

2018/2019 BI-ANNUAL REPORT

NEBRASKA STATE PATROL



Pro Bono Publico
FOR THE GOOD OF THE PUBLIC

LETTER FROM COLONEL JOHN BOLDOC

Dear Friends,

This biannual report represents just a snapshot of the outstanding work done over the last 24 months by the dedicated sworn and civilian staff of the Nebraska State Patrol. I hope you will take the time to look over this report and notice that behind every photograph and statistic, there is a story of public servants doing their best to safeguard Nebraska. I would like to thank each member of the Nebraska State Patrol team for their exemplary work in serving, protecting, and diligently carrying out their duties.

Early in 2018 the Nebraska State Patrol adopted a short term strategic plan to establish agency goals for the following three years. Strategic restructuring, adopting new technologies, creating a wellness program for officers and civilian staff, and identifying mission focus were some of the 11 goals. Thanks to the hard work and support of each team member, we have already achieved 7 of the 11 strategic goals.

Carrying out the planned work of the agency is important, but responding to unplanned emergencies is where our troopers and civilian staff consistently display their skills and dedication. The unprecedented floods of 2019 interrupted the lives of our neighbors and friends across the state. Troopers, dispatchers, and support staff stepped up to rescue over 160 people from flood waters, and served countless others in stressful circumstances as these natural disasters lasted for months. I am so thankful for the bravery and diligence demonstrated by your NSP team.

Another tragedy struck Nebraska on June 20, 2019 when Trooper Jerry Smith Jr. was killed by a careless driver in a traffic crash in Morrill County. Trooper Smith was the first line of duty death in 20 years. Trooper Smith will be remembered as a devoted public servant and family man who was simply doing his job when he was killed that summer morning.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the Nebraska State Patrol over the last two years, it is important to acknowledge the support of the community and our state leaders. Without the support of our citizens, Governor Pete Ricketts, and the members of the legislature, our difficult task of serving Nebraska would not be possible. Thank you for partnering with us.

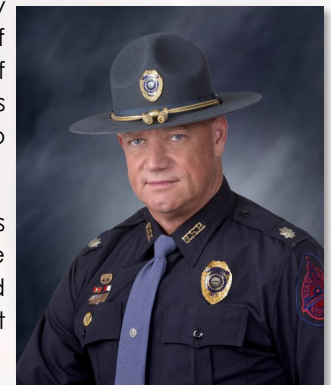
Sincerely,

Col. John A. Bolduc

Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety



Colonel
John Bolduc



Lieutenant Colonel
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NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

The Nebraska State Patrol is a full-service law enforcement organization which has been serving Nebraska since 1937. The agency's Mission Statement is emblematic of both our civilian and sworn employees: " The Nebraska State Patrol shall provide law enforcement of the highest quality to ensure a safe and secure Nebraska- Pro Bono Publico". (For the Good of the Public)

Several divisions of the agency are under the direction of the Superintendent's Office which include; The Office of Professional Standards, Human Resources, Process Improvement, and Public Relations.

The Nebraska State Patrol utilizes four majors which divide agency operational responsibilities into three distinct geographic areas as well as an Administrative Services component. The Administrative Services section is under the purview of Major Russ Stanczyk and includes the following divisions: Accounting, Grants, Information Technology, Research & Planning, Procurement, Radio Communications, Project Management, and the Criminal Identification Division. The goal of Administrative Services is to ensure all members of the organization are provided what they need to succeed so the agency can meet the expectations of our citizens.

Major Brenda Konfrst commands the Nebraska State Patrol Eastern Operations Division, comprising both Troop A, based in Omaha, and Troop B, based in Norfolk. Major Konfrst also commands NSP Special Operations, the Aviation Support Division, as well as Capitol Security.

Major Jeff Pelowski commands the Central Operations Division. Central Operations encompasses Troop H , based in Lincoln, Troop C, based in Grand Island, Carrier Enforcement Division, Training Academy and the Nebraska Information and Analysis Center (NIAC). The Central Division continues to leverage technology to place troopers where they can be most effective utilizing real time crash data and analyzing calls for service. The goal of the Central Field Services Division is to provide high visibility patrolling and enforcement to not only meet the public's expectation, but to exceed it.

Major Mike Jahnke commands the Western Operations Division. The Western Division encompasses Troop D, based in North Platte, Troop E, based in Scottsbluff, and the Nebraska State Patrol Criminalistics Laboratory, based in Lincoln. The Western Division is responsible for the largest geographic area in Nebraska, and proudly provides highly visible proactive policing in partnership with our allied agencies to ensure a safe Nebraska.



