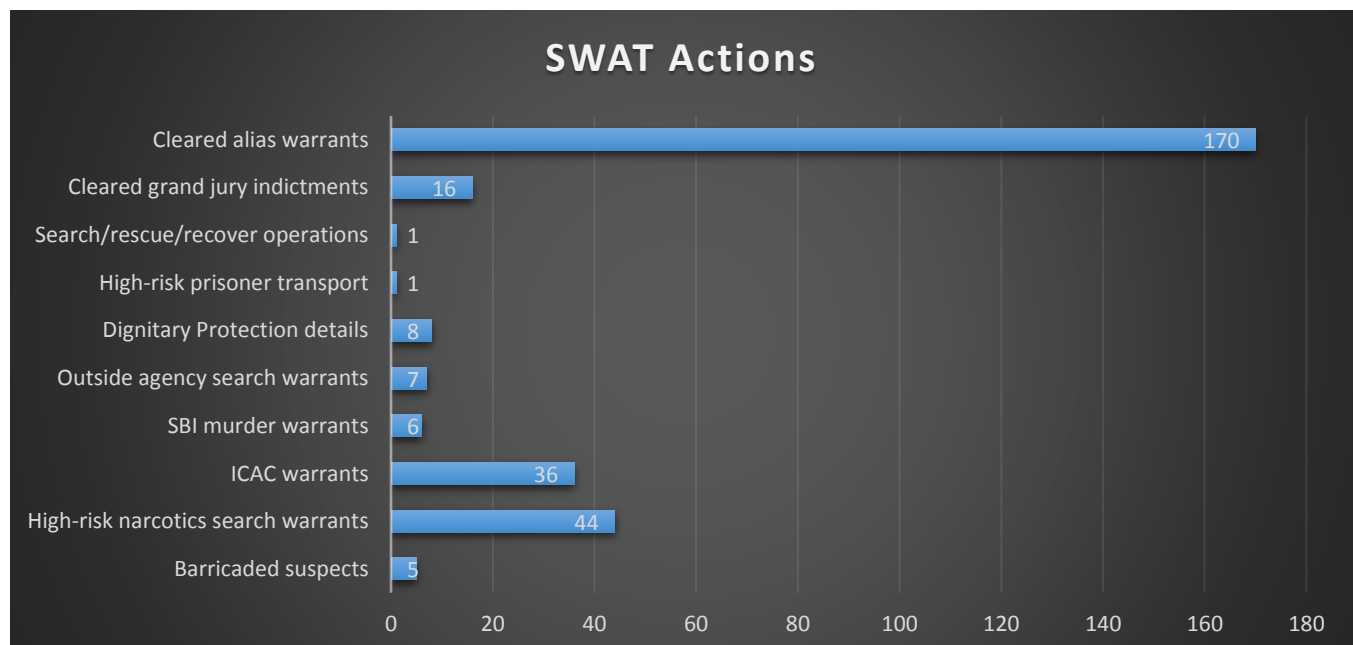
The maintenance section of the unit consists of three mechanics and one maintenance supervisor (who also serves as a pilot for ALEA Aviation), all of whom are based in Montgomery. They are responsible for maintaining 15 flyable aircraft in all three bases of operation (Montgomery, Cullman and Fairhope). In addition, maintenance staff members are trained to perform rescue operations when needed because of limited TFOs. The administrative support is accomplished through the assignment of a secretarial ASA II position.

### *ALEA Communications Unit*

The Dispatch Operations section of the ALEA Law Enforcement Communications Unit comprises three distinct communications regions, serving north, central and south Alabama. The unit has 54 Police Communications Officers (PCOs), who are tasked with providing 24-hour emergency telecommunications services for the agency. These professional communicators answer calls from the public and dispatch appropriate first responders as required to affect an appropriate response to a wide variety of emergency situations. They coordinate multi-agency responses and serve as the first point of contact for citizens in need of ALEA services.

