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NUMBER OF CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE OFFICERS ON FORCE

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You asked for a year-by-year breakdown of the number of state police officers on staff since FY 99.

A 1998 state law directed the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety (now Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)) to appoint and maintain at least 1,248 sworn state police officers by July 1, 2001 (PA 98-151). In 2003, the legislature amended the law, postponing the compliance deadline to January 1, 2006 (PA 03-6). Currently, there are 1,080 sworn officers on the force and, as Table 1 shows, based on the July 1 data for each year, the 1,248 minimum was met only once (FY 02). Because we do not have daily personnel counts, we do not know if the minimum was met at any other time.

A Superior Court judge, on January 13, 2012, ruled that the staffing provision is mandatory. Thus, DESPP must have at least 1,248 sworn officers on staff. The decision came in response to a challenge by the state police union that DESPP's failure to maintain the minimum number of officers violated state law (see OLR Report [2012-R-0071](#) for a summary of the case: *Connecticut State Police Union v. Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection*, Doc. No. HHD CV 116024776, (2012)). The case is on appeal.

Table 1: History of Sworn Staffing by Rank and Status: FY 99 through FY 11*

	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
SWORN OFFICERS													
Commissioner	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Deputy commissioner	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lt Colonel	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	0	3	2
Major	1	8	7	8	7	8	7	6	4	6	7	7	4
Captain	12	12	12	19	16	17	15	13	14	13	8	5	12
Lieutenant	37	31	30	32	28	21	30	29	40	48	33	29	24
Master Sergeant	19	18	18	16	14	11	14	14	14	15	12	12	12
Sergeant	165	175	173	187	175	167	174	169	167	192	160	173	160
Trooper	749	824	904	910	895	902	909	884	895	899	826	849	857
Trooper Trainee	0	37	0	24	0	0	0	73	60	0	60	62	0
ACTIVE SWORN	986	1,109	1,147	1,201	1,140	1,130	1,153	1,192	1,199	1,178	1,108	1,141	1,073
Workers compensation	5	7	5	6	1	2	8	10	2	11	10	10	10
Leave	3	4	3	23	29	12	18	9	16	14	10	15	19
Suspended	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Light duty	10	16	15	20	21	17	20	15	18	26	21	26	25
INACTIVE SWORN	19	28	25	50	51	31	46	34	38	52	41	51	54
TOTAL SWORN	1,005	1,137	1,172	1,251	1,191	1,161	1,199	1,226	1,237	1,230	1,149	1,192	1,127

Source: DESPP

* Represents the number of sworn officers on July 1 of each year.

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