Major Russ Stanczyk



Major Brenda Konfrst



Major Jeff Pelowski



Major Mike Jahnke



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COMPASSION—State Troopers work selflessly each day and carry a strong desire to help those in need demonstrating compassion and kindness.



Trooper Kristen McCreia delivers Christmas presents in Colfax County in support of the 2019 Schedule Food and Toy Drive.



Rain can't stop the torch run. Organized by Trooper Nathan Veal, the Nebraska State Patrol along with other law enforcement agencies ran 14.5 miles participating in Special Olympics Torch Run in North Platte on May 20, 2019.



Family members of the late Trooper Raymond Koerber gather at his grave along with current members of the Nebraska State Patrol to honor his sacrifice. Trooper Koerber was killed on September 18, 1961, in an automobile accident near Plattsmouth.



Sgt. Balthazor and Trooper Mickelson gave Sidney Elementary student's tour of the Sidney office.



Trooper Johnson joins students at the Gordon Elementary School climbing wall.

COMPASSION, Continued



Trooper Zach Schmidt #356 gets a U.S. Marine who was home on emergency leave back to his family during a blizzard in December 2018. The Marine, who had flown into Kearney during a snow storm was stranded. He was able to see his ailing grandfather one last time thanks to Trp. Schmidt reuniting him with his family.



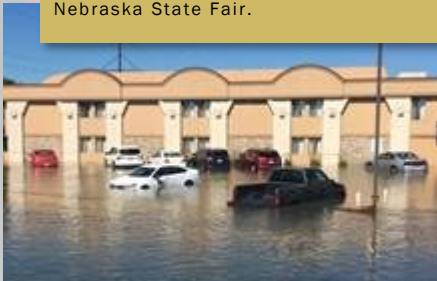
Trooper Jeremy Thorson and his championship Broncos football team.



Trooper Dimitroff & Trooper Nutsch meet a new friend and fellow law enforcement enthusiast at the 2018 Nebraska State Fair.



Trooper Keith Bell teaching the art of the swing with PACE baseball.



On July 9th, 2019, Kearney and surrounding areas were devastated with flash flooding. Troopers along with allied agencies assisted with evacuating hundreds of people from local hotels and businesses to shelters. Many of those businesses suffered catastrophic damage, including the Kearney NSP office.

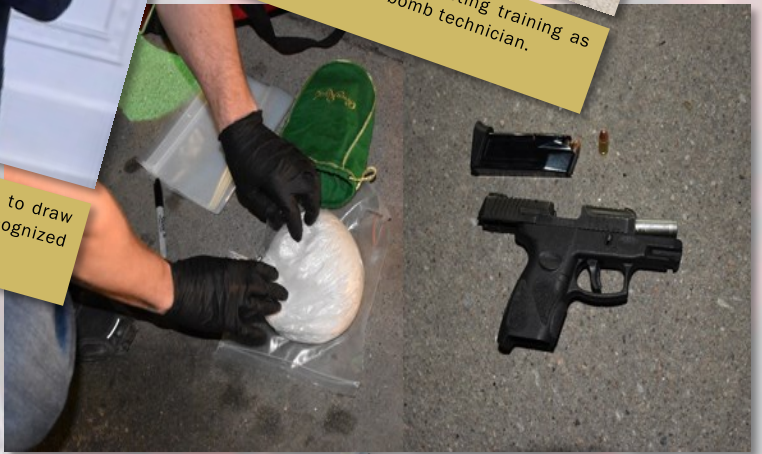
DILIGENCE—All Nebraska State Patrol teammates use their training and experience to serve the public by paying attention to detail in a constant effort to keep Nebraska safe.



Trooper Sam Mortensen participated in an October 2018 event at the White House to draw attention to opioid abuse. During the event, President Donald Trump personally recognized Trooper Mortensen for his seizure of 118 pounds of Fentanyl.



Trooper Mike Mallery conducting training as part of his duties as a bomb technician.



In April of 2019, Headquarters Drug Division in conjunction with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Task Force arrested two individuals coming back from Colorado with a handgun and 878.9 grams of Methamphetamine.



In 2018, Trooper John Lewis was a guest of Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse at the State of the Union address to Congress by President Donald Trump. Trooper Lewis led an effort to provide aid to families in Florida affected by Hurricane Irma.



Trooper Courtney Cool performs an inspection on a commercial motor vehicle.

