P.O. 903 Law Enforcement Role			
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C. P.O. 903 - Law Enforcement Role

1. LEGISLATION
   - i) The Louisiana State Police operates in the executive branch of state government as an office of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The structure of the Department is outlined in LRS 40:1379. The "Executive Branch of State Government" states that the Office of State Police shall perform the functions of the State as it relates to the enforcement of criminal and traffic laws and the maintenance of intelligence and investigative operations, all in accordance with applicable laws.
2. STATE POLICE SERVICE
   - i) The overall purpose of the Office of State Police is the protection of life and property. This goal is accomplished through numerous methods such as detecting crime, maintaining and promoting highway safety, and in general, through enforcing all state laws. Specifically, the role of the Louisiana State Police is to:
     - a) Patrol the various road systems in order to provide police protection, reduce opportunities for crime, promote and maintain highway safety.
     - b) Identify criminal activity and apprehend criminals.
     - c) Provide specialized assistance when a massive application of manpower is needed during a disaster, civil disturbance or terrorist situation.
     - d) Develop and operate a statewide police communications system.
     - e) Act as a central repository for the collection of criminal intelligence within the state and act as a coordinator of intelligence gathering activities.
     - f) Act as a central repository for criminal history data.
     - g) Provide criminal laboratory services.
     - h) Provide assistance to persons who are unable to help themselves, are in danger, or are in need of other emergency services.
     - i) Conduct various training programs for other police agencies.
     - j) Meet any responsibility designated by the Governor.