



# **FY2017 Annual Report**

**Alabama Law Enforcement Agency**

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## ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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HAL TAYLOR  
SECRETARY

July 31, 2018

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

Dear Governor Ivey,

It is my pleasure to submit the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report, which represents the work of more than 1,300 dedicated employees.

From the first day of January 2015, when this agency was established, we have been committed to efficiency and effectiveness by maximizing our resources, streamlining our services, and enhancing our programs to promote public safety. As this state's police agency, ALEA protects the citizens of Alabama in myriad ways, from patrolling the state's roadways and waterways and issuing driver and boater licenses to assisting local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and maintaining and protecting sensitive data.

Governor Ivey, I thank you for allowing me to serve as the Secretary of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, a multifaceted agency that comprises men and women across the state – both sworn and civilian – who are devoted to our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hal Taylor".

Hal Taylor  
Secretary of Law Enforcement



## 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 2017, the department administered \$11,652,000 to state and local partners.

Grants Administered

\$11,652,000

### 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

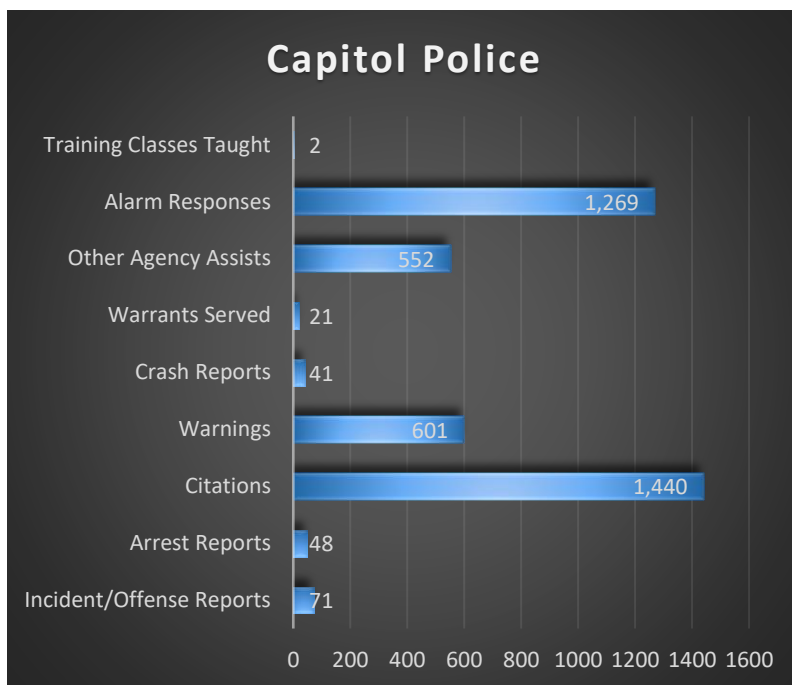
The Dignitary Protection Unit is responsible for the security and protection of certain state officials and visiting dignitaries. Specifically, staff members provide protection for the Governor and family (from the date of election, throughout the term of office and five years after leaving office), for the Lieutenant Governor, for the President Pro-Tem of the Alabama Senate, for the 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 24,857 building checks, managed 232 special events during FY17. The Unit provided security for 17 dignitaries who visited Alabama during this time.



## Administration

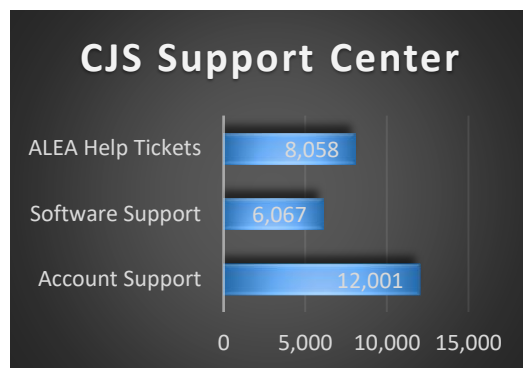
### Accounting

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 1,320 employees statewide, including contract employees.

The IT Unit implemented the online Mandatory Liability Insurance interface for the public to submit civil penalty payments. A new criminal justice network was built to provide secure, reliable, and scalable technology for statewide law enforcement that exceeds FBI-CJIS guidelines. The unit processed 26,126 requests for tech-related assistance.

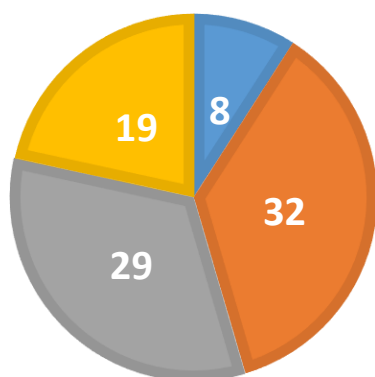


## Legal

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.

