



ANNUAL REPORT

NEBRASKA STATE PATROL



2021 - The Year in Review

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LETTER FROM COLONEL JOHN BOLDOC

Dear Friends,

2021 proved to be another year of challenges, accomplishments, and service throughout the Nebraska State Patrol team. Our 700+ teammates worked hard to deliver great service in Patrol, Investigations, Carrier Enforcement, Capitol Security and our civilian support. In 2021 we surpassed annual records for fingerprint based background checks, crime lab submittals, felony arrests, and customers served in our multiple locations. This outstanding public service was accomplished with fewer people, and against the backdrop of a global pandemic. To every member of the State Patrol, I say thank you and job well done!

Two major accomplishments in 2021 included the opening of the new State Patrol Headquarters in Lincoln, and the consolidation of Communication Centers in Lincoln and Omaha. The consolidation of several facilities in Lincoln has been on the "drawing board" for nearly 40 years. Many of our forbearers recognized that having operational components spread out over several miles was inefficient and sometimes led to communication gaps. In fact, several attempts to consolidate were initiated over the years, with no results. The challenges of being spread out over several buildings didn't decrease with time. Fortunately with the support of the Governor and the Department of Administrative Services, along with a favorable fiscal climate, a new plan was introduced in 2018 that ultimately culminated in a new building in 2021. The Nebraska State Patrol now occupies 85,000 square feet of the former Verizon building on Innovation Drive. This is the new home of Troop H Patrol and Investigative Services, Carrier Enforcement, Administrative Services, Criminal Identification, Communications East, Nebraska Information Analysis Center, and the Superintendent's Office. New efficiencies, utilization of space, and increased communication have all been positive results of the consolidation, not to mention the increased comfort and accessibility to the public for conducting business with NSP.

The second component of the consolidation included upgrades to our new communications centers. Closing the Omaha center allowed NSP to create two state of the art dispatch centers. Communications East (Lincoln) services Troop areas A, B and H. Communications West (North Platte) services Troop Areas C, D, and E. Both centers are capable of handling the entire state in the event of an emergency. I'd like to give a special thank you to our dedicated dispatchers and site managers who worked tirelessly to bring both consolidations to a successful conclusion.

Like many previous years, 2021 was a year in which teamwork, innovation, and service to the public stood out as key accomplishments for NSP. It is a privilege for each of us to serve this great state.

Sincerely,

Col. John A. Bolduc



**Colonel
John Bolduc**



**Lieutenant Colonel
Andrew Duis**

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NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

Founded in 1937, the Nebraska State Patrol is celebrating 85 years of service to the citizens of Nebraska throughout 2022. The agency is a statewide full-service law enforcement organization serving the needs of all 93 counties in Nebraska with 6 troop area offices positioned across the state which include the cities of Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. Additionally, there are satellite offices in many small towns within each of the troop areas.

The Nebraska State Patrol is comprised of several divisions led by 5 administrative offices: Office of the Superintendent, Administrative Services, Eastern Division, Central Division, and the Western Division. Colonel John Bolduc and Lieutenant Buck Duis directly supervise the 4 teammates who have oversight for the divisions listed above and consequently hold the rank of major. The Superintendent's Office oversees the Office of Professional Standards, the Human Resources Division, the Public Relations Director, and the Command Chaplain.

Administrative Services is under the direction of Major Russell Lewis. Those divisions assigned to Major Lewis include the following: Special Operations, Accounting, Information Technology, Criminal Identification, Process Improvement, Supply/Engineering, Research & Planning, Purchasing, the Statewide Radio System, and Communications. Throughout the summer of 2021, the Nebraska State Patrol consolidated many Lincoln offices into one facility which has proved to be both efficient as well as economically sensible. Another centralization of operations took place when the Communications Center in Omaha joined the new Communications Center in Lincoln.

The Eastern Division, Central Division, and Western Division consistently contain Patrol Divisions as well as an Investigative Services Division. The Patrol Division has the responsibility of reducing the frequency and severity of motor vehicle crashes through traffic enforcement, officer presence, and public education. Those assigned to the Investigative Services Divisions investigate a myriad of crimes to include criminal and drug statutes, alcohol and tobacco enforcement, auto fraud, Internet crimes, and cyber-crimes just to name a few.

