



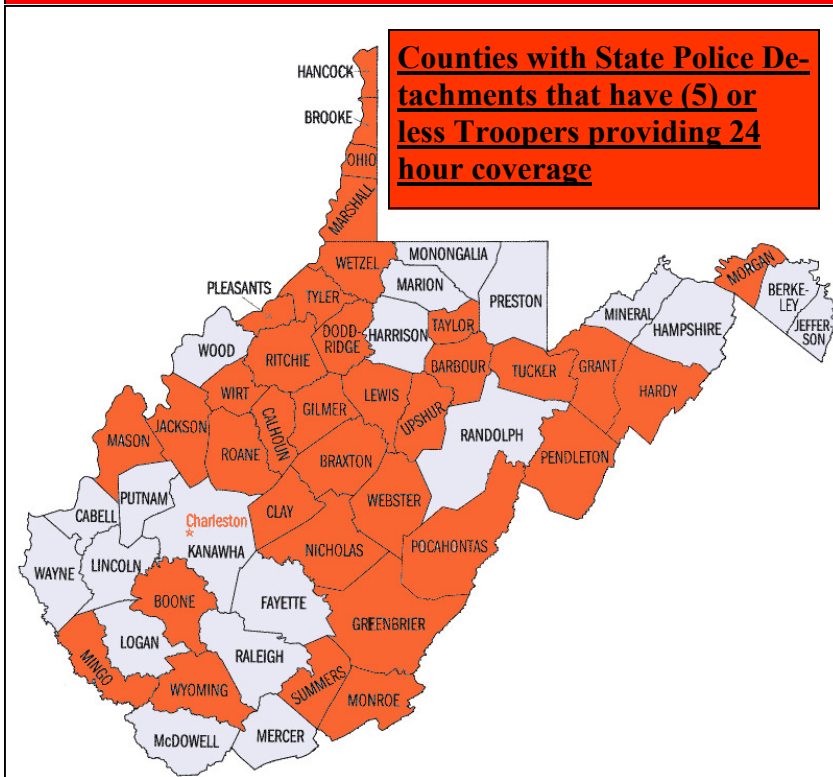
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HELP US KEEP OUR STREETS AND COMMUNITIES SAFE

“CRIMINALS” are currently getting an **84%** chance of successfully committing a **MAJOR** crime in West Virginia without ever being caught!!!



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

- SB386/HB4397 - Increase manpower to 800 Troopers**
- HB2914/ SB46 - On-Call pay**
- HB2921/SB 109 - Tuition Waiver**
- HB3102 - Sex Offender Registration Fee**

-Major crimes have continued to be on the rise in our State (1997=44,839, 2001=46,120, 2006=52,759, 2007=50,740 major crimes)
 -In 1991 22.9% of the major crimes were cleared. Only 16% are now being cleared.
 -State Police responded to **179,472** calls for service for the fiscal year 2009

Sex Offenders residing within the State have grown to over 2800 from the 1468 offenders required to register in 2001. Each are required to register with the State Police who is responsible for the registration of each.

Take notice and CORRECT the problems that the **2008 Legislative Audit** identified with the WV State Police:

- INADEQUATE LAW ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE (manpower)**
- REVIEW MANPOWER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE COVERAGE**
- ONLY 1.69 LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR EVERY 1000 RESIDENTS WITH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE BEING 2.5 OFFICER FOR EVERY 1000 RESIDENTS**

MAJOR CRIMES -SEX OFFENDERS - RESPONSIBILITIES
On the rise -We need adequate manpower to protect our communities

The responsibilities and requirements of the State Police continue to grow. Investigative requirements needed to properly conduct successful investigations have become very time-consuming requiring specialized training in many areas to keep pace with the scientific and technological demands.

A large portion of our crimes are merely being reported due to the lack of manpower and hours allotted to properly follow up investigations. Prioritizing and only investigating major crimes, permits certain crimes and criminals to continue without law enforcement intervention.

Polygraph Unit / Drug Unit / Crimes Against Children Unit (12) / Executive Protection (13)/ Forensic Laboratory / Aviation (3) / Planning+Research/ Bomb Technicians (6) / K-9 (16) / Academy (12) / Interstate Patrol (12)