

Nebraska State Patrol 2012 Annual Report







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Message from the Colonel

Dear Friends:

Over the last 75 years, the Nebraska State Patrol has risen to many different challenges through hard work and perseverance. More than ever, and with the help of technology, this Agency has seen an increase in visibility across the entire state and in every division. Dedicated employees at every level are helping to insure the service we provide to Nebraska citizens and visitors continues at the highest level. The Nebraska State Patrol stands tall among its peers and looks forward to what the future brings. This rich tradition is predicated on the values of those who helped lay the foundation on which we stand today.

It is my honor to serve as Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. During the last several years, I've had the privilege to oversee all aspects of change, growth, and development. The necessity to implement technology throughout all divisions has led to greater efficiency. While there have been some growing pains, the Agency is better prepared to move forward with resilience, forward thinking, and unending commitment. This progress is a direct result of the support and work completed by all employees.

Looking back at 2012, it becomes difficult to only identify a division or two for their extraordinary work since everyone was an enthusiastic contributor to the success of the Nebraska State Patrol. The implementation of equipment and new ideas has provided an opportunity for personnel to increase their productivity. Without question, this world we live in is undergoing disruption. It is our duty to try and stay several steps ahead of those bringing intentional harm into our communities.

The aforementioned problems we face are interconnected, making partnering with others and leveraging intelligence increasingly important. Significant change and evolution over the past several years as it relates to criminal activity has made our officers consider alternative solutions to solve crimes. Engaging employees through training and education is one way to obtain better effectiveness with arrests and convictions.

Although fiscal challenges still exist, we continue to provide safe communities for all Nebraskans. The completed goals and objectives from last year represent the efforts and commitment of the fine men and women of this Agency and the continual service they provide. The Nebraska State Patrol is dedicated to preparing tomorrow's leaders and creating new knowledge helping to meet tomorrow's challenges.

During my tenure as Superintendent, employees at all levels have been resourceful and it is my desire to be able to count on their continued involvement in the years ahead as we strive to see our future burn brighter than our past. With long travels, it is important to take a moment to reflect where we have been and then to set a course for the road ahead. Thank you to everyone within the Nebraska State Patrol who helped make 2012 a great year!

Sincerely,

David A. Sankey, Colonel
Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety



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The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is Nebraska's only statewide full-service law enforcement Agency. Serving Nebraska since 1937, NSP officers perform a wide variety of duties. Those include working with communities to improve public safety, enforcing traffic, and drug laws, investigating crimes, and enforcing the laws and regulations pertaining to motor carriers.

Pro Bono Publico is the NSP's motto and is Latin meaning "*for the good of the public.*" It is a motto we strive to put into action as we provide you with a high quality of law enforcement and service.

During its 75-year history, the NSP has accepted additional duties and responsibilities. It is also a nationally accredited law enforcement Agency dedicated to serving the citizens of Nebraska.

There are six troop area offices; Lincoln, Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte and Scottsbluff. State Headquarters is also located in Lincoln. More than 700 employees provide field, investigative, administrative and support services to Nebraskans.

The 2012 Annual Report summarizes the many activities and achievements during this calendar year. It also reflects the services provided to the more than one million citizens and visitors to Nebraska.



VALUE STATEMENT

The Nebraska State Patrol is committed to professional public service reflecting recognition of the inherent value of each individual in our society. Our officers strive to earn and maintain trust, respect, and confidence by exemplifying the belief that the freedoms, rights, and dignity of all citizens must be protected and preserved. To this end, we pledge ourselves to the highest standards of morality, fairness, honesty, dedication, professionalism, and courage.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the NSP is to exemplify our values by providing the highest quality of law enforcement and service to the citizens. Through innovation and cooperation, we strive to promote and maintain the spirit of teamwork that is the tradition of the NSP.

CORE VALUES

The NSP's Core Values are introduced to the new recruits when they begin their career and training at the NSP Training Academy in Grand Island. After the daily flag lowering ceremony, the class chants the Core Values, which are incorporated into the Call for Service.

- Honesty
- Professionalism
- Self-discipline
- Officer Safety
- Attention to Detail
- Adaptability
- Sense of Urgency
- Performance Driven
- Team Oriented

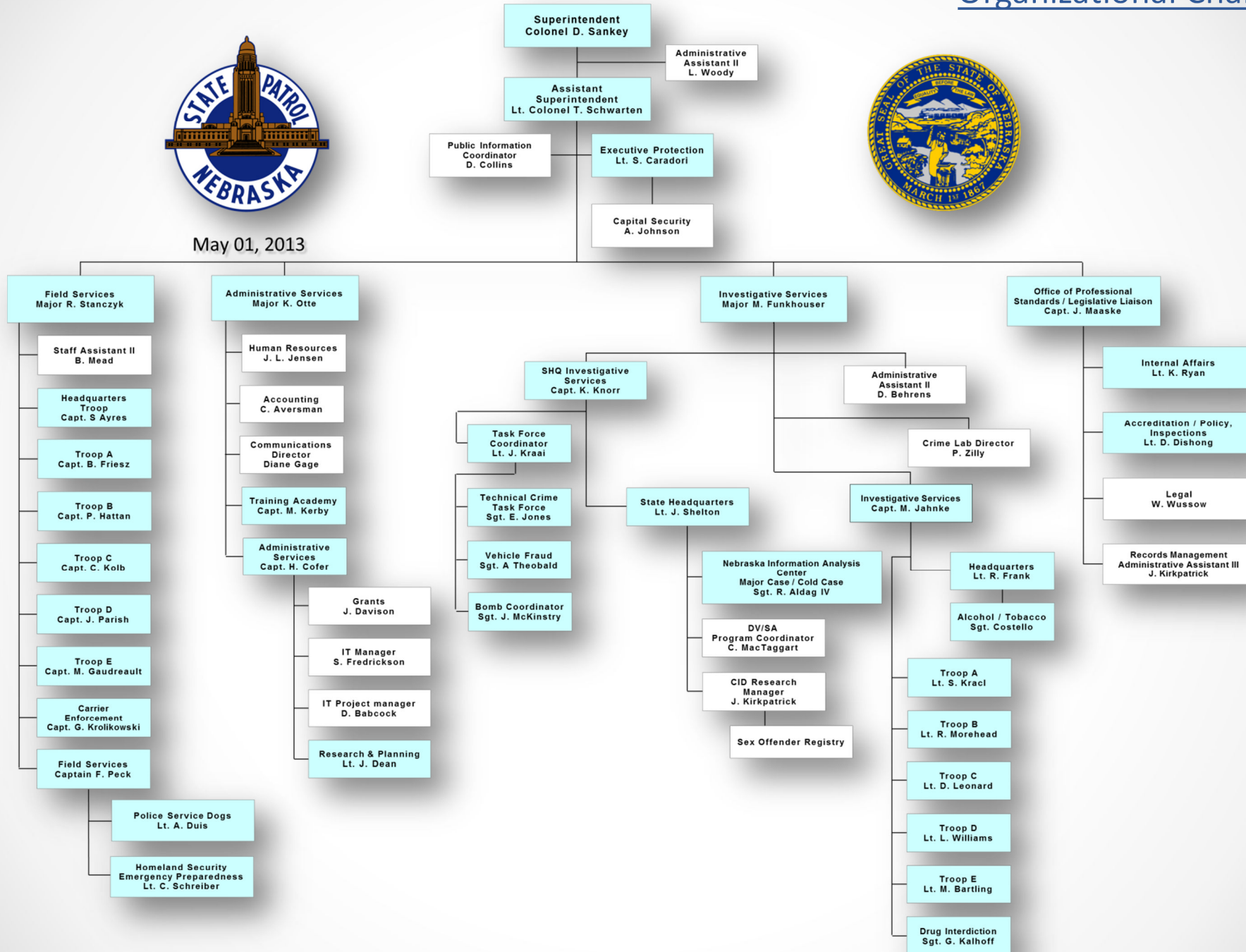


*"I am preparing to be a sworn officer of the Nebraska State Patrol, who is a **self disciplined** soldier of the law. I must serve **honestly, professionally,** and if necessary, lay down my life as others have done before me. It is my duty to enforce the law equally, be **safe, pay attention to detail,** and act with a **sense of urgency.** Furthermore, it's my duty to **adapt** to all situations and be of service to anyone who is in danger or distress. I am **performance driven, team oriented,** and I will conduct myself in such a manner that the honor and tradition of the Nebraska State Patrol will be upheld."*

Organizational Chart



May 01, 2013





**COLONEL DAVID SANKEY
SUPERINTENDENT**



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS SCHWARTEN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent's Office - Executive Protection Division

The Executive Protection Division is a component of the Executive Protection/Capitol Security Division and under the direct command of the Superintendent's Office. The main purpose of this division is to provide security and transportation for the Governor and/or his family.

The primary duties associated with the division are:

- Provide security and transportation for the Governor and/or his family.
- Protect and secure the Governor's Residence and vehicles.
- Provide security for visiting dignitaries upon request.
- Provide security for the Supreme and Appellate Courts.
- Maintain communications with Capitol Security Communications, the Governor's Office, and State Patrol Headquarters.
- Provide assistance with scheduling/security for the Legislature.
- Investigate criminal activity & threat assessments for the Capitol Complex area.
- The Executive Protection Detail handled multiple in state and out of state trips with the Governor during 2012. The breakdown is as follows:
 - EP Detail handled security/transportation for 222 in-state trips involving the Governor.
 - EP Detail handled security/transportation for 12 out of state trips with the Governor.
 - EP Detail provided security on 1 overseas trip to China with the Governor.
 - EP Detail provided security/transportation for 9 visiting dignitaries, involving US Cabinet Secretaries, and State Governors

A total of 157,014 miles were driven by the Detail across the state. The State plane flew 14,212 air miles with the Governor for events across Nebraska.

During 2012, Executive Protection Detail provided security for the Supreme Court and Appellate Court during the months of September through June in the following locations:

- Lincoln, Omaha, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska Lincoln Law College, Creighton Law College, Norfolk, Papillion, Kearney, North Platte, and Peru State College.

The Executive Protection Division continues to be involved with threat assessments dealing with threats made towards the Governor, Constitutional Officers, State Senators, and Justices of the Supreme and Appellate Courts.

Superintendent's Office - Professional Standards Division

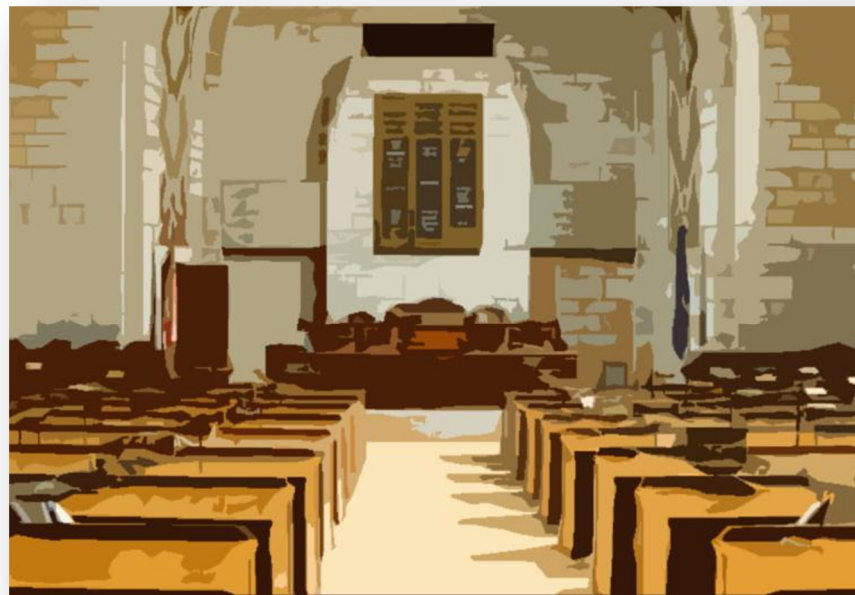
The Legislative Liaison Division is a component of the Professional Standards Division and under the command of the Superintendent's Office. The purpose of the division is to provide communication between the NSP and the Legislature.

The primary duties of the division are to assist command administration in determining legislative priorities for the Agency. This is accomplished by collecting and reviewing recommendations from Agency personnel, monitor legislative bills (LB) and provide research and assistance to legislative committees and senators on issues affecting the NSP and law enforcement. This also includes updating Agency personnel regarding new legislative bills, and serve as a member of the Legislative Liaison Group and work in cooperation with the Governor's Policy Research Office.

In 2012, during the 102nd Legislature, 2nd Session of the Nebraska Unicameral, the NSP worked cooperatively with Senators to sponsor three legislative bills. All were successful and implemented into Nebraska law. They were LB737 which clarified submission of fingerprints for adoption applications, LB751 which updated references to federal law regarding Carrier Enforcement statutes, and LB807 addressing Carry Conceal Permit requirements. Testimony was provided at five committee Hearings. Technical information was provided to numerous senators on many bills.

Agency personnel were trained on the new legislative initiatives by utilizing an electronic format and deploying the capabilities of the Mobile Data Computer (MDC) in patrol units and the concept of self-paced study.

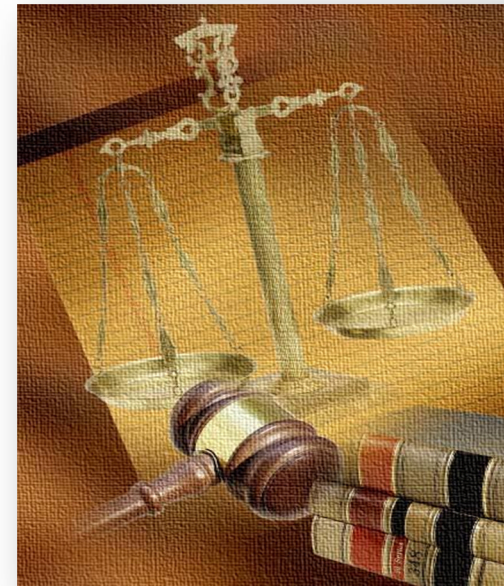
Outside of the legislative session, the Agency participated in the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry Study. The study is being conducted at the request of the Nebraska Judiciary Committee and upon the approval of the Nebraska Legislature in Legislative Bill 969 during the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session, 2012. Working jointly on the study is the NSP and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Consortium for Crime and Justice Research.



Superintendent's Office – Legal Division

The NSP Legal Division has the statutory duty “to advise the Patrol on all legal matters.” Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2009(2). Responsibilities handled by this division include contracts, arbitration hearings, administrative hearings, workers’ compensation claims processing, responses to tort claims, unit accident claims, subpoenas, public record requests, assistance to officers in the field, coordination with the Attorney General’s office on civil suits involving the Agency, employment issues and training of officers on legal matters.

The 75th year of the NSP was for the Legal Division a year of promulgating regulations. Regulations for Missing Persons, Purchase Permits, Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) Collection for Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), and Concealed Handguns were finalized. Then, due to legislative changes in 2012, the Concealed Handgun and DNA regulations had to be further changed to reflect statutory amendments. The division also began draft proposals for regulations for the NSP Drug Cash Fund and Intrastate Motor Carriers.



The Legal Division also studied the driving under the influence (DUI) conviction rates of the arrests made by NSP in 2011. After studying the statistical data, the division presented the findings to the Field Services Major and the Troop Commanders in an effort to improve DUI prosecution in certain areas with specific recommendations for improvements.

Superintendent's Office – Accreditation / Inspections / Policy Division

The activities of the Accreditation/Inspections/Policy Division were largely dominated by tasks associated with preparing for the Patrol's reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in 2013. During 2011 major changes to CALEA's accreditation processes and procedures were under consideration which resulted in the Patrol adopting a "wait and see" attitude toward preparing for reaccreditation. In July, 2012 the CALEA Commissioners finalized the contemplated changes to the accreditation processes and procedures. At that time division staff reviewed the changes, determined how they will affect the Agency, and developed a plan to incorporate them. Agency personnel performed five mock onsite CALEA assessments for allied agencies.

In addition to the above written accreditation duties, the division facilitated the review and updating of 212 policies and standard operating procedures, and 73 Agency forms. Additionally, the division performed evidence audits of each troop area.



Superintendent's Office – Internal Affairs Division



The NSP has consistently held a high degree of public trust. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) believes that this trust is based directly upon the perceived level of integrity of the employees within the Agency. It is also influenced by our willingness and ability to address incidents of misconduct in an effective and appropriate manner.

The Internal Affairs Division is simply one piece of an integral partnership within the NSP working to ensure the existence of a safe, ethical, and sound working environment. It is by striving to accomplish this goal that public trust is built.

In 2012, a slight increase was recorded with regards to the number of investigated cases. 67 individual cases were investigated during the calendar year 2012. This is an increase of 9 from 2011. The total number of complaints received in 2012 was recorded at 175.

In 2012 the number of unit accidents increased 11% to 59, following a four year decline. Despite this small increase, over the last six years the Agency has seen a trend that is sharply downward from the peak in 2007. In 2008 the NSP began to take a collaborative approach to address this issue. The approach was rooted in both training and philosophy in an effort to create a change in culture in a sincere effort to improve safety.

Unit accidents often do not come to mind when the terms *officer safety* and *line of duty death* are used. The number of United States law enforcement deaths that can be attributed to traffic related incidents in 2012 was second only to firearms related deaths. These sad statistics further illustrate our need to address officer safety from every angle.

Every employee of the NSP has a vested interest in creating a safe, ethical, and sound working environment. The Internal Affairs Division is proud to be part of this important partnership-maintaining the trust of the public it serves.



