

Nebraska State Patrol 2013 Annual Report





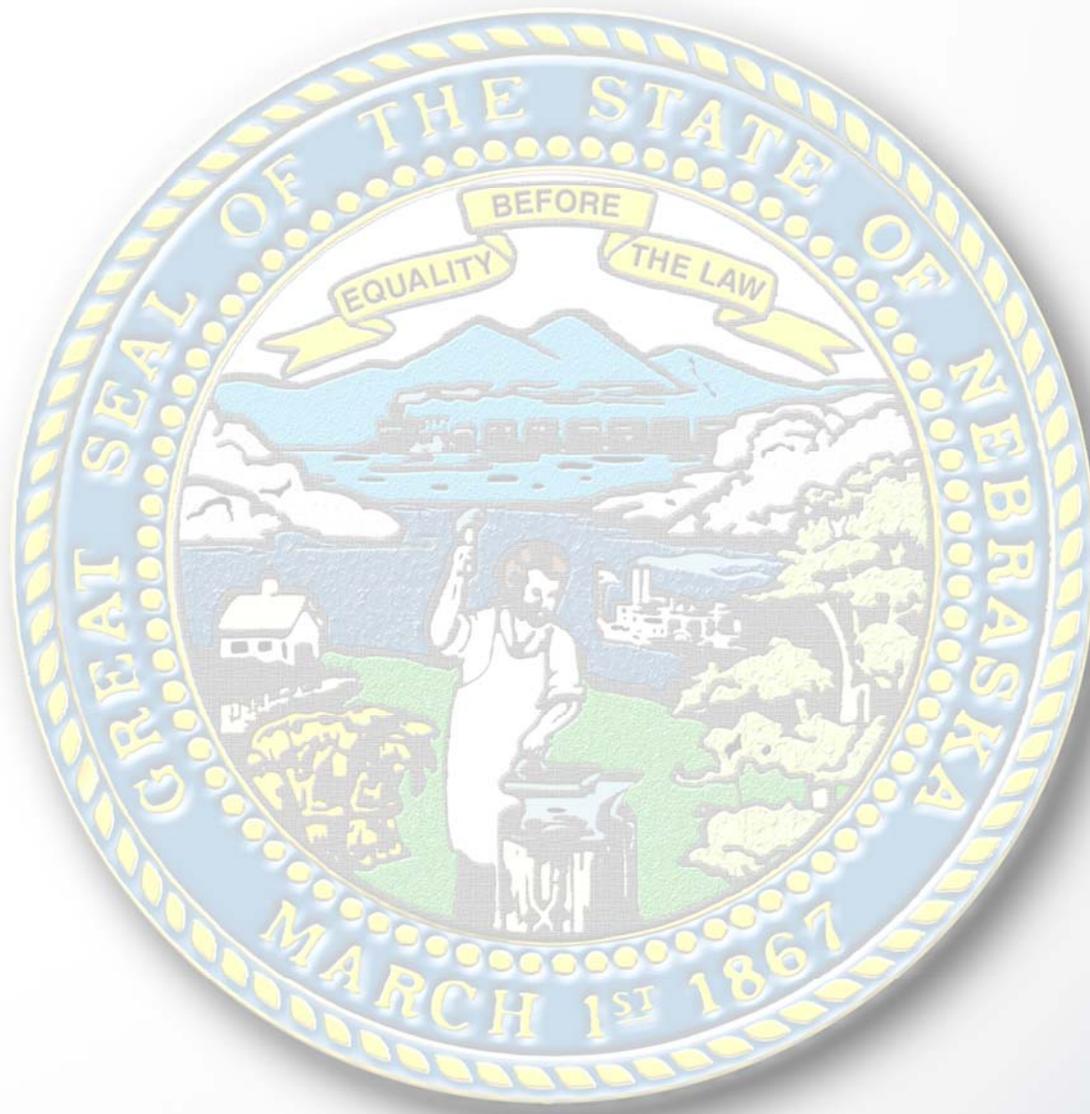


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NSP Color Guard Uniform
and 45 Caliber Glock

PHOTO: Troop E Investigator Stacie Lundgren #599



Message from the Colonel



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Dear Friends:

As Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, it is my pleasure to present the 2013 Annual Report of the Nebraska State Patrol. It is both an honor and a privilege for all employees to serve the citizens of Nebraska. The Agency has transformed a great deal over its seventy-six years of existence. This is a tribute to the success of the institution and stresses the commitment to believe in the importance of our purpose and mission.

2013 was filled with many rewarding moments as well as a fair number of challenges. Progress has been made on many fronts and it is no secret the speed of technology has perpetuated a number of changes for all employees of the Nebraska State Patrol. Difficult tasks are faced daily in an ever-changing world. Standing in an upright position on the other side of these stumbling blocks requires time, dedication, and vigilance. All levels of employees in the Agency are engaged in their duties by showing respect for one another, pride in their good work, and honor in their service to the state and its citizens.

Throughout the year, a focus was on identifying new candidates to be troopers. While quite extensive and lengthy, this process was completed for Camp #55. A proud tradition exists in the Nebraska State Patrol by hiring only the best candidates for open positions.

In the pages following this note, every division tells their story about the most significant events and projects they worked on during 2013. It is my hope you will find this report both informative and interesting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Sankey".

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



Introduction

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 seventy-six 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 2013 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

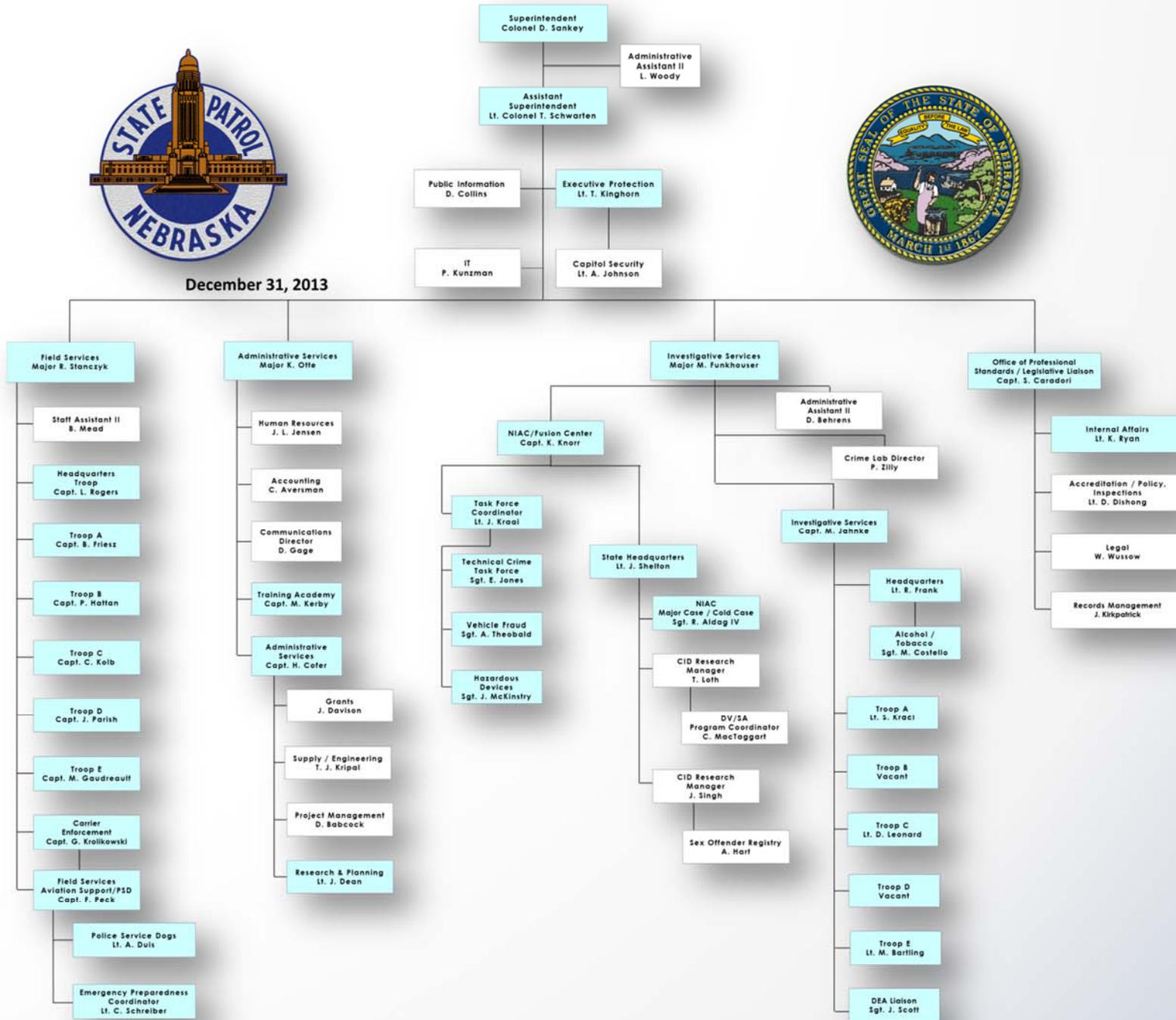


*"I am preparing to be a sworn officer of the Nebraska State Patrol, who is a **self disciplined** soldier of the law. I must serve **honestly, professionally,** and if necessary, lay down my life as others have done before me. It is my duty to enforce the law equally, be **safe, pay attention to detail,** 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



December 31, 2013



Nebraska State Patrol Command Administration



**COLONEL DAVID SANKEY
SUPERINTENDENT**



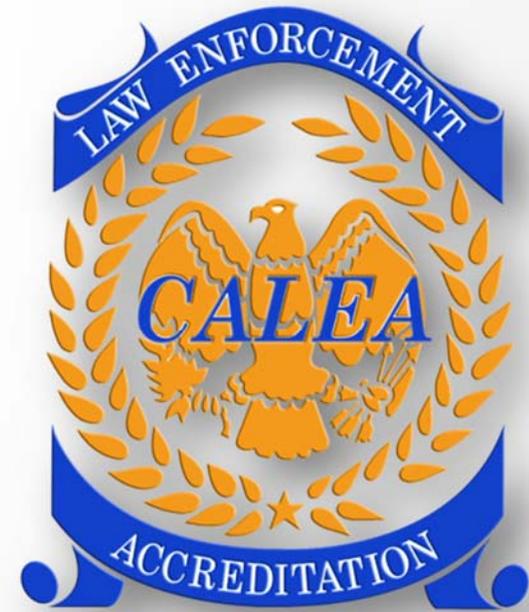
**LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS SCHWARTEN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent's Office – Accreditation / Inspections / Policy Division

The activities of the Accreditation/Inspections/Policy Division were almost exclusively devoted to ensuring the agency's successful reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in 2013. These activities included ensuring that over 480 accreditation standard files contained adequate proofs of standard compliance, the promulgation of several written agreements with allied agencies made necessary by a change made to an accreditation standard, and the holding of a mock on-site assessment.

