

Law Enforcement Investigation

Mission

To create a safe environment for the State of Indiana through the identification and suppression of criminal activity.

Summary of Activities

Law enforcement investigation activities implemented by the **Indiana State Police** include criminal investigations, crash investigations, odometer fraud, and training. The State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation provides a direct approach to investigating crimes through the use of specialized investigative procedures and the use of advanced technology. These resources are made available to local and county law enforcement officials. Specific areas of targeted investigation include violent crimes, drug interdiction, vehicle crimes, white collar crimes, crimes against children, and “cyber-crimes”.



White collar crime investigations include political corruption, internal thefts, fraud and crimes involving complex financial schemes. The White Collar Crime Unit of the State Police works closely with the **Department of Revenue, Department of Insurance, State Board of Accounts** and the **Office of the Secretary of State**.

The Laboratory Division of the State Police provides investigative services to all Indiana law enforcement agencies. Personnel conduct DNA analysis, polygraph examinations, fingerprint comparisons and ballistics imaging.

The State Police also maintains a missing children clearinghouse that serves as a central repository for all information relating to missing children in Indiana, including a newsletter and toll-free number (1-800-831-8953).

The **Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC)** excise police serve both as law enforcement to local communities and regulators of the alcoholic beverage industry. They serve on local alcoholic beverages boards and help coordinate hearings and assist laypersons in a complex process. Excise officers also provide educational programs to the public, sister law enforcement agencies and permit holders, including server training, “Cops in Shops,” and recognizing fake driver’s licenses.

External Factors

State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations activities are driven by allegations of criminal activity reported by citizens and assistance requested in city, county and local law enforcement investigations.

The number of ABC Excise officer investigations, which are coordinated with community leaders and local law enforcement, are a function of the number of public nuisances related to alcohol sales. The ABC applies the foundations of community policing to keep neighborhoods from sliding into despair. The legislature has also delegated the enforcement of underage tobacco laws to the excise police.

The growth of the gaming industry increases the need for law enforcement investigation in and around riverboat casinos. As the number of visitors to the riverboats continues to increase, it is necessary to assume that violations of criminal law will also continue to rise. Consequently, the presence of comprehensive law enforcement investigation will be a continuing need.

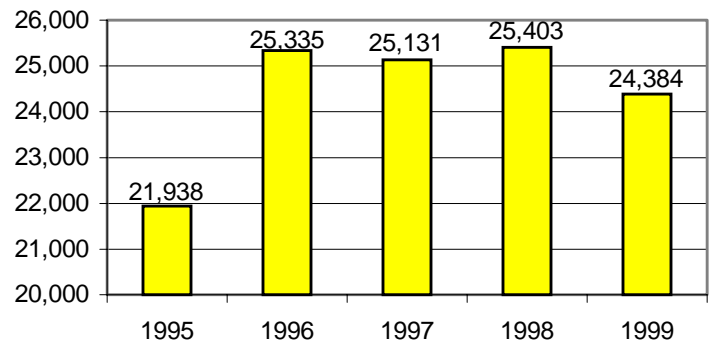
Evaluation and Accomplishments

The State Police Vehicle Crimes Unit made 64 felony arrests and recovered 187 stolen vehicles with a value estimated at over \$2 million. The Crimes Against Children Unit continues to utilize technology in pursuing individuals who prey on children. Detectives have received 41 referrals from Internet providers and computer related industries, generating 15 search warrants and 98 felony charges.

The Cyber Crime Unit was created to forensically examine computer systems for criminal justice agencies. Detectives responded to 57 calls for assistance and have been successful in recovering deleted and covert files from systems that have been instrumental in charging and convicting defendants. Evidence has ranged from child pornography to counterfeit currency.

The analytical personnel of the Laboratory Division reported the analysis of more than 54,745 specimens. Additionally, division employees conducted over 830 polygraph examinations, printed over 323,000 color photographs and identified 425 latent fingerprints. Approximately 80% of analytical services and 55% of field services provided were in support of county and municipal police agency investigations.

Total Number of Criminal Arrests



Plans for the Biennium

Indiana's law enforcement investigation activities will continue to target the most significant criminal activities and work diligently toward addressing them.

<i>Program: 0405</i>	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Appropriation (All Funds)	\$75,271,798	\$75,050,371	\$75,187,906	\$87,351,642	\$87,407,409
Expenditures	\$72,735,280	\$75,343,695	\$81,754,556		

**Sources of Funds
FY 2001 (Approp)**

■ General
 ■ Dedicated
 ■ Federal
 ■ Other

**Uses of Funds
FY 2001 (Approp)**

■ Personal Services
 ■ Distributions
 ■ Capital
 ■ Other