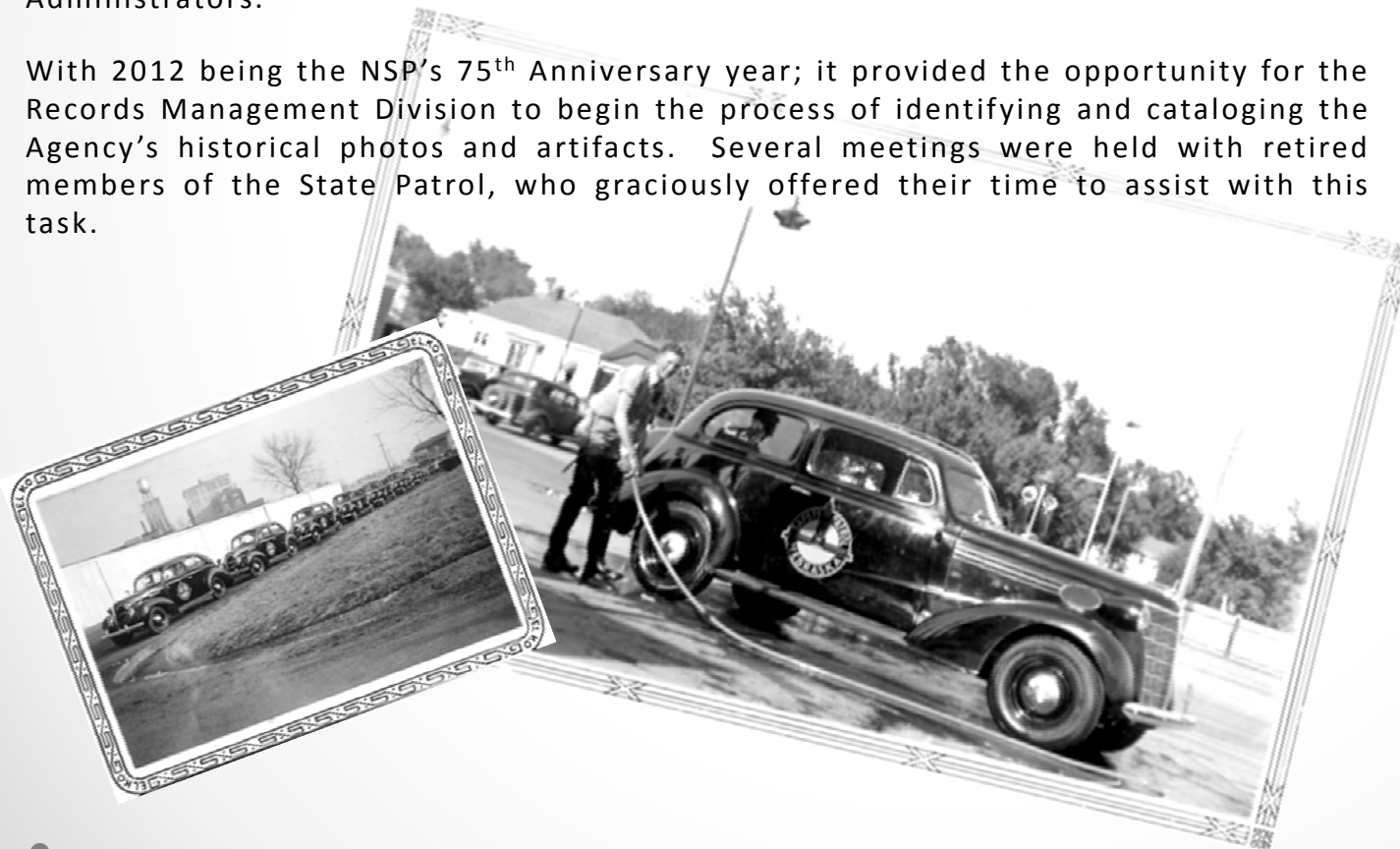
Superintendent's Office – Records Management Division



The Records Management Division serves as the overseer of the Agency records management program. Its primary responsibilities are to administer the process for retention, storage, distribution, and destruction of Agency records; plan and implement policies and procedures to manage Agency records; maintenance and revision of the Agency retention schedule, provide guidance and training to Agency employees; and coordinate the activities of the State Records Center. In 2012, the division continued to evolve as practices, protocols, and policies began to take shape.

A major project of the division was the revision of the Agency retention schedule, which has been completed and forwarded to the Secretary of State's Office for final approval. A comprehensive inventory of all records housed at the State Records Center is nearly complete. The Records Management Division provided training to Agency command staff and was invited to speak to the Nebraska Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators.

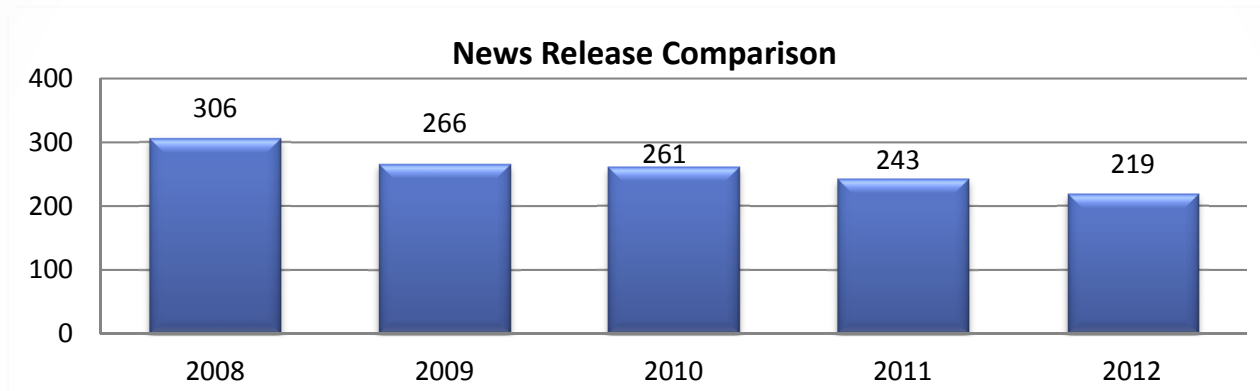
With 2012 being the NSP's 75th Anniversary year; it provided the opportunity for the Records Management Division to begin the process of identifying and cataloging the Agency's historical photos and artifacts. Several meetings were held with retired members of the State Patrol, who graciously offered their time to assist with this task.



Superintendent's Office – Public Information Division

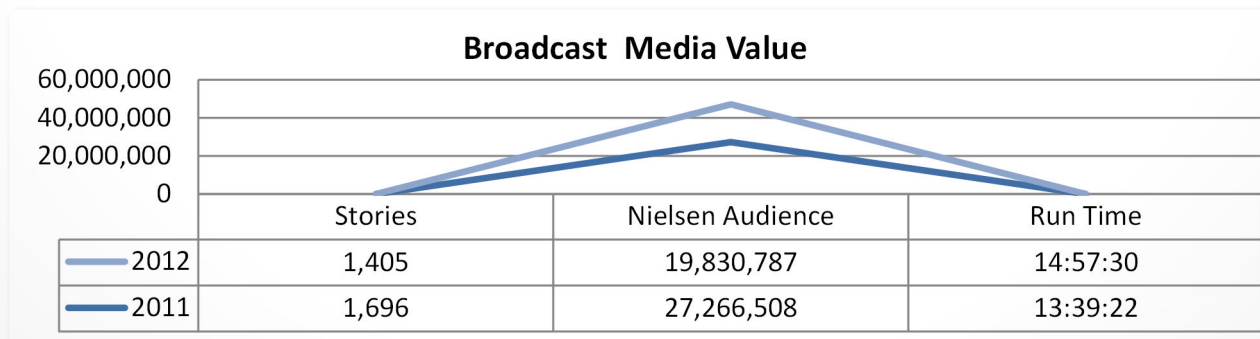
The Public Information Office (PIO) works to promote the mission and services of the NSP through all aspects of media relations. It also services both NSP and allied law enforcement agencies with the clarification of audio/video case work. The PIO Division consists of two civilian employees', the Public Information Coordinator and the Forensic Audio/Video (AV) Specialist.

In 2012, the Public Information Coordinator issued 219 news releases, helped with the planning of five news conferences and 13 media availabilities focusing on Agency activities, (graph 1).



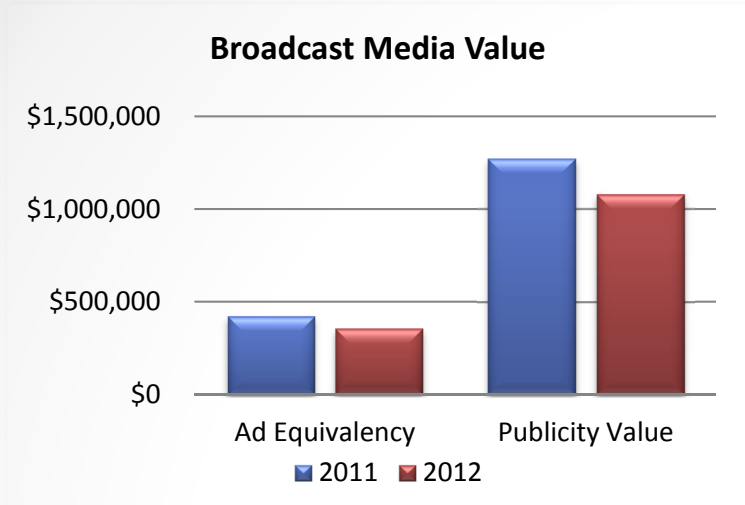
Graph 1

The media generated by the Agency, resulted in 1,405 broadcast media stories airing on Television and Radio stations across the state. In 2012, the Agency received nearly 15 hours of airtime reaching a viewing audience of close to 20 million. The airtime received was equivalent to nearly \$354,000 worth of advertising and had a publicity value of more than one-million dollars. In addition more than 2,000 articles mentioning the NSP were printed in newspapers and publications, (graphs 2-4).

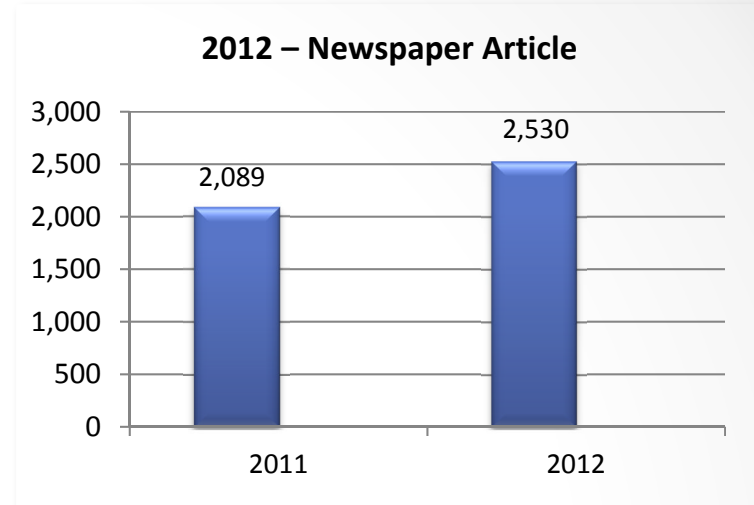


Graph 2

Superintendent's Office – Public Information Division

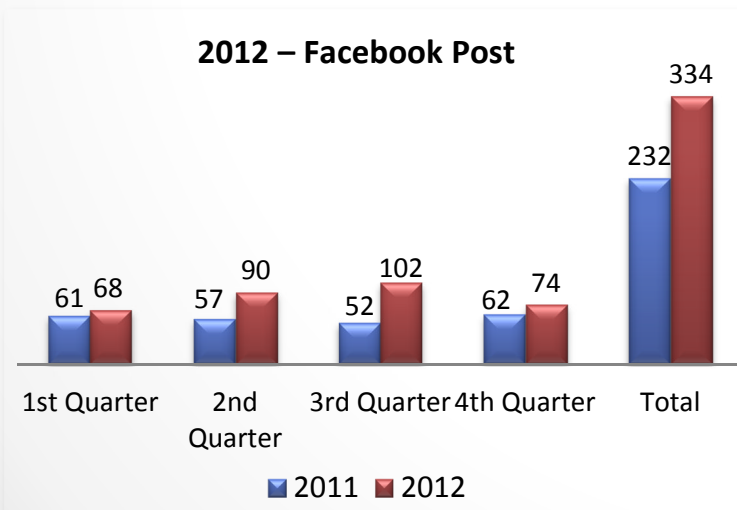


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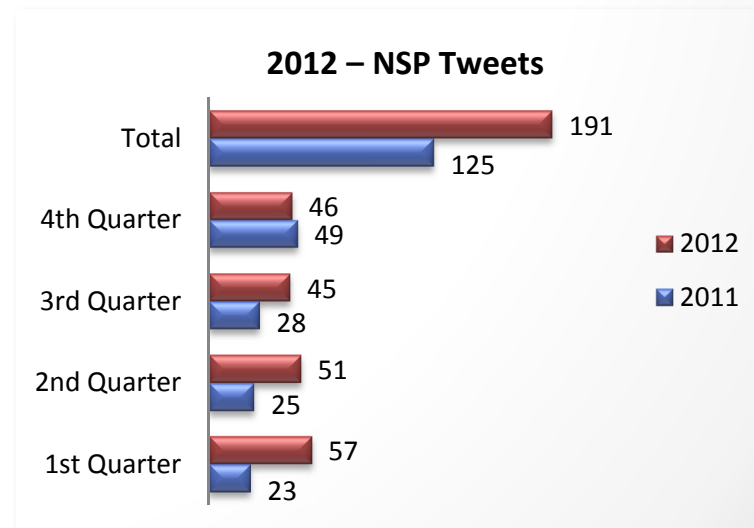


Graph 4

NSP social media continues to grow with the PIO managing the Agency Facebook and Twitter accounts. At the end of 2012, the NSP Facebook page had 3,785 fans/likes and 620 Twitter followers. During 2012, the PIO posted 334 stories to the NSP Facebook page and issued 191 tweets, (graphs 5-6). An NSP YouTube page was also created, with one video posted in 2012.



Graph 5



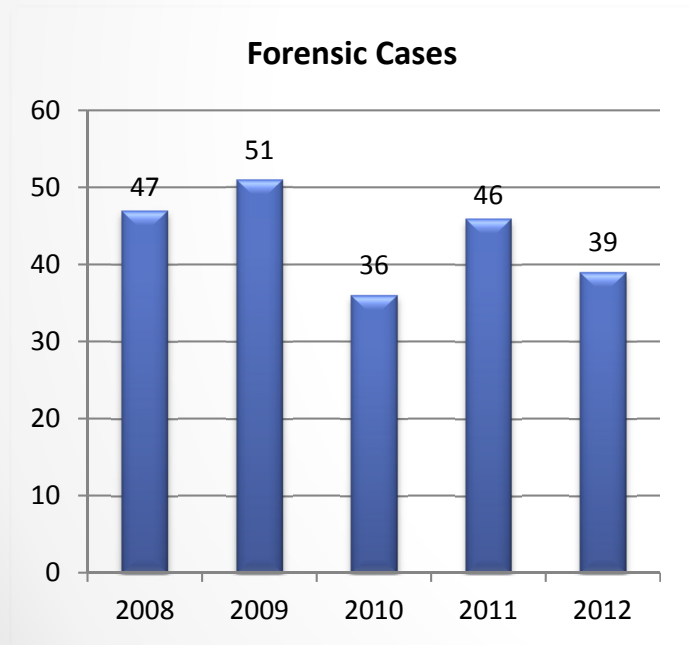
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Superintendent's Office – Public Information Division

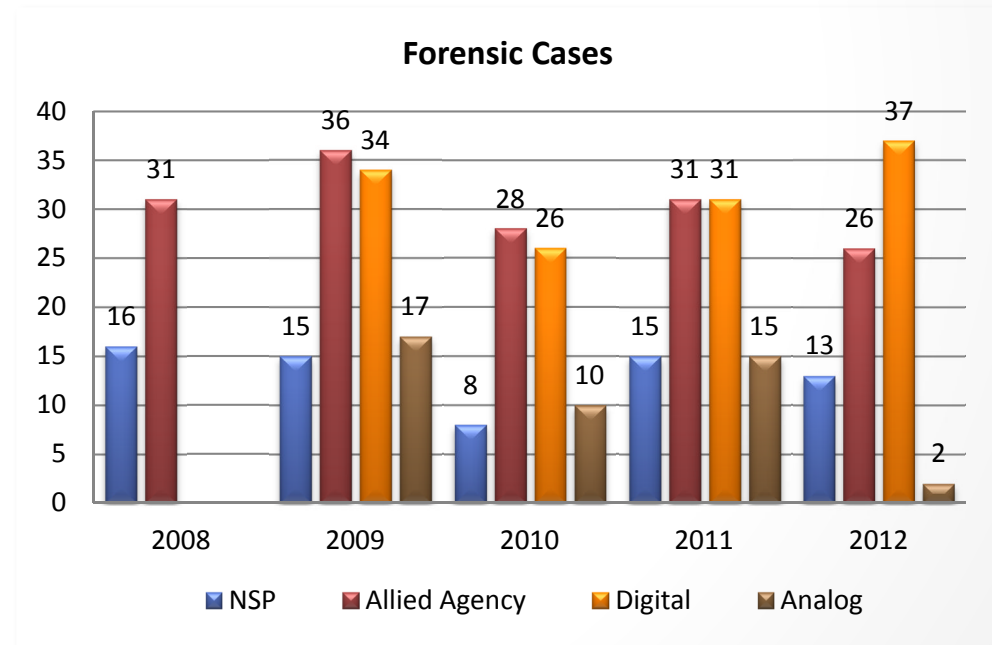
The PIO Division, Forensic Audio/Video Specialist handled 39 requests for audio/video clarification in 2012. Of those request 13 were NSP cases and 26 were from allied agencies. (graphs 7-8) In addition to forensic case work, 106 requests were received for miscellaneous audio/video services to include such things as photography, videotaping and reproducing CD's and DVD's.

The Public Information Division participated in the three video projects during 2012, to include videotaping interviews for the 75th Anniversary video, a Crime Lab DNA Collection training video and an HR Recruitment video.