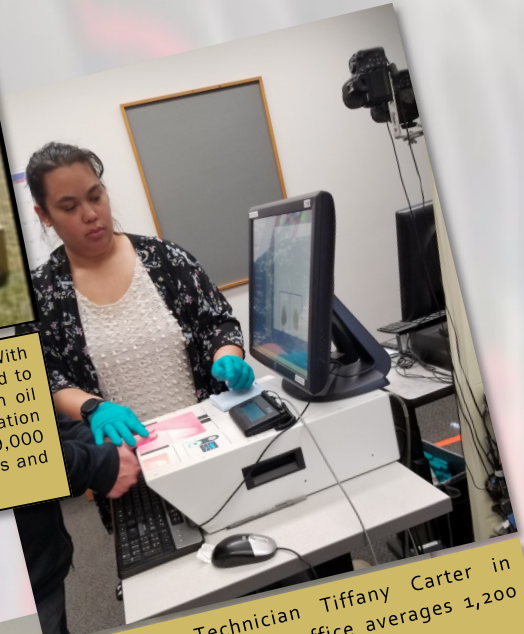


The picture with Trp. Viterna #480 was taken after the flooding in Niobrara. Those are the ice blocks that were pushed onto land as the Niobrara River flooded and left those huge ice chunks all over, including Hwy 14 into Niobrara.

DILIGENCE, Continued



Trooper Kendall Reed #590 conducted a traffic stop on a commercial van in April 2018. With assistance from Trooper Justin Davis #13 and his K-9 J.D., probable cause was developed to search. The search yielded 1,853 pounds of marijuana, 8,779 dosage units of hashish oil cartridges, and 49 pounds of loose hashish wax and THC shatter. Subsequent investigation with DEA led to arrests of 4 other individuals, seizure of \$124,000 in gold coins, \$2,719,000 U.S. currency, 3 Mercedes Sprinter vans, \$190,000 in attempted bond money, 2 firearms and potential additional forfeiture of assets in multiple states.



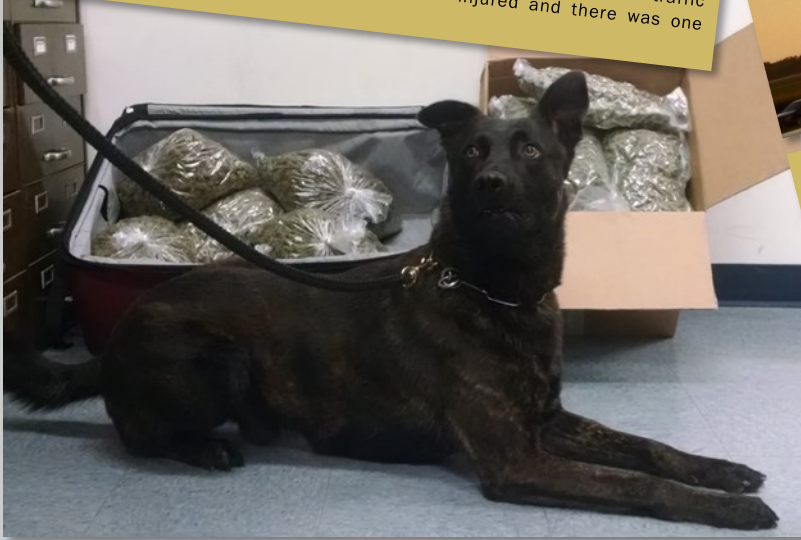
Fingerprint Technician Tiffany Carter in Omaha. The Omaha office averages 1,200 fingerprints per month.



A dust storm on April 29, 2018 in Hamilton County led to a 27 vehicle crash near mile marker 334 on I-80. Multiple NSP units were directly involved in working the crash while several other allied law enforcement agencies assisted with traffic control and the investigation. In all, 12 people were injured and there was one fatality as a result of the crash.



When an elderly woman was reported missing near Oakland, Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Aviation Support Division responded to assist in the search. Ultimately, the pilots located the woman and Captain Frank Peck carried her to safety.



In 2019 the Nebraska State Patrol Police Service Dog Division assisted with the following calls; over 350 detection calls resulting in 2,000 lbs. of marijuana & 30 lbs. of meth being seized.

Sgt. Ben Schropfer won the Grand Champion challenge at the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance competition.



TEAMWORK—A coordinated effort by all divisions in the Nebraska State Patrol allow for efficiency by working together in the interest of the public.



