



**FY2019 Annual Report  
Of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency**





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HAL TAYLOR  
SECRETARY

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

Dear Governor Ivey,

Please accept the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019, which represents the work of more than 1,300 employees committed to serving the citizens of this state.

We are dedicated to ensuring efficiency, maximizing our resources, streamlining our services and always looking for additional ways to promote public safety. ALEA, the state's police agency, protects the people of Alabama in numerous ways, from patrolling state roadways and waterways, to maintaining and protecting sensitive data, issuing driver and vessel licenses, to assisting local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Governor, it is my honor to continue to serve you alongside ALEA's fine men and women, both sworn and civilian, who strive to fulfill this agency's 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 Directors of the Department of Public Safety and the State Bureau of Investigation. The Office of the Secretary includes Homeland Security, Protective Services, Administration, Services Division and Integrity.

## Homeland Security

The Homeland Security Program works with federal, state and local partners to prevent and respond to terrorism in the state. It also 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.

Homeland Security is the administrator for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), supporting state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events, as well as to prepare the state for threats and hazards posing the greatest risks to the security of the United States. In FY2019, the office administered \$5,199,658 in grants to state and local partners.

## Protective Services

The Protective Services Division consists of two units: Capitol Patrol and Dignitary Protection. The division is responsible for providing law enforcement services 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 as mandated by §36-33-2, et. Seq. Code of Alabama, 1975; and fulfilling numerous related duties.

### Dignitary Protection Unit

Dignitary Protection is responsible for the security and protection of certain state officials and visiting dignitaries. Specifically, unit personnel provide security for the Governor and family (from the date of election, through the term of office and five years after leaving office), Lieutenant Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate, Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives and Attorney General.

Unit personnel also provide security for any other persons as designated by the Governor or the Secretary of ALEA. In addition, they assist other state and federal partners with visiting dignitaries when requested.

## Capitol Patrol Unit

Troopers in Capitol Patrol provide security at the state Capitol, Executive Mansion and other locations within the Capitol complex. The unit's Troopers also provide a law enforcement presence on state roadways and respond to calls for service while keeping citizens and state employees safe within their area of responsibility. In addition to unit responsibilities, Troopers investigate traffic crashes and assist other divisions within the agency with special details, training and enforcement activity. Several Troopers within the unit have received specialized training to assist Highway Patrol Division's Motor Carrier Safety Unit by conducting commercial vehicle inspections on Alabama roadways.

Y2019 Capitol Patrol Division Activity	
Building checks conducted	26,703
Special events managed	140
Responded to building alarms	618
Warrants served	14
Crash reports submitted	58
Commercial vehicles inspected	58
Traffic warnings/citations issued	1,476
Incident/offense reports submitted	63
DUI arrests	4

## Administration

### Accounting Unit

Accounting has the following primary areas of responsibility in overall operations for ALEA: managing departmental budgets and General Fund appropriations; issuing all purchases, travel, rent, repairs and utilities payments through Accounts Payable; preparing and processing Accounts Receivable; preparing and monitoring Grants accounting; and reviewing all orders and contracts for Purchasing.

### Legal

The primary responsibility of this division is to represent the agency and its personnel in all legal matters arising from the performance of their duties.

This division's duties are diverse and complex, and they include federal, state and administrative claims. Much of the work requires attorneys and support staff members to travel to court. Legal handles such matters as responding to multiple inquiries from the Department of Justice, reviewing and drafting numerous contracts and agreements with outside agencies, representing the agency on Board of Adjustment Claims, teaching legal topics to classes at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center, responding to hundreds of subpoena requests in both state and federal court, and providing legal advice to agency members.

## **Personnel**

Personnel is responsible for managing and coordinating the agency's human resources operations for approximately 1,361 employees (as of Sept. 30, 2019).

Primary areas of responsibility include strategic planning; employee recruitment, selection and retention; training; policy and procedure interpretation, development and implementation; EEO/legal compliance; performance appraisal and progressive discipline guidance and oversight; payroll and benefits; and job description preparation and maintenance. In addition, Personnel provides direction regarding workers compensation, Employee Assistance Program (EAP), donated/military leave authorization, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. The unit also investigates employee complaints and conducts due process hearings and conferences for employees facing severe levels of disciplinary action.

Actions for FY2019: 196 appointments (96 of which were law enforcement officers), 230 promotion raises, 355 probation raises and an estimated 700 annual raises.

## **Information Technology**

Information Technology (IT) is responsible for operating, maintaining and securing all networks, applications, systems, devices and electronic data specific to the ALEA mission. IT coordinates, consults and helps implement new technology, modernization, consolidation, enhancements and other IT-related services for the agency.

In addition, Applications, Support Center and Infrastructure services provide the accurate, timely and secure delivery of law enforcement information to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies handling criminal justice and citizen safety throughout the state of Alabama, as well as nationwide.