The Superintendent opted to have the agency assessed using a new assessment model referred to as a Gold Standard Assessment (GSA). GSA's differ from traditional assessments in that compliance with most of the accreditation standards is verified through making observations and interviewing employees as opposed to solely reviewing agency reports and records. The mock onsite assessment was conducted by the Accreditation Managers of four allied agencies from August 18-22, 2013, following the GSA format. The exercise resulted in a number of suggestions and recommendations that were implemented which made for an uneventful and very successful CALEA onsite assessment during October, 2013.

In addition to preparing the agency for its assessment by CALEA, division personnel audited all in-custody property rooms, performed troop area staff inspections, drafted four new policies and five new forms, revised 23 policies and 20 forms, and deleted one policy and ten forms.



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 Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and the Legislature.

The primary duties of the division are to assist command administration in determining legislative priorities for the agency by collecting and reviewing recommendations from agency personnel, monitor legislative bills and provide research and assistance to legislative committees and senators on issues affecting the Nebraska State Patrol and law enforcement, update 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 2013, during the 103rd Legislature, 1st Session of the Nebraska Unicameral, the Nebraska State Patrol worked cooperatively with Senators to sponsor two legislative bills. One was successful and implemented into Nebraska law. The second bill was carried over into the 2014 Legislative session. LB 398 was passed and allows enforcement action to be taken on drivers in violation of the overweight capacity plate statute. LB 202 deals with the collection of Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) resulting from a felony conviction and establishes a State Patrol DNA fund to help offset costs of purchasing collection kits. This bill was carried over to the 2014 session. Testimony was provided at eight 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 concept of self-paced study.



Superintendent's Office - Executive Protection Division

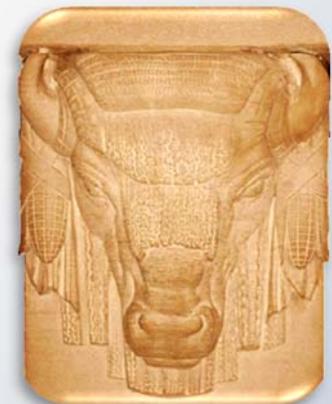
The Executive Protection Division (EP) is a component of the Executive Protection/Capitol Security Division and under the direct command of the Superintendent's Office. The main purpose of this division is to provide security and transportation for the Governor and/or the First family.

The primary duties associated with the division are:

- Provide security and transportation for the Governor and/or First 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 and security for the Legislature.
- Investigate criminal activity and threat assessments for the Capitol Complex area.

The Executive Protection Detail handled multiple in-state and out-of-state trips with the Governor during 2013. The breakdown is as follows:

- EP Detail handled security/transportation for 182 in-state trips involving the Governor, outside of the Lincoln area.
- EP Detail handled security/transportation for four out-of-state trips with the Governor.
- EP Detail provided security/transportation for six visiting dignitaries, involving US Cabinet Secretaries, and State Governors.



Superintendent's Office - Executive Protection Division

Executive Protection cont.

A total of 150,880 miles were driven by members of the Detail across the state of Nebraska during 2013. The State aircraft traveled 17,222 air miles while providing transportation for the Governor to various events across the state.

During 2013, Executive Protection Detail provided security for the Supreme Court and Appellate Court during the months of September through June in the following locations:

1. Lincoln, Omaha, UNL Law College, Creighton Law College, Norfolk, Papillion, Kearney, North Platte, and Nebraska Wesleyan University.

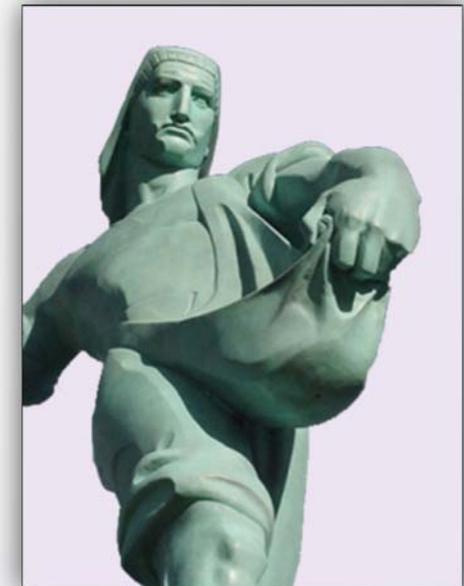
The Executive Protection Division continued to be involved with threat assessments dealing with various types of threats made towards the Governor, Constitutional Officers, State Senators, and Justices of the Supreme and Appellate Courts.

Capitol Security

The Capitol Security 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 safety to the public, state employees, elected officials and all state owned/leased buildings in the City of Lincoln.

The primary duties associated with the division are:

- Monitor fire, environmental and duress alarm systems.
- Monitor closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras for the Capitol Complex Area.
- Respond to calls for service using a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) to assist the public, state employees, and elected officials on state property.
- Conduct both vehicular and foot patrols for 32 buildings of the 59 state owned/leased buildings in the Capitol Complex Area.
- Provide security for special events and meetings within the Capitol Complex Area.
- Provide and issue building access cards, ID cards for state employees, vendors, visitors, etc.



Superintendent's Office - Information Technology

The Information Technology Division (IT) provides secure and efficient access to information on a reliable network to support law enforcement and the mission of the agency.

Over the past several years the Information Technology Division has expanded significantly in scope of services offered and depth of support. This year several large projects were completed by the 22 talented technology professionals in the division. The focus this year was to upgrade and enhance critical systems, and automate processes to support efficiency within the agency.

The state message switch facilitates and provides information sharing between law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Nebraska has 146 locations reporting information and receiving information from the message switch. The message switch also facilitates sharing of critical information between states throughout the United States. This product was upgraded this year to provide Nebraska with more capabilities to report critical information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

While all states are required to report mental health commitment orders to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) database, Nebraska is one of only 10 states to automate the transmittal of these records.

The IT Division worked in partnership with Behavioral Health and the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) to create a new system that allows for immediate reporting upon commitment from the District Courts to the NICS database via the new message switch. This enhancement increased efficiency of reporting, reduced amount of paper flow and provided for greater accuracy. With the development of this reporting model, Nebraska has the ability to automate reporting for other types of records and will continue to expand this process to other areas.

The Automated Fingerprint Information System (AFIS) was upgraded to allow for greater storage capacity within this system. This was the first phase of a two-phase upgrade. Planning for the second phase will begin in 2014 and involves upgrading the AFIS application software and upgrading the workstations to Windows 7.



Suzy Fredrickson and Dan Johnson

Superintendent's Office - Information Technology

Information Technology cont.

The IT Division collaborates with other agencies such as the Crime Commission and several local agencies to coordinate information sharing and share software when appropriate. This year several agencies were supported to use the same citation system, Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS), to allow for a more comprehensive collection of violations. NSP also implemented the Technology Enterprise Group, Inc. Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling (TEG's, MACH) product. This product facilitates information sharing between officers and dispatchers. It includes alert notifications, real time mapping of incidents and responders, and instant messaging. This is a foundation piece necessary for inter-agency and cross-agency coordination. It is anticipated that this product will be introduced to local law enforcement agencies in the future.

Additionally, the Division worked with the Fusion Center to create a tool to consolidate information from other local law enforcement agencies into the Fusion Center for better analysis, tracking, and trending.

The Sex Offender Registry (SOR), one of the Agency's enterprise systems, was updated to be more efficient, to work better with Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS), interface with national Sex Offender Registry, provide Sheriff's Offices with an electronic means for updating Sex Offenders, provide notifications to law enforcement and the public, and to provide a web service for other companies to use the data. Cost savings were realized through automating several manual processes. Staff previously processed and scanned over 700 paper forms a month and the new system has eliminated 75% of that paper. The new system captures digital signatures from tablets or smartphones, and is designed to work with any device.



Charles Lucas and Elliot Wood

Superintendent's Office - Information Technology

Information Technology cont.

Several other systems were enhanced to automate manual processes. The enhancements resulted in time savings, greater accuracy, increased security, and professional-looking reports. The more prominent systems enhanced include the redaction process for the Record of Arrests and Prosecutions (RAP) sheet, the www.nebraska.gov/ interface, probation system interface, and RITS reporting system.

The Information Technology Division recognizes the expanded use of technology by the officers and the division. To provide a more comprehensive approach to support, the division expanded their helpdesk coverage time to provide off-hours support.

This was a productive year and the division looks forward to providing another year of quality support for the agency.



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Superintendent's Office – Internal Affairs Division

The Nebraska State Patrol 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 Nebraska State Patrol 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 2013, a slight increase was recorded with regards to the number of investigated cases. Sixty-eight individual cases were investigated during the calendar year 2013. This is an increase of one from 2012. The total number of complaints received in 2013 was recorded at 180, also a slight increase.

In 2013 the Internal Affairs Division reviewed roughly 417 reports generated from uses of force, unit accidents, damage to patrol vehicles such as weather related damage, firearms discharges to end the suffering of animals, lethal force encounters as well as complaints.

In 2013 the number of unit accidents decreased 23% to 45. This welcomed decrease when compared to last year contributes to a sharply downward trend over the last seven years from the peak in 2007. In 2008 the Nebraska State Patrol 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. While the overall number of U.S. Law Enforcement deaths is at a long time low of 111, those that can be attributed to traffic related incidents in 2013 was at 46 fatalities, second only to firearms related deaths. These sad statistics further illustrate our need to address officer safety from every angle.