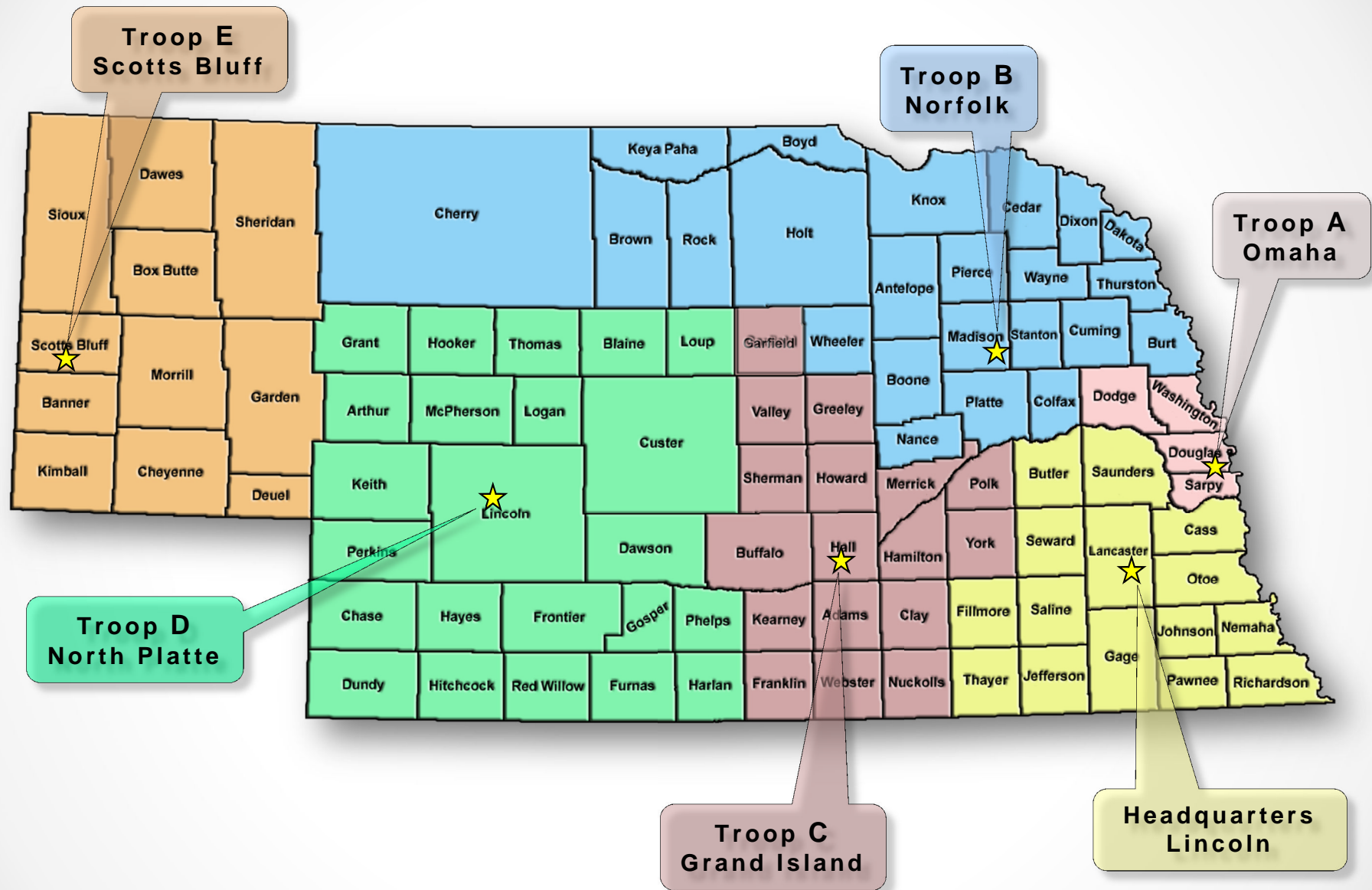
Finally, the PIO Division continues to publish the Agency's quarterly newsletter the "Informer". In 2012, the "Informer", highlighted events surrounding the Agency's 75th Anniversary celebration.



Graph 7



Graph 8



Field Services Division

The Field Services Division is under the command of Major Russ Stanczyk, encompasses uniformed patrol troopers, carrier enforcement troopers, police service dog handlers, aviation support pilots, communication specialists and community service officers.

Currently, the Agency analyzes data to place troopers where they can be the most effective. By studying crash and crime data as well as calls for service, the Agency can take a practical/analytical approach to educational concepts and enforcement efforts. Saturation patrols, high visibility enforcement efforts, detecting impaired drivers as well as occupant restraint compliance are just some of the concepts employed through studying data.

The Agency is also leveraging technology to allow troopers to perform their jobs more efficiently. Troopers are now dispatched to calls for service by Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling (MACH).

MACH provides the ability for Communications Specialists to view a trooper's location on a mapping system in real time. Trooper's reports are documented by a Records Management System (RMS), and digital in-car cameras provide video/audio documentation of their actions. Mobile Data Computers (MDC) allow troopers to issue electronic citations, commercial motor vehicle inspections, and accident reports. When completed, a new digital statewide radio system (SRS) will allow troopers expanded, clearer, interoperable radio coverage.

Troop A

2012 has been an eventful year for Troop A with public and political events, new projects and staff management. One of the biggest draws to the Omaha area this year was the College World Series and the Olympic Swim Trials. Hosted at TD Ameritrade Park, thousands flock to downtown Omaha for the annual baseball games and fireworks show. This event always brings in spectators from across the country, creating more traffic on the county roads and interstate. Troopers were given specific areas of patrol to help reinforce safety to the motoring patrons.

Bringing in a different fan base was the Olympic Swim Trials, held at CenturyLink June 25-July 2. During this event, troopers assisted with security and traffic enforcement in the area.

Other significant public events included the Air Show, held in Bellevue at Offutt Air Force Base on August 25-26. Due to weather, the first day was cancelled, but the annual event still had over 150,000 in attendance.



Troop A cont.

On December 6, Omaha hosted the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Volleyball tournament. It was the first year for Nebraska to compete in the Big 10 conference, battling to make it to the championship games.

A committee of select members has been established to problem solve and troubleshoot the new radio system and some of the learning issues it has created. Some issues are dead zones and out of range conditions. The committee has already created training for troopers to re-familiarize them with the many options the system has. Continuing efforts are also being made to enhance communication with other agencies.

Although our troopers have continued to work very hard being a presence in the community, patrolling the roads, educating the youth and working selectives, Troop A fell behind on their goal in lowering the fatality rate. In 2012, Troop A had 48 fatalities compared to 37 in 2011.

Summarizing up the year, Troop A has been working on a new mascot to go along with the new t-shirt shooter. Used at public events such as local baseball, high school football and large crowd activities, the t-shirt shooter has become a favorite in the community. This unique tool allows troopers to interact with the public in a more diversified way. Along with promoting safe driving, seatbelt usage and a positive view of the State Patrol, a new mascot will help troopers target younger crowds and gain more youth participation.



Troop B

Troop B is the largest and one of the most diversified Troop Areas within the NSP, spanning over 22,000 square miles. Its current authorized strength is 45 uniformed officers, 8 Communication Specialists, and 3 Civilian Office Personnel. During Calendar year 2012, uniformed officers responded to 4,449 calls for service. These calls included crash investigations, assistance to allied agencies, programs for schools and civic organizations, and various criminal and drug investigations. These calls for service were in addition to traffic enforcement activities and traffic safety initiatives that were conducted throughout the troop area.

On Friday, the 20th of July, a series of dry lightning storms started a series of wild fires across the western regions of the state. In Keya Paha, Cherry and Brown counties the fires escalated to the point the Region 24 Fire Complex was created and a multi-agency coordination center was put in place to fight the fires under unified command. Troopers from Troop B along with command staff assisted allied agencies and unified command during this emergency. The fires were contained and control of the complex was returned to local government on July 30th.

The preliminary damage figures show an estimated total of \$8.2 Million dollars in damage and over 72,000 acres burned. Troop B developed and implemented new traffic strategies to respond to this increased activity. For the duration of the event, troopers provided 785 hours of assistance in these three counties assisting Emergency Management, County and State Roads Departments, and allied Agency personnel in the form of security, evacuations, traffic control, calls for service, rescues and recovery efforts.



Troop B cont.

As part of the continuation from the 2011 Superintendent's Agency goals and objectives, Troop B continued with their efforts in the Hispanic outreach safety program for Troop B. This program was formed by identifying counties within Troop B that had a disproportionate minority fatality rate. Platte County was recognized as one of those counties with a higher than average Hispanic population and fatality rate. Troop B continued to partner with Catholic social services and Hispanic leaders in the community allowing the opportunity for the NSP to participate once again in their summer festival. This event was held in late August allowing the NSP to display the seatbelt convincer and rollover machine as well as distributing a large number of brochures and posters promoting seatbelt and child restraints in Spanish provided by Highway Safety. This event was attended by well over 300 people. Plans are already underway for 2013 to participate in this event again and make this a mainstay for Troop B for years to come.



Cross deputation agreements with the Winnebago and Santee Tribal Nations have expired and discussions with the tribes continue to try and remedy this difficult and complex issue.



Troop B also collaborated with the Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk to put together an NSP 75th anniversary display. The display was made up of archived items from State Headquarters and Grand Island. These items included photos, equipment, including the 1950 Ford patrol car and weaponry used by NSP over the last 75 years. Elkhorn Valley Museum reported that the display was a huge hit and attracted numerous individuals from around the Midwest.



Troop C

Troop C experienced an increase in fatalities in 2012. Thirty-nine individuals lost their lives in 33 crashes during the year. In 2011, 33 vehicle occupants were killed in Troop C. Causative factors continue to almost mirror the statewide percentages. Alcohol was involved in 20%; restraints were not used in 39%; youthful drivers were involved in 27%; and 20% of the drivers were over 65 years old. We continue to address these causative factors with our goals and objectives.

Some of the more notable goals and objectives related accomplishments from the Field Operations Division are:

- Exceeding the goal of conducting 90 education efforts by 20%, 109 traffic safety related presentations were conducted
- The alcohol related goal of conducting at least 72 alcohol related selective enforcement operations was exceeded by 18% with a total of 85 operations conducted.
- Exceeding a goal of conducting 72 youthful driver selectives by over 35% and actually conducting 99 operations. Adams and Hall Counties were target counties due to high rates of youthful drivers involved in crashes. Twenty-four additional selective operations were carried out in these two counties.

On January 27, 2012, a Trooper attempted to initiate a traffic stop on a vehicle that he had clocked traveling 97 miles per hour west of Kearney on Interstate 80 in Buffalo County. The car's driver failed to stop and a pursuit ensued. After reaching the Kearney Exit, the Subaru traveled onto Highway 44 and headed south where the occupants began firing at the Trooper. Eight to ten shots were fired. One of the rounds struck the hood of a Trooper's patrol unit. At speeds up to 145 miles per hour, it didn't take long for the pursuit to travel to U.S. Highway 34 and turn east towards Minden. Another four to five rounds were fired at that time. The Subaru turned north onto Highway 10 at Minden and traveled another six miles before the two occupants fled on foot after driving the car into a field drive.

A perimeter was established over several square miles of rural Kearney County land utilizing multiple law enforcement personnel from many allied agencies. Assets from the NSP including Charlie Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Aviation Support Division, Police Service Dog Division and Field Operations were also utilized in the manhunt. Extreme cold temperatures added to the difficulty as troopers attempted to locate and take the two suspects into custody.

Troop C cont.

Aviation Support Division personnel were eventually able to use the forward-looking infrared imaging system (FLIR) to locate a heat signature in a wooded area that when approached, resulted in the location and capture of the first suspect. After many additional hours of searching it was determined that the second suspect had slipped through the perimeter and was now at large. Around noon on January 28th, the observations of a suspicious Minden librarian resulted in the capture and arrest of the second suspect. He had wandered into the public library to seek shelter wearing no shoes.

The two suspects, 18 year old Petr Strizheus and 22 year old Aleksandr Voznyuk were eventually charged and convicted in Kearney County District Court. They each received sentences of 15 to 45 years. They had previously been involved in an armed carjacking in Colorado where they stole the Subaru they were driving in Nebraska.

On March 1, 2012, Hastings area troopers honored an Adams Central High School student, Cierra Yount, with a Seatbelt Survivor Award. Her vehicle was involved in a rollover crash earlier in the year on Showboat Road south of Hastings in Adams County. Extensive damage was done to her car. Had she not been wearing her seatbelt, it's safe to say she would have received life threatening if not fatal injuries. The car she was driving is currently displayed on the Troop C "Crash Car" trailer and used as an educational tool to illustrate that there is room to survive severe crashes if seatbelts are utilized.

With the increase of Troop C fatalities to 39 in 2012, troop area reconstructionists were kept busy responding to crashes. Two of these fatal crashes were especially difficult to deal with. On July 3, 2012, two semi tractor trailer rigs traveling in opposite directions on Highway 30 near Silver Creek in Merrick County struck head on. An ensuing fire destroyed both semi tractors. The drivers of both vehicles were also burned beyond recognition. An additional complication was the eventual discovery that one of the drivers was a Yugoslavian national who had been living in the Chicago area.



Through extensive follow up investigation, personnel were able to locate a cousin in the United States who was able to contact the driver's wife who was in Yugoslavia. Consular notification protocol was also necessary as arrangements were made for the release of the driver's remains to next of kin.

Troop C cont.

A second tragic crash involving a school bus from Blue Hill and a tractor trailer rig hauling hay occurred on September 5, 2012, in rural Webster County. A county road intersection crash and subsequent fire resulted in the deaths of the drivers of both vehicles and two students who were riding on the bus. Five other students who were on the bus sustained injuries as well. This incident required the response of crash reconstructionists and Carrier Enforcement Division post crash investigators. Countless man hours were incurred to assure all aspects of the crash were appropriately documented.



Ruse checkpoint operations have been proven successful in the Troop C area for several years. One such operation near the Bradshaw Exit in York County on November 18, 2012, was particularly fruitful. A Trooper stopped a Penske Rental truck for failure to signal a turn onto a county road from the eastbound Bradshaw off ramp. His suspicions were raised after conversing with the driver. A subsequent consent search resulted in the discovery of what turned out to be 2,395.5 pounds of marijuana that had been placed in the cargo area of the truck. A 56 year old white male from Glendale, AZ was arrested and lodged in the York County Jail.

Troop C cont.

As with any organization, people are the most valuable asset. Troop C was fortunate to gain an asset. Troop C's Staff Assistant, Mary Jones was honored in 2012 when she received the State Patrol's Civilian Employee of the Year award. It was nice to have statewide recognition for someone who does so much to assure the smooth operation of the troop area.

Troop C's three large annual events continue to be Kearney's Cruise Night, The Nebraska State Fair and Husker Harvest Days farm show. We have obtained overtime funding from Highway Safety and continue to have goals related to that in 2013 as well.



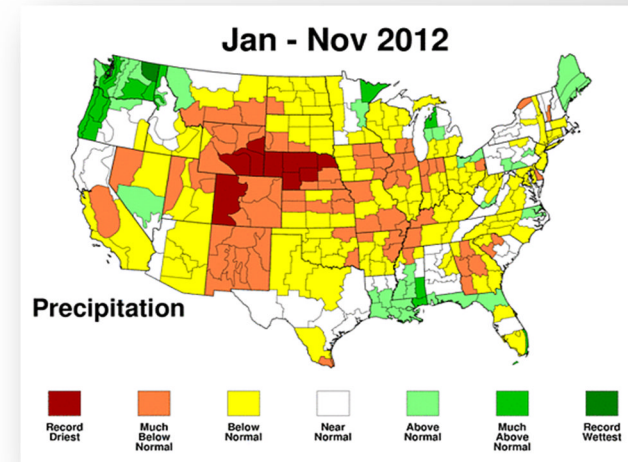
Troop D

The drought of 2012 was a drastic contrast from the flooding of 2011. During 2012, Troopers assigned to Troop D were kept busy directing traffic and maintaining security at the scenes of numerous grass fires across the troop area. Events were reflective of the rapid changes in Nebraska's plains weather.

Staffing continues to be challenging for us in Troop D. Six new troopers completed their field training and are now successfully contributing members of Troop D.



The issue of fires became personal when on July 4th a wild fire threatened the home of a sworn officer in Custer County. Fortunately, his home and possessions were saved by a sudden wind shift and the hard work of local volunteer firefighters.



Fires south of North Platte, near Thedford, west of Ogallala near Lake McConaughy and south of Paxton were successfully suppressed but the economic damage was significant.

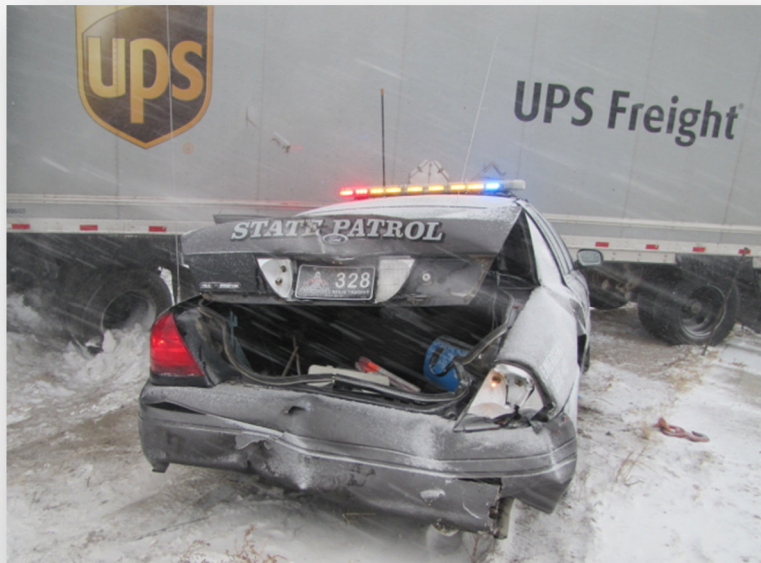
In addition, fatigue and strain on local fire budgets was very significant and problematic.