Major Brenda Konfrst commands the Eastern Division and consists of Troop A – Omaha, Troop B – Norfolk, and the Capitol Security Division. The Capitol Security Division has the responsibility of securing the Nebraska State Capitol Building along with 9 other government buildings home to 40 different state agencies. This division's biggest priority is keeping the 100,000 Capitol visitors safe as well as state senators, their staff, and all the state employees who work in the Capitol on a daily basis.

The Central Division is supervised by Major Jeff Pelowski and encompasses Troop H – Lincoln, Troop C – Grand Island, the Carrier Enforcement Division, and the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy. During 2021, the Training Academy graduated Camp 64 and Camp 65 which saw a total of 22 new troopers sent to a duty station for field training. New technology was welcomed by the Carrier Enforcement Division in the form of a Tire Anomaly Detector which alerts troopers to defective tires on commercial motor vehicles. Also in the Central Division, a pilot project was started utilizing drone technology as a way to quickly clear roadways after major motor vehicle accidents.

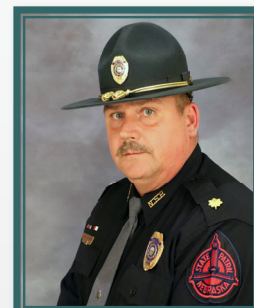
Along with Troop D – North Platte and Troop E – Scottsbluff, the Western Division also has the responsibility of directing the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory. This division is under the leadership of Major Mike Jahnke and contains the most square miles of land reaching from Kansas in the South, Colorado and Wyoming in the West, and South Dakota in the North. Uniformed troopers from Troop D completed over 400 Sex Offender Registry compliance checks in 27 counties during 2021. Finally, the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab continues to maintain accreditation standards and is ready for reassessment in 2022. During 2021, a document review of selected accreditation standards took place and the Crime Lab successfully completed that activity to maintain its accreditation.



Major Russell Lewis
Administrative Services



Major Brenda Konfrst
Eastern Division



Major Jeff Pelowski
Central Division



Major Mike Jahnke
Western Division

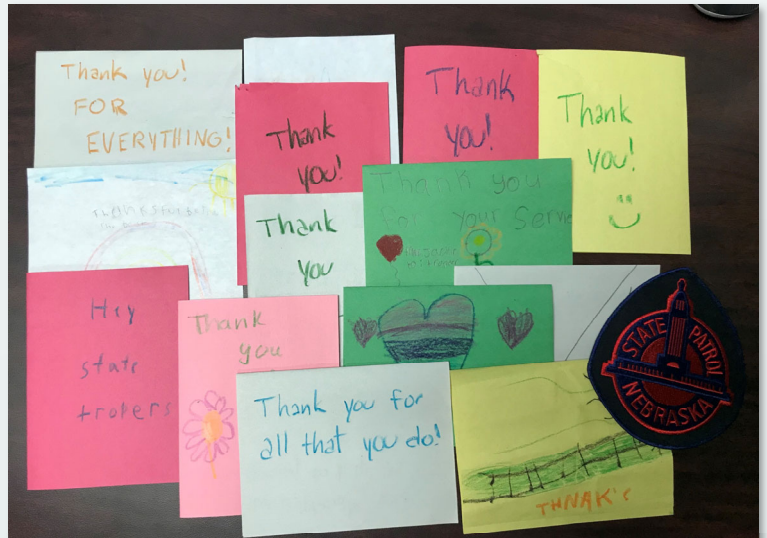
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ARRIVE ALIVE.

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



Many teammates of the Nebraska State Patrol participated in blood drives throughout the entirety of 2021. Trooper Eric Janssen is pictured here donating blood for an event sponsored by the Nebraska Community Blood Bank.



Children from Texas sent thank you notes to the delegation of troopers sent to help the State of Texas with issues at the United States border with Mexico. A number of troopers in the agency have received specialized training in order to assist other agencies and states with law enforcement needs. This generally includes those assigned to the Special Operations Division where the primary mission is to augment the needs of local authorities.



Troopers Travis Bauer and Daniela Gonzalez Nuno stop to have their photo taken with a future member of the Nebraska State Patrol during a Trunk or Treat event in Odessa.



