

North Carolina State Highway Patrol Legislative Presentation

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
February 15, 2018



Rapid Response Team

Mission

- ❑ Preserve lives in situations which exceed the capabilities of front line personnel
- ❑ Accomplished in a professional manner consistent with NCSHP expectations



Rapid Response Team

Staffing

- ❑ Comprised of 2 Sergeants and 10 Troopers
- ❑ Part-time RRT status combined with full-time Trooper duties
- ❑ Personnel within 60 minutes of Wake County



Rapid Response Team

Deployment and Skill Sets

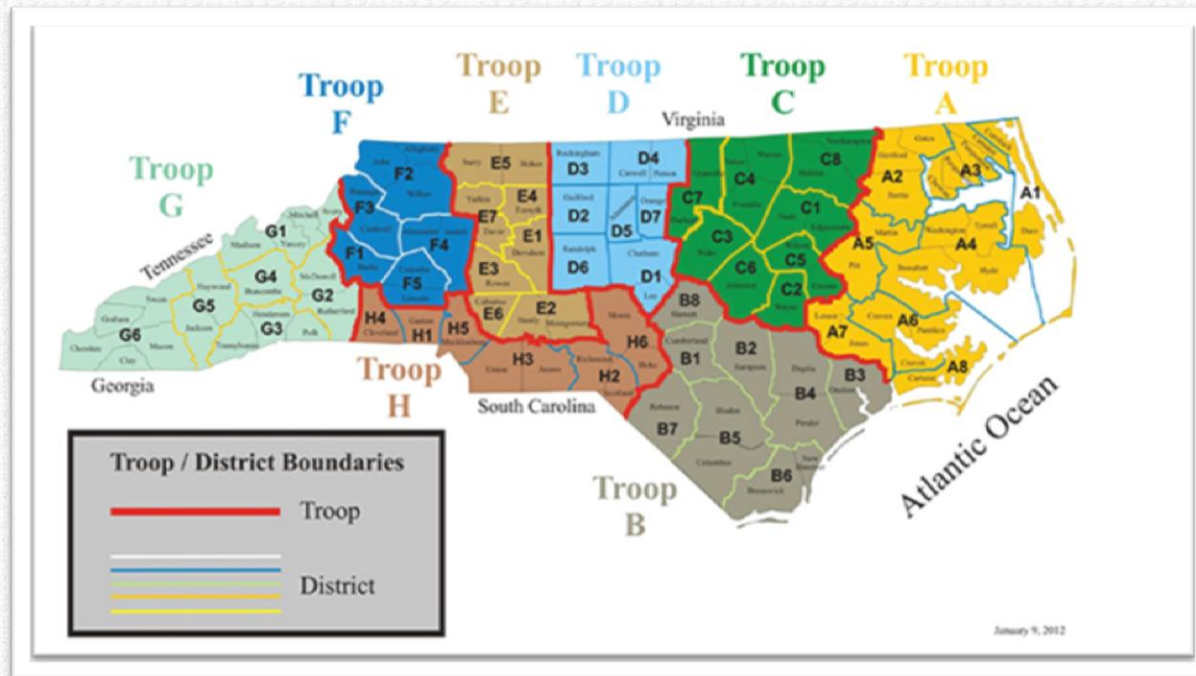
- ❑ Utilization of specialized training, equipment, and tactics
- ❑ Overwatch for NCSHP
Mobile Field Force (MFF)
- ❑ Active Shooter
- ❑ Special Security Events
- ❑ Precision Weapons
- ❑ Night Vision Goggles (NVG)



Rapid Response Team

Coordination

The coordination of the RRT is handled through Troop I Headquarters in Cary



Residency Policy Update

Historical Perspective

- ❑ Past 10-15 years - mileage-based policy
- ❑ Reside within 20 miles outside assigned County/District
- ❑ Members required to maintain 45 minute response time
- ❑ No provision for positions with statewide duty

