

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# Nebraska State Patrol



*Pro Bono Publico*

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE PUBLIC**

## LETTER FROM COLONEL JOHN BOLDOC

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank the dedicated men and women of the Nebraska State Patrol for their continued service to the citizens of Nebraska. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome that NSP and the fine citizens of this state have extended to my family and me as newcomers to the great state of Nebraska.

2017 was a year of transition for the Nebraska State Patrol. With an unplanned change in leadership comes many challenges and changes. What didn't change in this transition, was the consistent diligence and professional service provided by our sworn and civilian staff throughout the state. Many people stepped up to fill multiple roles while the transition to new leadership took its normal course over several months.

This 2017 annual report covers a variety of topics that highlight a typical year for the State Patrol. These pages contain examples of selfless, diligent police work, compassionate service, and teamwork in addressing the public safety challenges we face in a typical year.

We often talk about the importance of teamwork in public safety. Our internal team is made up of talented men and women in both the sworn and civilian ranks. Our Troopers and Investigators work every day with dispatchers, support staff, crime analysts, evidence technicians, and Criminal Identification Division staff. This team collaborates to provide great customer service to our citizens every day.

Speaking of teamwork, fulfilling our mission would not be possible without the trust and teamwork of our citizens. You help us every day by engaging in traffic safety initiatives and crime prevention. You alert us to problems in our communities, notify us when you see someone in need, and even come to our aid in emergencies due to natural and human caused disasters. Thank you for your partnership with us as we make Nebraska the safest and best state to live, work, and raise our families.

Sincerely,

Colonel John A. Bolduc



Colonel John Bolduc



Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Duis

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## 1937 NEBRASKA STATE PATROL 2017

The Nebraska State Patrol is a full-service law enforcement organization which has been serving Nebraska since 1937. Throughout 2017, the agency celebrated 80 years of commitment by providing professional public service reflecting recognition of the inherent value of all individuals in our society. Employees 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.

Throughout the entirety of the last 80 years, there have been drastic changes in automation as well as in the statutorily mandated duties set forth by the Nebraska Legislature. By embracing new technology, all levels of the organization have the ability to complete more work with less personnel. Many employees possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform multiple work assignments and functions within their respective divisions creating greater efficiency.

The Nebraska State Patrol encompasses 3 main divisions which are the Patrol Division led by acting Major Frank Peck, the Investigative Services Division supervised by Major Kyle Otte, and the Administrative Services division overseen by Major Russ Stanczyk. In addition, a number of critically vital components are directly supervised by the Superintendent's Office. Expansion in 80 years has grown from being a Safety Patrol in 1937 to what it is today carrying many aspects of a state police agency.

There are numerous functions performed within the Nebraska State Patrol that other police agencies do not provide. A number of these examples include the Crime Lab, a statewide Aviation Support Division, Police Service Dog Division, a fusion center known as the Nebraska Information Analysis Center, and an Internet Crimes Against Children Division. Once again, these are just a few of the various divisions unique to the Nebraska State Patrol.

This past year brought a number of challenges to the Nebraska State Patrol. Governor Pete Ricketts hired Colonel John Bolduc in October which brought about a number of changes internally. Colonel Bolduc has a new vision for the agency and it starts with the 700 sworn and civilian employees continuing to provide a myriad of services utilizing teamwork, compassion, and diligence.

Utilizing ideas learned from State Patrol process improvement coordinators along with concepts from the Leadership in Police Organization training, a number of reorganizations will be taking place throughout 2018. Aligning staff under a different division or supervisor will allow for the agency to run more effectively and create better service to the public and our professional partners.

The Nebraska State Patrol is proud of its rich tradition and for all of those who came before the current group of staff members. The very first set of employees performed great work by ensuring they laid a solid foundation for which many levels could be built. From our agency motto "Pro Bono Publico - For the Good of the Public", to our Core Values, we strive to provide law enforcement services of the highest quality to ensure a safe and secure Nebraska for the citizens and visitors of our state.