Trooper Nicholas Goodwin passed away on August 5, 2021, in Scottsbluff. A funeral procession on Interstate 80 passes by the Waverly Scales where Troopers stopped and paid their final respects as the procession passes.



For many years, the Nebraska State Patrol has assisted with University of Nebraska home football games. This includes troopers assigned to a security detail inside the stadium as well as troopers on the roads ensuring safe passage to and from the games. Sergeant Mike Thorson along with Troopers Jordan Dostal, Ethan Schroeder, Aaron Hartley, and Alex Winters are pictured after playing a game of football with some future Huskers.

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COMPASSION, Continued



Trooper Bryce Lingren holds his daughter prior to reporting for duty in Headquarters Troop.



Nebraska State Patrol Troopers are encouraged to become involved in community engagement as their schedules allow. Troopers Kevin Whetsline and Jonathan Kroeger took some time to pay a birthday visit to a happy recipient in Grand Island.



While out on patrol, Sergeant Sean Wilson stops to purchase Girl Scout cookies from a little girl in Lincoln who had set up shop near her home.



Troopers of the Nebraska State Patrol have the responsibility of patrolling many miles of roadway in the State of Nebraska. One of their duties involves ensuring the safety of animals when appear to be in danger. This photo shows a dog rescued and placed in safekeeping until the owner could be notified.



A partnership between the Nebraska State Patrol and the State Trooper's Association of Nebraska has allowed for attendance at funerals involving troopers from outside the boundaries of Nebraska. Troopers Wes Peters and Kelli Nichelson are shown here directly to the right of the Florida Highway Patrol vehicle for the funeral of Trooper Joseph Bullock who was shot and killed while helping a stranded motorist.



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.



During snowstorms and blizzards, officers of the Nebraska State Patrol are steadfast in their desire to keep the motoring public safe. Sergeant Drew Ferguson stops to help the driver of a truck-tractor trailer who has become temporarily disabled.



Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol are ever vigilant in their eagerness to assist the public in any way possible. In this photo, a trooper stopping for gas took the time to help a motorist change a flat



The Nebraska State Patrol has seen a large uptick in the number of drivers being stopped for travelling in excess of 100 miles per hour. During 2021, troopers from the agency cited 880 drivers for speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Community Service
Officers from each part of the state perform important work with schools in trying to promote everything from safe driving to drug education. Millard South High School had the pleasure of hosting Trooper Keith Bell for one such event.



On a hot summer day, Trooper Joshua Schwarz stopped at a Kool-Aid stand where four young entrepreneurs were trying to raise some spending money. Along with passing out 'Junior Trooper' stickers, teammates always take advantage of recruiting future teammates.



The Nebraska State Patrol and the Florida Highway Patrol sent members of their organizations to the State of Texas to help with border security. An impromptu photo was taken of those agencies providing assistance – Florida Highway Patrol, Nebraska State Patrol, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the United States Border Patrol.

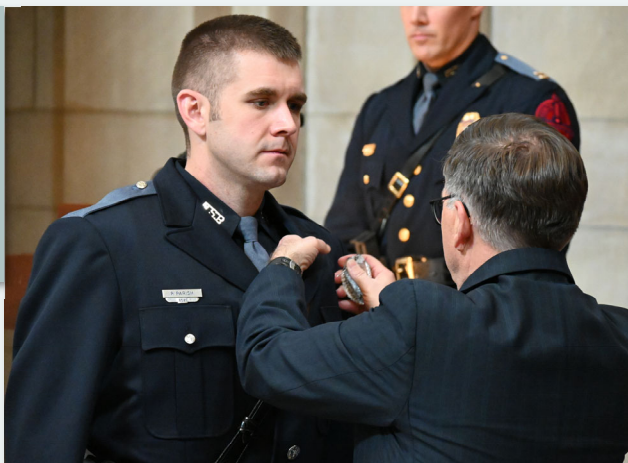


DILIGENCE, Continued



Nebraska State Patrol Recruit Class #65 is shown in the barracks of the Training Academy attaching their week 1 battle streamer to the class guidon. As the week comes to an end, the streamer signifies the successful completion of the week.