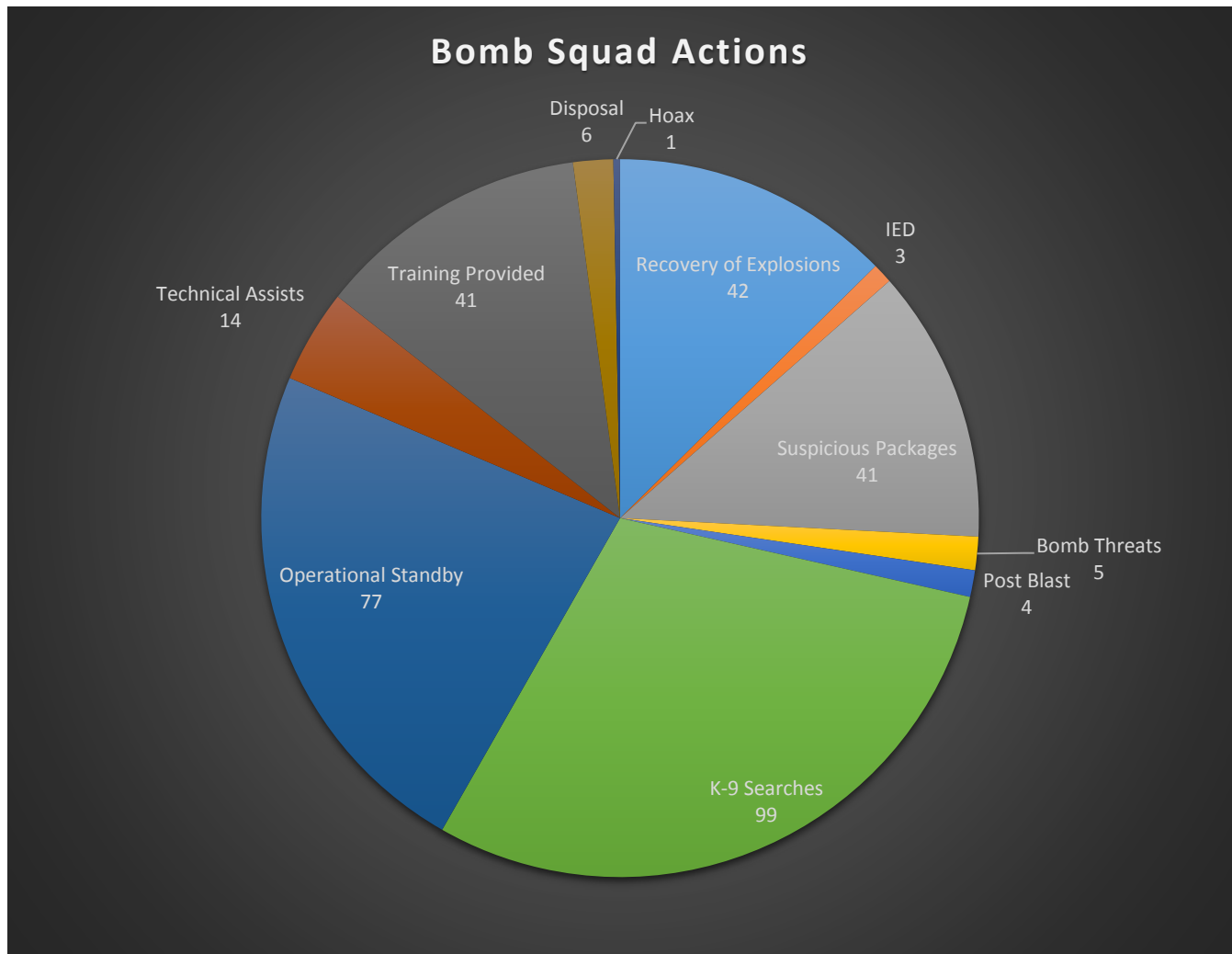
### *Tactical Operations – SWAT*

The team's members train regularly for various tactical operations across the state. Members also serve as the main instructors for Basic and Advanced SWAT Schools offered at the ACJTC. SWAT responded to a number of requests and call-outs, some of which were either canceled en-route to a scene or did not require service once at the scene.



*Tactical Operations – Bomb Squad*

The Bomb Squad is one of ALEA’s specialized units. The agents assigned to this unit are highly trained and have a great deal of expertise in dealing with a multitude of hazardous situations. They receive extensive training in Explosives, Post-Blast Investigations, Advanced Explosive Destructive Techniques and Homemade Explosives Identification Process and Disposal.



The Agents also take part in additional training each year through outside agency courses, and they participate in training scenarios across the state. In addition, these agents are tasked with electronic surveillance and conduct Electronic Countermeasures Sweeps. During this fiscal year, two Agents attended Basic Electronics for Surveillance Operations, while all assigned Agents worked continuously to maintain all their skill sets. Bomb Techs, along with Department of Homeland Security, presented a Bomb Tech Symposium in Montgomery with 62 state Bomb Techs in attendance.

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### *Facilities*

The ALEA Facilities Unit provides a centralized location to coordinate all ALEA-owned building repairs and maintenance. The Unit also acts as coordinator for all agency-leased facilities in conjunction with the Legal Unit. This Unit also works with the state's Office of Risk Management and insurance companies to provide coverages for all ALEA buildings and contents, and to file claims when necessary.

### *Fleet Maintenance*

Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the issuance and maintenance of all ALEA vehicles, boats, trailers and equipment owned and operated by ALEA. Fleet operations include five vehicle maintenance shops throughout the state and one Marine Maintenance shop in Montgomery. This unit maintains and services approximately 1,400 vehicles, boats and related equipment.

### *Inventory Management*

Inventory Management personnel assign state identification numbers to agency purchases of \$500 or more, as well as some sensitive items that cost less than \$500. The unit uses the inventory database, tracks property for accountability, conducts an annual inventory, prepares and transports equipment to State Surplus and submits a general asset report annually for the State Auditor's Office. At the end of FY2016, ALEA had 25,420 items, with a total acquisition value of \$99,233,563.45. Personnel also conduct a bi-annual property audit with the State Auditor's Office.

# Department of Public Safety

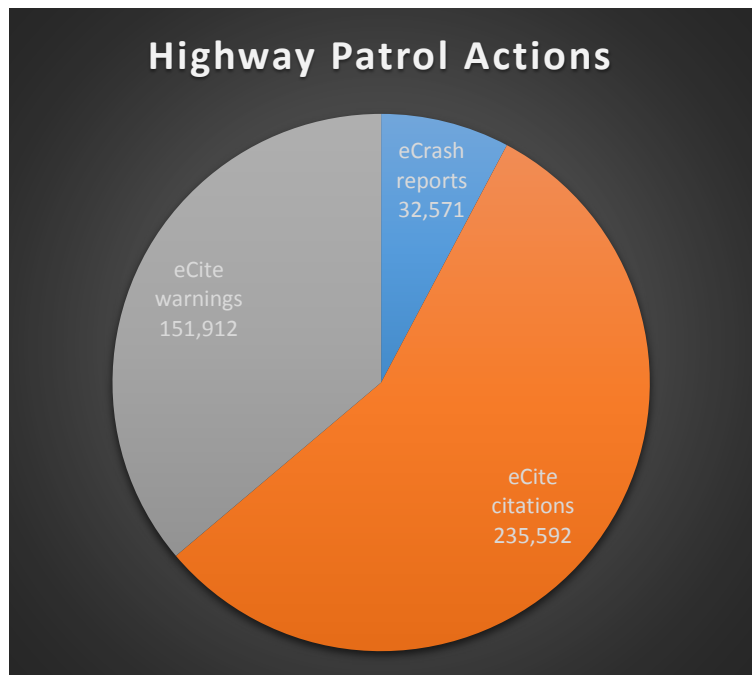


The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is comprised of the Highway Patrol Division and the Marine Police Division. These two divisions consist of uniformed Alabama State Troopers with a primary function of enforcing the laws on the roadways and waterways throughout state. The Driver License Service Division and its functions are vested with DPS.

## Highway Patrol Division

Highway Patrol Division comprises seven Highway Patrol Troops consisting of 17 Highway Patrol Posts, and the largest of the three divisions. The primary goal for the Division is to preserve the safety of everyone traveling Alabama’s roadways and to reduce traffic fatalities. In FY2016, Troopers worked 1,467 more traffic crashes, resulting in 737 more injuries and 121 more fatalities than in FY2015. The Highway Patrol Division has specialized units including: Motorcycle, Traffic Homicide Investigation, and the Critical Response Team.

The transition to a paperless reporting system has greatly benefited the Highway Patrol Division. All Highway Patrol Troopers use e-Cite/MOVE (Mobile Officers Virtual Environment) to issue traffic citations and warnings, and they use e-Crash for reporting motor vehicle crashes.