Troop D cont.

As has been the case since 1937, Troopers assigned to Troop D investigated or assisted other agencies in the investigation of serious vehicle crashes and traffic deaths.

In April, a head-on crash and subsequent fire severely injured a Trooper. His unit was completely destroyed along with all of the equipment contained therein. The Trooper's rescue was miraculous given his physical injuries and the ensuing fire. The 17 year old unlicensed driver of the other vehicle was able to pull the Trooper from the Patrol unit before he received more serious injuries. Unfortunately, his injuries were significant. He continues to recover and recently was cleared for light duty. We anticipate him returning to full duty sometime in 2013.



In October, another Trooper escaped injury when his unit was struck during a blinding dust storm. The drought conditions and high winds created a zero visibility situation during which his unit was struck and significantly damaged.

In December, the Trooper was again the victim of poor visibility conditions during a snow storm. While investigating a jack-knifed westbound UPS truck which had come to rest in the median of I-80 near Paxton, his unit was struck by an eastbound UPS semi which had lost control on the icy road. In this crash, the Trooper suffered serious injuries and is still recuperating at home. He has not returned to active duty as of the writing of this document.

Troop D cont.

Several tragic crashes occurred in the troop area that had profound effects on several communities. In April, a fatal crash in Perkins County claimed the lives of two high school students. The crash occurred in the early morning hours but did not involve alcohol. The main cause was excessive speed and a transition from a paved surface to a gravel road surface. This left the small rural community in shock.

Another devastating crash resulted in the deaths of three individuals on Highway 2 east of Broken Bow. The crash involved a school activity van and a pickup truck driven by a retired man from the area. The van was occupied by coaches and players from the Broken Bow high school basketball team. The crash claimed the lives of the two coaches and the retired farmer in the oncoming pickup. This crash continues to affect the community of Broken Bow as well as the home towns of the two coaches. Several of the students in the van sustained injuries ranging from minor to very serious. The cause of the crash was a lane departure. Since the crash, Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) has installed center-line rumble strips in that stretch of Highway 2.

A third crash of note resulted in the deaths of two young boys and a passenger in the oncoming car. Icy conditions and inexperience on the part of a 14 year old driving to school with his 9 year old brother were contributing factors in this devastating crash. Also killed was the wife of the driver of the west bound vehicle. The driver of the west bound vehicle was left in critical condition with internal injuries and severe burns.

In our efforts to combat these tragedies, we have placed significant emphasis on DUI enforcement and the enforcement of restraint violations. For the second year in a row, Troop D has led all other troop areas in DUI enforcement. We have met or exceeded all set goals within the troop area pertaining to DUI enforcement initiatives and have focused on education and enforcement.

Much of this past year was spent acquiring office space in Broken Bow. With the sale of our old office building, we were forced to find new space. After a lengthy process including meetings and Request for Proposals (RFP) and submittal of several sets of plans, we were able to find office space in Broken Bow. Remodeling of that space should be complete in the near future.

We are sure we will be able to handle the unforeseen challenges we will experience in 2013 and will continue our focus on traffic safety and the reduction of highway deaths.



Troop E

After achieving the lowest number of motor vehicle fatalities in Troop E history during 2011, that number rose in 2012 ending the year with 18 fatal crashes resulting in 21 motor vehicle fatalities. Despite the increase, Troop E continues to make progress towards motorist behavior and undoubtedly will break future fatality reduction records in the years ahead with fewer lives lost to crashes.

Innovative impaired driving enforcement strategies were a large part of Troop E's approach towards highway safety during 2012. Using a data driven approach, extra troopers were on patrol during various community celebrations held throughout Troop E. A total of 127 hours of grant time, received from Region 1 Panhandle Prevention Coalition, was utilized on Friday and Saturday nights that resulted in 136 traffic stops. Of those, twenty alcohol violations were discovered resulting in nine DUI arrests.

Continuing with a data driven approach to impaired driving enforcement, three additional overtime grants, received from Nebraska Office of Highway Safety and Region 1 Panhandle Prevention Coalition, provided extra troopers on the road to conduct late night and early morning sobriety checkpoints. These initiatives resulted in 39 checkpoints using a total of 369 hours of trooper and dispatcher overtime. A total of 345 violations were discovered of which 34 involved an impaired driver and 48 involved other alcohol violations. A total of 1,882 motorists were contacted during the enforcement events.



Alcohol involved fatal crashes in Troop E reduced from 55% in 2011 to 33% in 2012. Scotts Bluff County, Troop E's only Highway Safety designated priority county, had a decrease in alcohol related fatal crashes by 50% from 2011. Undoubtedly, increased emphasis towards late night vehicle checkpoints and a proactive enforcement of all alcohol violations is having a positive impact.

"In tragedy comes hope," was the inspiration for Troop E's Community Service Officer who partnered with Scottsbluff High School students, a guidance counselor, and an injury prevention coordinator to form the A & M Project. The students desired to take action after two classmates, Anthony and Matt, were killed in separate unrestrained roll-over crashes. The A & M project is students educating students on the importance of wearing seat belts. The project has conducted presentations to over 2000 Panhandle students on the importance of wearing seat belts which includes t-shirts and wrist bands to memorialize the A & M education. The National Safety Council of Nebraska and the Nebraska Department of Health have taken interest to showcase the program.

Troop E cont.

A strong partnership with NDOR District 5 provided repeated assistance to Troop E. In May, NDOR assisted with transporting a disabled patrol unit from Scottsbluff to Lincoln for surplus. NDOR assisted Troop E repeatedly through the summer months in providing temporary lighting and signs during late night vehicle checkpoints. In August, NDOR provided a truck and trailer along with a front end loader, manpower, and a dump truck to assist with moving and salvage of surplus office furniture from the Bridgeport office.

June 9, activists from across the country participated in an act of civil disobedience in the small town of White Clay. Organizers protested alcohol sales, while some subjects U-Locked themselves together with a log chain to block Highway 87. The blockade continued for 3 ½ hours until the group voluntarily dispersed through negotiations.

The civil unrest returned on August 26, when 200 protestors again caused disruption. Five subjects chained themselves together causing Highway 87 traffic to detour around the community. This demonstration, along with peripheral disturbances, continued for 6 ½ hours where negotiations failed to move the protestors. The restoration of order was obtained by troopers moving back the crowd, and then loading the five interlocked protestors into a 20 foot enclosed stock trailer. The interlocked suspects were transported in this manner to the Sheridan County Jail to face charges of obstructing the roadway and failing to obey a lawful order.





Troop E cont.

On June 12, a heavily armed 27 year old male suspect entered an Alliance Pharmacy to commit a robbery. During the crime, the suspect exchanged gunfire with a responding Alliance Police Officer who was severely wounded. The owner of the pharmacy, a 62 year old male, was taken hostage and the suspect barricaded himself within the building. Bravo SWAT was activated and during their containment the suspect and SWAT team members exchanged gunfire resulting in a state trooper and second Alliance police officer being seriously wounded. A perimeter was established and during negotiations the pharmacy owner escaped the building, but was seriously wounded when shot by the suspect. After a 14 hour standoff, that utilized approximately 65 state troopers encompassing statewide divisions from traffic, investigative services, Bravo and Charlie SWAT, aviation support, police service dogs, and bomb techs, along with 9 allied law enforcement agencies and local officials, the suspect was killed during an exchange of gunfire with members of the Bravo SWAT team. A grand jury convened on November 1 and returned a no true bill.

Beginning on August 28th, three wildfires caused by lightning, burned uncontrolled in Dawes, Sioux, and Sheridan Counties. The Douthit Fire located between Harrison and Crawford; the West Ash Fire located southeast of Crawford; and the Wellnitz Fire located north of Hay Springs; prompted two Type II Incident Management Teams to respond. A total of 88,180 acres burned in Dawes and Sioux Counties which threatened numerous residences along Chadron State Park and near the communities of Chadron and Crawford that prompted evacuation. Five residences were lost to the fires and numerous outbuildings burned. At its height, a total of 1000 personnel were involved in firefighting efforts. The Wellnitz Fire in Sheridan County burned 96,000 acres until crossing into South Dakota and onto the Pine Ridge Reservation where it burned 27,000 acres. All the fires were contained by September 6, resulting in the demobilization of Type II teams, National Guard troops, NDOR staff, and volunteer crews. Troop E staff performed heroically during evacuations and road closures putting the safety of the public before themselves during harrowing circumstances.



Troop E cont.

A tragic crash occurred in Troop E on Sunday, September 9, when two semi-trucks collided in the westbound traffic lane of Interstate 80, 1 mile east of Potter, resulting in a fire that killed one driver. Moments later a second collision occurred when a westbound semi-truck collided with two stopped passenger cars which also resulted in a fire engulfed crash. Killed in the passenger cars was a family from Gaithersburg, MD, that included two adults and two young children. The interstate was closed for 13 ½ hours and the crash resulted in criminal charges filed against the driver of the semi-truck.

It's tragic crashes like this that compel the men and women of Troop E to strive for greater success in highway safety, and continue with our passion that one life lost is one too many.



Headquarters Troop

Headquarters Troop Area is committed to the goal of reducing fatalities caused by traffic crashes. Every Trooper is aware of this primary mission and of the goals and objectives that have been established to make our roads safer through enforcement of the traffic laws and providing traffic safety education to the public.

Headquarters Troop Area is also proud of their contribution towards the reduction in crash related fatalities for this year. When Nebraska as a whole experienced an increase in fatalities in 2012, the number of fatalities in Headquarters Troop was one of the lowest annual totals in the last 20 years with 36 fatalities. Although one fatality is too many, and there will never be an acceptable number of deaths from traffic crashes, the overall downward trend is validation that our efforts have a positive impact on public safety.

The Troop Area made significant contributions in three specific goals and objectives in 2012 that we believe may have contributed to the reduction in fatal crashes.

The number of speeding contacts increased in 2012 for the first time in several years. Speeding violations are a contributing factor in vehicle crashes and can increase the severity of crashes as well. An increase in speeding violations also provides a visual deterrent for motorists who observe vehicles being stopped by a State Trooper. This visual reminder lets the motoring public know that officers are in the area and working so they are encouraged to drive safely.



Headquarters Troop, cont.

Driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests had steadily declined over the past few years. This trend was reversed this year with a significant increase in the number of impaired driving arrests. Impaired drivers continue to be a contributing factor in far too many fatal crashes. Any increase in the number of impaired drivers removed from the road has a direct impact on improving public safety.

There was also a significant number of traffic safety programs provided in the Troop Area; an increase that went well above the goals set for 2012. Traffic safety education is an important part of Headquarters Troop Area's strategy to reduce fatal crashes. We believe this emphasis on education may have contributed to a reduction in the number of fatal crashes involving drivers under the age of 21 from ten in 2011 to only two in 2012.

Our goals and objectives for 2013 are a reflection of our continuing efforts to improve safety for the traveling public in the future. By analyzing statistical data of the fatal crashes in 2012, we hope to focus our enforcement efforts to continue the downward trend in the number of fatal motor vehicle crashes.



Aviation Support Division

The Aviation Support Division (ASD) finished another year supporting NSP and allied Agency functions. The division generated over 7,200 contacts during traffic enforcement activities in the furtherance of Agency goals to reduce accidents. The division was able to continue to build on its technological capabilities by replacing the analog downlink to a digital system. The ASD continues to seek funding to complete a transition to digital downlink. ASD has completed a self evaluation and looked at gaps in our service capabilities and taken a proactive approach to filling these voids and gaps.



Rappelling Training



Wildfire Support



Duncan Career Fair

Carrier Enforcement Division

The Carrier Enforcement Division plays an integral part in ensuring that Nebraska's highways remain safe for the motoring public. Made up of eighty-nine uniformed and eight civilian personnel, the Division operates eleven weigh stations and thirty-one portable scale units. The Division's primary focus continues to be promoting public safety, preserving and protecting the State's highways and bridges and preventing immoderate and destructive use of our roadways through enforcing the weight and size statutes and through inspecting commercial motor vehicles.

During 2012 the Division issued a total of 22,351 summonses, 484 warnings and 466 violations to the operators of commercial motor vehicles and the motoring public.

It statically weighed 1,193,235 trucks (a 5% increase compared to 2011) and subsequently issued 7,613 summonses related to violations of the weight statutes. While the majority (71.1%) of these violations is for axle or gross weights exceeding the legal limit by 1 - 10%, those issued for weights exceeding the legal limit by more than 10% are becoming more prevalent and account for 28.9% of weight-related summonses.

The Division completed 22,360 roadside inspections of commercial motor vehicles resulting in the discovery of 28,436 vehicle violations with 34.07% of the vehicles inspected being placed out of service. In addition, there were 12,263 driver violations documented with 6.6% of the drivers inspected being placed out of service. In the never-ending attempt to curb unsafe driver behavior, the Division also conducted 2,304 Traffic Enforcement Inspections (TEIs). In cooperation with allied law enforcement agencies, the Carrier Enforcement Division conducted 15 Metropolitan Aggressive Preventive Selectives (MAPS) in 2012. The MAPS team inspected 705 commercial motor vehicles that normally do not travel outside the cities or pass through the weigh stations. There were 2,684 violations documented, with 291 vehicles and 40 drivers being placed out of service as well as \$55,290.00 in fines being issued.

The Nebraska Carrier Enforcement Division remains committed to ensuring compliance with the fuel taxation laws, with its program continuing to be one of the most aggressive in the nation. During 2012, the Division completed 9,662 roadside fuel inspections, discovering 42 vehicles operating with untaxed diesel fuel, and performed 10 fuel transporter destination inspections.



Carrier Enforcement Division cont.

The Statutes and Regulations governing the operation of commercial motor vehicles are very complex; therefore, the Division dedicates many resources to developing and providing educational programs and materials to the trucking industry and other law enforcement personnel. The education of public and private industry plays a vital role in obtaining voluntary compliance with the law and improving highway safety for all. Some of these efforts in 2012 included conducting nine Town Hall meetings held across the State with 586 people in attendance, 81 seminars for the motor carrier industry, and presentations at the Nebraska State Fair and Husker Harvest Days.

Aside from its roadside efforts, the Division has an Investigative Section, which conducts both Compliance Reviews and New Entrant Audits of Motor Carriers. During 2012 there were 55 Compliance Reviews conducted resulting in civil penalties totaling \$108,650.00 being assessed, along with 573 Safety Audits being completed.

Realizing the devastating consequences of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle, the Division continues to be a leader nationally in providing specialized training in the area of Post-Crash Inspections. The course held in 2012 was attended by six NSP troopers and by 18 law enforcement officers from 10 other states. The Post-Crash Inspection Course was designed to replicate real life scenarios and to expose students to as many of these as possible during the week. The course provides five separate staged wrecked vehicles to be inspected. The vehicles are positioned as they may have been found at the scene; some even tipped over on their side, thus replicating the challenges students will face when called upon to conduct such inspections roadside. Students practice critical thinking skills and learn how to determine the correct course of action in collecting their data. Additionally, students practice evidence preservation by learning how to properly document their actions and observations.





Police Service Dogs

In 2012, the Police Service Dog (PSD) Division continued to support law enforcement efforts by answering calls for service as well as generating a number of arrests. The PSD Division provided 326 drug sniffs, 118 explosive sniffs, and 159 patrol-related deployments resulting in 19 apprehensions of criminals. The PSD Division assisted with the seizure of 2,875.2 pounds of marijuana, 2.34 pounds of cocaine, 19 pounds of heroin, 1 pound of Psilocybin mushrooms, and 8.24 pounds of methamphetamine. As a very proactive division, the PSD Division accounted for 373 misdemeanor and felony arrests and participated in 457.5 hours of selective enforcement. In addition to the above, the PSD Division provided 42 public demonstrations along with public school locker sniffs upon request.

In the area of training, the PSD Division provides training and certification opportunities to other law enforcement agencies in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. In 2012, the PSD Division sponsored two basic training camps resulting in nine new PSD Teams, two Instructor Students and two State Evaluator Students. Annual recertification numbers were higher than average with fifty-eight Narcotics Detection Dogs and thirty-eight Patrol Dog Teams from Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas participating. PSD Division assisted with certifying members of the Heart of America Police K9 Association in Des Moines, Iowa.

In addition to basic training and certifications, PSD Instructors provided a Tactical Dog seminar for the Omaha, Bellevue, Papillion, La Vista, and Beatrice Police Departments along with Douglas County Sheriff's Office, US Air Force Security Personnel, and the Council Bluffs, Iowa Police Department.

The PSD Division also hosted and participated in the 4th Annual Nebraska Police Dog Championships in Grand Island. The competition attracts participants from around Nebraska for friendly competition as well as training in advanced deployment techniques.



Investigative Services Division

The Investigative Services Division is under the command of Major Mark Funkhouser and comprised of five principal areas of service: the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, Troop Area field investigations, statewide specialized investigative units, Criminal Identification Division, and the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC), which hosts the Intelligence and Homeland Security functions of the NSP. Many specialized units fall under the five principal sections, such as the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry, Commercial Interdiction, Cyber Crimes, Polygraph, Auto Theft/Fraud, and Hazardous Device Techs. The NIAC also provides investigative support and collaborative information-sharing with allied law enforcement and private-sector partners.

In 2012, Investigative Services expanded efforts to obtain national certification for crime scene investigation for NSP Investigators. Through the International Association of Identification, many criminal and drug investigators received their certification after extensive preparation through field work, individual study, and classroom presentation and monitored testing. The State Patrol will continue to expand this certification throughout the Division.