## **Public Information**

Public Information provides information to the public, media outlets, other law enforcement agencies, constituents, agency personnel and others concerning ALEA operations and all aspects of law enforcement and traffic safety.

ALEA's Public Information Manager coordinates all activities with support from sworn public information officers from both the Department of Public Safety and State Bureau of Investigation. Each DPS Troop and SBI Region has designated public information officers who assist with media relations as an additional duty. Each attends at least one basic PIO class, provided at no charge by Lee County Emergency Management Agency upon request.

In addition to working with media outlets, the sworn PIOs conduct safety programs and assist with statewide safety campaigns, and they submit items for the agency's social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). Public Information also is responsible for archiving data and other statutorily required communication, including news releases.

PIOs contacted media outlets between 25,000 and 30,000 times through interviews, news releases on various topics and requests for information. They also conducted 425 safety programs, including Fatal Vision, an initiative Alabama Farmers Federation sponsors with ATVs and special goggles to simulate the experience of driving under the influence of alcohol.

**Photo Services** is part of Public Information. This unit is responsible for archiving photographs and videos. During this recording period, one of the two full-time Photographic Tech IIs retired, leaving one full-time photographer and three retired state employees. During this past fiscal year, the unit received 10,270 discs of images to be processed and printed 23,080 images.

Photo equips ALEA personnel with camera kits and coordinates all equipment repairs. The unit also provides photographers/videographers for agency retirements, graduations, funerals of sworn personnel (active and retired), and special projects. In addition, members of the unit take portraits of staff members and work with the Governor's Office and assist other state agencies upon request.

## **Services Division**

### **Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center**

The Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center (ACJTC) is the largest law enforcement training facility in the state. 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.

The Alabama Police Academy conducted three Police Academy training sessions, graduating a total of 103 law enforcement officers during this period. These officers represented municipal and county agencies, as well as agencies on the state level. In addition, there were three ALEA Trooper classes, graduating 72 Troopers. There also were 93 training classes with a total of 1,413 students, 1,218 of whom were ALEA personnel.

## Aviation Unit

The ALEA Aviation Unit, which uses both civil and former military aircraft, serves the agency and the Governor’s Office in a number of ways.

FY2019 Aviation Unit Activity	
<b>Missions</b>	<b>1,156</b>
<b>Flight hours in general support of law enforcement</b>	<b>1,955</b>
<b>Marijuana eradication flights</b>	<b>91 (344 flight hours)</b>
<b>Searches</b>	<b>171 (331 flight hours)</b>
<b>Executive flights</b>	<b>41 (80 flight hours)</b>
<b>Call-outs/helicopter long-line rescues</b>	<b>13</b>

The Aviation Unit participates in Project Lifesaver International, a program using bracelets and transmitters to help in searches for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other cognitive issues. The efforts by Aviation, in conjunction with the Southern Company Energizers, are responsible for raising money to provide bracelets at no charge to those in need. ALEA Aviation has trained personnel from all Sheriffs’ Offices throughout the state, reducing the number of searches because individuals with bracelets who wander can be located, often by ground crews before Aviation is needed. ALEA Aviation’s involvement in Project Lifesaver has saved lives throughout the state, and it will continue to do so as new clients are added regularly.

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 eight OH-58s. The Bell UH-1H and the Bell 407 have enhanced the capabilities of the unit by allowing for tactical response, rescue operations and fire suppression. ALEA has five helicopters equipped with Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR) to assist with manhunts and missing persons searches; and

the high-speed hoist on the UH-1H is used to allow for the safe extractions of individuals during rescue operations.

ALEA Aviation consists of 10 pilots and four Tactical Flight Officers. (TFOs perform search and rescue operations with the use of FLIR cameras.) 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 16 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. An ASA III provides administrative support.

## **Special Services**

### **Tactical Operations – SWAT**

Members of ALEA’s SWAT team conducted 78 operations, resulting in 84 arrests during FY2019, including executing search warrants for State Bureau of Investigation’s Major Crimes, Narcotics and Internet Crimes Against Children. The team’s calls also included assisting outside agencies and handling high-risk felony traffic stops, prisoner transport and riot response. Many of the search warrants executed were dynamic entries using both mechanical and explosive breaching techniques and were conducted without injury to anyone.

### **ALERT Training Program**

This agency coordinates the state’s Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (**ALERT**) for active-shooter situations. Coordinators also conduct training for civilians called Run, Hide, Fight. In addition, the unit oversees 200 certified instructors across Alabama.

<b>FY2019 ALERT Training</b>	
<b>Total students trained</b>	<b>2,241</b>
<b>ALERT Level I</b>	<b>738</b>
<b>ALERT Level II</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Law enforcement officers with Level I training</b>	<b>14,924</b>

## **Tactical Operations – Bomb Squad**

The Bomb Squad responded to 274 calls during the fiscal year, which included both criminal and non-criminal recovery of explosives, suspicious packages, bomb threats, post-blast investigations, explosive detection canine sweeps, search warrants, technical assists to outside agencies and operational stand-by calls during major events throughout the state.