Major Russ Stanczyk



Major Kyle Otte



Captain Frank Peck  
Acting Major



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**COMPASSION—State Troopers work selflessly each day and carry a strong desire to help those in need and by showing acts of kindness or humanity with the public.**



Sergeant Dean Riedel was making a public appearance at a local sporting event when a young boy walked up to him and thanked him for his service by providing a hug.

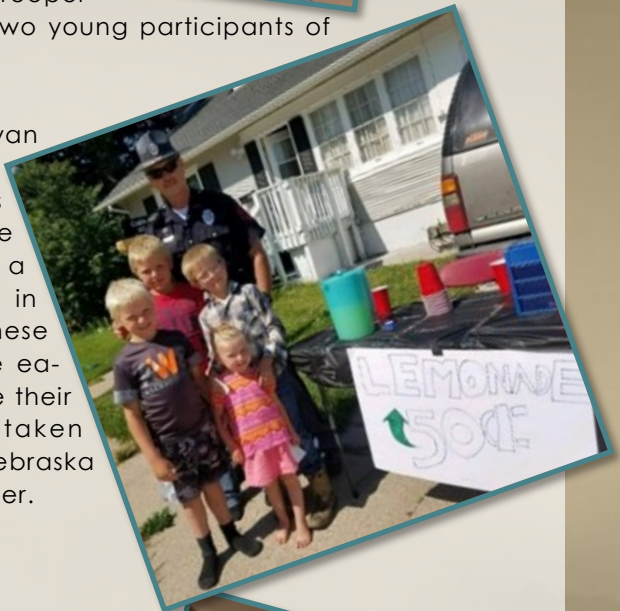


On December 14, Trooper Cool and Trooper Hulse participated in 'Shop With A Cop' at the Walmart in South Sioux City. Pictured

above is Trooper Cool with two young participants of the event.



Trooper Anthony Frederick began his shift on October 5 looking for a piglet in the median of Interstate 80 just west of Lincoln. After spotting and 'capturing' the little pig, Trooper Frederick took it to a local animal shelter. It is believed the baby pig fell out of some kind of livestock trailer while being transported.



Trooper Bryan Woods found this lemonade stand on a hot day in Kimball. These 4 kids were eager to have their picture taken with a Nebraska State Trooper.

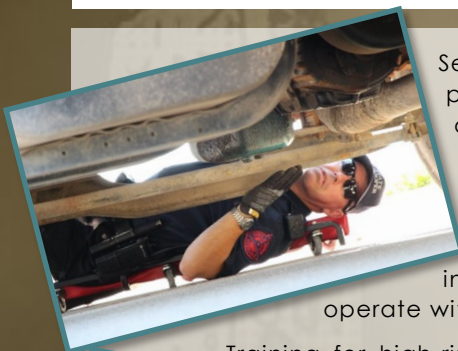


While working a career fair, Trooper Amanda Kahny stops to take a photo with Grayson. Apparently little Grayson is quite fond of Trooper Kahny and likes to be held whenever he sees her.



While spreading the holiday cheer, Lieutenant Kirk Hansel stopped in at the Thomas County Courthouse in Thedford and posed for a photo holding the grandson of Sheriff Gary Eng.

**DILIGENCE—All Nebraska State Patrol employees use their training and experience by paying attention to detail in a constant effort to accomplish the goals of the agency.**



Sergeant Mike Maytum performs an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle. Larger vehicles hauling heavier weight take longer to stop so it is imperative these trucks operate within the law.



A tornado hit the town of Bayard on June 12 causing much destruction. The Nebraska State Patrol sent 14 officers and spent countless hours assisting with the safety and security of residents and damaged property.



Training for high-risk incidents is an integral part of the Nebraska State Patrol.

Members of the SWAT team and a canine officer practice extraction techniques on felony traffic stops.

Ballistic vest distribution by

Colonel Bolduc to Lieutenant Bills and Trooper Lammers. Utilization of these vests by the sworn employees greatly increases the chance of survival in a situation where deadly force is used against the officer.



Fentanyl seizures are on the rise in Nebraska as the illicit drug becomes more and more popular with the criminal element. Relentless pursuit of the criminals and drug dealers has taken considerable amounts of this very potent drug off the streets. The devastating effects of Fentanyl has required the Nebraska State Patrol to equip all sworn and certain civilians with Narcan in order to help combat an opioid overdose.