### Motor Carrier Safety Division

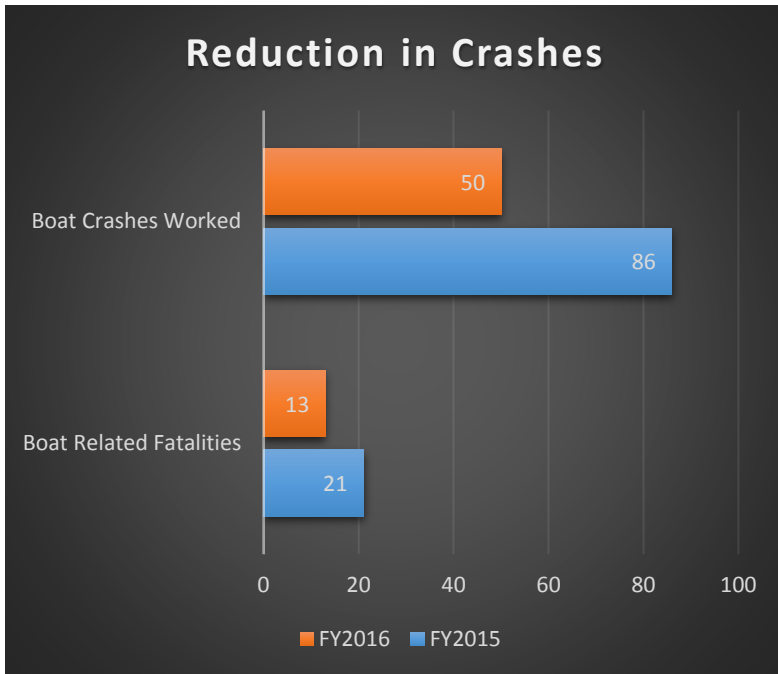
The Motor Carrier Safety Unit (MCSU) within DPS works cooperatively with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) and passenger coaches.

In FY2016, 84 sworn officers, which included 15 Felony Apprehension Patrol (FAP) Troopers, four civilians and three retired state employees/law enforcement officers were assigned to MCSU. In addition to MCSU personnel, 128 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Troopers and 45 City Officer Program (COP) officers from 24 different law enforcement agencies were used to help reduce CMV-related crashes throughout the state.

Commercial vehicles inspected	38,000
Hazardous material vehicles inspected	1,619
Bus/passenger vehicles inspected	520
U.S. currency seized	\$850,000
Cocaine seized	81 lbs.
Marijuana seized	279 lbs.
Crystal Meth seized	6.5 lbs.
Firearms seized	17

## Marine Police Division

The Marine Police Division comprises three districts dividing the state. The Northern District covers 27 counties with major waterways along the Tennessee, Coosa, and Black Warrior rivers and numerous smaller rivers and lakes. The Central Division covers 32 counties with major waterways along the Coosa, Tallapoosa, Alabama, Tombigbee and Chattahoochee rivers and numerous smaller rivers and lakes. The Southern Division covers eight counties with the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers, all coastal waters and numerous smaller rivers and lakes.



The primary goal of Marine Police is the safe and responsible use of Alabama’s waterways. The men and women of Marine Police use various enforcement and education efforts to achieve that goal.

There was approximately \$587,100 worth of property damage related to boat crashes in FY2015, a reduction from \$1,283,142 the previous year. With approximately 259,490 boats registered in Alabama, property reduction essential.

Note: a reduction in crashes, fatalities, and property damage was partly because of Marine Patrol initiatives focusing patrol efforts on high-traffic areas.

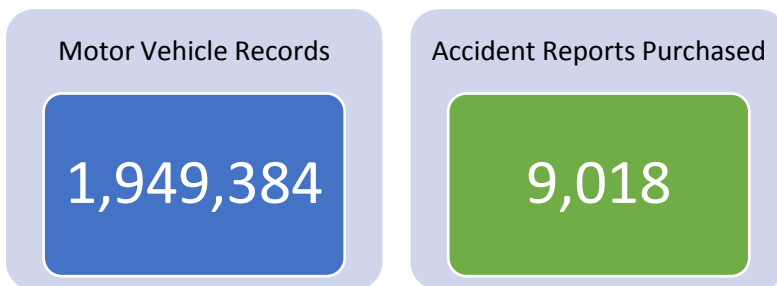
Marine Troopers logged almost 600 hours performing search-and-rescue or boater-assist operations. Many of these took place in inclement weather and/or at night. Also, more than 200 events on public waterways were permitted through the division. These events range from concerts, fireworks displays and boat parades to large bass tournaments and skiing exhibitions. Marine Troopers also maintain the state waterway navigation system. In FY2016 this unit replaced 295 aids to navigation statewide, including various buoys and signs on state waterways. In addition to waterway patrol, they were involved with other divisions of DPS in the following events: Inauguration, Mardi Gras, Foot Wash, Talladega races (fall) and college football details. Marine Troopers also participated on Critical Response Teams and Special Operations.

Citations Issued	419
Warnings Issued	681
Boating and Water Safety Presentations (Total Attendees)	455,000
Boat Operator Certificates Granted	36,054