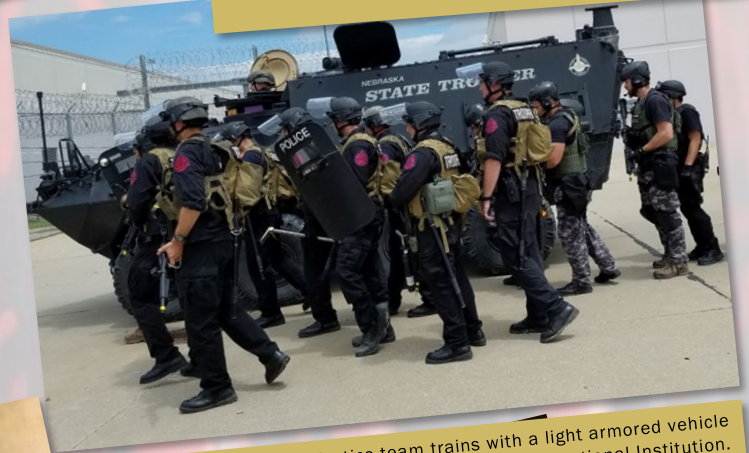
Nebraska troopers who were recipients of Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) awards in 2018.



Troopers from Troop A work together during a speed enforcement selective.



Trooper Naughtin teamed up with FFA students in Sutherland whose project was to make blankets that could be handed out to crash victims to keep warm.



A Special Weapons and Tactics team trains with a light armored vehicle during a training exercise at Tecumseh State Correctional Institution.



Excellence in Leadership Award
October 24, 2018

Nebraska Excellence in Leadership Award
November 6, 2019

Colonel John Bolduc # 401
Ben Swanson
Lieutenant Brian Eads #159
Trooper Rob Pelster #404
Christine Neukirch
Governor Pete Ricketts

Janet Van Lengen
Governor Pete Ricketts
Anna Idigima

Nebraska Excellence in Leadership Award celebrates professional achievements in recognition of a public "thank you" for teammate's service in helping people. Award criteria include Leadership, Initiative, Creativity, Dedication, Recognition, Integrity, and Inspiration in the performance in one's job. Captain Kurt Von Minden and Sgt. Kurt Frazey were also included in the November 6, 2019 award recipients.

TEAMWORK, *Continued*



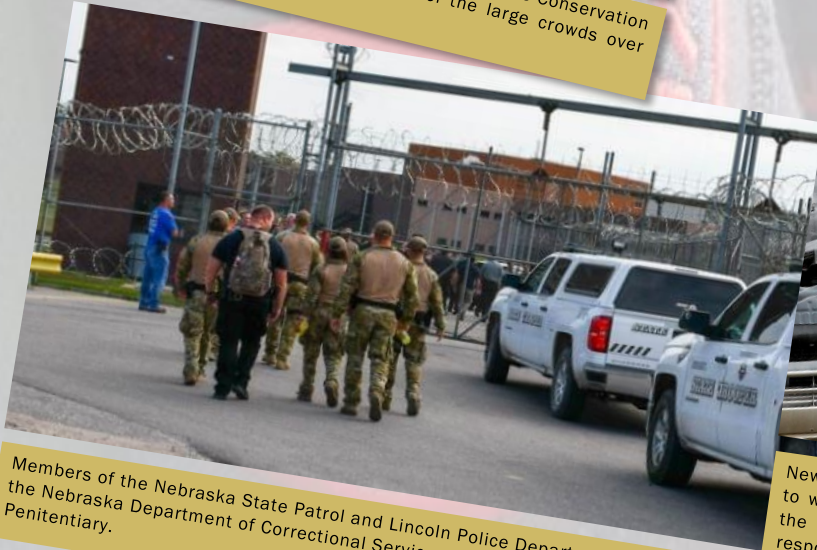
On Sunday, March 17 and Monday, March 18, 2019, a convoy of nine tractor-trailers delivered much-needed food to the community of Fremont where stores were running low on supplies. The Nebraska State Patrol, the National Guard, and the Nebraska Department of Transportation collaborated to create a safe route into Fremont to get food to shelters, housing, and feeding residents after extreme flooding inundated the town.



Trooper Nicholson teamed up with our Game and Parks Conservation Officers at Lake McConaughy to help patrol the large crowds over holiday weekends.



Sgt. Buhlke partnered with the North Platte Police Department in a patch exchange to further awareness on breast cancer.



Members of the Nebraska State Patrol and Lincoln Police Department joined staff members from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services in an operation at the Nebraska State Penitentiary.