Retired Nebraska State Patrol Captain Jim Parish #328R pins the badge of office on his son, Trooper Philip Parish #428 during the graduation ceremonies for Camp #65 held at the Nebraska State Capitol on December 17, 2021.



Members of Camp #64 are gathered on the steps of the Nebraska State Capitol after taking the Oath of Office on June 18, 2021. The Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy has been tasked with conducting two academy classes per year with a January to June time period followed by July to December.



Husker Harvest Days near Grand Island found Investigator Jarrod Connelly training and utilizing one of the newly purchased drones. In the future, drones may provide a myriad of uses to troopers in the field. At present, the drone program is mostly being used to assist with accident investigation photography along with quick clearance of vehicles after some sort of event causing a stoppage of traffic.



Along with officers from the Kearney Police Department and the University of Nebraska-Kearney Police Department, Trooper Eric Rosemann was invited to eat lunch at Emerson Elementary for a Law Enforcement Appreciation event.



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



There are many opportunities for all teammates of the Nebraska State Patrol to advance their careers. One such division involves the Police Service Dogs. In this training photo, Troopers Justin Raes and Austin Donner are in a helicopter with their assigned canines.



Trooper James McKain took a quick photo of his canine partner and patrol vehicle near the dam of Lake McConaughy during a work assignment.



Aquatic Death Investigation Training was held during August of 2021 at Holmes Lake Park in Lincoln. Along with the State Patrol, there were members from the Lincoln Fire Department, Nebraska Game and Parks, Lincoln Police Department, and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. State Patrol Investigators Amanda DeFreece (far left) and Pedram Nabegh (3rd from left) are honing skills learned in the training.



One of the primary duties of the Patrol Division within the Nebraska State Patrol is to reduce the amount and severity of traffic collisions. Partnering with the Iowa State Patrol and South Dakota Highway Patrol during multi-jurisdictional traffic selective enforcement initiatives is one way to drive down accidents.



The Nebraska State Patrol collaborates with those in the agriculture community through events at the Nebraska State Fair and Husker Harvest Days to also providing assistance with questions during the fall harvest.



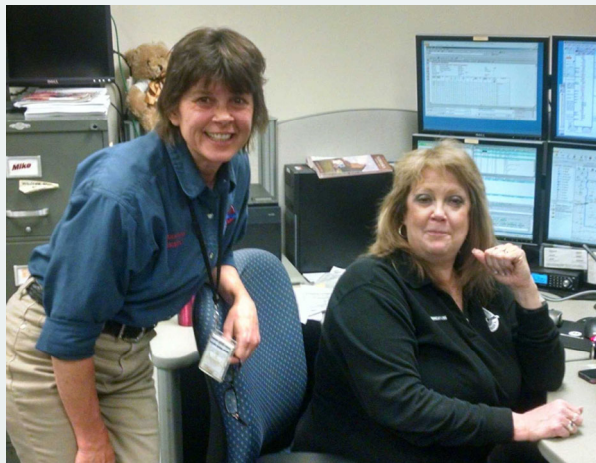
Off-duty Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Mike Mallery took time to speak with 'Sheriff Buford T. Justice' and 'The Bandit' alongside Sergeant Sean Velte when participants of The Bandit Run stopped in Lincoln's Haymarket District.



TEAMWORK, Continued



Trooper Brandon Smith takes time out of his day to pose for a picture at the border of Nebraska and Colorado with two troopers from the Colorado State Patrol. Maintaining relationships with other agencies is an important aspect in the law enforcement community as it relates to the sharing of information and during times of crisis.



A longtime member of the State Patrol Communications Division from North Platte, Linda Horman, retired in 2021. Linda is sitting at the dispatch console with Communications Specialist Pamela Tierney to her left.



A Trunk or Treat event in Lincoln at St. Peter's Catholic Church allowed for Troopers Jenna Riddle and Ashdonn Nolte to stop and hand out candy to the children along with performing important community service work.



Trooper Aaron Scott #571 meets up with his father and longtime Trooper George Scott #671 at the Training Academy in Grand Island. The photo was taken shortly after Trooper Aaron Scott was assigned his first patrol vehicle.