The NSP received results of a comprehensive Needs Assessment/Planning Study of the NSP Crime Lab which was conducted by an architectural firm with expertise in laboratory facility, function and staffing analysis. The four-month project, managed by a partnership of BVH Architects and i-SCIENCE, LLC, produced a comprehensive report which offered a variety of recommendations and options to improve the operational effectiveness of the NSP Crime Lab and for addressing current and future facility requirements. Those results were used to prepare a proposal to Department of Administrative Services (DAS) State Building Division and the Nebraska Legislature for funding a new NSP Crime Lab.

In 2012, officers assigned to the Investigative Services Division also participated in a full-time basis with the U.S. Marshals' Fugitive Task Force, FBI Safe Streets Task Force, Joint Terrorism Task Force, FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force and several DEA-led federal task force operations throughout the state.



Troop A

Troop A Investigative Services is in a unique position in the Omaha Metro area. Being situated in the most heavily populated section of Nebraska and policed by several large law enforcement entities presents a variety of challenges and opportunities. A clear vision and focus on investigative needs has provided a roadmap to address those challenges and maximize our effectiveness. Strong relationships have been developed with other state, local, federal, military agencies as well as private corporations to share resources, equipment, and techniques. We have leveraged technology and trained our people to maximize workflow and become more efficient while increasing our quality of services. We have structured ourselves to limit duplication and specialize in areas where outside agencies have limited resources.



Pharmaceutical crime is an area in which NSP investigators have developed into subject matter experts. This response has been directly influenced by the high rate of Medicaid and Medicare fraud incidents committed by known drug abusers and health care professionals. In an effort to address this problem, Troop A Investigative Services committed one Investigator to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Tactical Diversion Squad in 2012. Significant results have already been realized.

There are several major transportation hubs located in Troop A. They include Eppley Airport, AmTrak, and a regional bus line. Additionally, there are two commercial shipping companies that move millions of packages for the region. To confront the problem of people transporting large shipments of controlled substances, the NSP developed a group of investigators that interdict these loads. In 2012, investigators seized nearly 1,000 lbs. of marijuana, 17 lbs. of cocaine, 29 lbs. of methamphetamine and 19 lbs. of heroin. These duties are in addition to assisting the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Greater Omaha Safe Streets initiative targeting violent crime.

Troop A cont.

The NSP has taken a lead in the FBI's Cyber Crimes Task Force. The number of qualified investigators that have a desire and more importantly an aptitude to investigate cyber security and child exploitation is limited. Participating in the task force has allowed the NSP the opportunity to assist allied law enforcement with qualified personnel and the necessary skill set to investigate these crimes. In 2012, Cyber investigators executed 20 federal and state search warrants. They were instrumental in developing and monitoring a digital Title III on a local suspect that had worldwide connections in child pornography. For their efforts, investigators were awarded the 2012 American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) Outstanding Law Enforcement Group Award.

Investigators have acquired expertise in determining the cause and manner of death which lead them to attend autopsies at the Douglas County Morgue. This service is invaluable to other agencies from across Nebraska that may not have the ability or resources to attend a post mortem examination and assist the pathologist with evidence collection and analysis.

The highly trained, committed and experienced staff of Troop A Investigative Services are proud of the accomplishments achieved in 2012. Continued efforts to analyze the effectiveness of our results will only further the advancements we have made and the services we provide.



Troop B

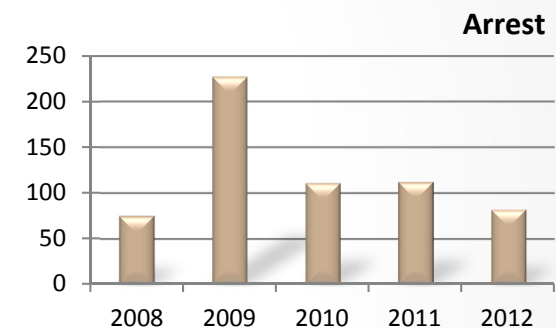
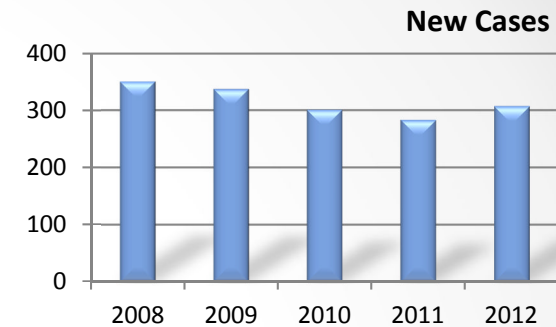
Twenty-three counties with a geographical span of approximately 330 miles east to west and 104 miles north to south is the Troop B Investigative Services area of responsibility in Northeast and North Central Nebraska. The Investigative Services Division in Troop B consists of 15 sworn personnel assigned to duty stations in Norfolk, Columbus, Neligh, Wayne and South Sioux City, as well as 2 Staff Assistants.

In 2012, 307 new cases were initiated by Investigative Services personnel resulting in 82 arrests. Investigative Services personnel assisted allied area agencies with 232 cases as well. A total of 3,189 allied Agency contacts were documented in 2012, consisting of local, county, and federal law enforcement agencies. Troop B Investigative Services personnel responded to 982 total incidents in 2012. Public safety information and education is also very important, thus 58 programs of various topics were provided to 4,200 people in the Troop B area by the Investigative Services staff.

Liquor and tobacco enforcement is a method of ensuring lawful compliance by licensed alcohol and tobacco establishments. In 2012, alcohol compliance checks were conducted at 148 establishments with 8 being non-complaint showing a non-compliant rate of 5.4%. Tobacco compliance checks were conducted at 66 establishments with 10 being non-compliant at a rate of 15%.

The Troop B Investigative Services Division is a strong supporter and participant of the Specialized Narcotics Abuse Reduction Effort (SNARE) Drug Task Force. In 2012, 186 cases were developed in the SNARE region resulting in 160 arrests. Contraband seized included methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, mushrooms, ecstasy, prescription drugs and one handgun.

Troop B is also an active participant in the Tri State Drug Task Force, which is a Federal Task Force based in Sioux City, Iowa. In 2012, Tri State served 48 search warrants. This resulted in 77 felony and 39 misdemeanor arrests. Controlled substances seized included cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, K2, LSD, heroin and prescription drugs as well as 28 firearms.



Troop B cont.

Investigative Services personnel attended 63 Northeast Nebraska Child Advocacy Center interviews and attended 25 Multi-disciplinary meetings in 2012. Participation in area public service organizations is vital. For this reason, Troop B Investigative Services personnel take active rolls in various organizations to include the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department Child Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (CFIMR) group based in Wayne, NE which evaluates child deaths and causation. Other organizations Troop B Investigative Service Office (ISO) personnel participate in are the Governor's Commission for the Protection of Children, Bright Horizons Domestic Violence Coalition, Center for Survivors in Columbus, many LB 1184 teams including the Santee Reservation, and the Northeast Nebraska Child Advocacy Center (NENCAC) Steering Committee. One Investigator, as an accident reconstructionist, is a member of Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR) and Midwest Association of Technical Accident Investigators (MATAI).

Numerous significant events took place in 2012 in which Investigative Services personnel responded. In January of 2012, the Tri State Drug Task force seized nearly 40 lbs. of K2 with a street value of nearly \$600,000.00 in 3 separate events. From January 5th through December 17th, 26 drug investigations took place in Cherry County. One of these resulted in the removal of 5 juveniles from a home that was unfit for habitation. A total of 40 responses took place by the Troop B Investigative Services Division in Cherry County during 2012.



Troop B cont.

Other significant events would include;

- Multiple NSP Divisions assisted Norfolk Police Department on February 14th regarding a shooting in Norfolk. Ultimately the suspect was located in Stanton and was placed under arrest.
- In the early morning hours of March 20th a robbery was reported at the Prime Stop Truck Stop north of Norfolk in Pierce County. This is an active investigation. Two armed suspects entered the store and stole cash and merchandise.
- On March 22nd, the suspect vehicle used in the Prime Stop robbery on March 20th, determined to be stolen, was located engulfed in flames on a minimum maintenance road.
- On March 25th, Investigators responded to Concord, Dixon County to assist the Sheriff's Office with an aggravated assault related to the stabbing of an individual. Ultimately a suspect was arrested and the weapon was recovered.
- Multiple NSP Divisions responded to the Center, Nebraska, area to assist the Knox County Sheriff's Office on March 29th regarding a prisoner escape, with shots fired by the deputy.
- On December 8th, NSP personnel responded to a death investigation believed to be a double homicide / arson near Ewing, Antelope County. One suspect has been arrested.



- On December 18th, NSP personnel responded to an incident near Brunswick in which a suspect "rammed" a Trooper with a tractor and front end loader and was ultimately shot by another Trooper. The suspect survived and is awaiting court action.

Troop C

For the first time in several years, there were no personnel changes in Troop C Investigative Services Division. Due to a number of temporary assignments affecting other troop areas, some personnel from Troop C were asked to take on additional supervisory responsibilities.

Below are some significant training and equipment goals accomplished in 2012:

- Two investigators completed basic crime scene training
- One Investigator achieved International Association Identification (IAI) crime scene certification
- Two investigators completed training in identifying, packing and storing clan lab chemicals
- A new audio/video digital recording system was installed in the Kearney interview room
- Acquired a new Alternate Light Source kit

A Troop C sex crimes investigation originated in early May with a citizen tip in Troop A, and was furthered by Headquarters (HDQ) investigator's undercover contact with the primary offender. This investigation resulted in the arrests of a Franklin County woman and seven Nebraska men who were involved in child prostitution and pornography with victims aged 7, 9 and 14. Four of the men, from Omaha, Minden, North Platte and McCook, were arrested by Troop C investigators for offenses that occurred in Kearney and Buffalo counties. The other three men were arrested by HDQ investigators for offenses in Lancaster County. The primary offender, who was also the mother of the three children, was recently sentenced in Buffalo County to a prison term of 80-90 years and won't be eligible for parole until the year 2051.



Troop C cont.

Another example of cooperation occurred in June 2012, with the controlled delivery of a commercially shipped package containing approximately four pounds of methamphetamine to a rural Hamilton County residence. It began with information received by Troop A's CIU investigators who in turn contacted Troop C drug investigators. The Troop C investigators located the package in Grand Island, developed PC with local intelligence and a K-9 alert, then secured an anticipatory search warrant. Charlie SWAT made the undercover delivery before securing the property for search by task force investigators. In addition to the shipped parcel, investigators arrested two men, seized additional drugs packaged for sale, distribution equipment and records, cash, firearms and stolen property. Information from this search led to a second search in Columbus where more cash was seized. The two men were linked to an ongoing Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) case and both were indicted on federal drug conspiracy charges.



Some other significant Troop C investigations in 2012 were an embezzlement case by an employee at the Merrick County Sheriff's Department discovered by the State Auditor; another controlled delivery of a UPS package containing marijuana and methamphetamine in Alda; and the death of a two-year-old Franklin County boy due to child abuse from his grandfather.

In 2012, Troop C investigators participated in 21 death investigations and, due to the development of a medical examiner facility in Gibbon, attended 16 autopsies; a role that was previously handled for us by investigators in HDQ's and Troop A. Troop C investigators also conducted alcohol compliance checks in 16 of our 17 counties and led all areas in the administration of polygraphs with twenty-eight.

Troop D

The Troop D Investigative Services Division of the NSP is tasked with many responsibilities, but a top priority is professional investigations of possible violations of the criminal statutes of the state of Nebraska. Other duties include assisting the Nebraska Attorney General's Office with investigations involving elected officials, administrative investigations involving the rules and regulations promulgated by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and assisting the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office with private investigator backgrounds. Investigators also provide a wide array of investigative services to our allied law enforcement agencies across Troop D, in support of their missions.

Although Troop D Investigators can be assigned virtually any investigation, there are 2 distinct units within the division. The Criminal Unit's primary responsibility is to conduct investigations involving criminal statute violations. The majority of Troop D Criminal Investigators have been certified by the International Association of Identification, and are highly trained with many years of experience. Investigations focus on death scenes, sexual assault, child abuse/neglect, online enticement/child pornography issues, embezzlement, theft, and fraud complaints. Investigators, once assigned by their chain of command, contact and interview victims and witnesses, confront suspects, collect and seize evidence, and complete a myriad of reports to document their actions. Also included in this unit is a liquor investigator, responsible for investigations concerning liquor statutes and rules and regulations designated by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Major case investigations in 2012 included:

- A grand jury investigation involving the death of a Harlan County Deputy
- The theft of \$50,000 worth of brand name power tools
- A major school burglary ring operating in both Nebraska and Kansas
- A \$33,000 embezzlement from a church in Dawson County
- The theft of a diamond ring in Keith County
- A Phelps County Correctional Officer having sexual contact with inmates



Troop D cont.

The Drug Unit's primary responsibility is the investigation of the manufacture, possession, and distribution of illegal controlled substances and pharmaceutical substances. The investigators have been clandestine laboratory certified, and are highly trained with many years of experience. Investigators deal with cooperating individuals to develop intelligence, identify targets, make controlled purchases of illegal drugs and execute search warrants. Near the conclusion to investigations, an arrest warrant roundup is conducted, with suspects being arrested for their crimes. The Drug Unit also participates in a federally funded task force with federal and local law enforcement officers to conduct drug investigations and promote relationships with our allied partners.

Major case investigations in 2012 included:

- The dismantling of a drug trafficking organization in Dawson County
- The discovery and take down of a 1 pot clandestine methamphetamine lab in North Platte
- Two major arrest warrant roundups with approximately 35 arrests
- Methamphetamine conspiracy case from Hitchcock County being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office

The highly trained and dedicated troopers assigned to Troop D Investigative Services are proud of their accomplishments during 2012. We will remember our main goal is to provide professional criminal and drug investigations.



Troop E

Troop E Investigative Services Division was highly motivated and productive in the past year starting 82 drug cases, 133 criminal cases and 27 Liquor cases. Troop E Investigative Services made 123 arrests and assisted on another 362 cases. Our Investigative Services numbers almost doubled (184 in 2011) and this is because of our continued involvement in the Western Nebraska Intelligence and Narcotics Group (WING) Drug Task Force and our staff's ability to analyze cellular phones (97) and examine computers (39) for allied agencies in the Panhandle. ISO personnel conducted 184 child forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center (CAPstone), attended 25 autopsies, conducted 32 polygraphs, completed 86 liquor inspections and gave 57 public programs to over 2700 people. Our WING Investigators made 51 of the 185 cases the WING Drug Task Force utilized for grant purposes (28%) and assisted on over 60 more controlled purchases of drugs.

In 2012, Troop E Investigative Services handled the investigation into the attempted armed robbery at Thiele Pharmacy in Alliance in June, which turned into a SWAT call. Andres Gonzalez entered the pharmacy with weapons early that Tuesday morning, held up the store owner, fired at and struck a responding Alliance Police Officer, fired through a wall and struck an NSP Trooper along with firing at the store owner as he fled the building. During conversations with negotiators, Andres admitted to killing his father and to killing Josh Bullock (a missing person from December 2011). Andres was killed in a firefight with SWAT team members late Tuesday evening. Three days were spent working the two crime scenes for Grand Jury purposes. Later in the month of June, Josh Bullock's body was recovered in a shallow grave south of Chadron in a remote area of western Nebraska.



Troop E ISO staff assisted Sidney Police Department with two homicide scenes, Kimball Police Department with a suicide and accidental shooting, Kimball County Sheriffs Office (SO) with an attempted homicide, Dawes County SO with a suicide, Scottsbluff with a shooting scene, the Scotts Bluff County SO with an unattended death at the Scotts Bluff National Monument and a shooting by their Deputy at a drunk driver who had struck his unit. ISO staff also recovered a body out of the Pathfinder Canal north of Mitchell and a body in a field north of Chadron.

Troop E cont.

Troop E Drug Division served five arrest warrants in Kimball County in August, six arrest warrants in Kimball County in September and 11 arrest warrants in Scotts Bluff County in October. Investigators also worked with Regional West Medical Center administration on pharmaceutical issues with respect to the amount of pills doctors are prescribing and what law enforcement is observing during drug investigations in the Panhandle.

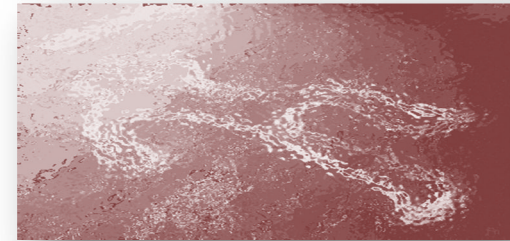
Troop E Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) personnel were busy as an investigator portrayed himself as a 14 year old female online and three suspects from Bushnell, Bayard and Omaha respectively, drove to Gering thinking they were meeting a young girl. All three were arrested. Several others were arrested in the area for possessing child pornography. One of the most interesting cases involved a pair of video glasses which were returned to Cabela's in Oshkosh. The video glasses contained evidence which was subsequently sent to authorities in Missouri. The suspect had been sexually assaulting his daughter for years. Twenty-five new ICAC investigations were started and 11 arrests were made in 2012.

Troop E ISO staff continues to volunteer in the area as well, participating in the Polar Plunge, Hoops for Heroes, Super Hero 5K run, Light of Hope Breakfast, a school board and several civic organizations.



Headquarters Troop

In 2012, one of the main highlights for HDQ ISO was the arrest of a 1989 homicide suspect. This came after 2 ½ years of tenacious and dedicated investigation. The victim in this case was Cathy Beard from Ord, Nebraska. This case did go to jury trial and the suspect was found guilty of first degree murder. This case has drawn interest from jurisdictions outside of Nebraska as they have similar cases.



HDQ ISO also started a pandering case that involved a mother in central Nebraska selling her children for sex. This case involved children as young as eight years old and involved several counties. The mother in this case has been prosecuted for endangering her children and has received a substantial sentence. The children have been placed in protective custody and are being assisted to return to a normal life.

