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Department of State Police

Item 425	First Year - FY2021	Second Year - FY2022
Information Technology Systems, Telecommunications and Records Management (30200)	**$74,409,713**	**$87,636,387**
Information Technology Systems and Planning (30201)	$24,959,098	$38,928,906
Criminal Justice Information Services (30203)	$10,215,226	$10,652,694
Telecommunications and Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) (30204)	$19,207,356	$19,207,356
Firearms Purchase Program (30206)	$4,050,827	$2,870,225
Sex Offender Registry Program (30207)	$3,232,979	$3,232,979
Concealed Weapons Program (30208)	$321,352	$321,352
Dispatch and Telecommunications Support (30209)	$12,422,875	$12,422,875
Fund Sources:		
General	$63,986,631	$77,213,305
Special	$5,942,231	$5,942,231
Dedicated Special Revenue	$3,716,561	$3,716,561
Federal Trust	$764,290	$764,290

Authority: §§ 18.2-308.2:2, 19.2-387, 19.2-388, 27-55, 52-4, 52-4.4, 52-8.5, 52-12, 52-13, 52-15, 52-16, 52-25 and 52-31 through 52-34, Code of Virginia.

A.1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that wireless 911 calls be delivered directly by the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) provider to the local Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), in order that such calls be answered by the local jurisdiction within which the call originates, thereby minimizing the need for call transfers whenever possible.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7, Chapter 15, Title 56, Code of Virginia, $3,700,000 the first year and $3,700,000 the second year from the Wireless E-911 Fund is included in this appropriation for telecommunications to offset dispatch center operations and related costs incurred for answering wireless 911 telephone calls.

B. Out of the Motor Carrier Special Fund, $900,000 the first year and $900,000 the second year shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis to the Department of State Police.

C.1. This appropriation includes $9,175,535 the first year and $9,175,535 the second year from the general fund for maintaining the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS).

2. The Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in conjunction with the STARS Management Group and

the Superintendent of State Police, shall provide a status report on (1) annual operating costs; (2) the status of site enhancements to support the system; (3) the project timelines for implementing the enhancements to the system; and (4) other matters as the secretary may deem appropriate. This report shall be provided to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than October 1 of each year.

3. Any bond proceeds authorized for the STARS project that remain after the full implementation of the STARS network shall be made available for the STARS equipment needs of the Department of Military Affairs.

4. Any general fund appropriation given for STARS operating and maintenance under the service area 30204, is designated for such purposes. If the Department of State Police cannot expend its STARS appropriation within a given fiscal year, there shall remain an appropriation balance at the end of the fiscal year. The Department may request a discretionary re-appropriation in the subsequent year as provided in § 4-1.05 of this act if necessary for the payment of preexisting obligations for the purchase of goods or services.

D. The department shall deposit to the general fund an amount estimated at $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year resulting from fees generated by additional criminal background checks of local job applicants and prospective licensees collected pursuant to § 15.2-1503.1 of the Code of Virginia.

E. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 19.2-386.14, 38.2-415, 46.2-1167 and 52-4.3, Code of Virginia, the Department of State Police may use revenue from the State Asset Forfeiture Fund, the Insurance Fraud Fund, the Drug Investigation Trust Account – State, and the Safety Fund to modify, enhance or procure automated systems that focus on the Commonwealth's law enforcement activities and information gathering processes.

F. The Superintendent of State Police is authorized to and shall establish a policy and reasonable fee to contract for the bulk transmission of public information from the Virginia Sex Offender Registry. Any fees collected shall be deposited in a special account to be used to offset the costs of administering the registry. The State Superintendent of State Police shall charge no fee for the transfer of any information from the Virginia Sex Offender Registry to the Statewide Automated Victim Notification (SAVIN) system.

G.1. The Virginia State Police shall, upon request, provide to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services any information it possesses as a result of carrying out the provisions of §§ 19.2-389, 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014, Code of Virginia, to enable the Department to make anonymous the data held pursuant to those provisions and link it with other relevant data held by the Commonwealth for the purpose of evaluating the impact of carrying out these provisions on the public health and safety, pursuant to a grant from the National Science Foundation to Duke University and a subcontract with the University of Virginia.