New recruits at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy are learning to work with first responders at an accident scene. They must protect the scene, making sure that it's safe for themselves and other first responders.

In Review



Trooper
Jerry L. Smith
Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska

End of Watch Thursday, June 20, 2019

Trooper Jerry Louis Smith, Jr., 51, #373, of Scottsbluff, passed away on June 20, 2019 as the result of injuries he sustained in a car crash.

More than 300 people, including Gov. Pete Ricketts and law enforcement officers from around the country, attended the funeral of Trooper Smith.

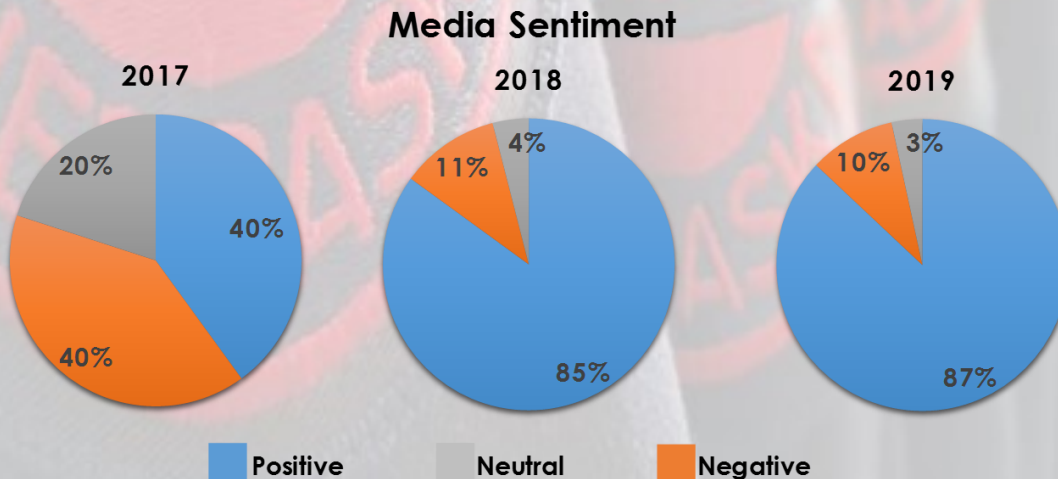
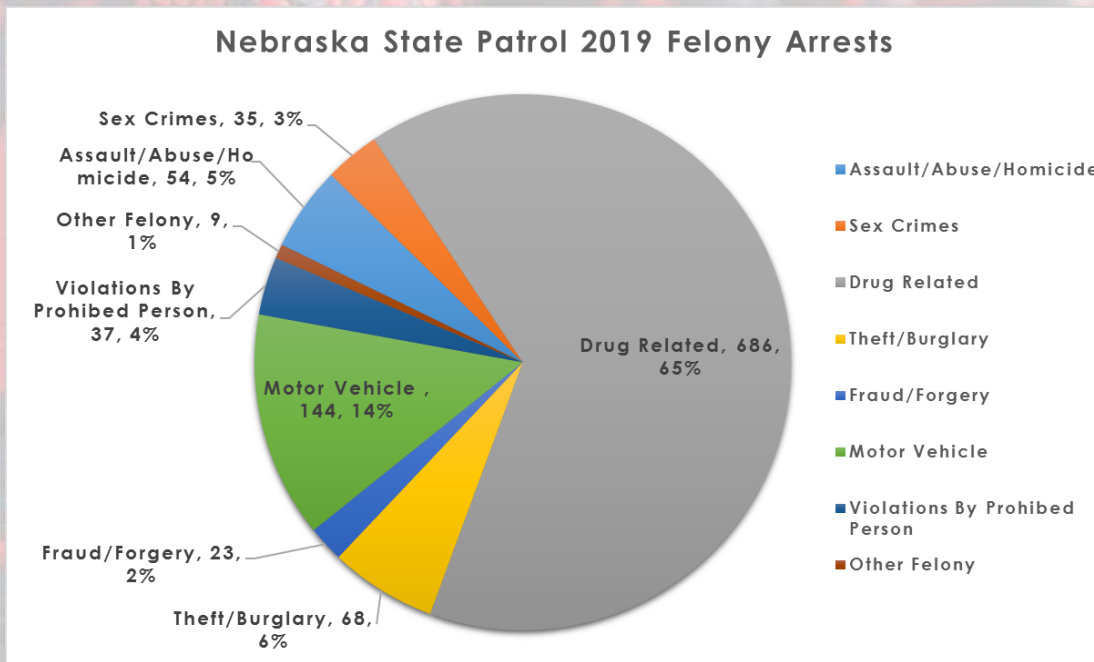


Trooper Smith, who had a lengthy career in the military that included being awarded a Bronze Star, joined the patrol at age 47. He was believed to be the oldest person to complete the patrol's Basic Recruit Camp, a distinction that earned him the nickname "Grandpa" among his training classmates.