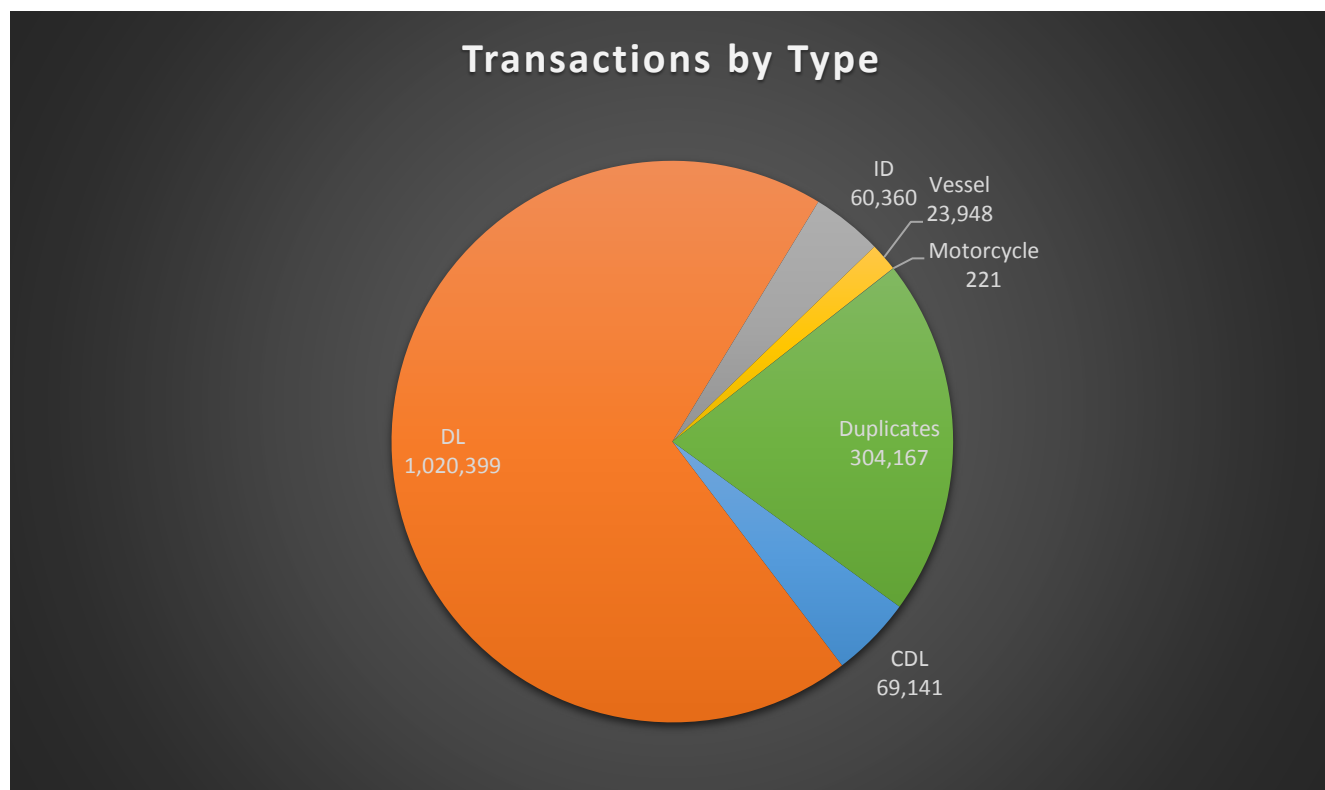
## Driver License

Driver License Services (DL) is responsible for testing and keeping records on Alabama’s licensed drivers. These records include crash reports, traffic arrest forms, driver license applications and traffic violation convictions. In addition to administering the written and road skills driver license examinations for commercial (CDL) and non-commercial drivers, the division is responsible for the application of penalties that may result in the revocation or suspension of a driver license. Moreover, both uniformed Troopers and DL Examiners are responsible for effecting 1,307 arrests for such violations as failure to appear, felony fraud cases, forgery, robbery, larceny, child neglect, rape, parole violations and firearms violations.

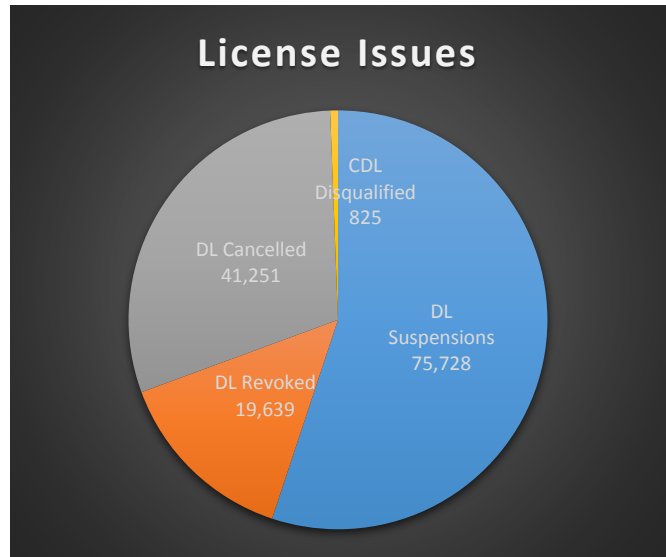
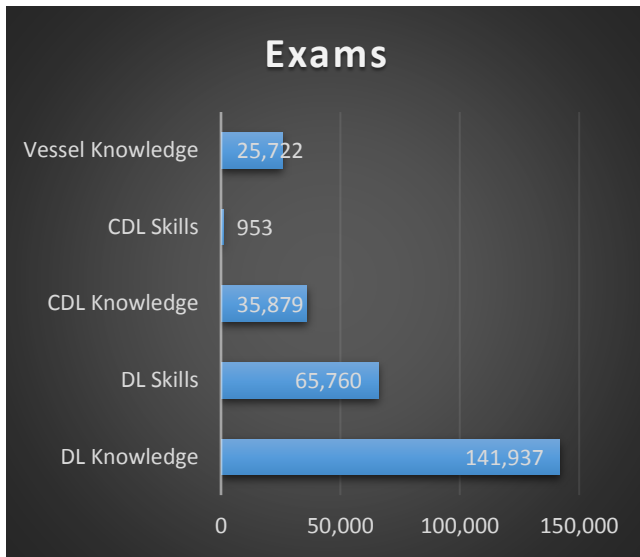
Some of the accomplishments for the Driver License Unit include: providing one of the most secure, technologically advanced driver-licensing systems in the nation; implementing electronic voter registration in conjunction with driver license issuance the CDL Unit added more private truck driving schools for the On-Site CDL Testing; and the Birmingham, Mobile, Tuscaloosa and Montgomery Examining Offices participated in Homeless Connects, providing identification to homeless individuals.



For FY2016, the Driver License Division deposited \$70,186,274.50 into the General Fund.







### Safety Responsibility Unit

The Safety Responsibility Unit implements state law, which requires every operator/owner involved in a traffic (vehicular) crash in Alabama to establish financial responsibility when it is determined the operator/owner is answerable for damages and injuries resulting from negligence.

SR-13s Accident Report	1,839
SR-21s Insurance Verification Report	70
SR-22s Mandatory Insurance	19,211
SR-26s Cancellation of Insurance	6,586
Releases of Liability from Accident Damages	18
Status Reports	581
Civil Court Judgments Filed	1,180
Telephone Calls	23,343
Walk-ins	795

### Commercial Driver License/Medical Unit

Telephone calls	46,330
Medical Hearings	8
Medical forms reviewed	21,263
Walk-ins	273
Drivers reinstated	7,374
Follow-ups	5,744
Forms scanned	212,292
Hazmat background approvals entered	7,252
Documents returned	753
Medical certifications processed	79,038
Self-certifications processed	8,811

The Unit conducted two CDL Examiners School and one Third Party Training class. The DL manager and the Sergeant at headquarters spoke at the ALEA DL Examiners' Training at the ACJTC in Selma. The Sergeant also spoke at the State Department of Education training. Headquarters personnel also spoke at DL in-service and Basic Examiners' trainings.