Every employee of the Nebraska State Patrol 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 – Legal Division

The Nebraska State Patrol 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 responding to tort claims against the agency, handling labor matters such as grievances and Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, (NEOC) complaints, representing the agency at administrative hearings and serving as administrative hearing officers. Additionally, the Division responds to subpoenas for documents and public record requests, reviews legal documents, responds to legal questions and provides training to troopers on legal matters.

In addition to the duties listed above, the Legal Division provided advice and assistance to prosecutors throughout the State of Nebraska. The attorneys within the Legal Division have had contact with prosecutors in the following counties: Adams, Buffalo, Cass, Cherry, Cheyenne, Custer, Dawson, Douglas, Hall, Holt, Kearney, Kimball, Lancaster, Otoe, Scotts Bluff, and Stanton County.

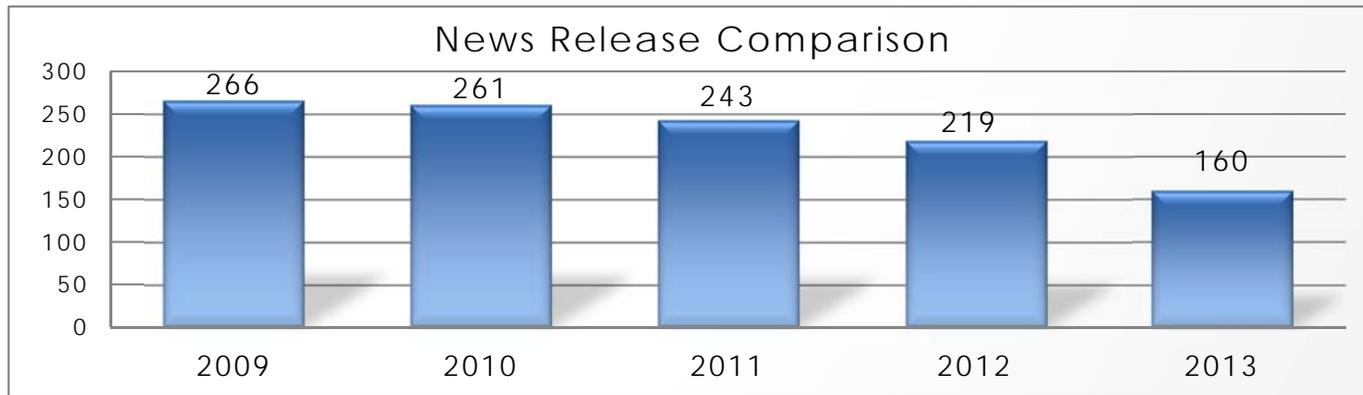
The Legal Division also spent time visiting each troop area for Sergeant's meetings, assisted with labor contract training and provided training at in-service for field services and command staff in-service. Agency personnel were trained on the legal updates by utilizing the State of Nebraska's new employee development center in a self-paced format.



Superintendent's Office – Public Information Division

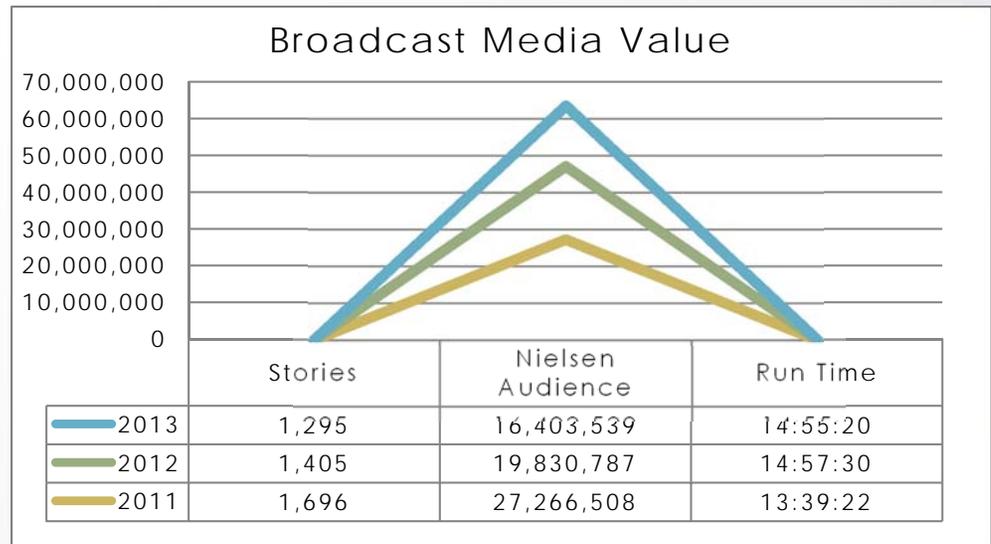
The Public Information (PIO) Division works to promote the mission and services of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) through all aspects of media relations. It also services both NSP and allied law enforcement agencies with the clarification of audio/video case work. The PIO Division consists of two civilian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

In 2013, the Public Information Coordinator issued 160 news releases, helped with the planning of five news conferences and seven media availabilities focusing on agency activities, (graph 1).



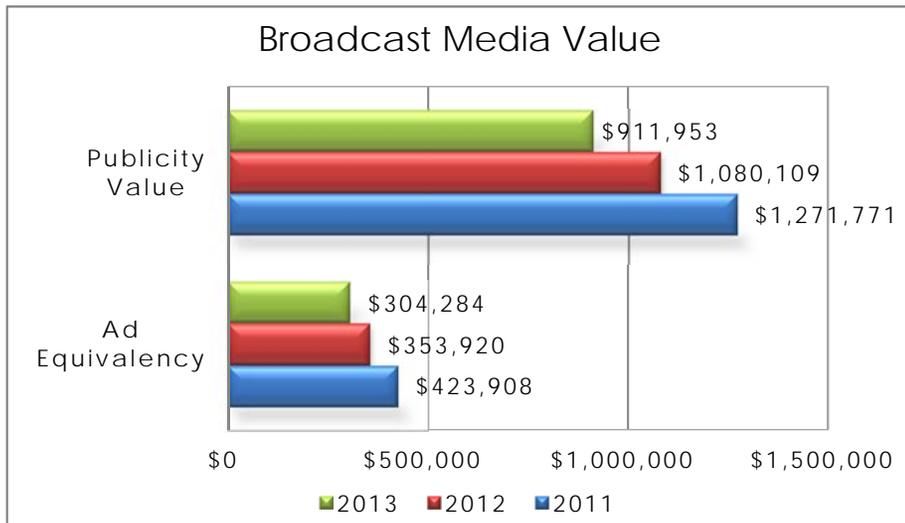
Graph 1

The media generated by the Agency, resulted in 1,295 broadcast media stories airing on Television and Radio stations across the state. In 2013, the agency received nearly fifteen hours of airtime reaching a viewing audience of close to one million. The airtime received was equivalent to more than \$304,000 worth of advertising and had a publicity value of nearly one million dollars. In addition, more than 2,800 articles mentioning the Nebraska State Patrol were printed in newspapers and publications, (graphs 2-4).