Each of the six Bomb Technicians is a Special Agent and routinely investigates explosive calls for service from the initial call to criminal adjudication. In addition to the actual calls for service, the Bomb Squad taught 27 classes to more than 350 students. They also routinely recover old explosives and military munitions as a service to the public. The Bomb Squad hosted the annual weeklong Alabama Bomb Technician Symposium, providing critical training to all Alabama bomb techs to ensure they all are trained on the latest tactics, techniques and procedures of bomb builders.

## **Fleet Maintenance**

Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the issuance and maintenance of all vehicles, vessels, ATVs, motorcycles, tractors, trailers, mobile command vehicles, lift trucks, generators and other miscellaneous equipment owned and operated by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA). Vehicle Fleet Operations include maintenance, communication and vessel personnel to achieve our mission statement to equip and maintain safe and reliable transportation for ALEA personnel consisting of more than 1,300 pieces of equipment.

The **Maintenance Unit** bought and issued 194 vehicles during 2019. It also provided vehicles for more than 145 new ALEA employees. The Maintenance Unit consists of 12 full-time employees and one retired state employee located across the state.

The **Vessel Unit** is responsible for all Marine Patrol Division's boats and motors. During this fiscal year, the unit bought seven new 24-foot vessels. To improve service, the unit wrote and awarded a bid for service along the coast near Orange Beach. The unit consists of five full time employees, all of whom are in Montgomery.

**Vehicle Fleet Unit** is responsible for auto shop operations and manages purchase orders/vendors for outside work or products. The unit has 19 full-time employees and two part-time employees throughout the state.

The **Communication Shop** operated as an integral part in the 2019 WAN migration by performing site surveys, cellular measurements and network cable installation when necessary. The shop also programmed more than 400 vehicles this year while installing docks, card readers, GPS antennas and printers in new and reissued vehicles. The Communication Unit consists of six full-time employees and one retired state employee located across the state.

## Logistics Unit

This unit conducts annual departmental inventory audits for each person responsible for property in his/her name in compliance with the law. Everyone at ALEA now has read access to Asset Works Inventory database to check his/her list. Personnel also installed and began using Quartermaster software for uniform inventory, distributed new bullet-proof vests to more than half of the sworn personnel in the agency, provided new hats for a number of Troopers, changed out some unit office areas to ensure better organization, expanded ALEA's museum, assisted ALEA employees by moving furniture and equipment to better fit their working needs, added two new employees (one in Inventory Management and one in mail room), and upgraded equipment in mail room.

## 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 to the State Auditor's Office. Unit personnel conduct annual internal audits and biennial property audits with the state.

FY2019 Inventory Management Activity	
Inventory costing \$500 or more	22,145 items
Total acquisition value of items above	\$109,352,476.08
Sensitive inventory costing less than \$500	983 items
Total value of sensitive items	\$323,736.73
Weapons costing less than \$500	\$525,895.34

## General Services

The unit provides professional services for ALEA personnel and facilities, maintains necessary materials and equipment, and coordinates all ALEA-owned building repairs.

**Facilities**

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

**Professional Services**

This unit coordinates all department-owned building repairs and maintenance, including electrical plumbing, HVAC, generators, fire extinguishers, locksmith tasks, elevators, boat lifts and general maintenance and construction services. It also runs such services as lawn care and pest control.



## Department of Public Safety

*The Department of Public Safety (DPS) comprises three divisions: Driver License, Highway Patrol and Marine Patrol. These divisions consist of civilian support personnel, as well as uniformed Troopers whose primary function is to enforce the laws on the roadways and waterways throughout state.*

### Driver License Division

The Driver License Division is responsible for testing and maintaining 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 knowledge and road skills examinations to commercial 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.

Accomplishments include restructuring Driver License Examiner classification with pay adjustments to provide a career path for examiners; expanding services to include 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at offices in Birmingham, Opelika and Mobile; and implementing the issuance of hardship licenses pursuant to Act 2018-289; and depositing \$68,407,744 into the General Fund.

Division personnel encounter criminals daily. 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 conduct computer checks for outstanding warrants on each applicant.

Criminals attempt to illegally obtain a license or identification card for various reasons. It may be to assume another's identity (identity theft), because they are illegal immigrants; and/or attempt to commit terrorist acts against the United States. The Driver License Examiners and arresting officers are committed to ensuring these criminals are arrested.

Driver License Examining personnel, both uniformed Troopers and Examiners, have been responsible for effecting 684 arrests covering a wide range, including failure to appear, felony fraud cases, forgery, robbery, larceny, child neglect, rape and parole violations.