The state of Nebraska honored many employees on November 1, 2017, with the Excellence in Leadership Awards.

Governor Ricketts presented the awards in a ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol. Pictured in the photo from the Nebraska State Patrol are Charlie Lucas, Jeff Avey, Investigator Michael Dowling, and Governor Pete Ricketts. (Lieutenant Colonel Buck Duis was unable to attend and accept his award.) Cooperation at all levels of the organization is paramount and these individuals have a demonstrated ability at working well together,



One of the largest divisions in the Nebraska State Patrol is the Patrol Division. All troopers in this division are assigned to road operations or to the Carrier Enforcement Division. Being visible and making traffic stops for violations of the law is one way to try and get compliance from motorists



and this, in turn, drives down the rate and severity of traffic accidents.

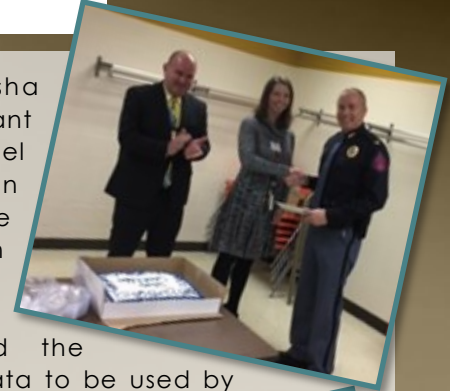
Canines are a constant presence at their handler's side. Training scenarios with the dogs in all aspects of a trooper's job responsibility allow for a smooth operation when real life events unfold.



**TEAMWORK**—A coordinated effort by all divisions in the Nebraska State Patrol allow for efficiency by acting together in the interest of common causes.

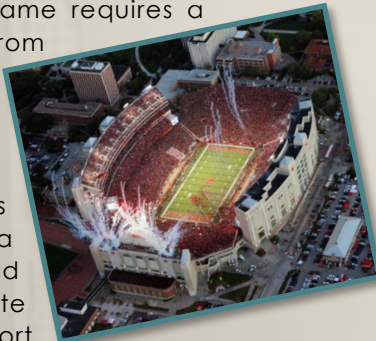


Trunk or Treat with Crime Analyst Latisha Trooper Connelly with Lieutenant Michael Thorson Tim Arnold and Colonel Bolduc receiving an award for being the runner-up civilian employee of the year. Crime analysts often perform work behind the scenes by collecting data to be used by troopers and investigators in the field.

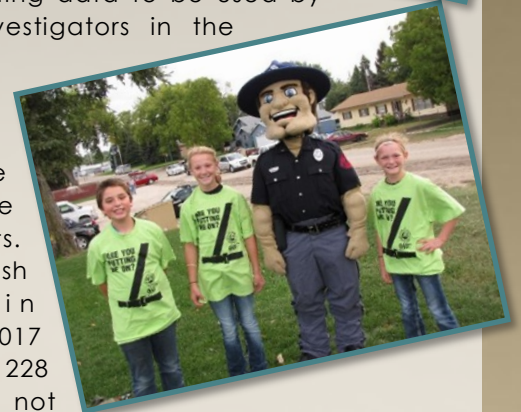


necessity for wearing seat belts and using marked crosswalks on public roadways.

A Nebraska Football game requires a coordinated effort from many entities to ensure all fans in Memorial Stadium have a positive game day experience. This photo was taken by a helicopter pilot assigned to the Nebraska State Patrol Aviation Support Division.



Trooper Buck with several children who are promoting the use of safety belts. Motor vehicle crash statistics in Nebraska from 2017 show 74% of the 228 fatalities were not wearing a seatbelt. Keeping the driver and passengers within the confines of their vehicles during crashes greatly increases the chance of survival.



The Nebraska State Patrol Aviation Support Division is in a state of operational readiness at any time during the day or night. Pilots provide assistance to troopers on the ground as well as to other law enforcement.