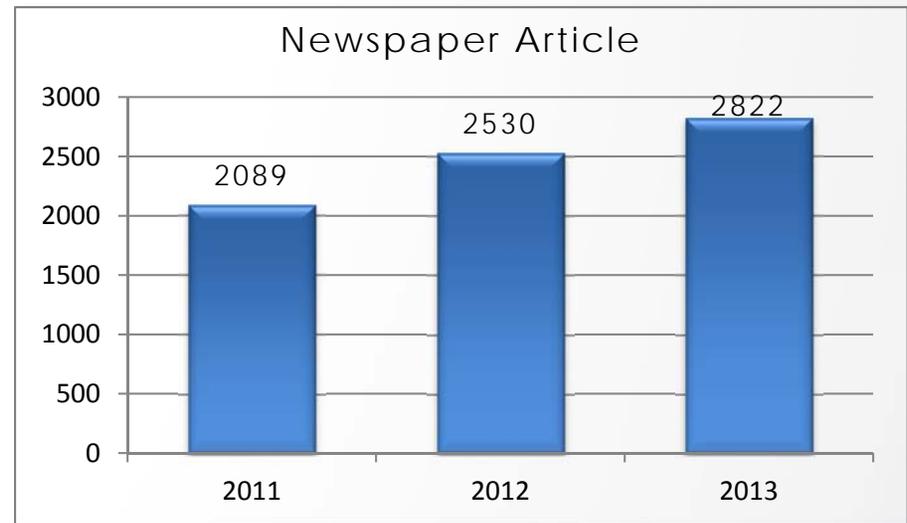


Graph 2

Superintendent's Office – Public Information Division

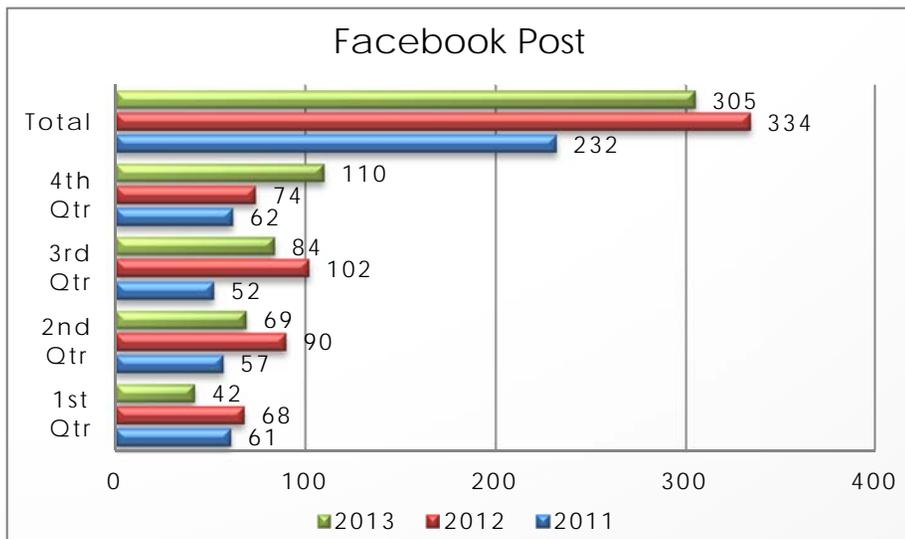


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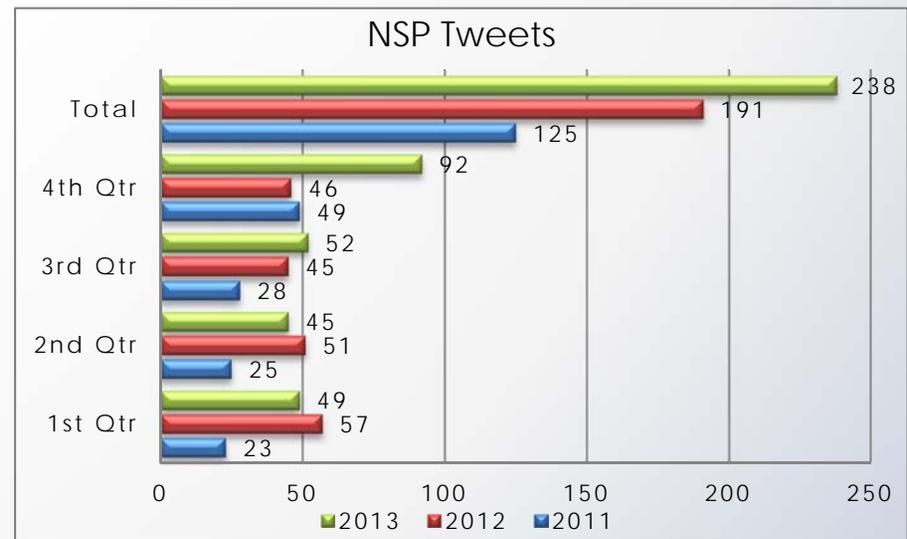


Graph 4

NSP social media continues to grow with the PIO managing the Agency Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts. At the end of 2013, the NSP Facebook page had more than 6,000 fans/likes and nearly 2,000 Twitter followers. During 2013, the PIO posted 305 stories to the NSP Facebook page and issued 238 tweets. Ten videos were posted to the NSP YouTube page in 2013. (graphs 5-7).



Graph 5



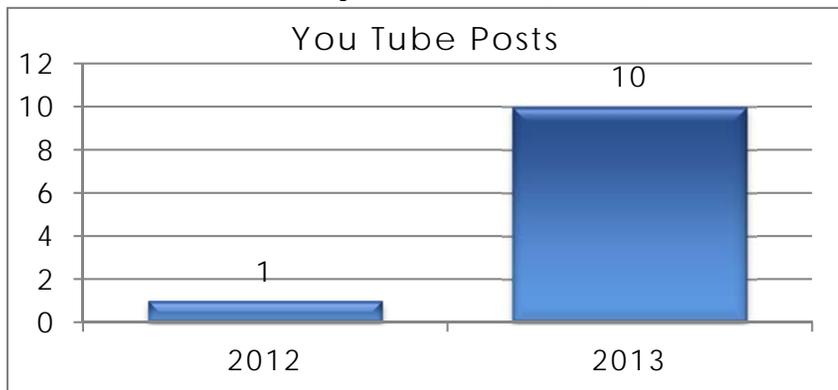
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Superintendent's Office – Public Information Division

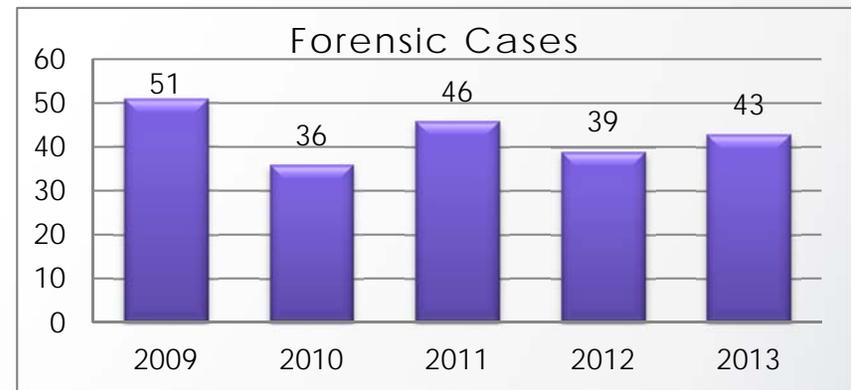
The PIO Division, Forensic Audio/Video Specialist handled 43 requests for audio/video clarification in 2013. Of those requests 19 were NSP cases and 18 were from allied agencies (graphs 8-10). In addition to forensic case work, 125 requests were received for miscellaneous audio/video services to include such things as photography, videotaping and reproducing CD's and DVD's.

The Public Information Division produced three videos in 2013: HR Recruiting video, Mascot Trooper Buck Unveiled, and an HR DROP video.

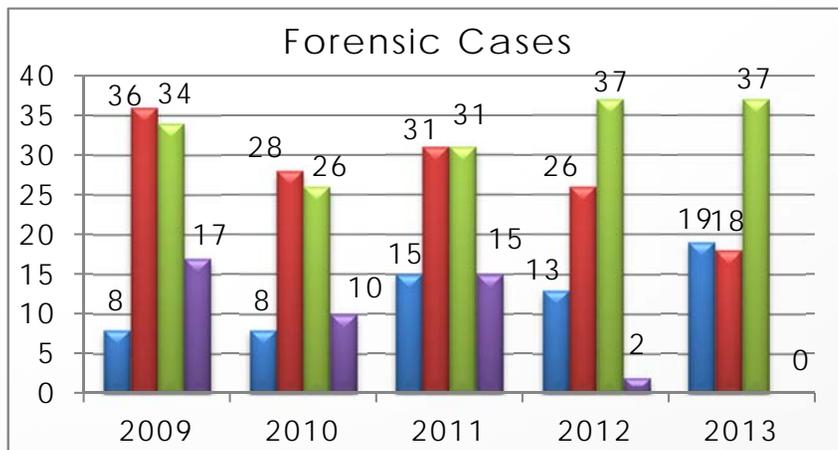
Finally, the PIO Division continues to publish the agency's quarterly newsletter the "Informer". In 2013, the middle section of the "Informer", highlighted a different agency division each issue, covering Public Information, Legal, Criminal Identification Division (CID) and the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC)/Fusion Center.



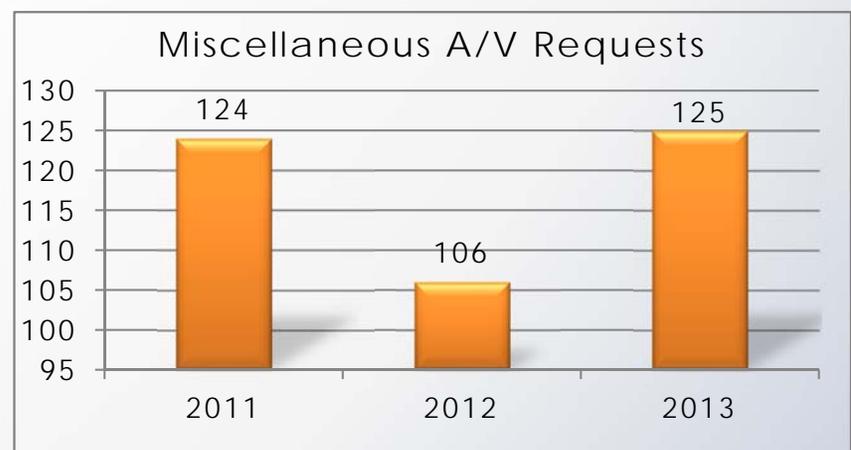
Graph 7



Graph 8



Graph 9



Graph 10

Superintendent's Office – Records Management Division

The Records Management Division promotes best practices be put in place and followed for agency records that will uphold and comply with the Records Management Act. The primary responsibilities of this division are to;

- Administer the process for retention.
- Storage and destruction of agency records
- Develop and implement policies and procedures to management records.
- Provide guidance and training to agency employees.
- Implement a review process for agency historical items.
- Maintain and revise the agency retention schedule.
- Coordinate the activities of the State Records Center.

In 2013, the division built a foundation for records retention and disposition to be implemented appropriately, agency wide.

In the later part of 2013 the agency received approval to implement the newly revised agency retention schedule. The schedule grew from identifying 150 items to 325+ and has continued to grow as the agency is able to mold the schedule to fit the needs of the agency.