<b>FY2019 Driver License Activity Highlights</b>	
<b>Vessel knowledge exams</b>	<b>27,460</b>
<b>CDL skills exams</b>	<b>1,135</b>
<b>CL knowledge exams</b>	<b>42,207</b>
<b>Driver license skills exams</b>	<b>64,321</b>
<b>Driver license knowledge exams</b>	<b>137,710</b>
<b>CDLs disqualified</b>	<b>479</b>
<b>Driver licenses suspended</b>	<b>40,043</b>
<b>Driver licenses revoked</b>	<b>13,761</b>
<b>Driver licenses canceled</b>	<b>64,549</b>

### **Hearing/Fraud Unit**

There have been 3,515 hearing requests processed using the Online Hearing Request System. Sworn personnel in the unit conducted 1,267 hearings, and the unit conducted 48 annual inspections, and all passed. In addition, 6,294 AST-60s were checked, and 2,244 of them were rescinded.

### **Safety Responsibility Unit**

The Safety Responsibility Unit implements state law requiring 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 his/her negligence.

FY2019 Safety Responsibility Activity	
<b>SR-31 accident reports filed</b>	<b>3,445</b>
<b>SR-21 insurance verification forms</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>SR-22 mandatory insurance forms</b>	<b>10,793</b>
<b>SR-26 cancellation of insurance forms</b>	<b>15,839</b>
<b>Status reports</b>	<b>1,785</b>
<b>Civil court judgments filed</b>	<b>1,509</b>
<b>Telephone calls received</b>	<b>28,706</b>
<b>Walk-in customers served</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Faxes received</b>	<b>2,912</b>
<b>Emails received</b>	<b>1,725</b>
<b>Files combined</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Security posted</b>	<b>\$71,205.77</b>
<b>Surety bonds received</b>	<b>\$253,038.42</b>
<b>Hearings</b>	<b>30</b>

### **CDL/Medical Unit**

The CDL unit conducted two CDL Examiner Schools at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma, as well as a training for the Alabama State Department of Education. The Medical portion of the unit conducted seven medical hearings across the state. The Medical Advisory Board meeting, which is held every other year, occurred March 31, 2019. (Activity table on next page.)

FY2019 CDL/Medical Unit Activity	
<b>Telephone calls received</b>	<b>57,540</b>
<b>Medical forms received</b>	<b>17,918</b>
<b>Letters mailed out</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Walk-in customers served</b>	<b>272</b>

<b>Drivers reinstated</b>	<b>8,087</b>
<b>Pieces of mail received</b>	<b>9,597</b>
<b>Follow-ups worked</b>	<b>7,810</b>
<b>Forms scanned</b>	<b>153,718</b>
<b>Haz-Mat backgrounds approved</b>	<b>6,373</b>
<b>Faxes received</b>	<b>47,291</b>
<b>Emails received/answered</b>	<b>33,624</b>
<b>Documents returned</b>	<b>608</b>
<b>Medical certifications processed</b>	<b>79,663</b>
<b>Self-certifications processed</b>	<b>13,512</b>
<b>Driver licenses verified</b>	<b>18,536</b>

The Driver License Division also includes the following units: Driver Improvement, Driver Services, Reinstatement, Records, Mandatory Liability Insurance. Activity for each is featured in one table.

<b>FY2019 Driver License Activity by Unit</b>	
<b><i>Driver Improvement</i></b>	
<b>Suspensions for School Enrollment violations</b>	<b>2,715</b>
<b>Telephone calls received</b>	<b>12,182</b>
<b>National Driver Registry hits reviewed</b>	<b>1,973</b>
<b>Driving records corrected</b>	<b>4,175</b>
<b>Driver licenses renewed (for out-of-state)</b>	<b>797</b>
<b><i>Driver Services</i></b>	
<b>Telephone calls for no receipt of licenses by mail</b>	<b>35,833</b>
<b>Emails for no receipt of licenses by mail</b>	<b>3,618</b>
<b>Licenses/IDs returned by U.S. Postal Service because of address issues</b>	<b>19,073</b>
<b>Licenses/IDs released after being returned by mail</b>	<b>10,735</b>
<b>Documents from individuals/law enforcement agencies received and scanned</b>	<b>227,002</b>
<b>Records updated with new addresses</b>	<b>9,325</b>
<b>Licenses/IDs re-mailed</b>	<b>7,104</b>