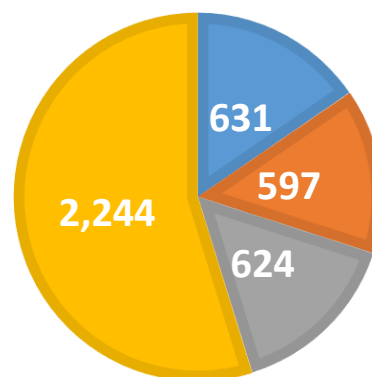
### MAJOR LITIGATION

■ New                      ■ Hearings Attended  
 ■ Depositions Attended   ■ Approximate Pending



### DRIVER LICENSE APPEALS

■ New                      ■ Hearings Attended  
 ■ Disposed                ■ Approximate Pending



#### Personnel Matters

Hearings Attended                      8

#### Contracts/Leases

Contracts/MOAs/MOUs Reviewed    113  
 Leases                                        17  
 Contract Review Committee Meetings 6

#### Board of Adjustment Claims

New    77  
 Hearings Attended                        1

#### Sex Offender Registration

New    300  
 Disposed                                      278  
 Approximate Pending                      115

#### Subpoenas

Received/Responded                      494

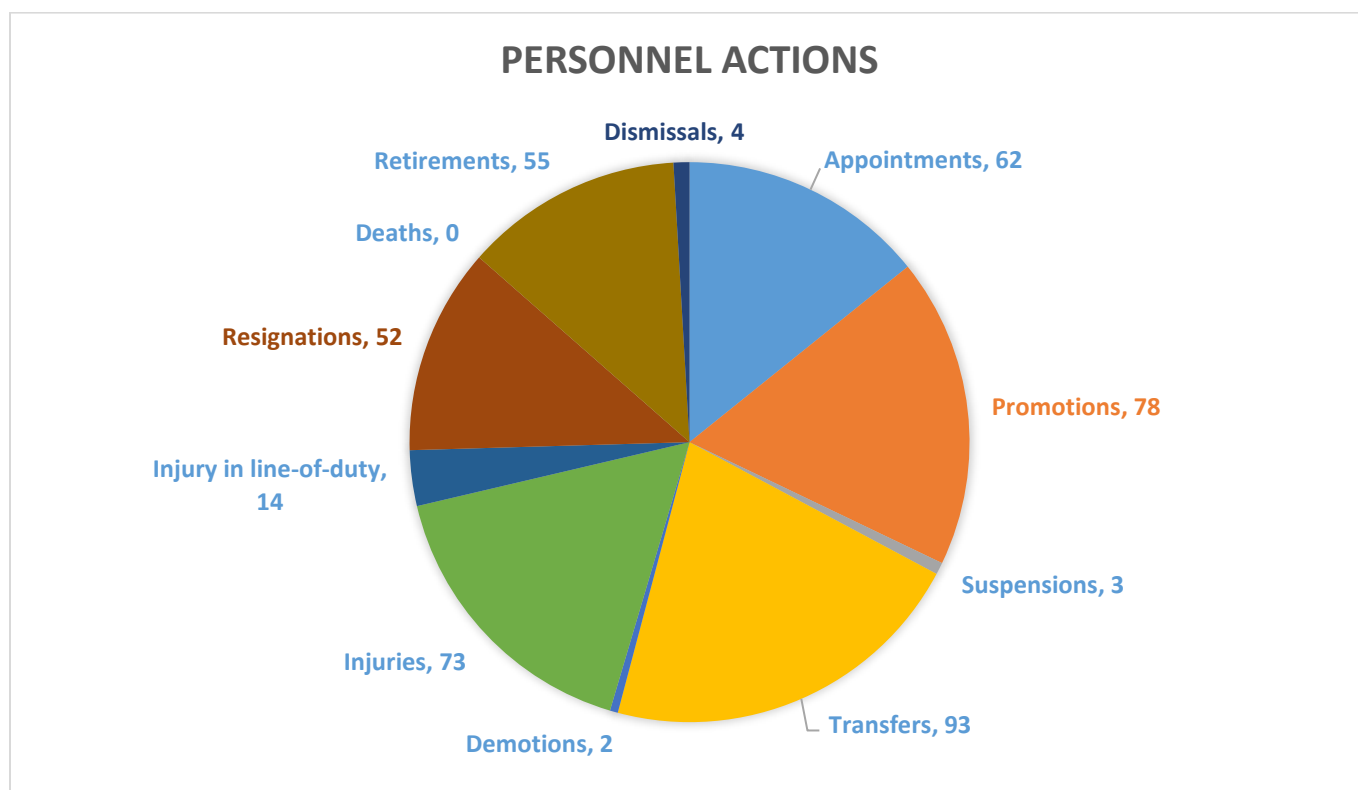
#### Instruction at Academy

Basic Police Classes                        144 hours



## 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 1,317 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 approximately 900 annual raises and approximately 100 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.

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

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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 830 safety programs with approximately 55,220 people in attendance.

Radio & TV spots	8
Radio & TV programs	18
Driver Improvement programs	96
Public inquiries/assists	15,488
Patrol contacts	2,046

This unit also includes Photo Services, with two full-time Photography Tech IIs and two part-time retired state employees. In FY2017, Photo received 11,003 discs of images to be processed, printed 23,855 images and generated \$156,049 in revenue. The unit provided photographers/videographers for retirements, graduations, portraits, funerals and special projects.