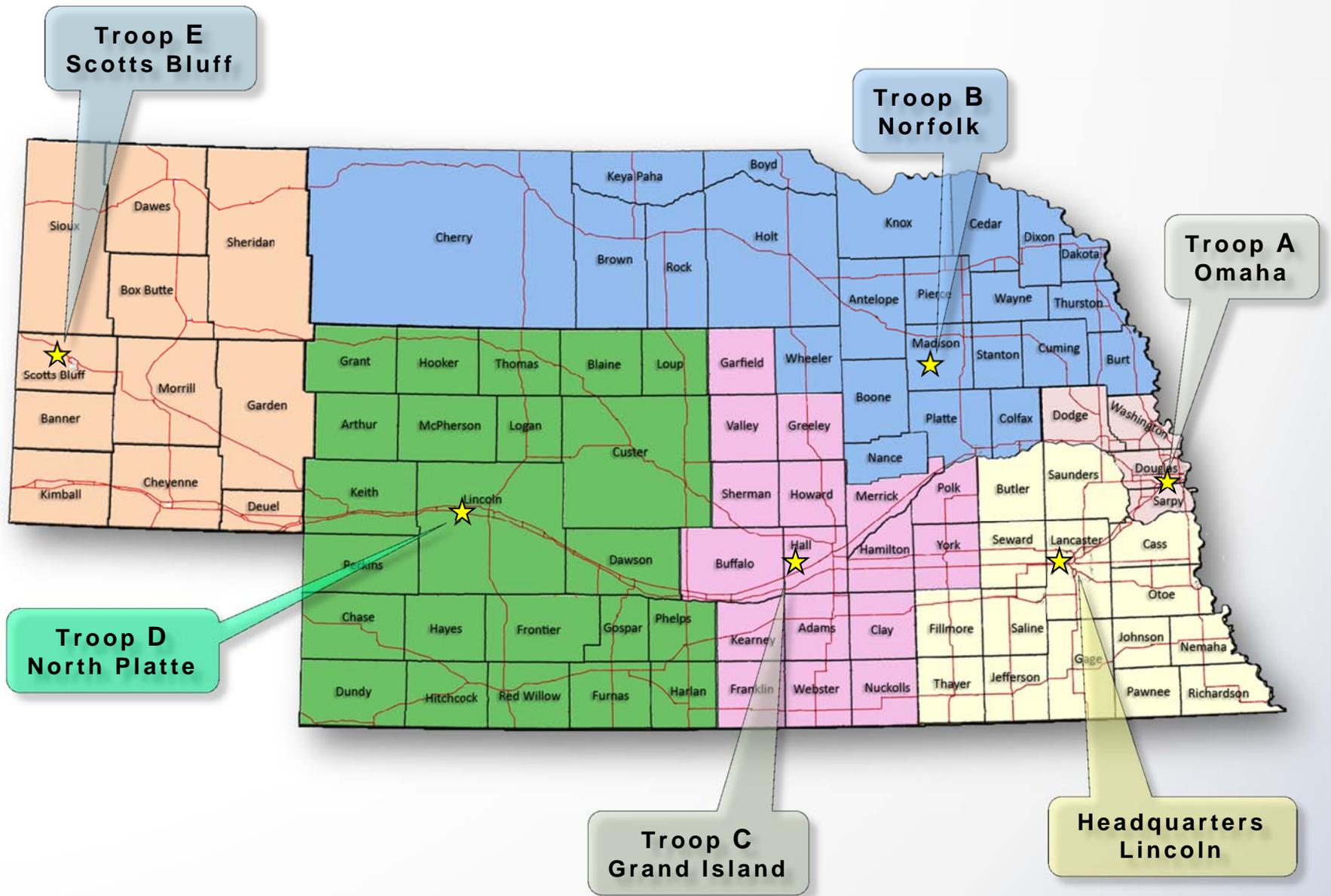
With the approval of the new retention schedule; it provided the opportunity for the Records Management Division and other divisions through the agency to begin the process of proper disposition of records. In 2013, the agency disposed of 343.52 Cubic Feet of paper along with electronic files and compact disc's, which was a 48% increase from 2012.

Finally, efforts continued to identify and catalog the agency's historical photos and artifacts. Several meetings were held with retired members of the State Patrol, who kindly offered their time to review the historical items. Great strides have been made in building the historical collection of the Nebraska State Patrol's Legacy.



NSP Historical Review Group working to identify unknown individuals in photos. Pictured left to right: James Burnett, Mike Tumbleson, Hank Bruner, Jennifer Kirkpatrick and Charles Langloss

Troop Areas



Field Services Division

The Field Services Division is under the command of Major Russ Stanczyk and encompasses uniformed patrol troopers, carrier enforcement troopers, police service dog handlers, aviation support pilots, 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. The statewide radio system (SRS) provides troopers, a clearer, digital communication system which is becoming interoperable with other law enforcement agencies.

Troop A

The beginning of 2013 saw 91,000 spectators flock to the CenturyLink Center from January 19-27 to watch the United States Figure Skating Championships. This competitive sporting event included figure skaters from all classes and was even broadcast live on NBC Sports which required extra attention by troopers from Troop A for security measures and traffic control.

Troop A and the Omaha metro area has become a hotspot for all kinds of events to include sports, recreational activities, business meetings, and educational conferences. Additionally, each spring finds the city of Omaha filled with investors from Berkshire Hathaway coming to listen to Warren Buffet and Charlie Munger speak at the annual shareholders conference.



Troop A cont.

From June 15-26, over 341,000 baseball fans descended on TD Ameritrade Park to attend the College World Series. The number of fans during 2013 set an all-time attendance record. Troopers from Troop A assisted the Omaha Police Department with traffic control along the Interstate system during the entirety of the games.

The United States Senior Open was hosted by the Omaha Country Club from July 8-14. Braving the July heat, players, as well as spectators, were seen wearing polo shirts, shorts, knickers, checkered knee socks and argyle sweater vests. The Troop A Patrol Division assisted with traffic control during the event at the intersection of 72nd Street and State Highway 36 as buses transported fans from special parking lots to the Country Club.

An annual event attended by the senior command staff of the Nebraska State Patrol every year, the 8 States Chiefs' Conference, was hosted by the Agency at the Hilton Omaha. Along with Nebraska, there was representation from the other 7 state police agencies in attendance - Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The Troop A Honor Guard presented the colors during the opening ceremony and several other troopers from the area assisted with logistical concerns.

On the day of a home game between the University of Nebraska and the University of California - Los Angeles on September 14, troopers from several troop areas were involved in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle driven by an escapee. The Nebraska State Patrol helicopter along with the Omaha Police Department helped troopers bring closure to a very serious situation near the intersection of North 60th Street and Camden Avenue in the city limits of Omaha.

Finally, a large shopping outlet mall near the Gretna interchange of Interstate 80 was demolished at the beginning of the year to make way for a newer, improved mall. In what seemed to be record time, the new mall was constructed and opened on November 15. During the initial 3 day opening, over 100,000 shoppers took advantage of special sales. Prior to the opening, State Patrol employees met with the community along with the Nebraska Department of Roads to discuss possible issues associated with the mall opening. Troopers maintained a presence in the area and assisted with traffic control as they were needed.

Troop B

Troop B is the largest and one of the most diversified Troop Areas within the Nebraska State Patrol, spanning over 22,000 square miles. Its current authorized strength is 45 uniformed officers, eight Communication Specialists, and three Civilian Office Personnel. During Calendar year 2013, uniformed officers responded to 5,684 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.

In 2013 Troop B saw an increase of 2.3% in activity written. This increase is partly attributed to no major civil disasters as previous years. Floods of 2011 and Fires of 2012 limited traffic enforcement activities by the Troop area as countless hours were allocated for these events.

In 2013 Troop B saw an increase in fatality accidents. 45 crashes were reported resulting in 48 fatalities. This was a 37% increase from 2012. This increase was partly due to the increase in rollover accidents on county roads which made up almost half of the fatalities.



Wayne Tornado, 10.4.2013

Field Services Division

Troop B cont.

In 2013 two girls from Norfolk High School attended the National Teen Traffic Safety Summit in Washington DC. As a result of this trip they began preparation for hosting a statewide summit in Nebraska. The Nebraska State Patrol has been an integral part of their planning and preliminary events leading up to the summit. The Nebraska State Patrol will be providing the distracted driving simulator, rollover, and seatbelt convincer as well as presenting in breakout sessions on the dangers of distracted driving and teens.

Cross deputation agreements with the Winnebago and Santee Tribal Nations have expired and continued discussions with the tribes continue to try and remedy this difficult and complex issue. A meeting was held to sign a protocol agreement with the Omaha tribe in an effort to recognize authority by all law enforcement in and around the Omaha reservation.

Trooper Bill Price from Troop B was recognized as "Trooper of the Year". Trooper Price is currently assigned as the community safety officer and provides education programs to the many diverse groups that make up Troop B.



C. McClenahan receiving NSP Seat Belt Award



Friday Night Lights, Columbus High



Boone County Farm Safety Days

Troop C

Twelve fewer people lost their lives in Troop C fatal traffic crashes in 2013 as compared to 2012. Fatal crashes dropped to 27 resulting in a 19% decrease from the 39 deaths that occurred in 33 crashes in 2012. When analyzing causative factors in these fatal crashes, critical emphasis areas continue to be well represented. An overwhelming 70% involved the failure to use restraints. Alcohol was involved in 30% of the crashes. Youthful drivers were involved in 18.5% of the crashes and 15% occurred at intersections. Only 9% of the crashes involved a driver over 65 years old. We continue to address these causative factors with our goals and objectives.

During the early morning hours of January 30, 2013, approximately 25 juvenile inmates of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) in Kearney became disruptive and began throwing bed frames and other objects in their dorm area. Troop C Traffic Division personnel responded to assist Kearney Police and Buffalo County Sheriff deputies. After all YRTC staff were determined to be safe and unharmed, it was learned that four primary instigators of the disruption had been secured. Arrest teams were established and inmates were called out one at a time to be secured and taken into custody.

Overall damage was determined to be minimal and the facility's internal disciplinary process was used to address the incident. This would be the first of several more large and small incidents at YRTC during 2013. An August 10, 2013, escape by a juvenile proved to have a direct impact on Troop C as well. The stolen GMC Yukon driven by the youth was spotted at a gas station near the Overton Exit on I-80. A Kearney trooper attempted to take the subject in custody while he was outside of the vehicle filling it with gas. Instead of complying, the escapee got back in the Yukon and accelerated backwards at the trooper who was standing outside his patrol unit. The trooper escaped serious injury after diving out of the way but his marked unit was disabled with heavy front end damage. The youth was eventually apprehended in Dawson County after the Yukon became disabled during a pursuit.



Troop C cont.

On May 10, 2013, the Troop C Office was contacted by the Polk County Sheriff's Department requesting assistance with taking Nathan Brokaw into custody on outstanding felony warrants. Brokaw had been observed as a passenger in a car near Stromsburg earlier in the day. Troop C Road Operations and Investigative Service Officer (ISO) personnel responded to assist in finding him. The car he was observed in earlier was eventually located outside a house in Stromsburg. Troop C and B ISO personnel attempted to take Brokaw into custody as he and an acquaintance left the house. During the attempted apprehension, Brokaw sped away from investigators in a car and drove through an adjacent fence causing his passenger to be thrown from the vehicle.

A pursuit of Brokaw ensued during which he fired multiple rounds from a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol at troopers. The pursuit traveled out of Polk County into York and eventually Seward County. Brokaw continued to fire shots at troopers and avoided road block attempts. The pursuit was successfully terminated north of Bee, Nebraska on a county road after Brokaw's car was rammed causing it to spin out into the east ditch of the roadway. Brokaw again shot at troopers as they arrived to contain his vehicle where it had come to rest. Brokaw was killed as the result of return fire from troopers. An in-custody death investigation was conducted and the Seward County Attorney facilitated the grand jury process which resulted in a no true bill.



Troop C cont.