<b>FY2019 Driver License Activity by Unit (continued)</b>	
<b><i>Reinstatement</i></b>	
<b>Walk-in customers served</b>	<b>13,614</b>
<b>Credit card payments processed (for reinstatements, driver histories, crash reports) by telephone</b>	<b>2,587</b>
<b>Telephone calls answered</b>	<b>21,276</b>
<b>Records reinstated</b>	<b>11,622</b>
<b>Refunds processed</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Driver histories and accident reports sold</b>	<b>3,777</b>
<b>Faxes processed</b>	<b>8,598</b>
<b><i>Records</i></b>	
<b>Telephone calls received</b>	<b>30,110</b>
<b>Driving abstracts processed (requested by courts)</b>	<b>22,172</b>
<b>Crash reports processed</b>	<b>29,696</b>
<b>Driver histories processed</b>	<b>22,202</b>
<b>In-state citations processed</b>	<b>68,946</b>
<b>Out-of-state citations processed</b>	<b>31,680</b>
<b>Citations returned because of errors</b>	<b>2,797</b>
<b><i>Mandatory Liability Insurance</i></b>	
<b>Telephone calls received</b>	<b>22,411</b>
<b>MLI initial letters sent</b>	<b>39,844</b>
<b>MLI suspension letters sent</b>	<b>22,878</b>
<b>Fees collected</b>	<b>\$1,983,968.85</b>
<b>Portion of fees collected for Motor Vehicle Replacement Fund</b>	<b>\$661,322.95</b>
<b>Portion of fees collected for Highway Traffic Safety Fund</b>	<b>\$1,196,994.85</b>
<b>Portion of fees collected for Peace Officers Annuity and Benefits Fund</b>	<b>\$125,651.05</b>

## Highway Patrol Division

The Highway Patrol Division comprises seven Highway Patrol Troops consisting of 17 Highway Patrol Posts, the Motor Carrier Safety Unit and seven Communications Centers throughout the state. Highway Patrol is the largest of the three divisions within the Department of Public Safety. Highway Patrol has specialized units within its ranks, including Motor Carrier Safety, Traffic Homicide Investigations, K-9 Officers, Honor Guard and Motorcycle Enforcement.

The primary goal for the division is to preserve the safety of everyone traveling Alabama's roadways. This goal is realized by gaining voluntary compliance in obedience of traffic laws through visual presence and by aggressively enforcing those offenses which are the primary cause of crashes resulting in death or injury.

In FY2019, Troopers worked 33,126 crashes resulting in 12,838 injuries and 538 fatalities. Of the 538 fatalities, alcohol contributed in 125 of the deaths.

In FY2019, Troopers issued 202,918 citations and 130,320 warnings to gain compliance with traffic laws and reduce crashes, specifically those resulting in death or injury.

Top 10 Types of Citations	
Speeding	91,062
No seat belt	22,280
Driving suspended	11,954
Expired tag	11,328
No insurance	10,312
DUI	2,340
No child restraint	2,226
Running stop sign	1,842
Following too closely	1,653
Improper lights	1,487

During this fiscal year, the top 10 primary contributing circumstances/causes for Trooper-investigated crashes:

1. Following too closely
2. Unseen object/person/vehicle
3. Driving too fast for conditions
4. Driving under the influence
5. Improper lane change
6. Failure to yield right of way
7. Fatigued/asleep
8. Over the speed limit
9. Swerved to avoid vehicle
10. Distracted driving

**Department K-9 Officers** were deployed and used 46 times during FY2019, assisting Highway Patrol, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, ALEA's State Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Postal Inspections, Alabama Department of Corrections, Alabama Department of Pardons and Paroles, Talladega Drug Task Force, Calhoun County Drug Task Force, Guntersville Police Department, Marshall County Sheriff's Office, Anniston Police Department and Grant Police Department.

The **ALEA Honor Guard** has 34 members statewide with ranks Trooper through Lieutenant. This group of dedicated individuals volunteer their time, often missing family events and traveling great distances, to honor the lives of our fallen. The Honor Guard has presented honors at 29 events during FY2019, including funerals of retired ALEA arresting officers and active officers killed in the line of duty, as well as at memorial ceremonies and presentation of colors at various locations and venues across the state.

The **Traffic Homicide Unit** is responsible for investigating traffic crashes throughout the state where criminal charges are warranted. Some of the charges include reckless murder, manslaughter, criminal negligent homicide, assault, felony DUI and felony Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Investigators were responsible for 247 case files during FY2019. THI personnel are located throughout the state at each post and are responsible for the complete investigation, from mapping the initial crime/crash scene to the final disposition in court. They go through such extensive training as Commercial Vehicle Crash Investigation, Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Investigation, Crash Data Retrieval Systems (Technicians and Analysts) and Traffic Reconstruction.

**Motor Carrier Safety Unit** works with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to reduce traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities involving commercial motor vehicles (CMVs)

and passenger coaches. In FY2019, 58 sworn officers, three civilians and three retired state employees/law enforcement officers were assigned to the unit.

In addition, 100 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Troopers and 50 City Officer Program (COP) officers from 21 different law enforcement agencies were used to help reduce CMV-related crashes throughout the state. The unit placed 2,375 drivers out of service for safety/compliance violations, and it placed 4,773 vehicles out of service for safety violations.