### 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	132
Total students trained	1,933
Participating agencies	452

The Alabama Police Academy conducted three Police Academy training sessions, graduating a total of 121 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 839 missions for a total of 1,500 flight hours in general support of law enforcement during FY2017. These totals include 138 flights in support of the Marijuana Eradication program, totaling 238 flight hours and 157 searches for a total of 457 flight hours. Also, ALEA Aviation had 75 executive travel flights for 186 hours of flight time.

The Aviation Unit participates in Project Lifesaver International which uses 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.

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Currently, the unit's operational helicopter fleet consists of a Bell UH-1H (Huey), Bell 407, Bell Long Ranger L1 (the only aircraft purchased by the agency) and seven OH-58s. The UH-1H is a medium-lift helicopter acquired through military surplus to augment ALEA's Tactical Team and Rescue Program.

An internally mounted hoist was purchased with the help of an ADECA grant and has recently been installed to perform rescue operations throughout the state and for disaster response. In addition, ALEA's Aviation Unit uses the UH-1H for fire suppression when called on by local fire departments and the Alabama Forestry Commission. The Bell 407 has enhanced the capabilities of the unit by allowing for tactical response, rescue operations and fire suppression. ALEA has five Forward Looking InfraRed-equipped helicopters and three single-engine airplanes located in Cullman, Montgomery and Fairhope. The Cessna 182 airplanes are used for advanced instrument and commercial training, as well as surveillance in support of FBI, DEA and SBI Narcotics.

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 III position.

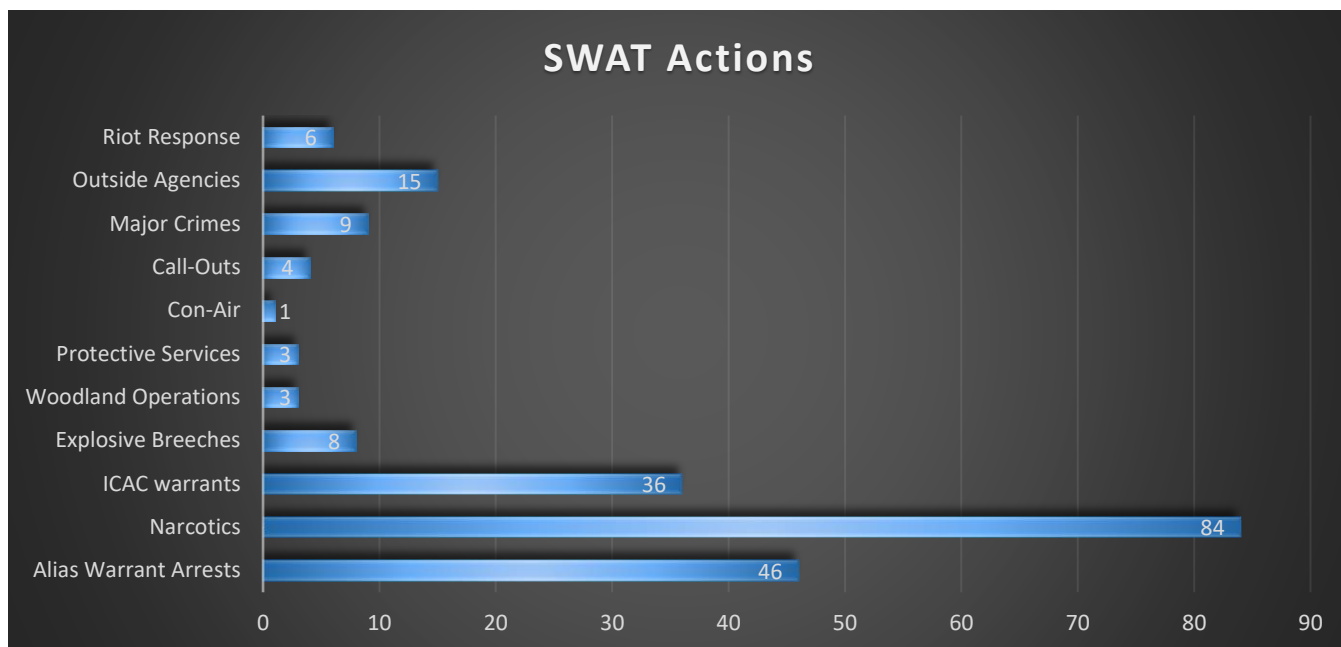
### *ALEA Communications Unit*

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 42 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.