The Nebraska State Patrol has a number of canines spread out across the state. While most of them are trained in narcotics detection, tracking, and handler protection, one is trained in bomb detection. Pictured at left is, Zink, a 9 year-old Belgian Malinois, who retired in December after working with Lieutenant Gordon Downing for over 5 years.



Trooper Charlie Cook with some local Cub Scouts. It's never too young to start recruiting as many young scouts are introduced to public service which tends to stay with them into adulthood.

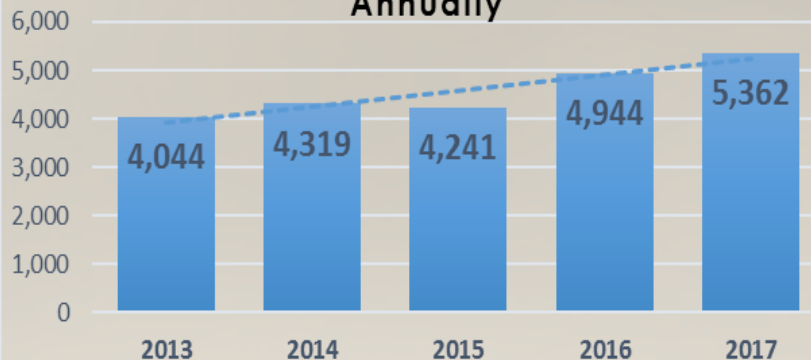
On July 11 and 12, a number of troopers, investigators, and sergeants received instruction in the use of Tasers. Upon completion, these officers went to their respective areas and provided training to other State Patrol personnel. Deployment of this first round of Tasers was accomplished by the end of the year.



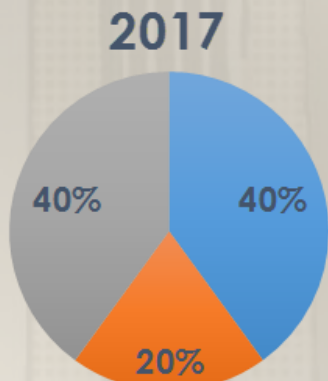
## Miscellaneous

The NSP Crime Laboratory performs forensic testing for approximately 165 different law enforcement agencies across Nebraska each year. Testing is performed in the areas of Biology/DNA, Firearms/Tool Marks, Footwear/Tire Tread, Latent Prints, Controlled Substances, Toxicology and Trace Evidence, to include fire debris analysis and explosives testing. One case submitted to the laboratory may result in examination assignments to a number of different testing areas.

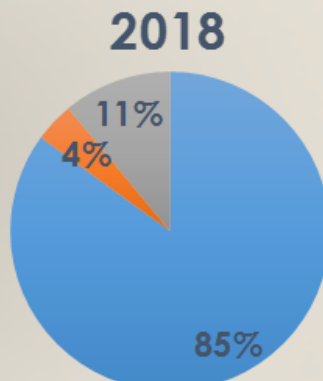
### New Cases Received at NSP Crime Laboratory Annually



### Media Sentiment



■ Positive ■ Negative ■ Neutral



■ Positive ■ Negative ■ Neutral

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) has a presence on four social media platforms. Through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snap Chat, troopers are able to connect directly with the public. NSP's social media presence allows the agency to promote the work our sworn and civilian staff are doing every day. It also allows NSP to make a direct connection with the public and has become a new method of community policing to supplement the personal connections troopers have been making with the public for decades.



#### 2017

TRAFFIC STOP TOTAL	188,567
CITATIONS & WARNINGS ISSUED	224,498
ACCIDENTS WORKED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	1,916
CALLS FOR SERVICE (this number excludes traffic stops)	48,457