FY2019 Motor Carrier Safety Unit	
<b>Commercial vehicles (CMVs) inspected</b>	<b>36,215</b>
<b>Hazardous-materials vehicles inspected</b>	<b>1,104</b>
<b>Bus/passenger vehicles inspected</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>CMVs weighed by fixed scales</b>	<b>112,717</b>
<b>CMVs weighed by portable scales</b>	<b>120,609</b>
<b>CMVs weighed by weight in motion</b>	<b>883,908</b>
<b>New entrant safety audits</b>	<b>674</b>
<b>Compliance reviews</b>	<b>42</b>

**Motor Enforcement Unit** consists of 15 Motor Officers. In FY2019, members of this unit assisted with escorts and support at the University of Alabama and Auburn University home football games, Talladega races (fall and spring), Mardi Gras, Trail of Tears and Alabama National Fair, as well funerals for fallen officers and many public relations and safety events. Motors Officers were also responsible for the escort for President Donald Trump, who visited the Beauregard community of Lee County after devastating tornados took so many lives.

**ALEA Communications Unit** is staffed with 67 Police Communications Officers. It consists of one Communications Unit Director, two Police Communications Managers, nine Communications Supervisors, 53 Police Communications Officer I and II, two retired state employees and one Communications Unit ASA. Fifteen new Communications Officers were hired, and eight members were promoted during this period.

Communications Centers are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week in Decatur, Jacksonville, Sheffield, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, Dothan and Mobile.

During the fiscal year, the unit answered and dispatched the following calls for service: Vehicle stops: 45,752; traffic crashes, 32,663; and motorist assists, 11,547; and reckless driver complaints, 10,493.

Communications also is responsible for staffing the Mobile Command Post during such special events as Talladega races and Mardi Gras. In addition, unit personnel maintained detailed documentation regarding statistics during special enforcement periods (Thanksgiving, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Christmas, Click It Or Ticket, Operation Southern Shield and other campaigns designated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

## Marine Patrol Division

This 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 District covers 32 counties with major waterways along the Coosa, Tallapoosa, Alabama, Tombigbee and Chattahoochee rivers, and numerous smaller rivers and lakes. The Southern District covers eight counties with the Alabama and Tombigbee rivers, all coastal waters, numerous smaller rivers and lakes.

Its primary goal is to promote safe and responsible use of Alabama’s waterways. Troopers in Marine Patrol use various enforcement and education efforts to achieve that goal. The division received three new patrol vessels, placed in service on high-traffic bodies of water such as Pickwick and Wheeler Lakes.

In addition, 107 events on public waterways were permitted through the division. These events ranged from concerts to boat parades to large bass tournaments. Marine Troopers also maintain the state waterway navigation system. In FY2019, this unit replaced more than 300 aids to navigation statewide, including buoys. They also worked with other DPS divisions at Shrimp Festival, fairs, Mardi Gras, Foot Wash, Talladega races and college football details.

FY2019 Marine Patrol Activity	
<b>Boating fatalities investigated</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Boat crashes investigated</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Hours performing search and rescue/boater assists</b>	<b>Approximately 1,200</b>
<b>Citations issued</b>	<b>5,736</b>
<b>Warnings issued</b>	<b>11,227</b>
<b>Water-safety classes/programs attendance</b>	<b>102,951</b>
<b>Boat-operator certificates granted</b>	<b>35,595</b>
<b>Property damage amount related to boat crashes</b>	Approximately \$951,900
<b>Boats registered in Alabama</b>	276,684



## State Bureau of Investigation

*The State Bureau of Investigation functions as the investigative, non-uniform division of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency with the following divisions: Alcohol/Narcotics Enforcement, Criminal Investigation, Criminal Justice Services and the Alabama Fusion Center.*

*SBI is 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.*

### **Alcohol/Narcotics Enforcement Division**

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

SBI Alcohol Agents partner with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and the Alabama Department of Public Health to enforce laws prohibiting minor from 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.

In addition, the unit meets requirements under federal SYNAR legislation to protect approximately \$40 million in federal funding for the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

During FY2019, Agents completed 568 SYNAR checks, resulting in 23 cases (with a 4.05 percent non-compliance rate) and 2,779 FDA checks, resulting in 308 cases (with a 7.88 percent non-compliance rate).

In addition to the FDA and SYNAR checks, Agents completed 5,168 cases and investigated complaints.

**Narcotics Enforcement** is responsible for combating the threat facing Alabama’s citizens with increased sale and distribution of such illegal narcotics as heroin, crack, cocaine, marijuana, pharmaceuticals and synthetic drugs.

The unit functions as the state’s Marijuana Eradication Team, with SBI Agents, ALEA Aviation Unit, Alabama National Guard Counter Drug Unit and local law enforcement agencies. 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. SBI’s Narcotics Unit heads up the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force, with partners from local law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The unit also operates and is custodian for the state’s Clandestine Laboratory Waste Container Program, through which Agents log and audit containers around the state where hazardous waste from methamphetamine labs are held until a hazardous waste company can retrieve the waste. In addition, SBI has been a prominent supporter of its federal partners during this fiscal year.