On June 1, 2013, Troop C Communications began receiving reports of an eastbound Minnesota plated Suburban that had purposely struck three separate vehicles while traveling on Interstate 80. Troopers spotted the vehicle near mile marker 305 as it continued eastbound. The driver disregarded an attempt at a traffic stop and sped away eastbound at speeds reaching 95 miles per hour. The driver came to a stop in the passing lane of I-80 near mile marker 312 and backed up into the first marked patrol unit that was chasing him. He then pulled into the median and reversed direction to travel back to the west.

Shortly after proceeding west, conditions allowed a Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI) maneuver to be conducted and the Suburban was spun into the north ditch. The vehicle had to be physically boxed by responding patrol units to defeat the driver's efforts to drive out of the ditch and continue to flee. Troopers eventually had to break out the driver's side window to unlock the door and pull the 62 year old male out. He was secured and eventually placed into Emergency Protective Custody.

Amazingly enough, the individual waived his Hall County Mental Health Board hearing and was released from Richard Young Hospital on June 11, 2013. He was involved in two other pursuits on June 13, 2013. One was with Omaha Police and then with South Dakota authorities. The South Dakota pursuit ended after the driver's vehicle struck a deputy's patrol unit and a tree after being spiked.



Troop C cont.

Twenty one Ruse checkpoint operations were conducted during 2013. As a result, fifteen physical arrests were made. Twenty five citations for less than an ounce of marijuana/paraphernalia were issued. In addition, arrests were made for Minor In Possession (MIP), Driving Under Suspension (DUS), Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW), firearm possession with drugs and possession of a firearm by a felon. These operations continue to be a productive and cost effective addition to "normal patrol" techniques.

Troop C Traffic Services Division experienced the loss of four troopers during 2013. Three individuals transferred to other divisions in and outside the troop area while one retired. Two troopers have been approved for lateral transfer into the area and are expected to arrive by April of 2014.



Troop D

Troop D finished 2013 with fewer motor vehicle crash fatalities than experienced in 2012, with 33 in 2012 and 20 in 2013, for a 39% reduction. This was also the lowest number in the last 5 years. With a data driven mindset, troopers continue to focus on enforcement and education in our efforts to work towards zero motor vehicle fatalities in Troop D. By being cognizant of our goals and objectives, we continue to stress critical emphasis areas including DUI enforcement, youthful drivers, seatbelt usage, distracted driving, and lane departure issues.



After the flooding of 2011 and the drought of 2012 that produced numerous grassland and rangeland fires in Troop D, there was less weather based occurrences in Troop D in 2013. As 2013 drew to a close, drought conditions had returned to Troop D, possibly setting the area up for a difficult fire season again in 2014.

Troop D Troopers and Investigators continued their annual tradition of working different festivals and summer events across the troop area, including patrolling the Harlan County Reservoir area during the Memorial Day Weekend, Lake McConaughy during the 4th of July, and the Chase County Fair during August. New this year was the Sandhills Summer Jam just north of Kingsley Dam at Lake McConaughy and the Cattlemen's Ball, held on a private ranch in western Lincoln County.

Troop D cont.

On a somber note, Troop D started 2013 with a tragic plane crash northeast of Maxwell on January 11. Four men took off from the North Platte Airport in a winter storm with a destination of York, Nebraska. The investigation revealed the aircraft experienced icing issues, lost lift, and crashed in a pasture killing all four individuals onboard. Troopers responded to the vicinity of the crash, and utilizing technology available, finally located the crash scene.

On August 24, 2013, a 37 year-old husband abducted his 38 year-old estranged wife from her place of employment in Lincoln and started traveling west across Nebraska. With the wife having ties to Imperial, the husband traveled to southwest Nebraska, ultimately being observed in Imperial by a police officer. The man fled Imperial; however, the vehicle became disabled northwest of Imperial, with the man forcing the woman into a cornfield. A perimeter was established and the Bravo SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team and other personnel attempted to locate the couple in the field. Eventually, the victim walked out of the field and a short time later the male committed suicide.



Searching for suspect near Imperial



Plane crash location near Maxwell

Troop D cont.

In mid-September of 2013, the front range of the Colorado Rockies experienced a tremendous, days long rain event that caused extreme flooding in Colorado. The majority of this rain fell in tributaries of the South Platte River. This meant all of this water had to come down the South Platte River through northeast Colorado in to west central Nebraska. During the very early morning hours of September 24, the South Platte River at North Platte reached a record crest at 14.4 feet. Fortunately, with enough time for property owners and the authorities to make preparations, damage was limited to some minor property damage and no loss of life.



South Platte River flooding

As referenced in our 2012 Annual Report, a trooper was seriously injured in a head-on crash and subsequent fire west of McCook. After a very long rehabilitation and physical therapy period, the trooper has returned to full duty serving the residents of Nebraska.

Troop D troopers continued making significant drug interdiction traffic stops in Troop D during 2013, not only along major highways, but in rural areas as well. On August 2, a trooper made a traffic stop in Alma. The trooper developed intelligence from this stop that led to the execution of a search warrant in Orleans, where 225 pounds of marijuana and a marijuana grow operation was located.

After a long process, which included remodeling, troopers assigned to the Broken Bow duty station are enjoying a new office taking possession in March of 2013.

Nebraska State Patrol personnel assigned to Troop D will continue the mission to serve the residents of Nebraska with professional law enforcement services and a continued emphasis on traffic crash fatality reduction.



Trooper VanStelton back to full duty

Troop E

In reflecting on the goal of zero deaths, Troop E is encouraged by the incredible strides it has made in the last half century. Since 1954 there have only been six years where less than 20 motorists were killed on the highways of Troop E. Half of those record years were accomplished since 2010, with 2013 being the 4th lowest in history. Without question the Field Services Division of Troop E is making a concerted difference towards highway safety. As 2013 comes to a close, regrettably Troop E had 13 fatal crashes resulting in 16 lives lost on our highways.

The Troop E emphasis of Restraints, Alcohol and Data Driven (RADD) program continues to be at the forefront of enforcement operations. The Troop E Field Services Division issued 1,266 restraint citations and 558 alcohol citations in a determined effort towards highway safety. The use of statistical data derived from motor vehicle crashes, traffic volume, calls for service, and staffing are continually evaluated to provide the most efficient use of available resources to meet the public safety mission.

Fostering relationships and partnerships with allied agencies is a critical component of Troop E's highway safety success. Working with the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), troopers focused on preventing crashes before they occurred. With numerous road construction projects taking place on Highway 71 and Interstate 80, troopers worked with NDOR engineers to make critical suggestions for improved signage, access lanes, traffic flow, and construction start dates.



Troop E cont.

The media played a significant role in highway safety operations and Troop E capitalized in getting the message distributed through a number of venues. A television media ride along during a grant funded restraint operation was one tactic used to further the significance of buckling up. The Troop E enforcement calendar, which is submitted to area media weekly, is another active tool to promote voluntary compliance. To further reinforce information to citizens, a total of 58 public service announcements were recorded at area radio stations. Numerous television interviews, depicting highway safety operations, allowed for yet another path to educate the public. The move into social media was initiated during the fall of 2013 with pilot Troop E postings to reach a growing majority of electronically informed citizens.



A spring blizzard occurring on April 9 halted vehicle travel in the troop area prompting every highway in the panhandle and eastern Wyoming to close. Troopers and NDOR employees worked non-stop to rescue numerous motorists from their stranded vehicles due to life threatening weather conditions. During the storm, a mother and her 19 year old son left their disabled vehicle on a closed highway one mile south of Berea in an attempt to walk home. Eighteen hours after leaving the vehicle the mother was discovered in a field deceased from exposure by area residents on snowmobiles. The disoriented 19 year old was rescued at an abandoned farmhouse where he suffered from hypothermia.

Troop E cont.

The protest of Whiteclay alcohol sales escalated sharply during 2013. From January 20th through September 2nd, a total of 26 demonstrations took place in or near Whiteclay. The demonstrations varied in size from 10 to 100 activists and included protest groups from the American Indian Movement Grass Roots (AIM) and/or Deep Green Resistance (DGR).

Notable occurrences included;

- April 30 a teepee and camp was erected on the South Dakota State line that was labeled Camp Zero Tolerance.
- May 3 activists vandalized a beer delivery truck and threatened to kill the driver.
- May 5 a log was set ablaze on main street and a rural county church vandalized.
- May 13 activists attacked another beer delivery truck with sledgehammers.
- June 17 an activist mob physically assaulted law enforcement.
- July 8 activists fired rifles into the air from Camp Zero Tolerance where projectile holes were discovered in one Whiteclay business and one beer delivery truck.
- August 15 the Pine Ridge Reservation voted to end prohibition and legalize alcohol.
- September 2 a physical confrontation with deputies occurred in Whiteclay that dispersed when troopers arrived.
- October 14 the teepee and Camp Zero Tolerance were removed, and as of December 2nd Pine Ridge is not selling alcohol but are writing regulations that must be voted on by the tribe.

Effective April 1st, the Troop E Headquarters office became a secure law enforcement building when NSP became the sole occupant. Projects that took months of prior planning began to evolve including a new public entrance, two new training/meeting rooms, expanded wireless connectivity, new carpeting, new card reader entrances, and a new security camera system. Troop E staff went from 10,000 square feet to 28,000 with minimal disruption and no loss of service to the public.

Troop E cont.

From June 7th to September 13th, a period of 97 days, Troop E achieved a fatality record milestone with no motorists being killed on area highways. Approximately 600 enforcement initiatives resulted in 50 driving under the influence arrests, 53 driving under suspension arrests, 84 open alcohol container citations, 30 minor in possession arrests, 312 restraint citations, and 2,100 people being educated on the importance of wearing restraints. This was a notable achievement that prompted a troop area celebration of bratwursts, burgers, and a cake to commemorate the dedicated work of all staff towards fatality reduction efforts.

On September 18th, South Platte River flooding impacted the troop area in Big Springs when two Interstate 80 businesses had to be evacuated due to flood waters. Interstate traffic was not affected; however the flood waters continued east causing larger concerns for communities located in Troop D.