## Current Command Staff

### Superintendent

- Colonel John Bolduc

### Assistant Superintendent

- Lieutenant Colonel Buck Duis

### Administrative Services

- Major Russ Stanczyk

### Field Services West

- Major Kyle Otte

### Field Services East

- Major Brenda Konfrst

### Field Services Central

- Major Jeff Pelowski

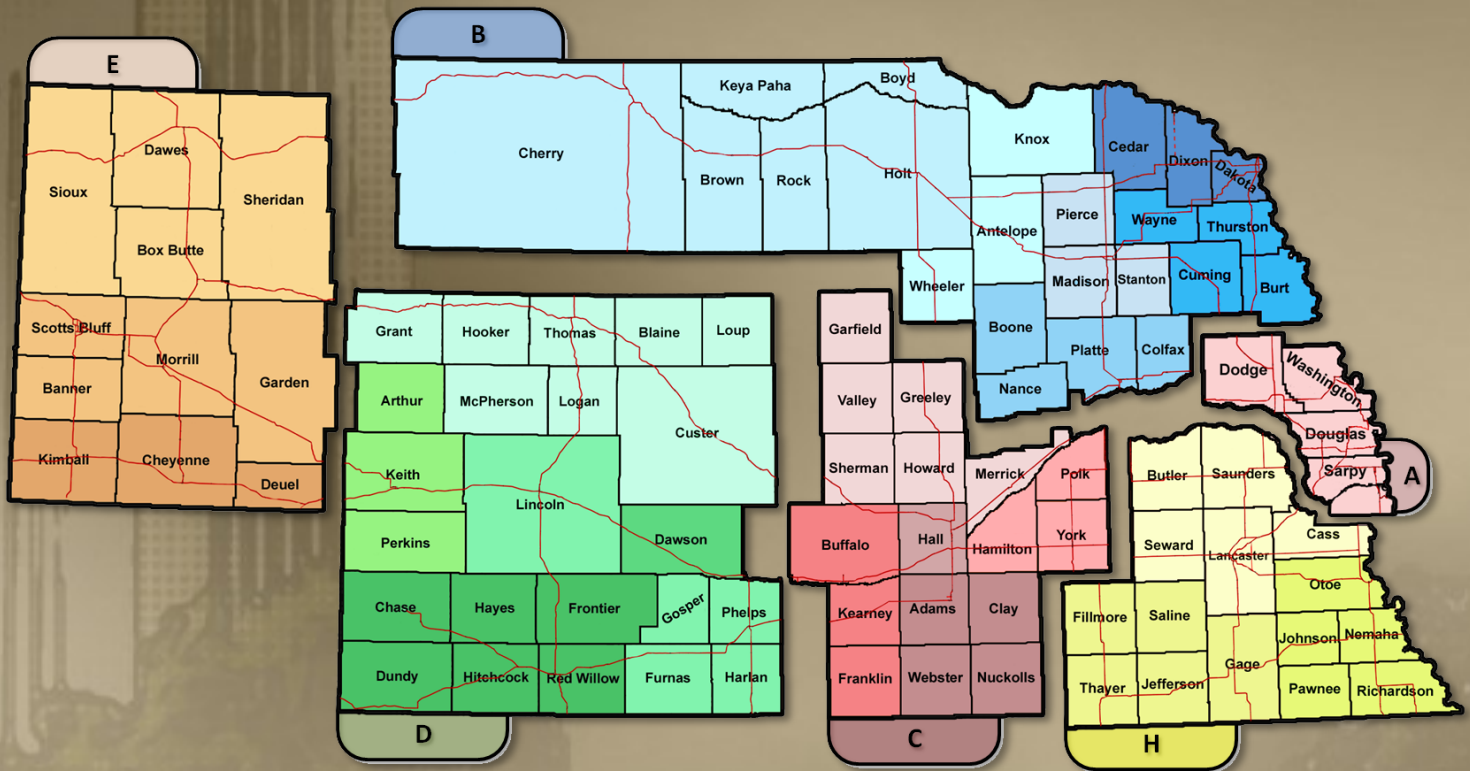
## Troop Areas

Omaha	1.402.331.3333	A
Norfolk	1.402.370.3456	B
Grand Island	1.308.385.6000	C
North Platte	1.308.535.8047	D
Scottsbluff	1.308.632.1211	E
Lincoln	1.402.471.4680	HQ
Lincoln	1.402.471.4545	SHQ

**Nebraska State Patrol Help Line**

**1-800-525-5555**

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### VALUE STATEMENT

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) 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 Nebraska State Patrol shall provide law enforcement of the highest quality to ensure a safe and secure Nebraska – Pro Bono Publico.