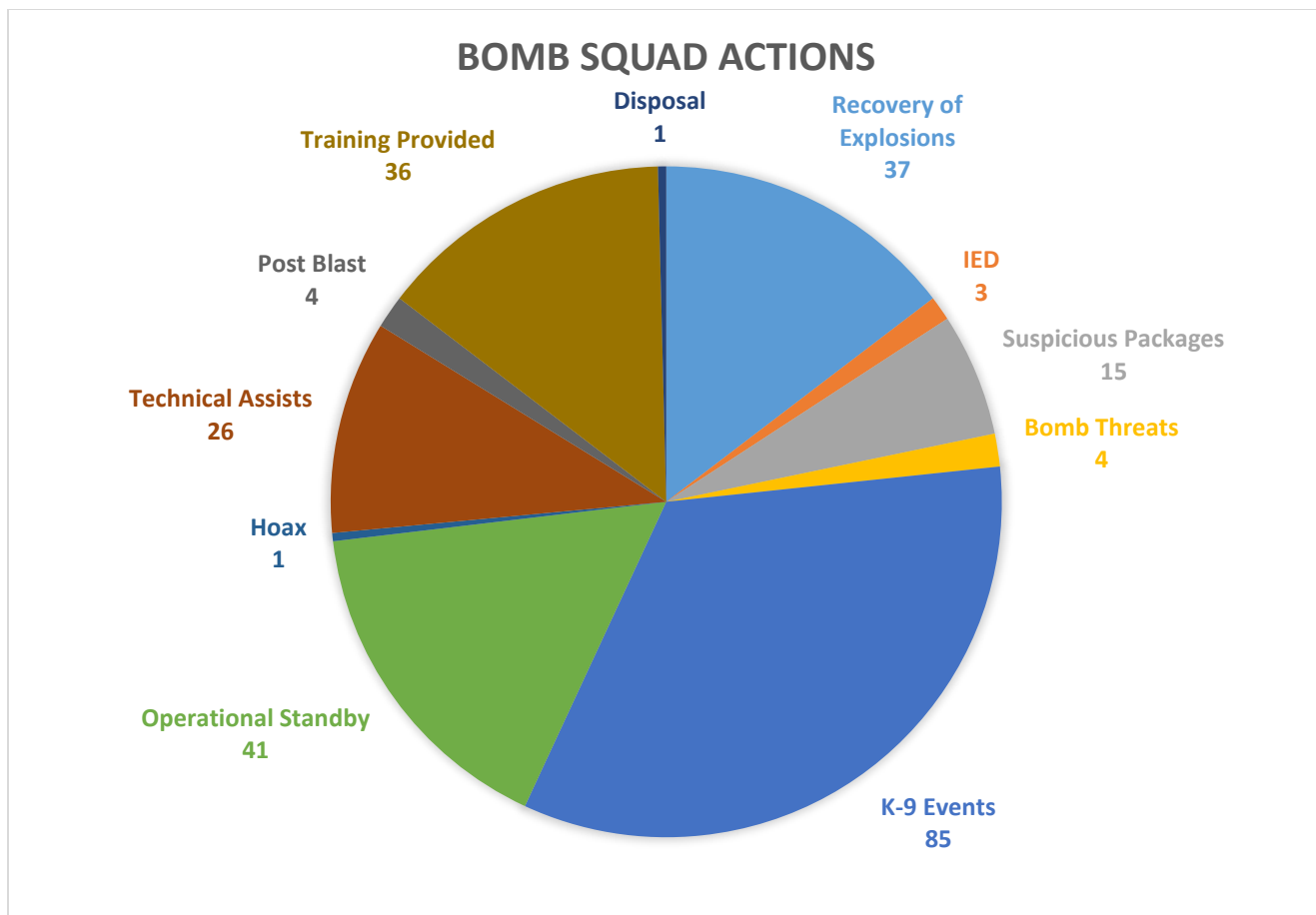
SWAT received a total of 169 calls for service, and the unit made a total of 143 arrests from all calls.



### *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. These Agents also are tasked with electronic surveillance and conduct Electronic Countermeasures Sweeps. During this fiscal year, two Agents attended Advanced Electronics for “Hand Entry of IEDs.” While all assigned Agents worked continuously to maintain all their skill sets, five ALEA Bomb Techs worked as assistant instructors for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Bomb Techs, along with the Department of Homeland Security, presented a Bomb Tech symposium in Montgomery with 61 public safety Bomb Techs from across the state in attendance.



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.

### *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, vessels and equipment owned and operated by ALEA. Vehicle Fleet operations includes 15 full-time employees and one part-time employee throughout the state. The Vessel Marine Maintenance Shop in Montgomery consists of four full-time employees. This unit maintains and services approximately 1,300 different vehicles, vessels 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 FY2017, ALEA had 24,915 items, with a total acquisition value of \$108,347,577.22. Personnel also conduct annual internal audits and biennial property audits with the State Auditor's Office.