Mother Nature impacted Troop E a second time on October 4-5 with an early autumn blizzard that closed all highways across the panhandle and eastern Wyoming. The Chadron area was impacted the worst with dozens of motorists being stranded on highways; some who remained in their vehicles for 18 hours before being rescued due to snow drifts over four feet deep. Disaster declarations were granted to the communities of Chadron, Crawford, Gordon, and Rushville and the counties of Dawes, Sioux, and Sheridan. Blizzard livestock losses in Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming were estimated to be 80,000 head, of which 2,200 were in Nebraska.

The men and women of Troop E look forward to the numerous public safety opportunities that await in 2014. With a continuation of innovative models, Troop E will persist towards the resolute goal of zero highway deaths and increased safety for all motorists.

Headquarters Troop

Headquarters (HDQ) Troop Area or Troop H is different than other troop areas in the Nebraska State Patrol due to the urban and rural elements incorporated therein. Troop H covers 8,800 square miles in southeastern Nebraska with over 19,000 combined road surface miles between the interstate system, state highways, county roads, and city streets. 440,000 citizens reside inside Headquarters Troop Area spread out amongst 15 counties. The state's capitol is located in Lincoln as well as the University of Nebraska main campus and all athletic events. 60,000 plus vehicles travel daily across the troop area on Interstate 80.

HDQ Troop has 52 sworn uniformed officers and three civilians. During 2013, 26,298 calls for service were answered in Troop H, up 0.8% from 2012's calls of 26,071. Calls for service range from Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately (REDDI) reports, crash investigations, impaired driver arrests, contraband and cash seizures, and assists to allied law enforcement. Troop H also completed hundreds of enforcement initiatives in which troopers worked specific high traffic events.

Written activity in Troop H fell 1.9% in 2013 from 41,155 total summons, violations, warnings in 2012, to 40,384 in 2013. This decrease could be due to several significant incidents in the troop area which required personnel to be involved in major case investigations and court proceedings.

45 highway deaths occurred in 2013 in Troop H as compared to 39 in 2012 for a 15% increase. 60% of the fatalities were unrestrained and most crashes occurred on state highways and county roads.

2013 brought two major incidents to Headquarters Troop Area in which troopers were exposed to deadly force assaults against them.



Drivers Education Southeast High School



Internet Safety, Wahoo

Headquarters Troop, cont.

In February, an armed robbery occurred in Pawnee City, Nebraska and the suspect's vehicle was located by a trooper traveling north in Johnson County. The vehicle was stopped and an exchange of gunfire erupted when the driver opened fire on the trooper and a deputy. The vehicle fled the scene and was later located by another trooper responding to the area. The suspect again opened fire on the trooper and disabled the trooper's marked unit. The suspect and accomplice were taken into custody without further incident a short time later when their vehicle became disabled. The driver was sentenced to 107 years in prison for his part in the robbery and shooting at officers. He is also a suspect in a Kansas homicide.

In May, a pursuit initiated by state troopers in an adjacent troop area spilled over into Headquarters Troop in Seward County and involved HDQ Troop personnel. The driver was wanted on two felony warrants and while being chased, opened fire on troopers several times. As the pursuit continued for almost one hour, it was becoming obvious the driver would not yield to law enforcement and exhibited a total disregard to the safety of innocent civilians, it was decided his vehicle would be rammed prior to entering the community of Bee, Nebraska. The vehicle was disabled into a farm field yet the driver continued to fire upon state troopers. In an exchange of gunfire, the suspect was killed. A Grand Jury proceeding submitted a no true bill on the incident.

Officers assigned to Headquarters Troop Area – Field Services Traffic, work every day to keep the highways safe for the citizens of Nebraska. Recognizing and taking enforcement action against those behaviors that cause serious crashes continues to be their goal. In 2014, new concepts and resources have been identified to develop better strategies in modifying those actions that result in injuries or deaths to motorists.



Aviation Support Division

The Aviation Support Division (ASD) continues to provide NSP and allied agencies with ready and capable pilots and aircraft fleet for an array of operations. Despite shorter staffing levels, the division generated over 5,200 contacts during traffic enforcement activities in the furtherance of agency goals to reduce accidents. The ASD has met unique operational challenges including multiple pursuits, searches, rescues and natural disaster responses. The division has built on its technological capabilities by maximizing use of current technology and fine-tuning systems while seeking cost-effective means for upgrading equipment. The in-house division aircraft mechanic provides quality mission capable aircraft with 44 scheduled inspections completed, 102 discrepancies corrected and zero missions aborted due to maintenance during 2013. The ASD continues to seek funding for a complete transition to digital downlink as well as a high-definition Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) upgrade and mapping system and new FLIR monitor in fixed-wing aircraft. A plan is in place to progressively upgrade the aircraft fleet as the service hours accumulate and the mission evolves. A self-evaluation was completed revealing some opportunities to enhance our service capabilities. The division is taking a highly proactive approach to maximizing that potential.



River Rescue



NSP Aviation Support Division hangar in Lincoln

Carrier Enforcement Division

The Division's primary focus continues to be; promoting public safety, preserving and protecting the state highways and bridges and preventing immoderate and destructive use of our roadways through enforcing the weight and size statutes, and inspecting commercial motor vehicles. This is accomplished with the operation of eleven weigh stations, twenty-nine portable scale units, public/industry and interagency education programs, reviews and audits as well as partnerships with both Federal and State agencies. The Division's eighty-nine uniformed and eight civilian personnel will continue to play an integral part in ensuring that Nebraska's highways remain safe for the motoring public.

The Carrier Enforcement Division statically weighed 1,336,448 trucks in 2013 which is an increase of 12% from 2012. The Division issued a total of 26,114 enforcement contacts for 2013 of which 7,939 summons were issued for violations of the weight statutes. The majority (88%) of these weight violations were for axle and gross weights which exceeded 1 - 10% over the legal limitations.

The Division completed 24,112 roadside inspections of commercial motor vehicles resulting in the discovery of 33,789 violations. A total of 6,889 critical vehicle violations were found leading to 28.5% of the vehicles being placed out-of-service. In addition, there were 2,048 critical driver violations documented causing 8.4% of the drivers to be placed out-of-service. Due to the fact that an emphasis on "driver" factors has the greatest positive impact on improving highway safety, the Division conducted 2,226 Traffic Enforcement Inspections (TEIs), focusing such efforts in the High Accident Corridor areas.

In cooperation with allied law enforcement agencies, the Division completed 874 inspections during 17 Metropolitan Aggressive Preventive Selectives (MAPS) in 2013. These selectives focus on commercial motor vehicles that normally do not travel outside the cities, or pass through the weigh stations. The inspections resulted in documenting 3,426 violations, with 369 vehicles (42%) and 57 drivers (6.5%) being placed out-of-service; along with a total of \$59,108.00 in fines being assessed.

The Carrier Enforcement Division has an ongoing relationship with both the Internal Revenue Service and the Nebraska Department of Revenue to help ensure proper fuel taxes are remitted. The Division has one of the most aggressive fuel fraud detection and prevention programs in the nation. During 2013 the Division completed 9,396 roadside fuel inspections and/or fuel transporter destination inspections, subsequently leading to the Nebraska Department of Revenue assessing penalties against those found to be violating such laws.

Carrier Enforcement Division cont.

The Statutes and Regulations governing the operation of commercial motor vehicles are very complex. With this in mind, the Division sets specific goals, allocating many resources, to provide educational programs and materials to the trucking industry and other law enforcement agencies. The education of private industry plays a vital role in obtaining voluntary compliance with the law and improving highway safety for all. These efforts in 2013 included presentations at the State Fair and Husker Harvest Days as well as 57 seminars and 6 Town Hall meetings across the State for the motor carrier industry.

Aside from its roadside efforts, the Division conducts both Compliance Reviews and New Entrant Audits of Motor Carriers. Realizing that a truly effective enforcement program must contain processes other than just roadside efforts, the Division continues striving to strengthen its Compliance Review Program. During 2013 the Division conducted 66 Compliance Reviews resulting in civil penalties of \$224,050.00 being assessed. Additionally, 652 Safety Audits were completed in an attempt to assure new interstate motor carriers are fully aware of the regulations and have the necessary processes in place to assure compliance.

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 which is attended by law enforcement agencies from across the United States. The Post Crash Inspection Course was designed to replicate real life scenarios and challenges students when called upon to conduct such inspections roadside. During the week of August 5 – 9, 2013 the Post Crash Inspection (PCI) Course was held in Grand Island, Nebraska, at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy. This course brought together 17 students from seven different states, including four students from the Nebraska State Patrol. The week long course provides five separate staged wrecked vehicles to be inspected. The vehicles are positioned as they may be found at a scene; some even tipped over on their side. Students are encouraged to engage instructors as well as use their critical thinking skills. They will learn how to determine the correct course of action, scene documentation, proper data collection and evidence preservation.

Each year the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) recognizes the best of the best by hosting the North American Inspector Championship. In 2013 Investigator Jessica Kitchell represented the State of Nebraska at the Championship and placed 7th overall in the competition. Competitors are judged on the level of expertise and professionalism they deploy in properly conducting inspections on commercial motor vehicles.



Police Service Dogs

The Police Service Dog (PSD) Division experienced several changes in personnel in 2013. A number of new handlers and dogs were selected to replace vacancies created by transferring personnel or through the retirement of several dogs. With a current staff of 12 PSD teams, the Division looks forward to serving the law enforcement community and citizens of Nebraska in 2014.

The Police Service Dog Division from the Nebraska State Patrol is recognized as a leader in the training of police service dogs. PSD personnel facilitated basic training for 15 new PSD teams, 78 certifications of existing teams, and conducted two training seminars. The Division provided instruction at the Nebraska Prosecutors Convention in Lincoln as well as testifying before the Police Standards Advisory Council (PSAC) in favor of a mandatory state standard. Evaluators also facilitated a certification process for the Heartland of America Canine association in Iowa.

In order to remain leaders in the field, PSD personnel attended outside agency training. Two handlers attended the Handler Instruction and Training Seminar (HITs) Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, along with five members of the division attending a tactical dog workshop in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In the area of enforcement, PSD staff provided drug detection services to all Nebraska law enforcement agencies. PSD personnel were directly involved in the seizure of 530 pounds of marijuana, 14 pounds of methamphetamine, and \$1,861,551 in drug related currency. PSD Division personnel also deployed for manhunts, building searches, area searches and tracks resulting in 16 criminal apprehensions. PSD personnel also had 327 self-generated arrests.