2. The Department of State Police shall, upon request, provide to the Department of Juvenile Justice any information it possesses as a result of carrying out the provisions of §§ 16.1-337.1, 19.2-389, 19.2-389.1, 37.2-819 and 64.2-2014, Code of Virginia, to enable the Department to link the data held pursuant to those provisions with other relevant data held by the Commonwealth, and then to de-identify it, for the purpose of evaluating the impact of carrying out these provisions on the public health and safety, pursuant to a research grant to Duke University and a subcontract with the University of Virginia.

3. The Department of State Police shall, upon request, provide to the Department of Health any information it possesses as a result of carrying out the provisions of §§ 16.1-337.1, 19.2-389, 19.2-389.1, 37.2-819, 19.2-182.2 and 64.2-2014, Code of Virginia, to enable the Department of Health to link the data held pursuant to those provisions with other relevant data held by the Commonwealth. Once received, the Department of Health will provide the linked data to the Department of Juvenile Justice for de-identification and for the purpose of evaluating the impact of carrying out these provisions on the public health and safety, pursuant to a research grant to Duke University and a subcontract with the University of Virginia.

H. Included in the amounts provided for this Item is $99,479 the first year and $99,479 the second year from the

general fund for the public safety information exchange program with those states that share a border with Canada or Mexico and are willing to participate in the exchange program pursuant to § 2.2-224.1, Code of Virginia.

I. Included in this appropriation is $620,371 the first year and $620,371 the second year from the general fund for the annual debt service for the Department to purchase fixed repeaters for the Statewide Agencies Radio System (STARS) through the Department of Treasury's Master Equipment Leasing Program.

J. Included within this appropriation is $350,200 the first year and $350,200 the second year from the general fund to support maintenance costs of the state's Commonwealth Link to Interoperable Communications (COMLINC) system.

K. Included within this appropriation is $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year and four positions to support the COMLINC system.

L. Included in the amounts provided for in this Item is $675,000 the first year for training and project management costs to upgrade the STARS system. Of this amount, $500,000 shall not be allotted until the project management costs are determined to be ineligible costs for a bond-funded capital project.

M. Included within the amounts for this item is $211,947 the first year and $211,947 the second year and three positions from the general fund for the Department to address the recommendation of the Crime Commission to provide a reference to the "Hold File" for criminal history records checks.

N. Included within the appropriation for this item is $110,000 the first year from the general fund for the establishment of a cold case searchable electronic database, consistent with the provisions of House Bill 1024 of the 2020 Session of the General Assembly.

O. Included in the amounts appropriated in this item is $4,480,829 the first year and $1,479,302 the second year from the general fund to comply with and implement the provisions of the Community Policing Act pursuant to House Bill 1250 of the 2020 Session of the General Assembly.

P. Included in the appropriation for this Item is $1,147,694 the first year and $5,209,045 the second year from the general fund to implement Phase I transformation of select components of the department's information technology in order to comply with §2.2-2011 of the Code of Virginia.

Q. Included in the appropriation for this item is $12,581,520 the second year from the general fund for the one-time update and replacement of information technology systems required to implement an automatic expungement process pursuant to legislation adopted by the 2021 Session of the General Assembly.

R. Included in the appropriation for this item is $438,464 the second year from the general fund and four positions for the ongoing costs of operating an automatic expungement process pursuant to legislation adopted by the 2021 Session of the General Assembly.

S. The Superintendent of State Police shall report on the feasibility of establishing a registry for determining eligibility to lawfully possess a firearm for on-site rental use at a sport shooting range, based on existing state and federal laws concerning possession of firearms by persons with a history of mental illness. The report shall consider, at a minimum: (i) the information technology changes needed to collect the necessary information to determine if the renter of a firearm for on-site use is prohibited from possessing a firearm under any applicable state or federal law; (ii) the appropriate form or mechanism for collection of information to determine the mental health and criminal history of customers of sport shooting ranges; (iii) the reasonable timeline by which the registry can be implemented; and (iv) any necessary costs for implementation of a mental health background check registry for on-site firearms rentals. The department shall report to the General Assembly on the information required in this paragraph by September 30, 2021.

T. Out of this appropriation, $301,194 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Department of State Police for three positions for cold case investigators to support efforts to resolve such cases.