## Driver Improvement Unit

The Unit took the lead in processing Ignition Interlock Restrictions on licenses, adding more than 500 restrictions. Driver Improvement processed 735 suspensions for violation of the School Enrollment Act and responded to 27,243 customer phone calls. The Unit reviewed 2,845 National Driver Registry hits that resulted in the cancellation of 345 drivers. Additionally, Driver Improvement corrected 5,272 errors on driving records and renewed 1,758 driver licenses for individuals temporarily out of state.

## Driver Services Unit

During the past year, Driver License Services answered 31,466 phone calls and 5,041 emails from licensees who had not received their driver licenses or non-driver IDs in the mail. The unit received 22,539 driver licenses/IDs that were returned by the postal service for bad addresses. This unit released 7,001 licenses/IDs not received by mail. The scanning unit scanned 342,603 documents and retrieved 3,791 documents for review. In addition, the unit entered 8,928 licenses received from individuals and law enforcement agencies.

## Reinstatement Unit

The Reinstatement Unit assisted 16,640 walk-in customers and 4,078 customers by mail. Additionally, the unit answered 25,635 telephone inquiries, processed 109 refunds, and processed 3,357 credit card payments or reinstatements, Motor Vehicle Reports (MVRs) and crash reports over the phone. Reinstatement also sold 4,369 MVRs, 393 Lifetime MVRs and 873 Accident Reports. In addition, the unit processed 8,390 faxes. A total of 14,234 reinstatements were processed.

## Records Unit

The Records Unit answered 32,525 telephone calls, processed 30,538 driving abstracts requested by the courts, 8,368 accident reports via mail, walk-ins and from the Alabama Department of Transportation, 16,117 MVRs via walk-ins and mail, and 755 Lifetime MVRs. Additionally, the staff processed 122,982 in-state tickets and 43,294 out-of-state tickets and sent back 1,767 tickets because of errors.

## Hearing and Fraud Unit

The Online Hearing Request System, designed and built by ALEA's IT Department, was implemented. The system allows an Alabama driver to schedule a hearing more quickly and efficiently. The Unit incorporated three new personnel to conduct hearings within the state. Retirees were hired in Tuscaloosa, Dothan and Birmingham. There were 1,904 hearing requests processed using the system. Hearing officers conducted 789 hearing during FY2016, The Hearing and Fraud Unit conducted 31 annual inspections of facilities that have been approved to install the Ignition Interlock Device. Four sites required follow-up inspections to meet requirements for installation. All the facilities passed the inspection.

# State Bureau of Investigation



The State Bureau of Investigation functions as the investigative, non-uniform division of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and consists of three Divisions: Criminal Investigation, Criminal Justice Services, and the Fusion Center.

These divisions are responsible for conducting investigations and providing assistance to city, county, state, federal and foreign law enforcement agencies in the following areas: criminal investigations; officer-involved shooting; misuse of criminal justice information; agriculture, forestry and rural crime investigation; alcohol, narcotics and tobacco enforcement/investigation; crime-scene processing; searches for missing persons and inmate escape; polygraph examinations; technical surveillance; hostage negotiation; marijuana eradication; child and elder exploitation; in-custody death investigations; and outside agency-requested special inquiries.

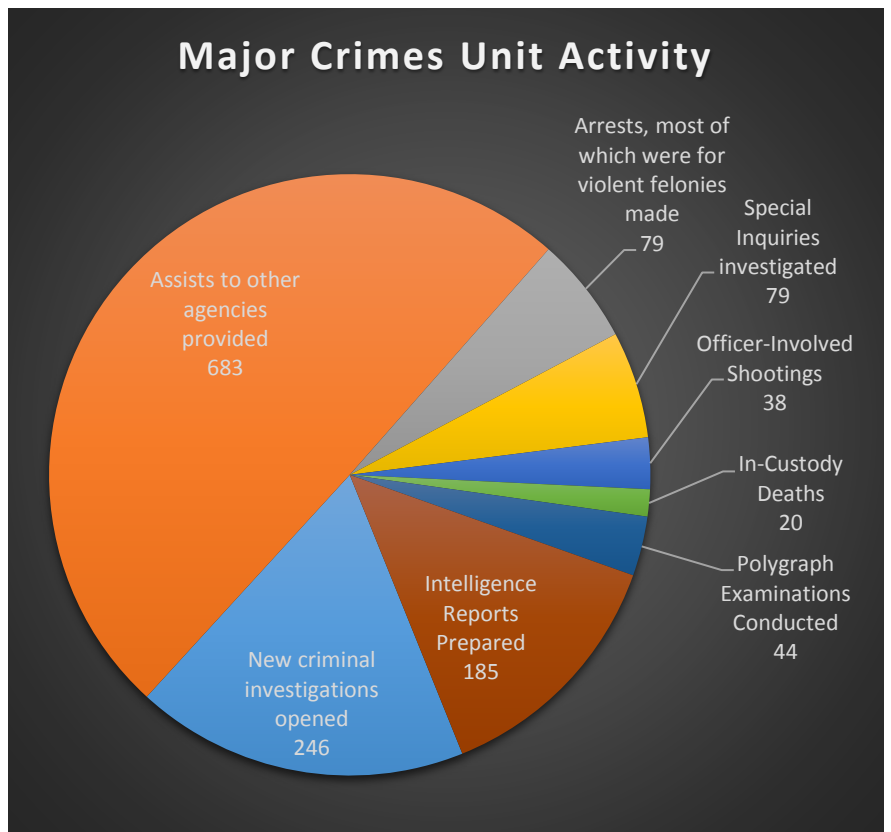
## Criminal Investigation Division

This Division’s mission is to pursue justice by providing premier investigative services, building trusting relationships with its law enforcement partners and meeting criminal investigative needs with excellence. The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) comprises Major Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit, and Unsolved Violent Crime Unit.

### Major Crimes Unit

This unit predominately investigates serious felony crimes, as well as officer-involved shootings and deaths while in police custody, also called “in-custody deaths.” Agents of this Unit are responsible for conducting specialized investigations and provide investigative support to other law enforcement agencies.

The Agents perform criminal investigative procedures, process crime scenes for evidence, interview suspects and witnesses, conduct searches, make arrests and regularly present facts of criminal cases before the courts.