SBI provided Agents to serve on the following: U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, DEA’s High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force, FBI Safe Streets Task Force and Homeland Security Investigation Task Force.

Agents assisted with 127 fugitive arrests and two federal firearms cases.

FY2019 Narcotics Seizures (through Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force)	
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Amount / Street value</b>
<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>6,028 grams / \$216,454</b>
<b>Crack</b>	<b>338 grams / \$21,055</b>
<b>Heroin</b>	<b>5,071 grams / \$5,080.94</b>
<b>Methamphetamine</b>	<b>103,505 grams / \$3,037,827</b>
<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>684,176 grams / \$1,054,021</b>
<b>Pills</b>	<b>49,950 pills / \$121,872</b>

## 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. It comprises Major Crimes and Special Victims Unit.

**Major Crimes** predominantly investigates serious felony crimes, as well as officer-involved shootings and deaths while in custody. Agents of this unit are responsible for conducting specialized investigations and providing investigative support to other law enforcement agencies.

They 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.

FY2019 Major Crimes Activity	
<b>Cases worked</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Special-inquiry investigations</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Officer-involved shooting investigations</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>In-custody death investigations</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Other investigations</b>	<b>129</b>

**Special Victims Unit** is tasked with the investigation of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation, this unit is primarily responsible for investigating crimes involving the production and/or distribution of child pornography, the solicitation of children for immoral purposes, and the sexual and physical abuse of children when technology is involved.

Included in this unit is the Alabama Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which SBI manages. The task force consists of local law enforcement agencies across the state to investigate and prosecute these crimes. (Activity table on following page.)

FY2019 Special Victims Unit Activity	
<b>Criminal investigations opened</b>	<b>371</b>
<b>Search warrants executed</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Cyber tips received</b>	<b>2,574</b>
<b>Subpoenas served</b>	<b>1,352</b>

## Criminal Justice Services Division

### Record Check Section

Mandated by law, this section provides criminal history information upon request from law enforcement, government and private agencies. Personnel use discriminating judgment, combined with accuracy, when disseminating criminal history information found in ALEA files.

The section had 9,728 MAP transactions (law enforcement, pre-employment, contractors and vendors); and 78,681 NFUF transactions (standard background checks processed for individuals and various agencies).

### Criminal History Section

This section is mandated by law to maintain fingerprint files on all individuals arrested in Alabama. Trained fingerprint technicians verify the 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. Staff members processed 60,689 dispositions and 1,020 expungements.

### Sex Offender Registry

ALEA is required by state and federal laws to maintain a registry of sex offenders within the state. 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.

FY2019 Sex Offender Registry Activity	
<b>Sex offender records entered</b>	573
<b>Records checked</b>	25,241
<b>Records updated</b>	4,383
<b>Addresses changed</b>	2,487
<b>Information fliers printed</b>	8,704
<b>Law enforcement letters mailed</b>	7,801
<b>Address validations</b>	18,972
<b>Files prepared</b>	2,030
<b>Documents filed</b>	10,058
<b>NCIC records entered/modified</b>	2,745
<b>Documents scanned</b>	54,840

## Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Section

Personnel in this section use a computer system to analyze, store, match and retrieve fingerprint images of non-criminal and criminal submissions. AFIS increases the ability of law enforcement to identify suspects quickly. AFIS personnel had 371,299 hits on fingerprint verifications, 63,886 non-criminal live-scan submissions, and 195,214 criminal live-scan submissions.

## Latent Print Section

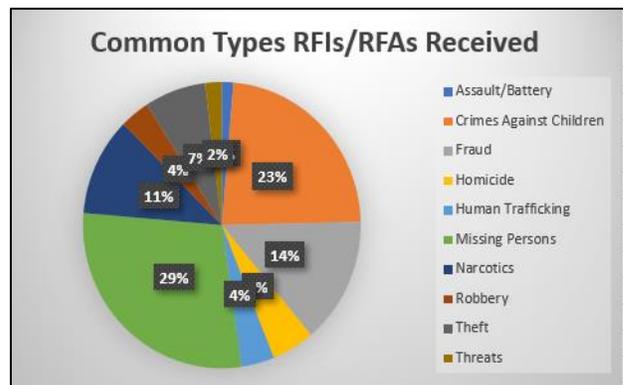
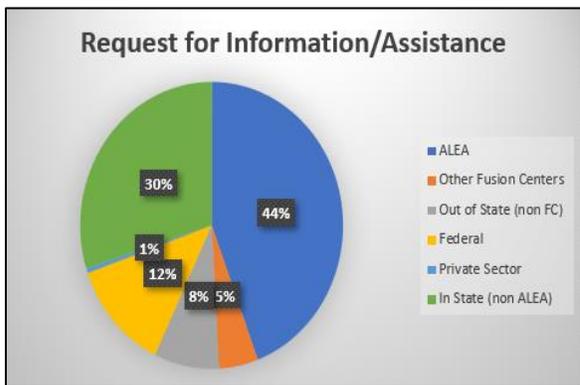
Personnel in Latent Print process crime scenes and crime-scene evidence to obtain fingerprints of individuals for suspect identification and criminal prosecution. The certified latent print examiners use modern techniques and the AFIS system to effect positive identifications. These examiners also provide court testimony and training.