In Review

	2017	2018	2019
Traffic Stop Total	182,935	149,232	115,210
Calls for Service	125,726	201,023	186,920
Felony Arrest	640	1,171	1,056
Community Service Hours	4,424 hrs.	13,780 hrs.	18,134 hrs.
Criminal Cases submitted to Crime Lab	5,362	5,690	6,285



Current Command Staff

Superintendent

- Colonel John Bolduc

Assistant Superintendent

- Lieutenant Colonel Buck Duis

Administrative Services

- Major Russ Stanczyk

Operations West

- Major Mike Jahnke

Operations East

- Major Brenda Konfrst

Operations Central

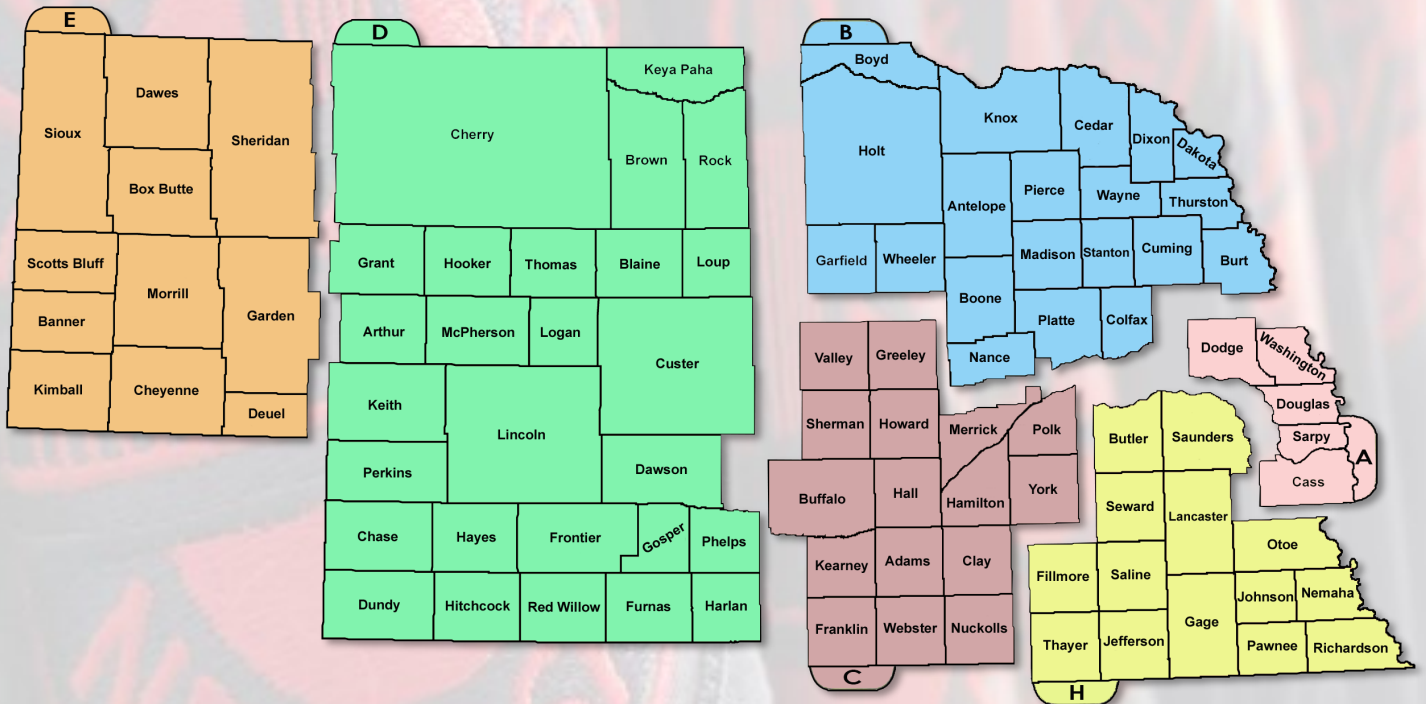
- Major Jeff Pelowski

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 *55



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

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