**Special Victims Unit**

Special Victims Unit (SVU) comprises Child Exploitation Unit (CEU), which concentrates on the investigative focus of these crimes; and Digital Forensics (DFU), which analyzes seized electronic devices for evidence to support the CEU, other investigative Units within ALEA, as well as outside agencies. Additionally, SVU conducts public educational outreach to a wide variety of audiences and law enforcement-specific training.

<i>SVU Actions</i>	
Criminal investigations opened	117
Search warrants executed	81
Arrests facilitated	42
Cyber-tips received	1,114
Subpoenas served	591

This Unit is the investigative arm tasked with the investigation of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. SVU’s primary responsibility is the investigation of crimes involving the production or distribution of child pornography, the solicitation of children for immoral purposes, and the sexual and physical abuse of children when technology is involved. The Unit has the critical mission of investigating and locating predators who prey on the children of Alabama. These investigations ultimately lead to an arrest and prosecution.

This Unit manages a statewide task force of local law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute these crimes. ALEA has signed memorandums of understanding with 49 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies who have agreed to join. Through this partnership, the 81 affiliate members can access training available only through ICAC national program. Additionally, these agencies are forwarded Cyber-Tips (leads from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) and other leads for investigation at the local level, combining resources throughout the state to make an impact on child predators.

SVU Agents also conducted 28 group presentations to 5,188 attendees and attended four major public events, addressing an additional 1,300 attendees. Through their dedicated and passionate work, SVU rescued six Alabama children from abusive situations during this period.

**Narcotics Unit**

Narcotics Division Agents are responsible for fighting the threat facing Alabama’s citizens by the increased sale and distribution of such illegal narcotics as heroin, crack, cocaine, marijuana, pharmaceuticals and synthetic drugs. During the past two years, SBI Narcotics has seen a sharp increase in heroin/opioid and synthetic narcotics. The increase in these two categories of drugs directly relates to the increased overdoses and violence against the public and law enforcement.

<i>Marijuana Eradication</i>	
Grow sites found	66
Plants seized	5,680
Processed marijuana seized	25 lbs.
Weapons seized	26
Assets seized	\$39,000

The Narcotics Unit functions as the state’s Marijuana Eradication Team and consists of SBI Agents, ALEA Aviation Unit, Alabama National Guard Counter Drug Unit and local law enforcement agencies.

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The team's mission is to locate and eradicate domestically grown cannabis through a cooperative effort of multi-agency teams and resources with funding from a DEA grant.

### *Clandestine Lab Container Program*

ALEA Narcotics operates and is custodian for the State Clandestine Laboratory Waste Container Program. Agents are tasked with logging and auditing containers around the state where hazardous waste from methamphetamine labs are held until a hazardous waste company can retrieve the waste. Yearly reporting to the DEA is required because the waste retrieval is funded through the DOJ.

### *Federal Task Force Agents*

SBI was a prominent supporter of its federal partners during the fiscal year. The Bureau provided Agents to serve on the following Federal Task Forces:

- U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force
- DEA's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force
- FBI Safe Streets Task Force
- Homeland Security Investigation Task Force

### *Narcotics Seizures*

Drugs Seized	Grams	Street Value	Cases
Cocaine	22,645.10	\$988,745	28
Crack	59.10	\$3,165	23
Heroin	5,545.66	\$455,430	31
Methamphetamine	11,442.16	\$334,251	68
Marijuana	99,458.62	\$252,875	66
Pills	2,099.20	\$12,188	23

In addition to the drugs, five vehicles valued at \$183,000, 65 weapons valued at \$13,960 and \$3,342,941 in U.S. currency were seized. Additionally, Narcotics Agents made 106 arrests and provided 1,548 agency assists.

### **Agriculture and Rural Crime Unit (ARCU)**

The Agriculture and Rural Crime Unit investigates agricultural and forestry related crimes. ARCU had recoveries of vehicles and property totaling \$453,167.

Cases	
Property	98
Animal	248
Timber	70
Miscellaneous	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>

Calls for Service	
Property	27
Animal	95
Timber	36
Miscellaneous	7
<b>Total calls</b>	<b>165</b>

**Alcohol Enforcement Unit**

The Alcohol Enforcement Unit is tasked with investigating and enforcing the laws and regulations governing the illegal use and consumption of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages within Alabama.

SBI Alcohol Agents partner with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and the Alabama Department of Public Health to enforce and curtail the use of minors using and accessing tobacco. Additional Legislative appropriations from the Children First Trust Fund through the Alabama Department of Children’s Affairs help to cover the cost of regulating and enforcing tobacco sales.

The completion of requirements under federal SYNAR Legislation protects approximately \$40 million in federal funding for the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

During FY2016, Agents completed 568 SYNAR checks, resulting in 34 cases (with a 5.99 percent non-compliance rate) and 2,396 FDA checks, resulting in 187 cases (with a 7.8 percent non-compliance rate).

In addition to the FDA and SYNAR checks previously listed, shown below are the FY2016 totals for checks and cases worked by the Agents that make up the Alcohol Unit:

	Alcohol	Tobacco
<b>Total compliance checks</b>	4,528	3,989
<b>Total cases</b>	322	286
<b>Non-compliance rate</b>	7.11%	7.17%

Agents also made more than 775 cases involving numerous other alcohol violations. In addition, they worked closely with the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to resolve alcohol/tobacco complaints filed with the board. They provided more than 1,375 hours of direct assistance to the board, and received and investigated 424 complaints. They performed 2,361 hours of assists to other agencies

Unit personnel also referred potential violations of ABC Licensees to the ABC Board for administrative sanctions. During this period, Agents referred 474 potential administrative complaints to the board.

**Criminal Justice Services Division**

**Criminal Records and Identification**

*The Alabama Sex Offender Unit*

The ALEA Records and Identification Division is the repository for Alabama’s Sex Offender Registry. ALEA is required by state and federal law to maintain a registry of sex offenders within Alabama. Personnel track sex offenders by working closely with state and local law enforcement agencies to

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ensure offenders are not in violation of residency or employment restrictions. The database is updated daily and posted to the ALEA website for public viewing.

During FY2016, the Sex Offender Unit performed the following: 3,015 new offenders were added, 5,160 address changes were processed and 15,996 fliers and 14,936 letters were mailed. To retrieve information for other agencies or to check information provided through phone calls or emails, the unit performed 24,523 record checks, including criminal histories and court records required to process new sex offender records. The SOR also updated 40,674 records to ensure compatibility with the National Registry.

The federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 requires that all sex offender files/documents be scanned for immediate dissemination when requested by other agencies. During FY2016, 54,087 documents/files were prepared, and 119,127 were scanned.

### *Criminal Record Section*

The Criminal Record Section is mandated by law to maintain fingerprint files on all individuals arrested in Alabama. Trained fingerprint technicians verify the true identity of criminals and applicants from fingerprint records submitted by law enforcement, government and private agencies. The criminal information is provided to law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. This section maintains repeat-offender files, court dispositions, youthful-offender status records and court-ordered record expungements.

The Criminal Record Section received/processed 222,662 criminal fingerprint records into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

### *Latent Print Section*

The Latent Print Section personnel process crime scenes and crime-scene evidence to obtain fingerprints of individuals for suspect identification and criminal prosecution. The certified latent print examiners use modern techniques and the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) to effect positive identifications. This section provides court testimony and training in the science of fingerprints.

During the fiscal year, Latent Print staff assisted agencies by comparing latent prints in 1,204 cases, making 12 court appearances, conducting 21 crime-scene investigations and eight lectures (training for law enforcement), and effecting 982 positive identifications.

### *Record Check Section*

The Record Check Section is mandated by law to provide criminal history information when requested by law enforcement, governmental and private agencies. It is the responsibility of this section to use

Fingerprint cards	21,316
Dispositions	76,361
Teachers (paper submissions)	2
Teachers (live-scan submissions)	18,651
DHR (live-scan submissions)	16,115
DHR (manual-input submissions)	0
Total live-scan submissions (applicants)	42,955



discriminating judgment, combined with absolute accuracy, when disseminating criminal history information found in ALEA files.

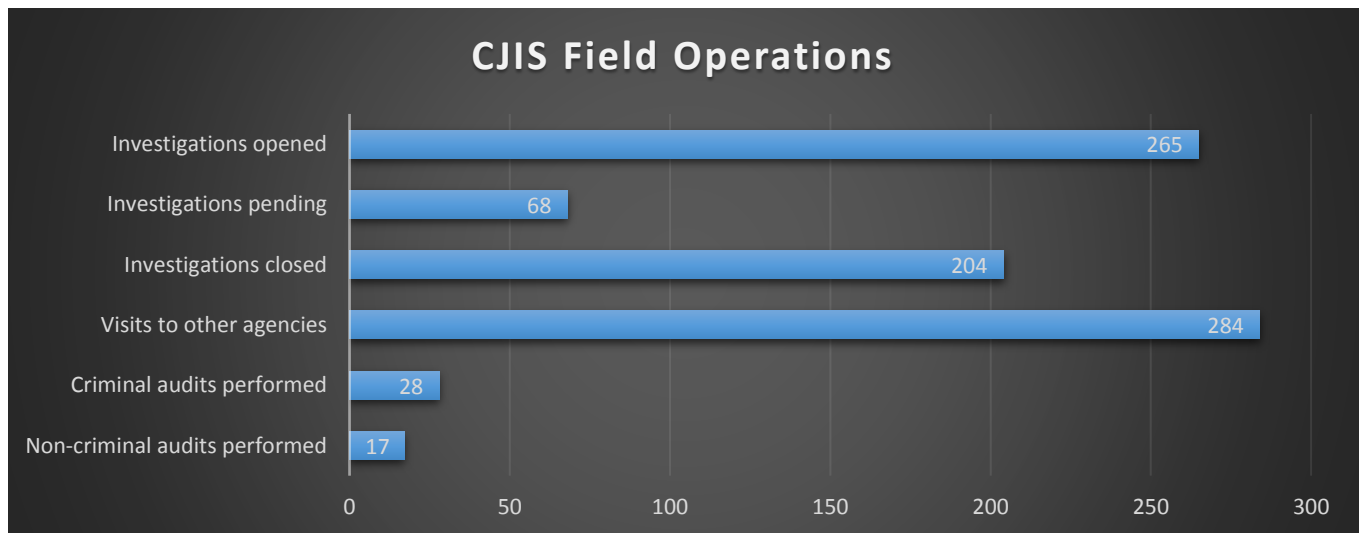
*Automated Fingerprint Identification System Section*

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Section uses a computer system to analyze, store, match and retrieve fingerprint images and the matching features of these images. AFIS increases the ability of law enforcement to identify suspects quickly. Fingerprint submissions were live-scanned from the Alabama State Department of Education and various law enforcement agencies.

Hits	358,356
Miscellaneous	1,743
Returns	544
Live-scans	243,332
Applicants	42,955

*Criminal Justice Information Unit*

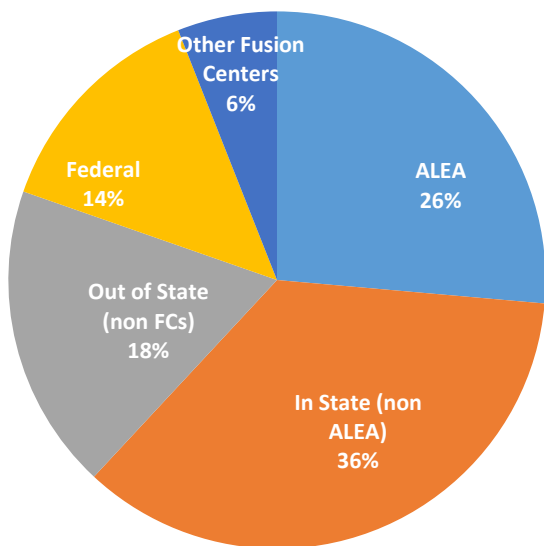
State Bureau of Investigation Agents working in the Criminal Justice Information Unit are tasked with investigating misuse of criminal justice information and equipment, and providing support/training to law enforcement agencies on the laws and regulations regarding its use. There was an average of 30,253 users accessing Criminal Justice Information systems from the 1,148 agencies. The unit conducted 47 training classes and educated 1,632 students. The unit field officers received 940 requests for assistance with investigations from local agencies.