Public recognition of teammates is an important part of recognizing outstanding work. Colonel Bolduc holds the Superintendent's Group Citation presented to members of the agency who developed software for the purpose of being compliant with motor vehicle crash reporting.



Teammates assigned to the Vehicle Installation Building (VIB) are tasked with installing equipment in both marked and unmarked vehicles owned by the Nebraska State Patrol. The agency was provided with three mine resistant ambush-protected vehicle (MRAP) from the federal government for use in specialized law enforcement operations. In this photo, Jared Rains, Kari Hernandez, and Dennis Gardner pose next to one of the MRAP vehicles near the VIB.

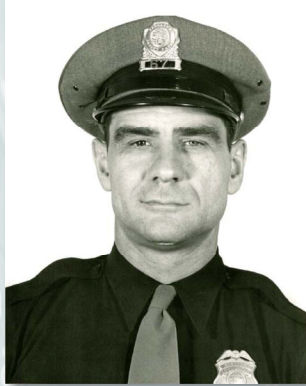
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In Memoriam



Trooper Loyal M. Zink
Badge: #43
Appointed: 11-22-37
Deceased: 06-13-45



Sergeant John T. Meistrell
Badge: #63
Appointed: 09-04-40
Deceased: 04-10-53



Trooper Vernon C. Rolfs
Badge: #129
Appointed: 11-15-50
Deceased: 05-30-53



Trooper Marvin I. Hansen
Badge: #98
Appointed: 10-15-47
Deceased: 04-08-54



Trooper Duane F. Nichols
Badge: #133
Appointed: 11-15-50
Deceased: 07-24-57



Trooper Raymond M. Koerber
Badge: #108
Appointed: 10-15-47
Deceased: 09-18-61



Trooper George W. Amos, Jr.
Badge: #9
Appointed: 05-16-70
Deceased: 04-20-73



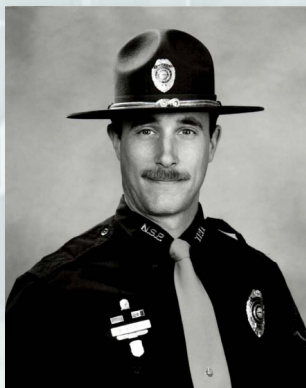
Trooper Michael D. Farber
Badge: #427
Appointed: 11-03-78
Deceased 08-24-80



Trooper Robert J. Chab
Badge: #221
Appointed: 10-01-63
Deceased: 01-06-84



Trooper Donald Matejka
Badge: #192
Appointed: 10-01-59
Deceased: 12-27-89



Trooper Mark P. Wagner
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Appointed: 11-10-86
Deceased 03-04-99