HDQ Drug Division completed 92 drug investigations this last year. These cases included possessing and distributing marijuana, meth, cocaine, pharmaceuticals, and prescription drugs. HDQ Drug also assisted local task forces to better keep illegal drugs off our streets.

HDQ Criminal Division investigated several deaths including homicide, suicide, accidental, and institution deaths. All deaths worked by this unit in 2012 have been solved or presented to grand juries for determination.

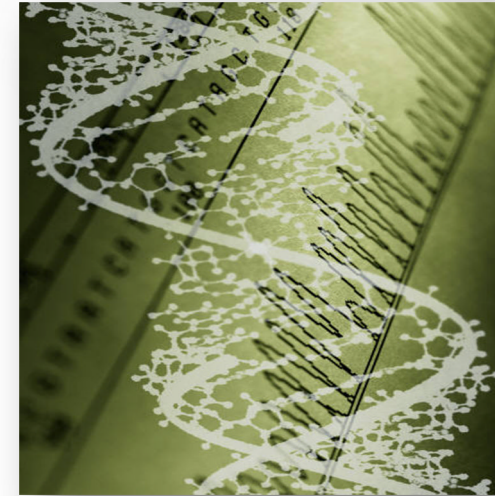
HDQ Liquor Division was able to keep the non-compliance rate on alcohol and tobacco purchases by minors below the projected 12% level. This was done by educating and working with licensed establishments, one on one, through our inspection program.

HDQ ISO Investigators pulled 516 felony case numbers in 2012. These include, but are not limited to assault, child pornography, theft, embezzlement, burglary, stalking, and child abuse.

Investigative Services Division – Crime Lab

The Crime Laboratory utilizes three state and national databases that have proven very effective in providing valuable new information to law enforcement in the state. These databases include Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

These databases have a similar function used for different types of evidence. CODIS searches known DNA profiles from convicted offenders to unknown DNA profiles obtained from case evidence items. NIBIN does a similar type of comparison of test fired ammunition from seized firearms and ammunition components obtained from crime scenes where no weapon was seized. AFIS compares fingerprints from known individuals to latent prints developed on evidence from crime scenes. Through what is termed “cold hits” these three powerful databases can link previously unassociated cases and identify previously unknown suspects.



During 2012 the CODIS database experienced 49 cold hits. This included a 1997 sexual assault case that previously had no suspect identified, and a 2011 burglary in which an individual was suspected but CODIS identified a different person.

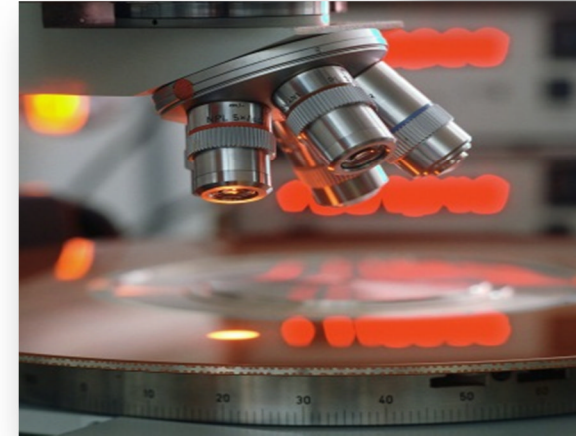
Most of the latent print cases entered into AFIS are from property crimes. In 2012 AFIS identified 66 cold hits. One case was a burglary in which AFIS had identified one suspect in 2010, but two unidentified latent prints remained in the case and stayed in the AFIS database. An additional suspect was identified to those remaining prints in 2012.

Investigative Services Division – Crime Lab

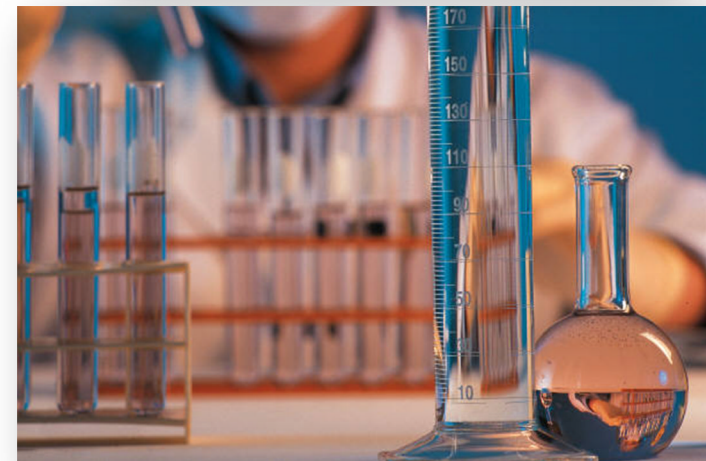
NIBIN is our newest database and has no statutory requirements for law enforcement participation. Therefore, it has the fewest entries. However, with the gradual growth of the database we are now starting to reap the benefits. This, of course, encourages more participation as law enforcement starts to experience the value of the database. Five cold hits were identified with NIBIN in 2012 and as of February 2013 we have already experienced 14 more. As an example, in 2012, NIBIN associated 4 drive-by shootings as involving one gun. The association of these crimes is a great investigative aid.



In addition to the growing databases, case submissions to the Crime Laboratory are also growing steadily. In 2012 we provided forensic analysis services to 166 different agencies in our state. Our overall caseload increased 10.84%, with a total of 4,294 cases being received.

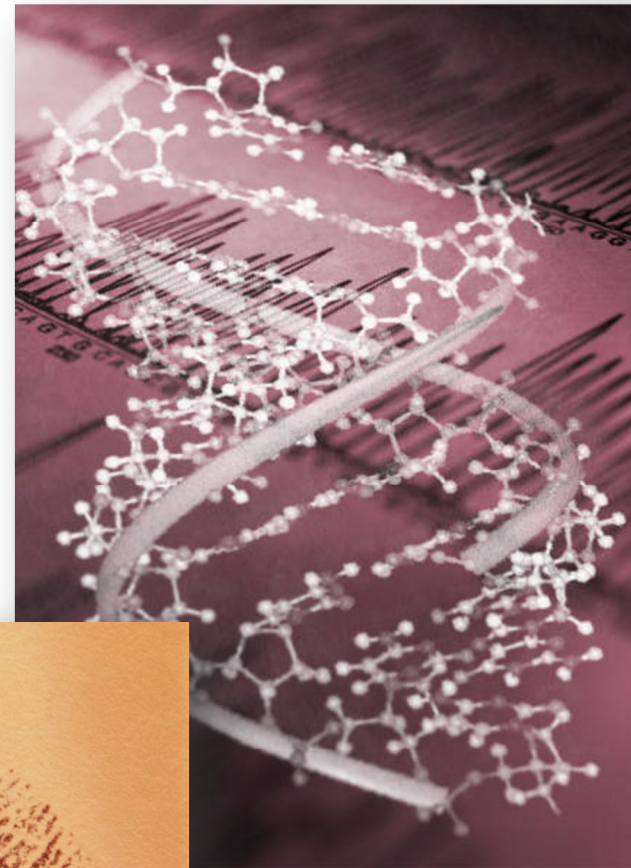


We particularly experienced growth in the areas of drug testing, biology/DNA testing and firearms analysis. Extensive backlogs of cases in these areas are partially due to the increases in case submissions and partially due to a number of other factors. Increased demand for analysts' testimony in court proceedings has dramatically increased the time that analysts spend away from the laboratory, traveling and testifying in court. In addition, space limitations, staff turnover, training, instrument validations, complexity in the types of cases being submitted and changes in legislation all impact backlogs. We continue to strive for improved turnaround times by seeking ways to improve efficiency, working with our partner agencies to identify priorities, working to fill vacancies and retain staff, and seeking an improved facility situation that will allow us to expand our resources to meet current and growing needs.



Investigative Services Division – Crime Lab

Part of the mission of the NSP Crime Laboratory is to educate and disseminate scientific information to state and local agencies regarding forensic science matters. Outreach activities encourage communication and mutual understanding as well as problem solving. The Crime Laboratory increased its outreach activities in 2012 by providing the Crime Lab Roadshow. This training was provided to law enforcement at six locations throughout the state and focused on footwear/tire analysis and DNA case submissions. The training was attended by approximately 130 officers who received five hours of continuing education credits. Feedback from law enforcement was very positive and lab analysts quickly experienced the benefits of the training. Officers are submitting higher quality and more probative evidence, which yield more useful laboratory results. Another Crime Lab Roadshow will be offered in 2013, focusing on latent fingerprint evidence and analysis.



Investigative Services Division - Criminal Identification Division

The Criminal Identification Division (CID) serves as the central repository of all criminal records for the state of Nebraska.

CID fulfills its statutory obligation as the State's criminal record repository by supporting six main functions:

- Maintaining accurate and updated criminal history records
- Providing criminal history record information (CHRI) to those authorized to receive that information
- Providing public services such as fingerprinting, National Instant Criminal Background System (NICS) checks, and training
- Issuing Concealed Carry Weapon and explosives permits
- Supporting criminal justice and law enforcement agencies in their investigations
- Receiving, balancing, depositing and reporting fees for services



The management team consists of two Research Managers who share the oversight of criminal history record maintenance and applicant backgrounds and permit requests and supervise five Records Analysis Supervisors. These supervisors run the day to day operations of CID Records Technicians, Fingerprint Technicians, and Administrative and Staff Assistants who perform the tasks that support the six main CID functions.

During 2012, the section of the division that provides services to the public and processes applicant requests had another unprecedented year. A total of 59,380 background checks (33,337 name checks and 26,043 fingerprint based checks) were conducted. Although this was an increase of only 1352, revenue jumped by more than \$255,000 mostly due to a shift from name checks to permits. Over the year the permits team issued 7,953 permits (290 explosives, 5,566 new concealed carry and 2,097 renewed concealed carry weapons permits), and the team expects this increase to continue indefinitely.

The section of the division that works directly with the criminal history records experienced another year of growth in 2012. The Records Management Team, on average, updated 4,687 records per month. In addition, the AFIS team processed 72,318 fingerprint submissions. This is an overall increase of 2.1%, but the main impact to internal operations is the shift between the decrease on criminal cards (3.2%) and the increase in applicant cards (10.1%). Overall, the trend experienced within CID across all teams continues to show an increase use of services.

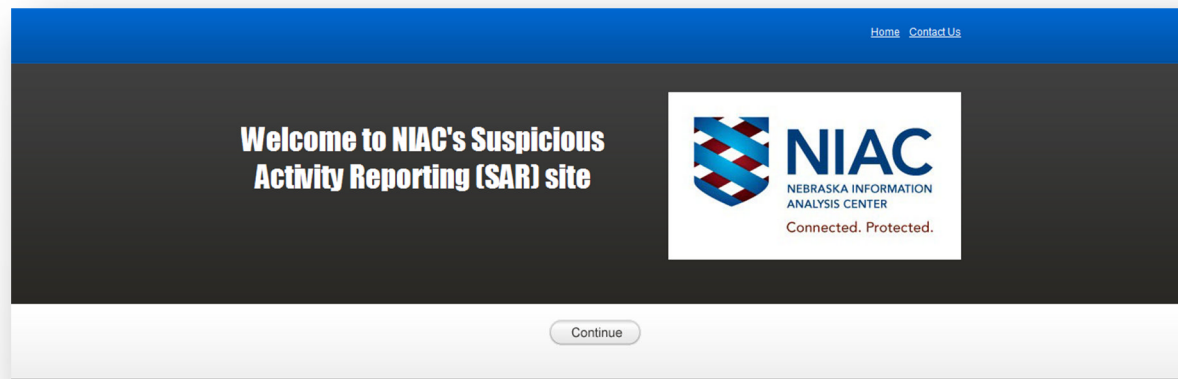
Investigative Services Division - Homeland Security

Over the past ten years our nation has experienced major natural disasters and terrorist attacks. The results of these events have led us to discover the need for a preparedness system to mitigate future catastrophic natural and manmade incidents.

Terrorism is the most serious security threat facing the country today. The NSP has an increased understanding of the terrorist threats confronting the United States today. Bombings, chemical agents, nuclear or biological weapons, and cyber security threats continue on a daily basis. In response to these increasing threats the NSP is participating in a national program "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign. The focus of the program is to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper local law enforcement authorities. Suspicious activity may now be reported on line at <https://sars.nebraska.gov>.



These and other steps have significantly enhanced our ability to protect Nebraskans and improve our ability to mitigate the effects of manmade and natural disasters. However, terrorists and criminals are constantly upgrading their tactics and technologies, and we will always be vulnerable to the forces of nature.



Investigative Services Division - Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC)

Executive Statement

The efforts of the NIAC are intended to further Nebraska's ability to detect, prevent, respond to and recover from a terrorist event, or natural disaster.

Executive Summary

The role of the NIAC in Nebraska builds on the national priorities of strengthening information sharing and collaboration capabilities within the State, at the regional level, and with federal partners. The NSP provides day to day leadership of the NIAC processes. Strategic guidance is provided from a governance board made up of senior leadership from the Lincoln Police Department, the Omaha Police Department (OPD), NSP, and the FBI.



In the years since its inception, the NIAC has focused primarily on developing the governance structure and a robust information sharing network. This information sharing network is built from collection mechanisms to dissemination portals. In 2012 the NIAC launched a number of hardware / software applications necessary to make these goals reality. The first, Homeland Security Information Network-Nebraska (HSIN-NE), is a platform used to disseminate NIAC products to every law enforcement office in the state. A second application known as the Nebraska Fusion Information Network (NFIN), serves as a tool for collecting intelligence information from all officers across the state. This system allows all vetted law enforcement officers to input and query intelligence information, Comprehensive Suspicious Activity Reports (SAR) and Field Intelligence Cards via a web portal. NFIN integrates data from many state and local data sources, to include the RMS and CAD from NSP, LPD, and OPD. The launch of these two applications is the result of countless hours of development work to build the network, the application, and link the data sources. Even after the system was built, processes had to be developed to authenticate allied Agency users into the system and then train the initial deployment group on the use of this complex system.

Executive Statement

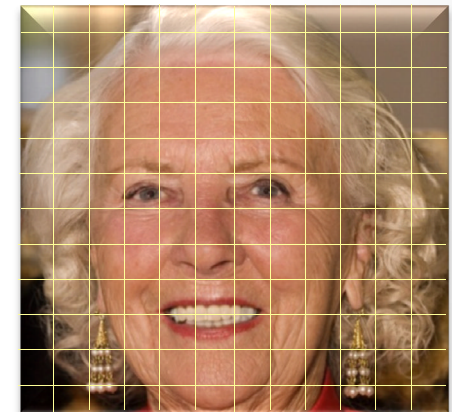
The NSP Auto Fraud Division consists of a Statewide Coordinator (Sergeant), two full time Investigators, one Crime Analyst, and one Staff Assistant II who are all located at the Investigative Service Center in Lincoln. There are also eight Troopers/Investigators designated from the six troop areas from the Traffic and Investigative Service Divisions that have received specialized training to assist with Auto Fraud investigations when needed.

Executive Summary

The Auto Fraud Division is responsible for the Sheriff's Title Inspection Certification training program and maintaining the database of active certified inspectors. A total review of the certified inspector database dating back to 1983 was completed in 2012 to verify all current certified inspectors. All 93 counties were contacted to verify current certified personnel with approximately 1,200 people being active inspectors. In 2012, six certification training sessions were conducted with 93 people being certified. The Auto Fraud Division processed 574 title inspections in 2012; an increase of 13% from 2011.

The Auto Fraud Division case work in 2012 included title fraud, forgeries, alteration of vehicle identification numbers, vehicle thefts, and identity thefts. The Auto Fraud unit conducted 78 case investigations resulting in 41 arrests.

In 2012, the division continued to place emphasis on enforcement of identity theft cases, working with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicle Fraud Unit and utilizing the L-1 Facial Recognition program. NSP Auto Fraud Division worked 27 identity theft cases in 2012, resulting in 12 arrests. The Auto Fraud Division was also granted access to the State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Facial Recognition program in 2011 to complete photo comparison for investigative purposes. In 2011, NSP Auto Fraud Crime Analyst processed four facial recognition comparisons, with that number increasing in 2012 to 25 comparisons (a 525% increase) that assisted in criminal investigations for State Patrol personnel along with outside LE agencies.



Investigative Services Division - Sex Offender Registry & Community Notification

Executive Statement

In 1996, the Nebraska Legislature tasked the NSP with creating and administering a Sex Offender Registry (SOR) for those offenders who had been convicted of certain sexual related crimes. Since that time, the amount of offenders that must be registered, verified, cataloged and published to the Sex Offender Registry website has increased to almost 4,000 persons. The SOR also contains an enforcement component of investigators who respond to public complaints regarding the possible non-compliance of offenders to the requirements of the Sex Offender Registry Act.

The SOR relies heavily on the partnership of federal, county and local law enforcement agencies, as well as State and Federal probation and parole officers and the public to assist in keeping the Sex Offender Registry as up to date as possible for the information and protection of the citizens of Nebraska.

Highlights

The Sex Offender Registry division hosted three multi-agency (federal, state, local) compliance check operations in 2012. The first, in January, targeted Tier III offenders in the Omaha Metro area; the second in April attempted to contact known gang members who are registered offenders again in Omaha; and the third was a check of Tier III offenders in the Troop C and Troop D Areas. The two investigators and one sergeant assigned to SOR generated 64 new cases during the reporting period.

2012 also unveiled the comprehensive upgrade to the multiple websites and databases that are operated by the Registry. The new Integrated Sex Offender Registry (ISOR) project replaced the Lotus Notes administrative database with an NSP IT-built model that allows registering and verification agencies (NSP, NDCS, county sheriff's offices) to utilize a web-based portal to submit offender information electronically, as well as replacing the separate SOR law enforcement website. The public SOR website has also received a facelift in addition to enhance functionality and user customizable notification options.



