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## **Attorney General Releases 12th Independent Monitoring Report on State Police; Monitors Laud State Police for 100 Percent Compliance**

TRENTON – Attorney General Peter C. Harvey today announced the results of the [12th Independent Monitors' Report](#) (339k pdf - [plugin](#)) which commends the State Police for achieving 100 percent compliance with all requirements of the Consent Decree. The report represents a milestone achievement in that it shows the State Police have moved beyond substantial compliance to full compliance with every task of the Consent Decree.

In its report, filed Tuesday with the U.S. District Court in Trenton, the Independent Monitoring Team indicates that the State Police, in achieving a historic 100 percent “success rate,” has continued “truly remarkable” progress in such key areas as trooper training, personnel supervision, and field operations.

“The latest Monitor’s Report clearly reflects the resolve and commitment of our office to reach full compliance with all phases of the Consent Decree. The hard work and dedication of the State Police and the Office of State Police Affairs has resulted in extraordinary compliance with the Consent Decree,” said Attorney General Harvey. “This 12th installment paints the most positive picture yet of a high quality law enforcement organization embracing systemic change.”

“I have always viewed the Consent Decree as an opportunity to improve the State Police. This latest report demonstrates clearly the sustainability of our reform efforts and provides solid evidence that our hard work is fostering permanent change,” said State Police Superintendent Col. Rick Fuentes. “In my role as Superintendent, I will encourage every trooper to realize his or her full potential and raise the bar for performance.”

In addition, the Report indicates that State Police motor vehicle stops reviewed by the monitoring team were “remarkably trouble free,” and that errors detected by the monitors this reporting period involved technical, not Constitutional, issues. Moreover, 100 percent of these technical errors were first noted and corrected by supervisory personnel.

The new Monitoring Report reflects information compiled during a six-month period spanning October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 by Independent Monitors Dr. James Ginger and Albert Rivas, Esq., who as part of their work conducted a variety of on-site review activities.

Regarding training, the report notes that, “The Monitors find the focus, attention to detail, commitment of resources and results achieved by the (State Police) Academy this period to be exceptional. They reflect a strong commitment to, and interest in, the training function by the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police.”

Daniel Giaquinto, director of State Police Affairs in the Attorney General’s Office, noted that the Monitoring Team was impressed by the performance of State Police supervisors. In reviewing in excess of 300 car-stop-related actions by Troopers, Supervisors had a 100 percent efficiency rate in identifying Trooper errors.

The Monitors' Report describes new State Police supervisory initiatives as "reflective of a strong commitment to the supervisory function ... to a level heretofore not observed by the monitoring team."

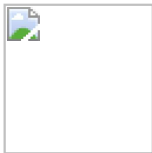
The report also commends the State for continued progress in developing a state-of-the-art, and first of its kind, personnel performance and management system known as MAPPS. Functional since Jan. 1, 2004, MAPPS is being used to manage operations on a day-to-day basis. Prior to its development by the Office of the Attorney General – as required by the Consent Decree – the MAPPS system did not exist anywhere in the United States.

"The system can be used to review Trooper and supervisory performance, compare Trooper performance to other members of the Trooper's work group, and to compare performance across work groups," the monitors note.

In addition, the monitors noted that MAPPS yields exceptionally meaningful data on day-to-day operations of the New Jersey State Police, and places the NJSP at the forefront of intelligence-driven policing in the country.

To access a copy of the 12th Monitor's Report and the Executive Summary visit [www.NJ.gov/oag/monitors.htm](http://www.NJ.gov/oag/monitors.htm).

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