# Department of Public Safety

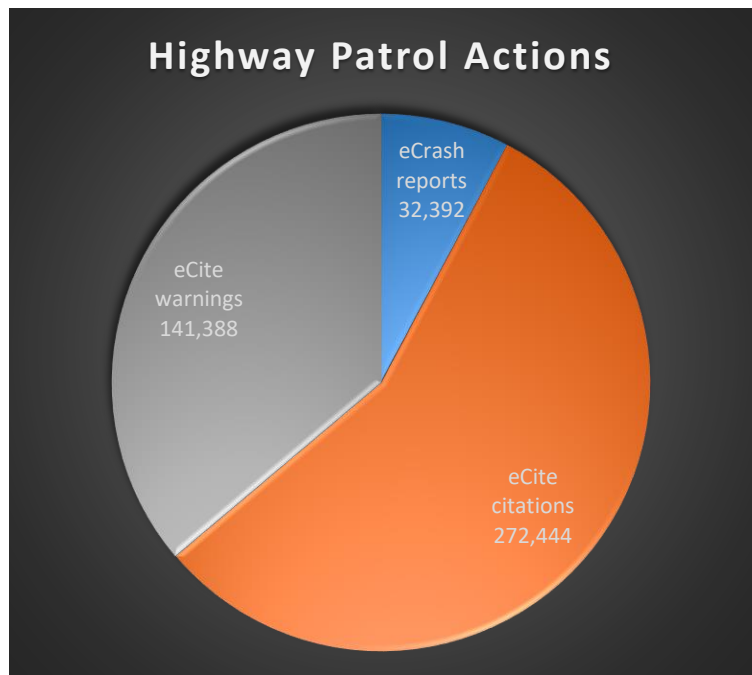


The Department of Public Safety (DPS) comprises Highway Patrol Division and the Marine Police Division. These two divisions consist of uniformed Alabama State Troopers whose primary function is to enforce the laws on the roadways and waterways throughout state. The Driver License Service Division and 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 FY2017, Troopers worked 32,392 traffic crashes, resulting in 9,300 injuries and 583 fatalities. 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 FY2017, 65 sworn officers, which included 10 Felony Apprehension Patrol (FAP) Troopers, three civilians and three retired state employees/law enforcement officers were assigned to MCSD.

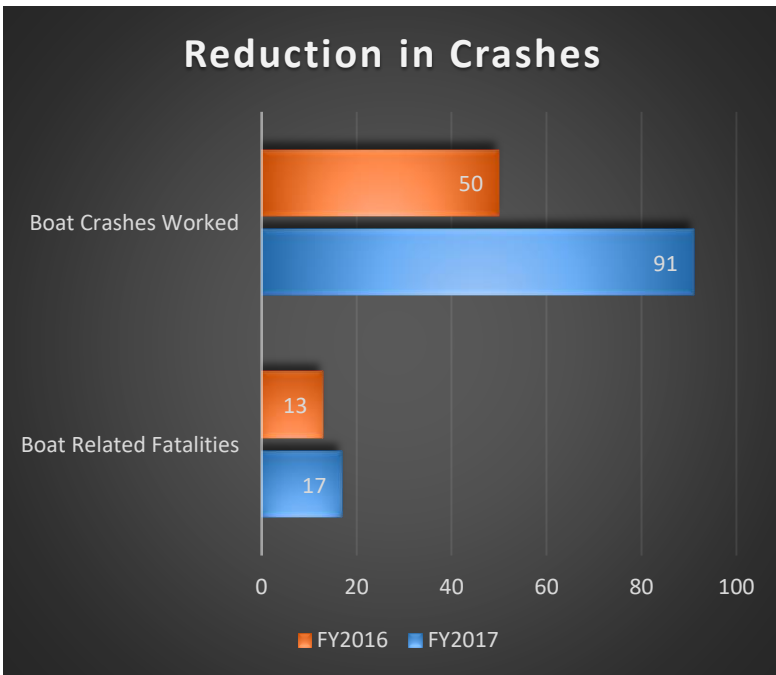
Commercial vehicles inspected	36,095
Hazardous material vehicles inspected	1,422
Bus/passenger vehicles inspected	345
U.S. currency seized	\$807,826
Cocaine seized	27 lbs.
Marijuana seized	286 lbs.
Crystal Meth seized	9 lbs.
Firearms seized	14

In addition to MCSD personnel, 48 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Troopers and 45 City Officer Program (COP) officers from 23 different law enforcement agencies were used to help reduce CMV-related crashes throughout the state.

FAP was discontinued Aug. 1, 2017, and those Troopers were transferred to MCSU Inspector positions and Highway Patrol positions.

## 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 \$1,510,000 worth of property damage related to boat crashes in FY2017, an increase of \$589,600 from the previous year. With approximately 264,910 boats registered in Alabama, property reduction is essential.

Note: an increase in crashes, fatalities, and property damage was due to lack of manpower in the division.

Marine Troopers logged almost 448 hours performing search-and-rescue or boater-assist operations. Many of these took place in inclement weather and/or at night. Also, more than 234 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 FY2017, this unit replaced 375 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: Shrimp Festival, Alabama National Fair, Mardi Gras, Foot Wash, Talladega races (fall and spring) and college football details. Marine Troopers also participated on Critical Response Teams and Special Operations.

Citations Issued	1,440
Warnings Issued	5,149
Boating and Water Safety Presentations (Total Attendees)	1,558,793
Boat Operator Certificates Granted	34,819