<https://sor.nebraska.gov/>

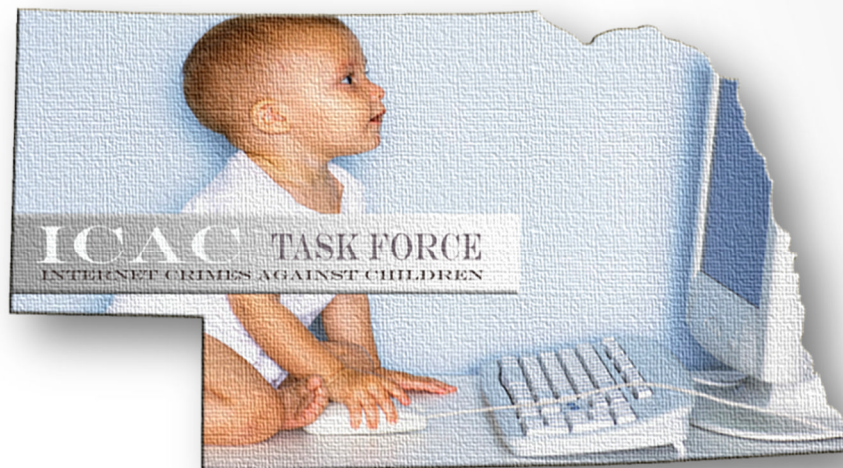
Investigative Services Division - Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

Executive Summary

The NSP is a member of a federally funded Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, which is an investigative tool comprised of sixty-one task forces across the nation whose mission is to combat child exploitation that is facilitated through the Internet and technology.

The NSP ICAC unit consists of a statewide coordinator, a computer forensics laboratory, three forensic analysts, and one crime analyst, as well as ten Investigators stationed across the state that have been trained to conduct ICAC investigations. Nebraska's ICAC task force includes fifty-three federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutor's offices throughout Nebraska.

During 2012, the Nebraska ICAC task force initiated 343 ICAC investigations, made sixty arrests, received/investigated 290 CyberTips (received by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children), and provided 721 technical assists. Additionally, the Nebraska ICAC task force conducted forty training sessions to 739 law enforcement personnel and fourteen prosecutors; and conducted ninety-six presentations to 8,422 attendees.



National Center for **Missing & Exploited** Children

www.missingkids.com

Investigative Services Division - Hazardous Device Squad

Executive Statement

The NSP's Bomb Squad was created in 1972 in response to a recognized need for subject matter experts to respond statewide to explosive related incidents. The Bomb Squad is a nationally accredited bomb squad through the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) consisting of six FBI certified Hazardous Devices Technicians (HDTs). The Bomb Squad maintains an inventory of specialized equipment and vehicles in excess of \$1 million dollars to effectively respond state wide to explosive related incidents to aid in public safety.



Executive Summary

The Bomb Squad's primary function is to respond statewide to explosive related incidents and render safe any explosive threat(s). During 2012, HDTs were deployed on approximately 60 occasions. Deployments included post blast investigations, SWAT deployments, special assignments, search warrants and render safe operations including but not limited to the following explosive materials and destructive devices:

500 Destructive Devices

512 other explosive items

740 pounds of Homemade Explosives Precursor Chemicals

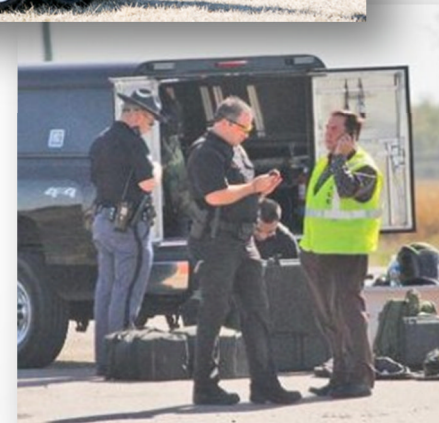
56 Blasting Caps

49 Military Ordnance

Approximately 1,800 pounds of ammunition

Approximately 500lbs of fireworks

Other 2012 highlights included receiving grant funded equipment for enhanced capabilities of remote operations and handling of explosives and IEDs. The Bomb Squad received 3 tactical robot platforms to be used for explosive related and tactical operations. One of the platforms was successfully deployed during the Alliance hostage situation/standoff in June 2012.



Investigative Services Division - Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Division

Executive Statement

The NSP Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Division (DVSA) provides training and technical assistance both within the State Patrol and to outside agencies. The DVSA Program Manager and the Staff Assistant collaborate with 12 Traffic Troopers and Investigators in all Troop areas. Together they provide technical assistance on related cases, public awareness presentations and professional training as well as representation on response teams and task forces. The Program coordinates a statewide DV/SA response team to address issues that impact the entire state. The Program oversees the Nebraska Foreign Protection Order Registry; registering out of state orders and working with Nebraska Native American Tribal courts to ensure electronic access to these orders.

Executive Summary

In 2012, the Division secured funding to develop a State Protection Order office and hire two Crime Analysts. These Analysts will be the conduit for National Crime Information Center (NCIC) entry of protection orders and working with local agencies on related issues. The program provided an annual statewide conference on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking to 150 attendees in addition to two other large scale conferences with over 100 attendees. The DVSA Division also provided 12 trainings to outside agencies in 2012; training 94 law enforcement officers and 448 other professionals. The Division directed the coordination of a statewide response team and their activities; including team building training for Coordinated Response Teams (CRT), Domestic Violence (DV) curriculum development Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS), and the first full year of tracking for the domestic violence fatality tracking system.



Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division is under the Command of Major Kyle Otte and is comprised of ten support divisions. These support divisions include Grants, Research and Planning, Accounting, Supply/Radio Engineering, Project Management, Information Technology, Human Resources, Purchasing, Training Academy, and the Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN). Troopers, investigators, civilians, and other specialized personnel make up the customer base for all of administrative services to support. The NSP motto, "Pro Bono Publico"-for the good of the public-holds true for this division as well as the support of the Agency through prompt, efficient and effective support of all employees.



Executive Statement

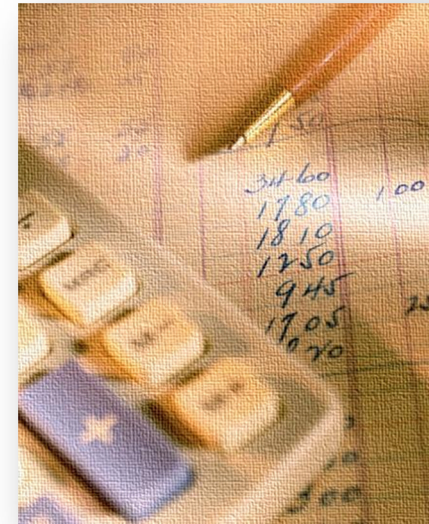
The Accounting Division is responsible for payroll, benefits assistance, accounts payable processing, deposits and accounts receivable processing, grant accounting and reporting, audit coordination, cash management, budgeting, forecasting, legislative fiscal notes, and financial analysis. The Team strives to provide accurate, timely and meaningful financial information, and has made advances during 2012 in terms of improving the Agency's financial reporting.

Executive Summary

During 2012, the Accounting Division implemented the state-wide Work-Day application in conjunction with the Human Resources Division. Work-Day integrates with the Payroll system for employee specific details and position information. Training and trouble-shooting continues in regards to nuances specific to Work-Day that arise. Other payroll related highlights, included the cross-training of additional staff for payroll backup purposes, the development of a wage adjustment report for the Superintendent's Office, and the processing of salary increases that went into effect July 1, 2012. Lastly, the process for reporting overtime was simplified.

From a budget perspective, the new budget submission was completed and filed with the Governor's Budget Office on September 15, 2012. The new budget will cover the Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015. The budget submission included the analysis of the current cost structure of the Agency, identification of areas in which costs have changed from the prior biennium (either increased or decreased), new fiscal needs of the Agency, and potential capital construction projects. Additionally, a monthly financial reporting package was developed which provides the Superintendent's Office with regular updates regarding the financial status of the Agency.

The Accounting Division also undertook a project to refine and enhance the Agency's current Chart of Accounts. The improved guidelines provide for better coding descriptions which results in more accurate cost accounting and classification, and minimizes coding errors. Other special projects completed during 2012 included the development of an inventory of building leases and towers, revisions to reconciliations, and fiscal year-end closing activities.



Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN) / Grants Division

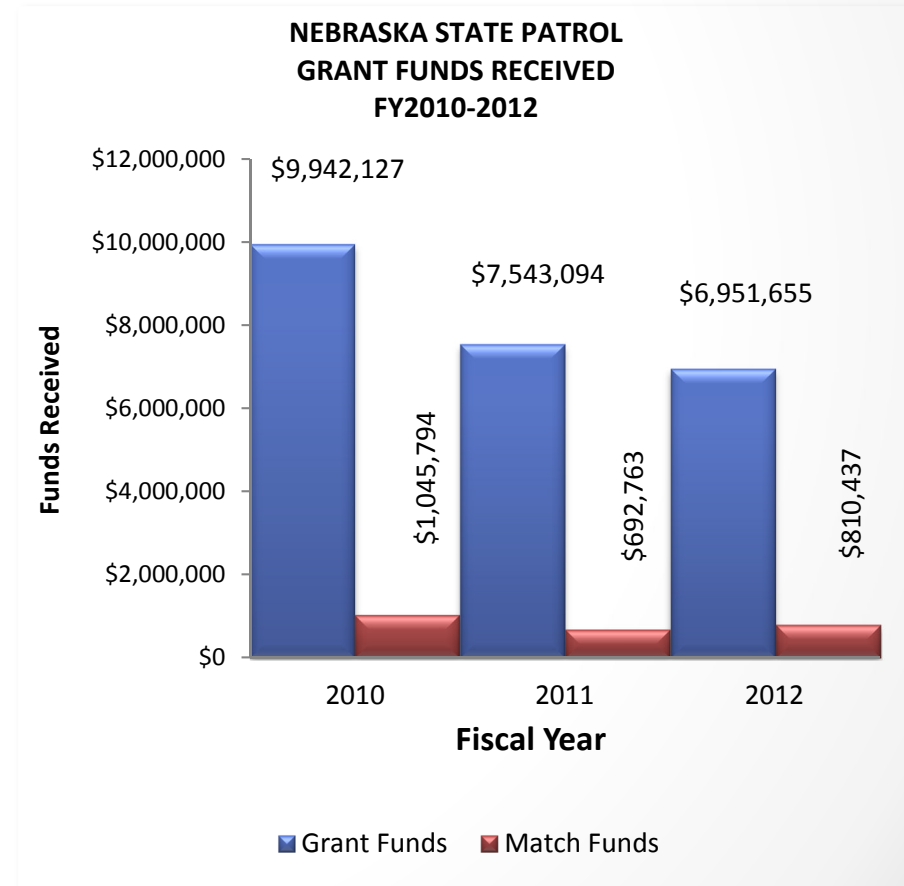
CLEIN

The Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN) provides secure connectivity for 130 Nebraska law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, other national criminal justice related databases and law enforcement agencies nationwide. The NSP, FBI-designated manager of the CLEIN system, also conducts statewide audits and certification training for the 130 user agencies and their 3,800 operators.

Grants

The Grants Division oversees the development and implementation of Agency projects funded through outside sources. Most of the \$7.8 million grant dollars administered in fiscal year 2012 were federal and match funds devoted to crime, highway safety, and homeland security. County Drug Boards, traffic diversion programs and private gifts also provided resources to the Agency.

In addition to requesting and receiving grant funds, the Grants Division subgrants funds to other state and local governmental agencies. Grant dollars awarded to ten different entities in fiscal year 2012 totaled more than \$1.09 million. Funds from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) allow a Grants Division staff member to devote half time to the administration of HIDTA funds.



Civilian Recruitment

There was a slight decrease in the number of civilian position vacancies in 2012 compared to 2011 which coincides with the decrease in civilian resignations and terminations. The Agency continues to experience higher turnover in the Security Guard and State Patrol Communication Specialist positions compared to other civilian positions.

The recruitment process was completed for the Accounting and Finance Manager Position with that Position being filled in early 2012.

Grievances/Charges of Discrimination

The number of employee grievances filed increased in 2012 compared to 2011, as did the number of discrimination complaints. The Human Resources Division and Legal Division worked collaboratively to fairly review the issues and to recommend appropriate action to the Command staff.

Talent Management System Implementation

The Performance Management System Implementation Team is one component of the Talent Management System. Roll out of the new Performance Management System to employees began in October, 2012, with the system going live in January, 2013.

Another component of the Talent Management System is the Learning Management System which is being implemented by Training Academy staff, with the assistance and guidance of HR staff when needed.



Committee Participation

Human Resources Division staff continued to serve on several internal committees including Communications, Identification Credentials, Policy Review, Medical Case Management, and Health and Safety. Several of the committees are still active.

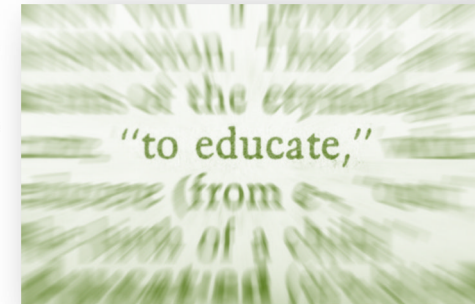
EMPLOYEES MATTER

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Training

Attending and conducting training continues to be an important role for the Human Resources (HR) Division staff. Human Resource focused trainings are provided by Administrative Services for all State agency representatives. State Patrol Human Resources and Accounting Divisions attend the trainings. Training includes the Interactive Informational Forums and Payroll/HR User Group meetings, and special topics training.

The Human Resources Division Administrator continues to conduct Human Resource Management for Supervisor training for both Civilian and Sworn supervisors. The training is well attended and received.



Legal Division and Human Resources Division

The Human Resources and Legal Divisions work collaboratively to review and consult with command staff concerning medical cases, Grievance/Compliant review and other areas of responsibility including labor contract provisions, policies, procedures, forms and other documents.

Accounting Division and Human Resources Division

Responsibilities for processing employees in Workday (Employee Work Center) and E1/NIS (Payroll and Financial Center) are shared by both the Accounting and Human Resource Divisions. Communication continues to be a key in the success of the implementation of new programs used by both divisions. These divisions continue to meet regularly and work collaboratively together to manage processes, implement new systems and compile data for Command staff decision-making and awareness.

Temporary Employees

The Human Resources Division is also responsible for the hiring of temporary employees. Investigative Services, Criminal Identification and Traffic Communication Divisions are three areas that currently utilize the majority of temporary employees.



Sergeant Promotional Process

The 2012 Sergeant Promotional Process was held in October and November, with a new list of 46 officers eligible to be promoted to Sergeant. The new list was posted on December 20, 2012. There were 153 officers eligible to participate, and 84 submitted letters of interest with 69 actually participating. The written exam was administered statewide.

Review of the process will begin in 2013 to prepare for the next process in 2014. Possible changes to the testing components will be considered.

CALEA Documentation and Information

With the upcoming CALEA Accreditation review in 2013, the Human Resources Division staff has been consistently approached for information to complete the standards related to Human Resources responsibilities. Human Resources Division staff strives to be proactive in providing required documentation information in a timely manner as it becomes available in order to meet the CALEA standards.

Requests for Information, Serve as Professional Resources, & Consult with Others

Contract interpretation, retirees, Employee Assistance Program (EAP), personnel matters, training, organizational charts, and requests for service are a few examples of the requests for information that the Human Resources Division staff responds to daily. In responding to requests, Human Resource Division staff must also consult with other divisions and agencies for assistance, information or expertise.



PURCHASING

The Purchasing Division facilitates the procurement of commodities and services for the NSP for the best price and highest quality that meets or exceeds the end user's expectations delivered as quickly as possible. Creating an environment where employing the most effective and innovative methods for procuring commodities and services while strictly following all policies and State Statutes is at the heart of this division.

Responsibilities include providing employees of the NSP a service that fosters an ethical, responsive, efficient, environment and recognizing the division's obligations to both vendors and internal customers. The Purchasing Division is dedicated to providing the safest products to maintain the highest officer safety possible. This division is constantly researching the newest products and technology to assure the NSP is utilizing the most up-to-date and best products on the market.



Radio Engineering / Radio Installation / Supply Division

The Vehicle Installation Building, which incorporates three different divisions – Radio Engineering, Radio Installation, and Supply were extremely busy during 2012. Even though personnel levels at the beginning of the year were not fully staffed, the amount of work increased substantially in each of the respective areas. Productivity stayed on course with effective management of the 3 teams. At the end of the year, the vacant positions had been filled with employees who hit the ground running.

Many of the goals and objectives in these divisions are projects which are continually on-going so there never is an end date for completion on many of the goals set at the beginning of each new calendar year. Working together as a unit on many projects and requiring technicians to be cross-trained has allowed for further efficiency from within.

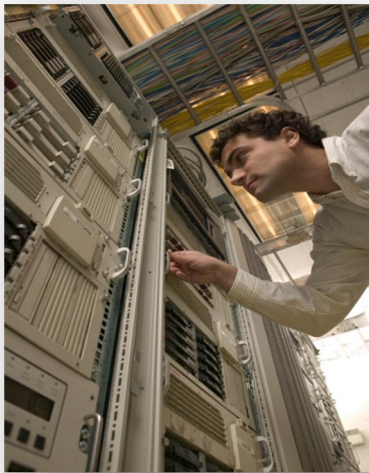
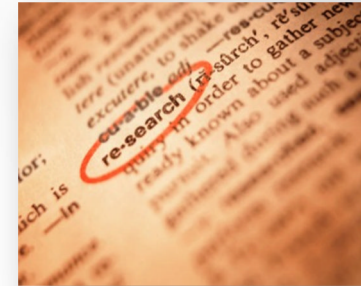
Among the busiest of projects for each division represented here is as follows: Radio Engineering continues to spend a considerable amount of time working on the Statewide Radio Project as well as maintaining the highly technical equipment troopers utilize every day. Radio Installation continues to take on new projects and help a various assortment of other State Agencies as it relates to vehicle needs – the NSP pushed out over 100 new vehicles for the Agency and 16 each for the State Fire Marshal and the Game and Parks Division. Supply has been tasked with more and more complex work involving the vast amount of inventory we are responsible for as an Agency.