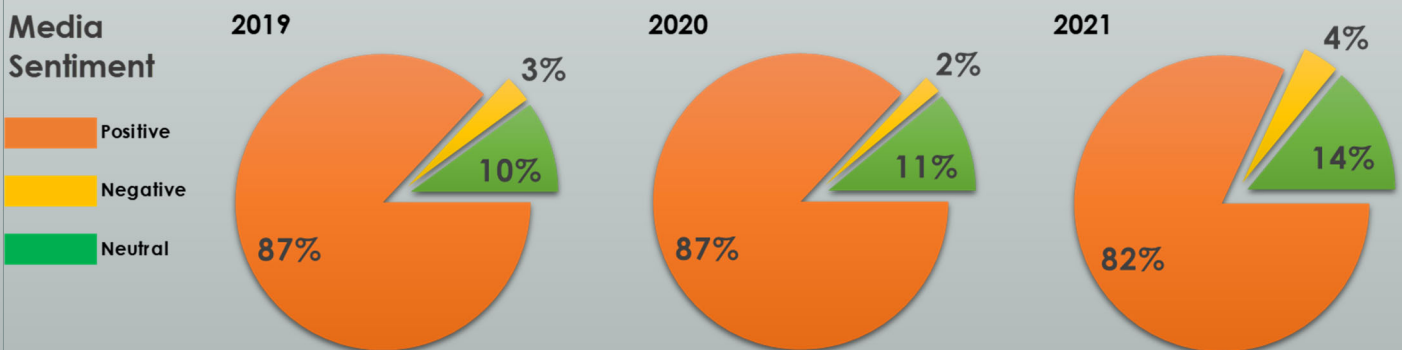
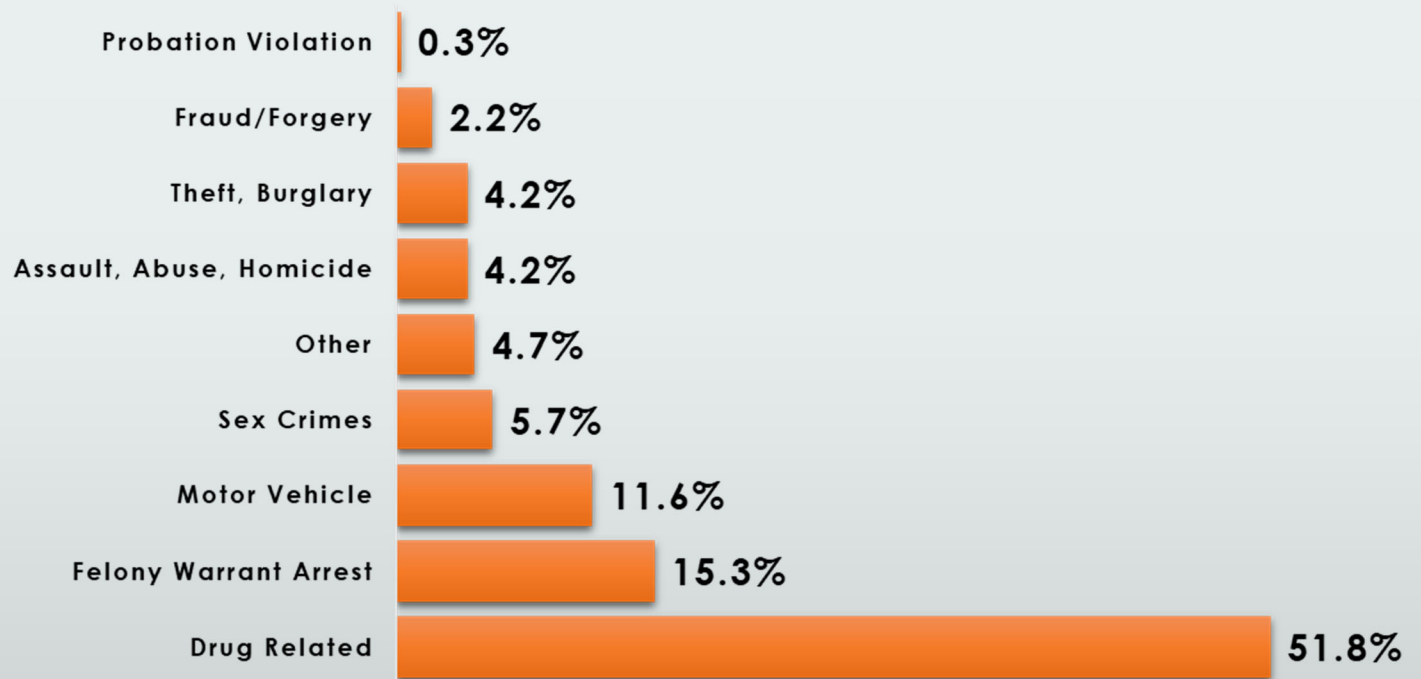


Trooper Jerry Smith
Badge: #373
Appointed: 05-01-15
Deceased 06-20-19

In Review

	2019	2020	2021
Traffic Stop Total	134,221	96,328 ↓	110,616 ↑
Calls for Service	186,920	172,008 ↓	190,767 ↑
Felony Arrest	1,035	1,136 ↑	1,438 ↑
Community Service Hours	18,217	13,160 ↓	13,770 ↑
Criminal Cases submitted to Crime Lab	6,285	5,614 ↓	5,754 ↑

Felony Arrest



Current Command Staff

Superintendent

- Colonel John Bolduc

Assistant Superintendent

- Lieutenant Colonel Buck Duis

Administrative Services

- Major Russell Lewis

Operations East

- Major Brenda Konfrst

Operations Central

- Major Jeff Pelowski

Operations West

- Major Mike Jahnke

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	1.402.471.0112	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

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