FY2019 Latent Print Activity	
Latent cases received	795
Cases identified	115
Court visits	12
Classes/lectures	20
Crime scenes processed	19
Identifications made	458
AFIS hits	188
Manual hits	270
Cases worked	856
Total comparisons made	26,726

## Alabama Fusion Center

The Alabama Fusion Center (AFC), part of ALEA's SBI, is the intelligence source for all Alabama law enforcement. A true force multiplier, the AFC is an invaluable tool for law enforcement as it researches, analyzes, drives collection and disseminates mission-critical information between federal, state and local government, private-sector entities and the intelligence community. It provides real-time research support for law enforcement throughout the state in various areas, including cybercrime, terrorism, narcotics and human trafficking.

Additionally, the AFC coordinates and facilitates the issuance of AMBER, Emergency Missing Child, Blue and Senior alerts for the state.



### Intelligence and Criminal Case Support

At a fundamental level, fusion centers most often produce situational awareness reports, officer safety bulletins, intelligence analysis, threat assessments and Be on the Lookout (BOLO) 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 the AFC sends on their behalf). During FY2019, the AFC produced 13 intelligence bulletins, shared 150 pass-through intelligence bulletins, created eight threat assessments and provided 150 training sessions.

Personnel from the fusion center also provide intelligence and analytical resources to AFC partners within the state. Alabama law enforcement agencies continually rely on fusion center analysts, who may provide link analysis where criminal activity in one area may be linked to the same criminal activity in another or to assist on a dormant “cold case.”

AFC analysts have the technical capability to produce products to assist agencies lacking similar resources within their organizations. These analysts provide investigative services by fulfilling requests for information (RFI) or requests for assistance (RFA).

RFIs involve database searches and inquiries; or location and retrieval of records (often from other fusion centers). RFAs are 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.

## **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 persons alerts. In addition, ACMEC serves as the administering agency of the Alabama AMBER Alert, Emergency Missing Child Alert, Blue Alert and Senior Alert systems. These systems are instrumental and irreplaceable mechanisms in recovering missing or abducted persons.

During FY2019, AFC has issued two AMBER Alerts, 10 Emergency Missing Child Alerts, one Blue Alert and 43 Missing Senior Alerts. In addition, ACMEC had 92 website-only postings for missing children and 57 for missing adults.

## **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 the AFC receives from the public via Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) system. Much of the activity conducted by these Agents is classified.

## **Alabama Geographic Information Office**

The AFC was the first fusion center in the nation to incorporate a geographic information system: the Alabama Geographic Information Office (AGIO). AGIO provides statewide coordination of geographic information, geographic information systems and other geospatial-related technologies all Alabama state agencies use. AGIO identifies, plans and implements efficient and effective ways to use and integrate geographic information as a strategic management resource for the state. The office acts as the operational arm of the Alabama Geographic Information Executive Council, which Alabama's Secretary of Law Enforcement chairs.

The AGIO established a statewide interactive platform providing for the discovery, access, exploration and visualization of geospatial data in a collaborative environment. This platform, the Alabama GeoHub, is used to provide important geospatial and analytical resources to support investigations and operations. GIS technology is also deployed with the school safety

dashboard, reflecting threats and events taking place at or near schools across the state. The collected information is reflected geospatially on a map in a real-time environment to provide situational awareness to school administrators and law enforcement agencies.

The AFC received the prestigious Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) in 2019 from the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), a global leader in GIS and geospatial analytics. ESRI presented the award at the annual ESRI Users Conference, the world's largest GIS conference. The AFC was selected from more than 300,000 eligible candidates for its innovative application of GIS technology.

### **Alabama Fusion Center School Safety Initiative Team**

In April 2018, Governor Kay Ivey formed the Securing Alabama's Facilities of Education Council (SAFE Council), which provided to her recommendations on helping provide Alabama students a safe environment in which to learn and grow. One of the recommendations for the Governor's consideration outlined the AFC's approach at triaging threats at education facilities in Alabama, as well as across the nation.

Daily, this AFC team collects information, triages and logs threats at schools. If the threat is within Alabama, a team member assists the local jurisdiction investigating the threat with full-case assistance until the threat is over.

During FY2019, the School Safety Initiative collected information on more than 100 school threats in the state and more than 1,600 threats to schools in the nation. The map to the right is a visual representation of school threats collected from Oct. 1, 2018, to Sept. 30, 2019.

