

## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

### State Forensic Laboratory Fund Fiscal Year 2017

The Forensic Lab Funding Act, 1994 PA 35, MCL 12.201 et seq., created the State Forensic Laboratory Fund (“Lab Fund”) to support the forensic laboratory costs incurred by the state and local units of government. Section 10 (MCL 12.210) requires the department to annually report to the governor and the House and Senate appropriations committees the amount received and appropriated in the fiscal year pursuant to this act, the amount expended pursuant to appropriations, and the balance in the state forensic laboratory fund.

Under the Revised Judicature Act (MCL 600.181), the Lab Fund receives 5.35% of the JSF’s balance each month.

The amount received under the act is distributed as provided under MCL 12.207:

- 45% is distributed to the Michigan State Police to defray the cost of complying with the DNA Identification Profiling System Act, 1990 PA 250, MCL 28.171 et seq. These funds are credited to the Forensic Science Reimbursement Fees fund source appropriated in the Biometrics and Identification line item.
- 55% is distributed to MSP and local municipalities that maintain a forensic laboratory and incurred expenses in conducting forensic tests by a forensic laboratory. MSP’s share is held in the Lab Fund. Forensic test is defined in statute (MCL 12.202) as “a drug analysis, toxicology analysis, or other forensic analysis or examination in areas including, but not limited to latent prints, micro chemistry, serology, firearms, toolmarks, or questioned documents. Forensic test does not include an analysis of the alcohol content of an individual’s breath.” This share of funds, based on calendar year 2016 revenue collections, was distributed as follows for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017:

<b>Calendar Year 2016 Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1,208,771.71</b>
<b>FY2017 55% Distribution</b>	
-- Oakland County Sheriff’s Office	\$ 414,801.59
-- Battle Creek Police Department	\$ 5,219.51
-- Wayland Police Department	\$ 4,274.30
-- Michigan State Police	\$ 784,476.31
	<b>\$ 1,208,771.71</b>
<b>MSP Lab Fund Revenue</b>	
-- FY2017 Beginning Balance	\$ 840,323.66
-- Justice System Distribution	\$ 784,476.31
-- Common Cash Earnings	\$ 9,533.40
-- Other Revenue Adjustments	\$ 58,837.11
-- Civil Service Assessment	\$ (405.00)
	<b>\$ 1,692,765.48</b>
<b>MSP Lab Fund Expenditures and Encumbrances</b>	
<b>Payroll</b>	
-- Regular salary and benefits	\$ 48,300.00
<b>Non-Payroll</b>	
-- Operating Supplies, Equipment, and Telecommunications	\$ 641,572.74
-- Information Technology	\$ 796,755.55
-- DTMB Charges: Building Occupancy / Fleet	\$ 75,218.00
	<b>\$ 1,561,846.29</b>

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<b>FY2017 Lab Fund Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 130,919.19</b>
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Statute (MCL 12.207) provides that funds distributed to MSP and municipal forensic laboratories are to be used for forensic science services including, but not limited to:

- Costs incurred in providing forensic tests in connection with criminal investigations conducted within the state.
- Purchasing or maintaining equipment used in performing forensic tests.
- Providing for the continuing education, training, and professional development of regularly employed laboratory personnel.

MSP had higher than normal expenditures in fiscal year 2017 due to spending down the carry forward balance and one-time non-payroll expenses. Expenses include additional hours being worked to reduce backlogs, lab and IT equipment, and other lab fees related to testing.