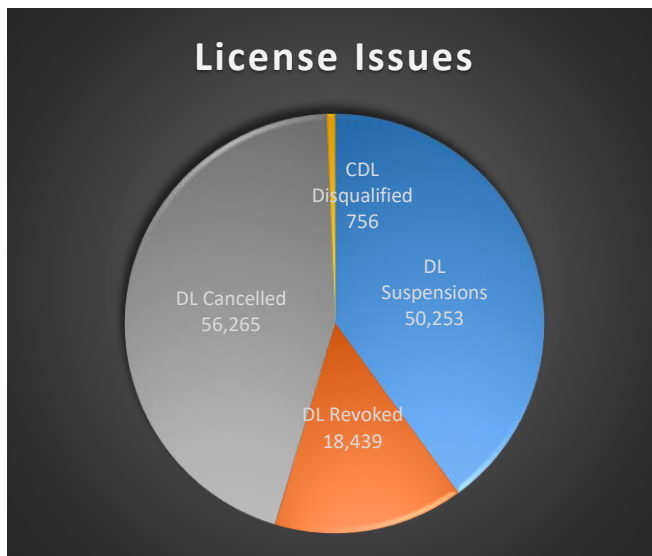
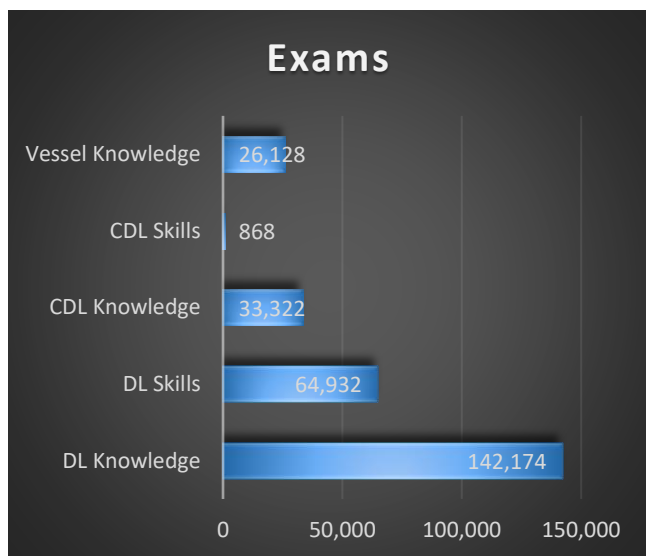
## Driver License

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. Alabama claims one of the most secure, technologically advanced driver licensing systems in the nation.

Some of the accomplishments for the Driver License Unit include: modifying DL renewal timeline from 60 days to 180 days to provide enhanced customer service and flexibility for deployed military personnel; implementing the Commercial Learner Permit; establishing the Mandatory Liability Insurance (MLI) Unit; launching the MLI website; and conducting Homeless Connect events across the state.

During FY2017, the Driver License Division deposited \$65,713,408.25 into the General Fund.

The Division’s personnel come into contact with criminals on a daily basis. Some of these criminals attempt to fraudulently obtain a driver license or identification card, while others are wanted for various crimes. Examiners are trained to recognize fraudulent documents and run computer checks for outstanding warrants on each applicant. DL Examining personnel – both uniformed Troopers and civilians – have been responsible for effecting 1,261 arrests covering a range to include failure to appear, felony fraud cases, forgery, robbery, larceny, child neglect, rape, parole violations and firearms violations.



### 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	2,008
SR-21s Insurance Verification Report	55
SR-22s Mandatory Insurance	19,094
SR-26s Cancellation of Insurance	7,245
Releases of Liability from Accident Damages	63
Status Reports	463
Civil Court Judgments Filed	826
Telephone Calls	32,281
Walk-ins	347

### Commercial Driver License/Medical Unit

Telephone calls	54,584
Medical forms reviewed	19,893
Walk-ins	182
Drivers reinstated	8,432
Follow-ups	7,738
Forms scanned	154,774
Haz-Mat background approvals entered	5,615
Documents returned	670
Emails received/answered	24,820
Medical certifications processed	72,251
Self-certifications processed	9,048

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

Driver Improvement processed 824 suspensions for violation of the School Enrollment Act and responded to 29,102 customer phone calls. The Unit reviewed 2,635 National Driver Registry hits that resulted in the cancellation of 319 drivers. Additionally, Driver Improvement corrected 5,113 errors on driving records and renewed 1,311 driver licenses for individuals temporarily out of state.

### Driver Services Unit

During the past year, Driver License Services answered 29,560 phone calls and 6,336 emails from licensees who had not received their driver licenses or non-driver IDs in the mail. The unit received 23,151 driver licenses/IDs that were returned by the postal service for bad addresses. This unit released 9,656 licenses/IDs not received by mail or returned. The scanning unit scanned 304,865 documents. In addition, the unit updated 7,945 records with new addresses.

## **Reinstatement Unit**

The Reinstatement Unit assisted 12,263 walk-in customers. Additionally, the unit answered 30,879 telephone inquiries, processed 210 refunds, and processed 4,701 credit card payments for reinstatements, Motor Vehicle Reports (MVRs) and crash reports over the phone. Reinstatement also sold 3,903 MVRs, 420 Lifetime MVRs and 803 Accident Reports. In addition, the unit processed 10,201 faxes. A total of 14,988 reinstatements were processed.

## **Records Unit**

The Records Unit answered 33,398 telephone calls, processed 22,662 driving abstracts requested by the courts, 8,176 accident reports via mail, walk-ins and from the Alabama Department of Transportation, 15,366 MVRs via walk-ins and mail, and 642 Lifetime MVRs. Additionally, the staff processed 63,277 in-state tickets and 54,106 out-of-state tickets and sent back 2,513 tickets because of errors.

## **Hearing and Fraud Unit**

The Online Hearing Request System, designed and built by ALEA's IT Department, allows an Alabama driver to schedule a hearing more quickly and efficiently. There were 2,246 hearing requests processed using the system. Hearing officers conducted 1,030 hearing during FY2017, and they conducted 32 annual inspections of facilities that have been approved to install the Ignition Interlock Device. All the facilities passed the inspection. The unit also checked 8,207 AST-60s, 2,417 of which were rescinded.