Research & Planning

The Research and Planning Division provides essential decision-making support and assistance to the Command Staff. The operational effectiveness of the Division has improved greatly and will continue to grow.

Research and Planning worked on a number of significant projects during 2012. Among them: Chief's Challenge, Bias-Based Policing Report, Selective Enforcement Analysis, Annual Report, Manpower Allocation, Conspicuity Study, Policy Development and Implementation, the 75th Anniversary Committees, and changes in Purchasing and at the front-desk of State Headquarters to improve operations as it relates to supervisory tasks.



Information Technology

The NSP Information Technology Division maintains various critical systems to support local, state, and federal law enforcement efforts across Nebraska. This includes many systems and/or applications that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, such as the statewide Fusion Center (NFIN), the Patrol Criminal History System (PCH), the Sex Offender Registry (SOR), the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), and the Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN). The implementation of a Public Safety Datacenter and backup solution enabled the Agency to support these systems as well as migrate a number of deteriorating systems, which continues to be an ongoing effort.

The team tackled a variety of projects in 2012. The year began with the release of a new Agency Rolodex, including photos and searching capabilities, which interfaces with two internal existing applications, Human Resources and Identification (ID) Credentialing.

Information Technology cont.

In order to reduce paper and streamline the ticket process, a form was developed to allow the entry of paper tickets by office personnel, which led to the consolidation of two disparate data entry and reporting systems and centralized all ticket information. A few months later an application was created for the Police Service Dog unit to allow them to manage, track and report all PSD related information. Due to an ongoing cooperative effort between the Fusion Center and Information Technology, the NIAC website was released as well as deployment of NFIN, allowing law enforcement agencies across Nebraska the ability to share and search critical information. A year plus collaborative effort between the Sex Offender Registry Unit and Information Technology resulted in the successful development and deployment of a new statewide Sex Offender Registry website. The application features three portals; one for the public, one for law enforcement reporting and one for NSP administration of the Sex Offender Registry. The new SOR system includes a service that allows other entities to automate receiving SOR information within their own applications, no longer requiring them to manually look up information. The SOR system also allows anyone to subscribe to receiving offender notices such as when an offender moves or has a status change. The subscriptions can be set at various levels including specific offender(s), city, county, zip code and/or radius from an address.

The latter part of the year was spent assisting in the relocation of the Headquarters dispatch center to the Joint Operations Center (JOC). A significant amount of time was also spent on configuration and testing in preparation for deployment of the new statewide switch provided by Datamaxx. The combined efforts of the Mobile Applications Committee lead to the successful training and deployment of MACH, the Agency's mobile CAD solution, to over half of the Carrier and Traffic officers across the state.

2012 proved to be another very productive year in the area of technology. Through collaborative efforts many complex projects were brought to fruition.



With the anticipated completion of the 51 tower sites for the Statewide Radio System (SRS) for the summer of 2012, the Patrol began planning for a statewide reprogramming effort. Part of this was the development of a revised more versatile fleet map. Also included were:

1. A firmware update for the radios and the vehicle repeater.
2. The new control frequencies selected for tower sites in Eastern Nebraska.
3. Programming changes for the radios. Combining these into one reprogramming effort minimized the impact on Patrol operations and meant that the Patrol received the maximum benefit of the final reprogramming by Motorola.

Each Troop Area reprogramming was a separate project requiring new facilities and schedules. Troop E was completed in April and the reprogramming with Troop H was completed in August. Along with the reprogramming, training was tailored for each Troop Area. While Troop E had been using the SRS for two years, Troops B, A and H had not used the SRS at all. Training for three to five sessions was provided for each Troop Area so as to minimize the impact on operations and costs.

A special effort was made to bring Troop C back on the SRS. Gain antennas were tested and purchased to improve the coverage issues. Programming changes addressed a number of concerns such as the brightness of the radio head lights and elimination of an echo. Also, NPPD addressed noise issues at the Wolbach and Pleasanton tower sites.

Early in 2012, the Patrol led the effort to develop an emergency button plan and procedures for allied law enforcement agencies on the SRS; the State Fire Marshal (SFM), Game and Parks Commission (GPC), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and Department of Correctional Services (DCS). The policies of other law enforcement agencies using shared radio systems was researched so that the Patrol could build off of those policies to develop its own. Currently we are working on a plan to have a set of policies and a set of procedures or SOPs that provide additional detail.

Throughout 2012, we have gathered information regarding coverage concerns and shared those concerns with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). A new 'Trouble Report' form was developed in March 2012 with the Patrol's input. This has been useful in identifying SRS issues so they can be discussed with the other agencies and addressed. A coverage assessment of the State was completed between September and December of 2012.



Project Manager, cont.

Improved interoperability has been a goal of the SRS project. This was an important part of the development of the revised fleet map, including interoperability with local agencies not using the SRS. Since the NSP is the only State SRS agency with dispatchers, working out a plan for emergency button operation with the State Fire Marshal, Game and Parks Commission, Department of Motor Vehicle, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Corrections was a critical part of interoperability planning as well.

With the completion of the SRS in Troop A, the Patrol was invited to become a user Agency on the Douglas County system and we are pursuing an agreement to accomplish that. This will give Troop A the best interoperability with the Douglas County Sheriff and Omaha PD that is available with today's technology. Also, we are working with Motorola on engineering and installation issues for three consolettes for Omaha dispatch that will replace the dispatcher's use of portable radios. These will also enhance interoperability between the SRS, the Douglas County system, the Sarpy County system and dispatchers in Washington and Pottawattamie Counties.

Recruit Class #54

As the Agency rolled in to its 75th Anniversary year, Recruit Class #54 was just about two-thirds of the way to completing the recruit training process. On April 26, 2012, seventeen new troopers graduated, were sworn in and headed off to begin their new careers. At the conclusion of the FTO program, there were sixteen left. Based on reports from the field, the rest are doing well.



In-service Training

2012 in-service training was held at the Training Academy, beginning the first week of March. This is a later start than usual but was necessary due to recruit camp being in session. One of the main goals of this session was to attempt to bring Tactical Vehicle Intervention training to its culmination by bringing all phases of the process together. This was accomplished by developing training scenarios that began with a short pursuit and moved to the proper deployment of Stop Sticks and application of the TVI technique. The scenarios were completed after safely conducting a high risk stop and ended with the physical arrest of the violator.

Again, with the cooperation of the Investigative Services Division, two sessions of division specific in-service training were completed. This format has worked well and will continue into 2013.



As the Training Division attempts to continue to offer quality career development opportunities, we were able to, again, partner with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. This year's offering was a very well received "Commercial Vehicle Counter Terrorism Course", which took place in September.

Mobile Field Force

In an effort to continue to provide NSP personnel with the best possible training, in October, all three Mobile Field Force (MFF) teams travelled to the Training Academy for a centralized training session. The level of realism was increased by cooperating with local high schools to bring in role players, most notably the entire football team from Centura High School.



Community Service

2012 brought two new events to the Training Academy. In May, Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy Staff hosted a two-day, Jr. Law Program for deaf and hearing impaired youngsters. This was a tremendous amount of work for the staff but everyone involved came away feeling good about having been a part of it. The kids as well as the adult chaperones were very appreciative.

The second event was a partnership between NSP and State Farm Insurance on a project called, "Celebrate My Drive." This involved local high school students and was developed to draw attention to the problem of texting and driving. Approximately 100 of our local youth participated in exercises designed to demonstrate the dangers of distracted driving. State Farm provided a picnic style lunch and many of the kids left with door prizes. As a result, the State Patrol, was the recipient of a \$2,500.00 scholarship.



Staff

In May, Training Academy Staff attended a week long, Ethics-Train the Trainer course in Plano, TX.

An advanced “Active Shooter” course in McCook was also attended by the Training Academy Staff.

In December the Training Academy Staff was assigned to coordinate the Patrol’s Learning Management System. This program is scheduled to come on line in January of 2014.

Other Training

Although not completely inclusive, this is a list of other training that was hosted or conducted by Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy staff during 2012.

- ✓ Bureau of Indian Affairs Training
- ✓ Instructor Development Course
- ✓ NSP Specific Management Course
- ✓ Boys/Girls Junior Law Cadet Program
- ✓ SWAT Basic
- ✓ CMV Counter Terrorism Course (FLETC)
- ✓ CMV Post Crash Investigation Course
- ✓ Annual SWAT Training
- ✓ Camp #54 Recall Training
- ✓ Defensive Tactics Instructor Recertification Training
- ✓ Firearms Instructor Recertification Training
- ✓ DARE In-service



2012 Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

Meritorious: (13)

- Sergeant Martin Denton - #281
- Sergeant Cory Halverson - #482
- Sergeant Lee Jacobsen - #298
- Sergeant Kevin Krzyzanowski - #400
- Sergeant Craig Loveless - #172
- Sergeant Robert Veal - #322
- Investigator Brian Eads - #159

Distinguished Service: (14)

- Sergeant Brent Bockstadter - #127
- Trooper Jeff Boston - #26
- Trooper Chris Christen - #92
- Trooper Monte Dart - #266
- Trooper Amanda DeFreece - #117
- Trooper Jay Huhman - #106
- Trooper Neal Trantham - #238
- Trooper Bryan Wroblewski - #496

- Trooper Art Frerichs - #681
- Trooper David Hunter - #330
- Trooper Dave Johnson - #260
- Trooper Shanon Koubek - #670
- Trooper Doug Petty - #470
- Trooper Dain Hicks - #310

- Jason Arensdorf, Information Technology Applications Developer/Lead
- Adam Barney, Applications Developer/Senior
- Staci Behne, Research Analyst I
- Andi Hart, Crime Analyst
- Nicole Wambold, Staff Assistant II
- Sarah Scheer, Crime Analyst

Distinguished Service Retirees: (14)

- Captain Charles L. Phillips - #59 - More than thirty-three years - Investigative Services Division - Lincoln
- Lieutenant Steven E. Terry - #388 - More than twenty-nine years - Traffic Services Division - Troop B - Norfolk
- Sergeant William R. Leader - #131 - Twenty-nine years - Traffic Services - Troop A - Omaha
- Investigator Scott A. Black - #81 - More than twenty-five years - Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Division
- Investigator Dallas D. Cobb - #585 - More than twenty-three years - Carrier Enforcement Division - McCook
- Investigative Sergeant Glenn L. Elwell - #77 - More than twenty-five years - Investigative Services Division - Lincoln
- Investigator Thomas G. Hayes - #249 - More than thirty-four years - Investigative Services Division - David City
- Trooper Randy Bybee - #37 - More than twenty-nine years - Community Service Officer - Traffic Services - Headquarters Troop
- Helen Boyd - Twenty-five years - Criminal Identification Division - Technician
- Marty Gollner - Forty years - Buyer II - Supply - Administrative Services Division
- Robert H. Koehn - More than five years - Records Technician - Criminal Identification Division - Lincoln
- Pamela M. Michael - More than twelve years - Electronic Technician - Senior - Engineering and Supply - Lincoln
- Pete B. Moreno - More than thirteen years - Staff Assistant I - Troop E
- Bill Tyler - Five years - Evidence Technician - Traffic Services - Troop A

Superintendent's Commendation: (1)

- Alicia Clements

Lifesaver: (6)

- Lieutenant Jeff Pelowski - #270
- Lieutenant Dennis Leonard - #130
- Trooper Andy Allen - #53
- Trooper Greg Goltz - #316
- Trooper Kyle Gress - #521
- John Babcock – Dispatcher I

Military Service: (1)

- Father Steven Thomlison - National Guard

Public Service Award: (1)

- Detective Robert "Bob" Rader - Scottsbluff Police Department Bomb Squad Commander

Seat Belt Award: (7)

- Patrick Boyle
- Ray L. Branstiter
- Robert L. Davis
- Kevin G. Domogalla
- Calla McClenahan
- Anthony T. Tschirren
- Cierra Yount

Certificates of Appreciation – Outside Agencies: (13)

- Chief Larry Browning
- Sergeant Bruce Felty
- Behlen Towing
- BENDIX Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
- Great West Casualty Company
- Hitz Towing, Inc.
- Kearney Towing & Repair Center, Inc.
- Kramer's Wrecker Service, Inc.
- Metropolitan Community College
- Nebraska Peterbilt
- Nebraska Trucking Association
- Robert Pawluk
- S & S Welding, Inc.

Superintendent's Group: (55)

These individuals are recognized for their distinguished service on June 12, 2012:

- Captain Chris Kolb #135
- Captain Mike Gaudreault #111
- Lieutenant Jamey Balthazor #333
- Lieutenant Monica Bartling #171
- Lieutenant Buck Duis #277
- Lieutenant Lance Rogers #272
- Sergeant Gordon Downing #273
- Sergeant Dana Korell #261
- Sergeant Monty Lovelace #462
- Sergeant Kevin Ryan #278
- Sergeant Kevin Waugh #458
- Sergeant Tim Wangler #412
- Investigator Dean Christensen #147
- Investigator Keith Drinkwalter #115
- Investigator Brad Higgins #184
- Investigator Tony Kavan #340
- Investigator Dave Kleensang #395
- Investigator Stacie Lundgren #599
- Investigator Tami Otto #305
- Investigator Tim Stopak #344
- Investigator Carlos Trevino #317
- Trooper John Allen #45
- Trooper Jason Bauer #1
- Trooper Shane Belgum #209
- Trooper Lindsay Bixby #582
- Trooper Clint Bruhn #268

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Superintendent's Group: (55) *cont....*

- Trooper Kevin Bruning #294
- Trooper William Burr #248
- Trooper Darrell Crawford #96
- Trooper Jeff Crymble #71
- Trooper Andrew Ecklund #84
- Trooper Troy Elliott #665
- Trooper Brad Elsea #365
- Trooper Dail Fellin #196
- Trooper Dan Fiala #276
- Trooper Joe Flasnack #510
- Trooper Paul Hagen #329
- Trooper Kirk Harris #468
- Trooper Eric Hesser #75
- Trooper Dain Hicks #310
- Trooper Courtney Horak #234

Honorable Service: (2)

- Trooper Brian Detlefsen - #478

- Trooper Eric Janssen #78
- Trooper Jeremiah Johnson #595
- Trooper Ron Kosiba #153
- Trooper Craig Kumpf #598
- Trooper Russell Lewis #343
- Trooper Cody Paro #587
- Trooper Brian Petersen #173
- Trooper David Pohl #215
- Trooper Jeremy Strack #254
- Trooper Bryan Woods #674
- Communications Specialist Donna Jimenez
- Communications Specialist Julie Wilson-Kucera
- Communications Specialist Teresa Sherfey
- Dispatcher II Tom Venable

- Trooper Timothy Flick - #382

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Superintendent's Unit: (47)

- Captain Paul Hattan - #338
- Lieutenant Frank Peck - #438
- Lieutenant Randy Morehead - #142
- Lieutenant Dan Wilson - #237
- Sergeant Joel Bergman - #110
- Sergeant James DeFreece - #326
- Sergeant Brian Edins - #219
- Sergeant Jon Goode - #122
- Sergeant Jud McKinstry - #186
- Sergeant Scott Rutten - #233
- Sergeant Galen Svoboda - #402
- Sergeant Patrick Tobey - #28
- Investigator Bradley Higgins - #184
- Investigator Tony Kavan - #340
- Investigator Doug Kelley - #358
- Investigator Melanie Lueders - #176
- Investigator Bruce Mitchell - #434
- Investigator Jason Sears - #287
- Investigator Tim Stopak - #344
- Investigator Sandra Tighe - #220
- Trooper John Allen - #45
- Trooper Kevin Bruning - #294
- Trooper Tina Cleveland - #115
- Trooper Brian Detlefsen - #478
- Trooper Bradley Elsea - #365
- Trooper Richard Fellin - #196
- K-9 Dekon - #196K
- Trooper Daniel Fiala - #276
- Trooper Joseph Flasnack - #510
- Trooper Paul Hagen - #329
- Trooper Jeremy Hampton - #592
- Trooper Dain Hicks - #310
- Trooper Ron Kosiba - #153
- K-9 Jack - #153K
- Trooper Tyler Kudera - #118
- Trooper Gregory Lammers - #250
- Trooper Chris Mannel - #282
- Trooper Andrew Mohr - #378
- Trooper Cody Paro - #587
- Trooper Wesley Peters - #548
- Trooper Eric Pfeiffer - #324
- Trooper David Pohl - #215
- Trooper Gabriel Skalka - #188
- Trooper Jeremy Strack - #254
- Trooper Ronald Tighe - #421
- Deb Davis, Dispatcher Supervisor
- Tessa Davis, Dispatcher

Volunteer Service: (1)

- Dave Thompson – 620 Hours of Service

Retirement Acknowledgement to Outside Agencies: (9)

- Chief Larry Browning
- Chief Alexis Hayes
- Chief Tim Mullen
- SAC Weysan Dun
- Carlton E. Clark
- Martin Conboy III
- Kay Farrell
- Kevin Frampton
- Edward Reinhold

Years of Service Awards:

- 10 Years - 3
- 20 Years - 14
- 25 Years - 23
- 30 Years - 3
- 35 Years - 0
- 40 Years - 0

2012 Committees & Members

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Lieutenant Colonel Tom Schwarten
Major Kyle Otte
Captain Chris Kolb
Lieutenant Randy Morehead
Sergeant Dan Klimek
Trooper Beth Bauer
Suzy Fredrickson

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Lieutenant Kirk Hansel
Lieutenant Dennis Leonard
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Trooper Beth Bauer
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