



Michigan  
*Office of the Auditor General*  
**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Performance Audit*  
*Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident*  
*Prevention Program*  
*Office of Highway Safety Planning*  
*Michigan Department of State Police*

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*The Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program (SRP) is a State grant program that reimburses county sheriff departments for expenditures incurred to patrol and monitor traffic violations, investigate accidents, and perform other duties on county primary and local roads. Since 2003, all funding for SRP has been provided by a \$10 fee assessed on most moving violations. Also, Section 108, Act 296, P.A. 2012, provided a \$600,000 supplemental appropriation from the General Fund. The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is responsible for the administration and distribution of SRP funds.*

***Audit Objective:***

To assess the effectiveness of OHSP's efforts to distribute and monitor the use of funds from SRP.

***Audit Conclusion:***

We concluded that OHSP's efforts to distribute and monitor the use of funds from SRP were moderately effective. We noted three reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 3) and prepared three exhibits (Exhibits 1 through 3).

***Reportable Conditions:***

The Michigan Department of State Police did not pursue legislation to establish a methodology to allocate SRP funds to county sheriff departments (Finding 1).

OHSP could improve its monitoring of county sheriff departments receiving funds from SRP (Finding 2).

OHSP had not performed an impact and cost-effectiveness study of State, county, and local road patrol and traffic accident prevention efforts (Finding 3).

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***Agency Response:***

Our audit report contains 3 findings and 3 corresponding recommendations. The Michigan Department of State Police's preliminary response indicates that it agrees with all of the recommendations.

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