Residency Policy Update

TIMELINE

- ❑ Fall 2016 – State Auditor’s Office initiates audit
- ❑ February 2017 – Patrol meets with State Auditors Office (SAO)
- ❑ March 2017 – Patrol updates residency policy to a response time-based policy
- ❑ March 2017 - Exceptions to policy are given to three (3) working groups with Statewide duties and responsibilities **[based upon recommendations of SAO]**
- ❑ September 2017 – SAO releases final report
- ❑ September 2017 – SHP exceptions in writing **[result of additional SAO recommendation]**



Residency Policy Update

Current Residency Policy Highlights

- ❑ Policy updated to reflect a response time-based policy
- ❑ A member has 45 minutes to respond to area of assignment
- ❑ Under further consideration of SAO's recommendation, Administrative positions have a 60 minute response time
- ❑ Statewide area of responsibility – three (3) groups were identified as having continual statewide duties and responsibilities and were granted exceptions to the residency policy
 1. Senior Command Staff
 2. Internal Affairs Unit
 3. Troop "I" Commissioned Officers



Seized Asset Usage

What is the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program?

- ❑ A nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations
- ❑ Deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes
- ❑ Equitable sharing further enhances this law enforcement objective by fostering cooperation among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies

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Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies April 2009

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Seized Asset Usage

Some of the Permissible Uses of Seized Asset Funds

- ❑ Law Enforcement Operations and Investigations
- ❑ Law Enforcement Training and Education
- ❑ Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and Detention Facilities
 - Example – the costs of leasing, operating, and furnishing an off-site undercover narcotics facility
- ❑ Law Enforcement Equipment
- ❑ Law Enforcement Travel and Per Diem

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Seized Asset Usage

Seized Asset Usage February 2017 – February 2018

Date of Request	Description	Amount Requested
07/19/17	Use \$100,000 to fund Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program. This will allow the Patrol to invest in its employees by reimbursing tuition for classes taken to enhance the performance of their official duties.	100,000.00
06/16/17	Use \$12,000 to fund Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program. This will allow the Patrol to invest in its employees by reimbursing tuition for classes taken to enhance the performance of their official duties.	12,000.00
02/23/17	Use \$100,000 to purchase office furniture to replace some of the pieces that have been identified as “critical needs” for field and support units throughout the State.	100,000.00



Seized Asset Usage

Timeline for Purchase of Furniture through Equitable Sharing Funds

- ❑ May – June 2016: Comprehensive survey conducted to determine the furniture needs of the organization
- ❑ February 23, 2017: Letter sent to GOV Ops requesting use of Asset funds for the purchase of furniture identified as critical needs
- ❑ August 2017: \$52,440.00 of the funds invoiced from NCDPS Correctional Enterprises
- ❑ September 2017: \$31,118.00 of the funds invoiced from NCDPS Correctional Enterprises
- ❑ December 2017: \$1,378.00 of the funds invoiced from NCDPS Correctional Enterprises
- ❑ \$15,062.00 spent – waiting on invoice
- ❑ Total funds expended = \$99,998.00 (21 Desks and 208 Chairs)



Seized Asset Usage

Email from U.S. Department of Justice in Reference to the Purchase of Furniture Using Equitable Sharing Funds

Resent-From: <SR50-Rvw7=FA-usdoj.gov-brian.boykin@securrence.com>
From: "Boykin, Brian (CRM)" <Brian.Boykin@usdoj.gov>
Date: February 6, 2018 at 6:54:47 PM EST
To: "McNeill Jr., Glenn M." <Glenn.McNeill@ncdps.gov>
Cc: "Tadesse, Besufekad (CRM)" <Besufekad.Tadesse@usdoj.gov>
Subject: [External] Inquiry Regarding Furniture Purchase

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Colonel McNeill,

The Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) oversees the Department of Justice's Equitable Sharing Program (Program) and ensures Program participants comply with the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies* (April 2009) (*Guide*) and updates. Thank you for your quick response to our inquiries regarding the furniture expenditures identified in the media. **Based on our initial review, the expenditures appear permissible and in accordance with your jurisdiction's purchasing policies.** Section V.B.1.d of the *Guide*, allows for the purchase of law enforcement equipment for use by both sworn and non-sworn personnel. Please be sure to properly report this expenditure on your 2018 annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form. If we have any further questions regarding your expenditures, we will contact your you.

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