# 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.

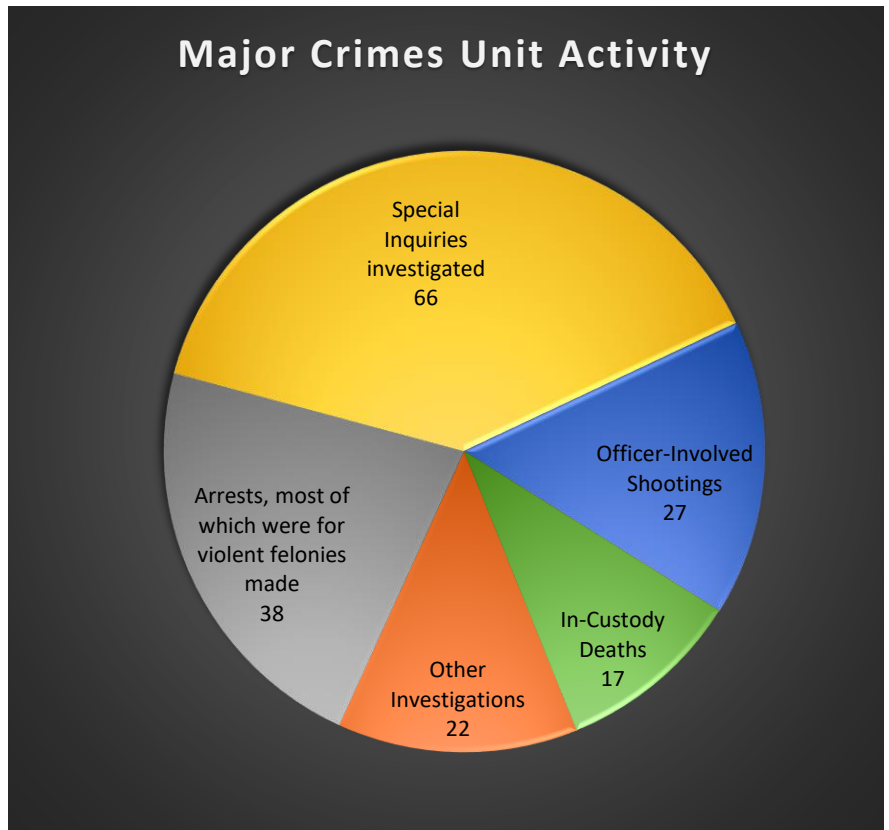
## Criminal Investigation Division

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.

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 62 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies who have agreed to join. Through this partnership, the 113 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 34 group presentations to 3,239 attendees and attended nine major public events, addressing an additional 3,704 attendees. Through their dedicated and passionate work, SVU rescued 13 Alabama children from abusive situations during this period.

Criminal investigations opened	88
Search warrants executed	66
Arrests facilitated	44
Cyber-tips received	1,322
Subpoenas served	758

### 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.

Grow sites found	44
Plants seized	9,394
Processed marijuana seized	332 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	16,886.07	\$1,367,120	29
Crack	159.87	\$12,970	34
Heroin	277.53	\$23,025	17
Methamphetamine	6,097	\$242,535	75
Marijuana	167,872.18	\$1,704,190	61
Pills	854	\$18,135	37

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

The Agriculture and Rural Crime Unit investigates agricultural and forestry related crimes. ACRU had recoveries of vehicles and property totaling \$219,100.

Cases	
Property	51
Animal	107
Timber	29
Miscellaneous	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</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 FY2017, Agents completed 563 SYNAR checks, resulting in 29 cases (with a 5.15 percent non-compliance rate) and 3,231 FDA checks, resulting in 284 cases (with a 8.79 percent non-compliance rate).

In addition to the FDA and SYNAR checks previously listed, shown below are the FY2017 totals for checks and cases worked by the Agents that make up the Alcohol Unit:

	Alcohol	Tobacco
<b>Total compliance checks</b>	6,258	5,267
<b>Total cases</b>	437	400
<b>Non-compliance rate</b>	6.98%	7.59%

Agents also made more than 817 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 5,452.75 hours of direct assistance to the board, and received and investigated 405 complaints. They performed 1,762.25 hours of assists to other agencies

## 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 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 FY2017, the Sex Offender Unit performed the following: 1,276 new offenders were added, 4,861 address changes were processed and 15,878 fliers and 13,950 letters were mailed. To retrieve information for other agencies or to check information provided through phone calls or emails, the unit performed 37,871 record checks, including criminal histories and court records required to process new sex offender records. The SOR also updated 40,736 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 FY2017, 69,668 documents/files were prepared, and 146,279 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.

#### *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.



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During the fiscal year, Latent Print staff assisted agencies by comparing latent prints in 1,083 cases, making 5 court appearances, conducting 17 crime-scene investigations and 12 lectures (training for law enforcement), and effecting 613 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 discriminating judgment, combined with absolute accuracy, when disseminating criminal history information found in ALEA files.