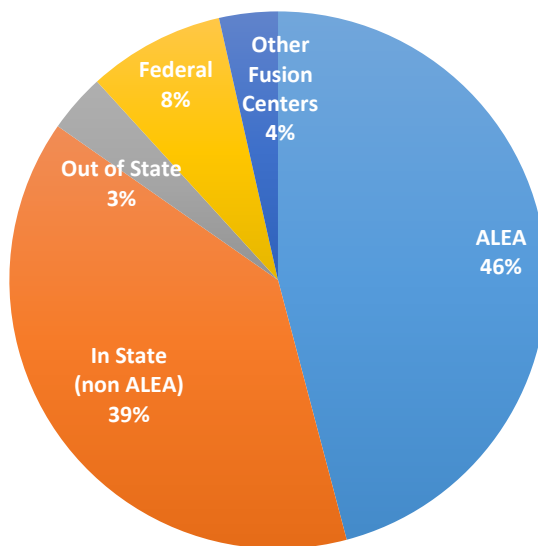
**Alabama Fusion Center**

The Alabama Fusion Center (AFC) exists to improve Alabama’s preparedness against terrorist attacks and to deter criminal activity. It is an information sharing organization designed to combine or “fuse” information between federal, state and local government, private sector entities, and the intelligence community. AFC has the ability to process information in a manner that adds analytical value and focus dissemination toward those who need to know specific pieces of information. The center has personnel dedicated to several specific areas, including critical infrastructure, the issuing of AMBER Alerts, rural crime, cybercrime, terrorism, narcotics, gangs and human trafficking.

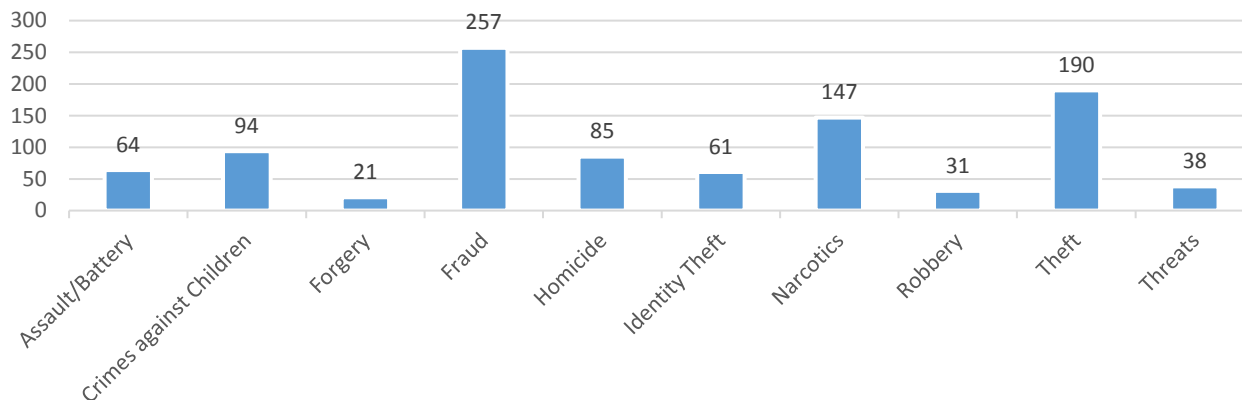
### Request for Information



### Request for Assistance



### Common case types of RFIs/RFAs received



### Intelligence & Criminal Case Support

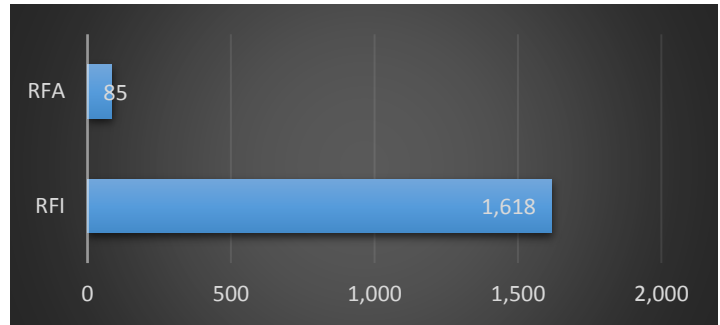
At a fundamental level, fusion centers most often produce situational awareness reports, officer safety bulletins, intelligence analysis, threat assessments and BOLO (be on the lookout) type products to assist law enforcement and private sector security entities. The AFC shares information with its law enforcement and private sector partners through training sessions, intelligence bulletins, threat assessments and “pass-throughs” (intel from other intelligence entities AFC sends on their behalf).

Intelligence Bulletins	97
Pass-through Intelligence Bulletins	172
Threat Assessments	16
Training Sessions	25

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The AFC provides intelligence and analytical resources to our partners within our state. Multiple departments within Alabama continually rely on fusion center analysts on an almost daily basis, whether it is in the form of link analysis where criminal activity in one area may be linked to the same criminal activity in another area, or to help on a dormant “cold case.”

Our analysts have the technical capability to produce products to assist a multitude of agencies who do not have similar resources within their own organization. Analysts within the AFC provide these investigative services by fulfilling Requests for Information (RFI) or Requests for Assistance (RFA). RFIs typically involve database searches and inquiries; or location and retrieval of records (often from other fusion centers). RFAs are typically more involved and include the mapping/linking of criminal intelligence or raw data, working on-site at a major event command center, or responding to crime scenes to provide analytical support.



### Joint Terrorism Task Force

The AFC provides three Special Agents to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). These agents serve as a direct line of communication between intelligence received and analyzed by AFC intelligence analysts and the JTTF. This tactical arrangement provides for a clear and rapid line of communication and often, action regarding information received by the AFC from the public via the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) system. Much of the activity conducted by these three agents is classified and details about these activities cannot be included here.

### Alabama Center for Missing & Exploited Children

The Alabama Center for Missing & Exploited Children (ACMEC) serves as a liaison between citizens, private organizations, and law enforcement officials regarding missing and exploited children and adults. It also serves as a central repository for information regarding missing persons and unidentified deceased persons, as an analytical resource for law enforcement, and as an information-sharing hub regarding missing person alerts. ACMEC serves as the administrating agency of the Alabama AMBER Alert, Emergency Missing Child Alert, Senior Alert, and Blue Alert systems. These systems are instrumental and irreplaceable mechanisms in recovering missing or abducted persons, including our state’s most precious asset, children.



AMBER Alerts	0
Emergency Missing Child Alerts	10
Missing Senior Alerts	24

### Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

This unit provides for the coordination, promotion, development, use, and sharing of geographic information, geospatial data, and the efficient use of GIS and related technologies for economic development for all of Alabama government.

- Virtual Alabama has 46,325 users as of Sept. 30, 2016.
- 967 new Virtual Alabama accounts were created during FY2016.
- 665 Virtual Alabama support calls were answered during this fiscal period.