Fingerprint cards	38,745
Dispositions	81,862
Teachers (paper submissions)	0
Teachers (live-scan submissions)	19,099
DHR (live-scan submissions)	18,056
DHR (manual-input submissions)	0
Total live-scan submissions (applicants)	255,892

### *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	365,236
Miscellaneous	4,726
Criminal	208,397
Live-scans	255,892
Applicants	68,234

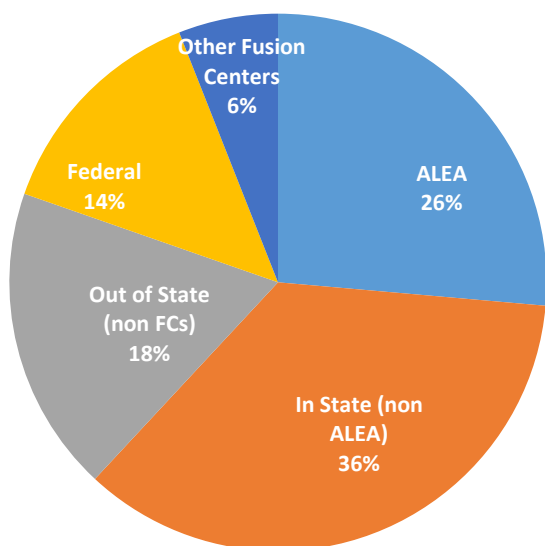
### *Criminal Justice Information Unit*

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.

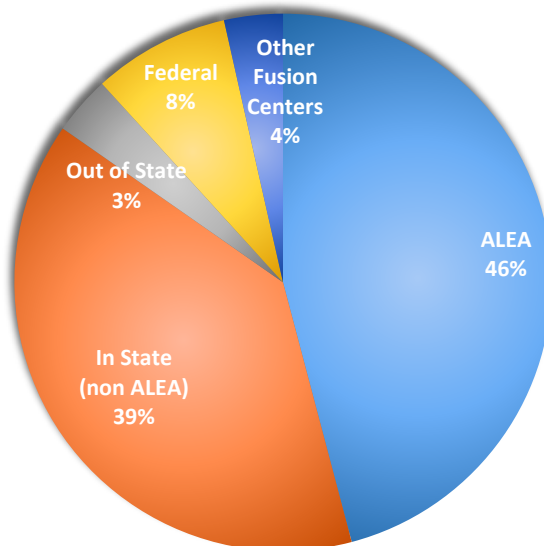
## Alabama Fusion Center

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.

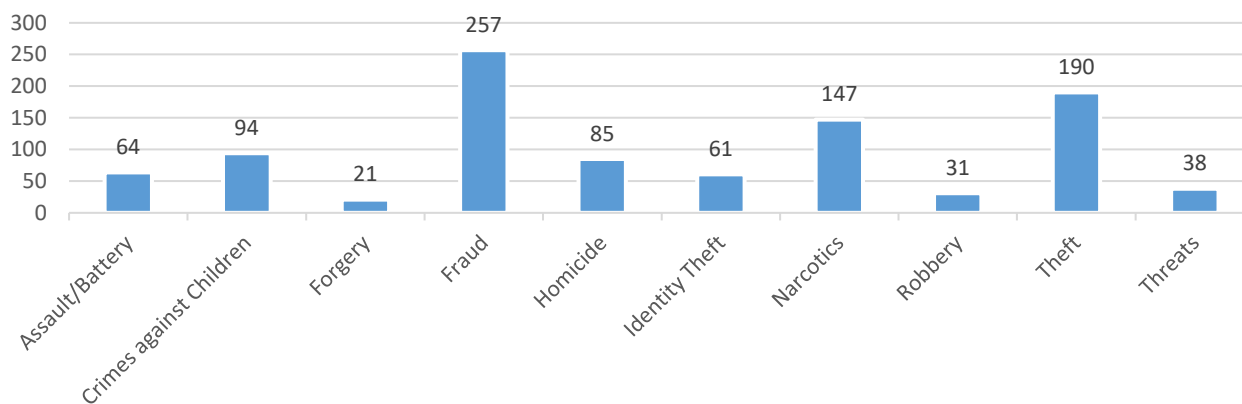
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**Request for Assistance**



**Common case types of RFIs/RFAs received**



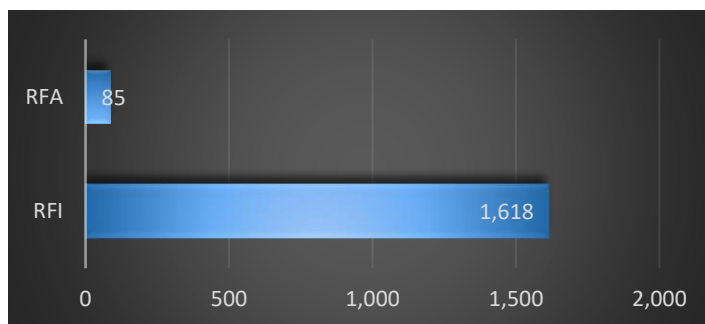
## Intelligence & Criminal Case Support

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

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.”

AFC 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 two 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 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 44,909 users.
- 1,032 new Virtual Alabama accounts were created during FY2017.
- 818 Virtual Alabama support calls were answered during this fiscal period.