Trooper Toby Czaplă and Trooper Ron Kosiba

Investigative Services Division

The Investigative Services Division is under the Command of Major Mark Funkhouser and is comprised of five principal areas of service: the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, Troop Area field investigations, statewide specialized investigative units, Criminal Identification Division (CID), 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 Technicians. 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 for funding a new NSP Crime Lab.

In 2013 the NSP received legislative approval to move forward with relocation of the NSP Crime Lab to a new facility. The design phase began with anticipated completion scheduled for the summer of 2015. The new facility will be approximately twice the size of the current lab and will be designed to greatly improve efficiency and meet current forensic laboratory design standards.

In 2013, officers assigned to the Investigative Services Division also participated in a full-time basis with the U.S. Marshals' Fugitive Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Safe Streets Task Force, Joint Terrorism Task Force, FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force and several Drug Enforcement Agency (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 jurisdiction and policed by several large law enforcement entities presents a variety of challenges and opportunities. A clear vision and focus on the needs has provided a roadmap to address those challenges and maximize NSP's effectiveness. Strong relationships have been developed with other state, federal, military agencies as well as private corporations to share resources, equipment, and techniques. NSP has leveraged technology and trained personnel to maximize workflow and become more efficient while increasing its quality of services. Troop A ISO has structured themselves to limit duplication and specialize in areas where local agencies have limited resources and expertise.

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 committed by known abusers and health care professionals. In an effort to address this problem, Troop A Investigative Services committed one investigator to the DEA Tactical Diversion Squad in 2012. Significant results have already been seen.

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 illegal contraband. In 2013, investigators seized nearly 1,200 pounds of marijuana, 9.5 pounds of cocaine, 55 pounds of methamphetamine and 1.5 pounds of hash. More disturbing is investigators seized 43 guns during arrests and search warrants. To assist in helping to combat this violence, one investigator has been assigned to the FBI's Greater Omaha Safe Streets initiative targeting violent crime. This investigator along with another Troop A investigator assisted the FBI and Omaha Police Department (OPD) in one of the first homicide task forces put together by the Omaha Police Chief to solve four deaths in the Omaha area.

Troop A cont.

The Nebraska State Patrol 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 2013, cyber investigators initiated 114 cases and executed 22 federal and state search warrants. Their cases involved suspects in each of the six troop areas and were also called upon to serve as expert witnesses in federal and state court.



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 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 2013. Continued efforts to analyze the effectiveness of results will only further the advancements made and the services provided.

Troop B

The Troop B Criminal Division consists of one sergeant, five criminal investigators, and one liquor investigator. In 2013 this group initiated 136 new cases and assisted other agencies with 132 more. These cases range from simple assault to murder

On March 13, 2013 Troop B ISO responded to Valentine, Nebraska, regarding an officer involved shooting. The suspect had exited a Valentine residence after shooting a victim in the face. Another victim, who was sleeping in another room was awakened by the noise. This victim was fatally shot. A Valentine Police Department Officer was the first on the scene at which time the suspect was observed outside the residence with an unidentified object in his hand. The suspect moved toward the officer and would not follow commands, so the officer used deadly force. ISO dealt with four different scenes to include two homes, one victim's body and the body of the suspect at the hospital. A Grand Jury hearing was held in Cherry County and determined the incident to be a justifiable shooting.



Valentine Shooting Scene

Troop B Statewide Narcotics Apprehension and Reporting Effort (SNARE) consists of one sergeant and two investigators. This task force also consists of several local agencies. In 2013, the NSP SNARE investigators completed 71 drug cases in the SNARE area. On May 1, 2013, SNARE investigators conducted a buy/bust in Columbus which resulted in the arrest and indictment of two suspects. After "rolling" a suspect that was distributing cocaine and methamphetamine in the Columbus area, the informant was able to set up a half pound methamphetamine purchase with his source in Lincoln. SNARE investigators utilized the NSP Lincoln Drug Division for assistance and surveillance of the apartment where the source of the methamphetamine was originating.

Troop B cont.

NSP Lincoln observed the male and female suspects leave Lincoln and travel to the SNARE area where surveillance was transferred to SNARE investigators. The suspects arrived at a location in Columbus and contacted the informant. The informant was supplied \$11,000 in US currency and met with the suspects. The informant was given a half pound of methamphetamine in exchange for the \$11,000 in US currency. SNARE Investigators arrested the suspects after the exchange and recovered the US Currency. NSP Lincoln executed a search warrant based on the information provided by SNARE investigators and seized an additional twelve ounces of methamphetamine, \$6,000 in US currency and a handgun. One suspect was arrested in connection with the search warrant.

The Troop B Drug Division consists of one sergeant and three investigators. This unit also participates in the Tri-State task force. In 2013, this unit actively worked 56 new drug cases while assisting on 36 others. The Troop B Drug Division has been working with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) on an ongoing drug conspiracy in Norfolk, and other surrounding areas. This Investigation has continued to encompass other states (Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Illinois, Kentucky, Colorado, Arizona, California, Nevada and Washington) and now into other countries as well (Mexico and Canada).

This case has led to documented seizures of \$268,000 in Chicago and \$353,000 in St Louis; 16 pounds of methamphetamine in Kansas, 22 Kilos of Cocaine in Chicago and 20 kilos of methamphetamine in Washington; and controlled purchases in Nebraska that led to the seizure of over 10 pounds of methamphetamine combined. The investigation has identified over 20 account holders for money laundering of the illegal drug proceeds.



Troop C

In 2013, Troop C investigators conducted 25 drug, 18 fraud, 14 theft, 13 assault, 16 sex, one burglary and five death investigations. In addition, they assisted local agencies with 108 other criminal and drug investigations. Investigators also conducted 59 liquor license backgrounds, 154 premise inspections, 10 alcohol compliance selectives, 27 polygraphs, 13 computer searches and attended 15 autopsies. Additionally, Troop C investigators assisted troopers with follow up on 29 highway interdictions resulting in the indictments of at least eight additional conspirators.

Two of the more time consuming cases worked by Troop C investigators in 2013 were a homicide investigation in Webster County and an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) drug distribution conspiracy known as Los Niño's. On October 5th, investigators were called to a Guide Rock residence after the body of a 68 year old woman was found stabbed to death in her home. Two suspects in the investigation, a 41 year old woman and her 23 year old son, who had been living near the victim, were captured in Iowa. In addition to an extensive crime scene investigation, case officers served a search warrant in Cass County where the victim's stolen car was recovered; traveled to Kansas for a witness interview; went to Iowa for suspect interviews, conducted a search warrant and assisted in returning the two arrestees back to Nebraska. The Los Niño's investigation has so far resulted in 16 federal indictments, connections to two prolific international drug trafficking organizations, confiscation of 62 firearms, and the seizure of over \$100,000 cash.

Some other significant 2013 cases worked by Troop C investigators include \$90,000 embezzled from the City of Fairfield, missing trust money that was under the control of a Ravenna attorney, a deputy-involved shooting in York County and numerous assaults at YRTC, most by repeat offenders.

Below are some of the training and equipment goals accomplished in 2013:

- Completed a cell phone download certification course.
- Completed Amber Alert Leadership training in Fargo, North Dakota.
- Attended the Clan Lab Investigator Association conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Converted a storage space into a secure digital evidence lab for extensive computer searches.
- Acquired printers for the Troop Area Field Intelligence Representative (FIR) and the Grand Island polygraph room.

Troop D

The Troop D Investigative Services Division of the Nebraska State Patrol, headquartered in North Platte, is responsible for many varied criminal investigations. Responsibilities include, but are not necessarily limited to, professional investigations of possible violations of the criminal statutes of the State of Nebraska, 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 assistance with investigations for our partners and stakeholders in other law enforcement agencies across Troop D.

Troop D Investigative Services has two distinct units within the division. The first is the Criminal Unit, where the primary responsibility for investigators is to conduct investigations involving criminal statute violations. The investigators assigned to the Criminal Unit are highly trained in many investigative techniques and several have been certified by the International Association of Identification. Investigations include death investigations, sexual assault, child abuse/neglect, online enticement/child pornography issues, embezzlement, theft, and fraud complaints. Investigators are responsible for the initiation of the investigation, the processing of any scene(s) involved, collections and seizure of evidence, and interviews of victim(s), witnesses, and suspects. 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.

The Criminal Unit initiated 140 new cases during 2013, including liquor cases.

Major case investigations in 2013 included:

- A grand jury investigation involving the death of an individual who had abducted his estranged wife.
- The theft of an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) from a convenience store in Culbertson.
- The investigation of a police officer for committing a burglary while on-duty.
- An investigation concerning the death of a 20 month-old boy as a result of child abuse.
- An investigation concerning an unlicensed auto dealership in Alma.

Troop D cont.

The Drug Unit's main task is the investigation concerning the manufacture, possession, and distribution of illegal controlled substances and pharmaceutical substances. The investigators assigned to this unit are highly trained in the discipline of drug investigations and are clandestine laboratory certified. Investigators manage cooperating individuals to develop intelligence, identify targets, make controlled purchases of illegal drugs and execute search and arrest warrants. The Drug Unit also participates in the Cooperative Operation for Drug Enforcement Federal Drug Task Force, known as CODE. In this task force, Patrol investigators partner with federal and local law enforcement officers to conduct drug investigations and promote relationships with our allied partners.

The Drug Unit initiated 46 new cases during 2013.

Major case investigations in 2013 included:

- A major wiretap investigation of a methamphetamine distribution operation in western Nebraska and northeast Colorado with ties to a Mexican cartel.
- Continued multi-agency cooperation within the CODE Task Force.

The highly experienced and dedicated troopers assigned to Troop D Investigative Services are proud of their accomplishments during 2013. The main goal is to provide professional criminal and drug investigations for the citizens of Nebraska.

Troop E

Troop E Investigative Services Division saw a reduction in case load for the first time in the past four years but still made 71 arrests and assisted on another 385 cases. Forensic interview numbers dropped by 8% which can be attributed to the CAPstone Child Advocacy Center hiring a forensic interviewer. Because of Troop E's continued involvement in assisting the Western Nebraska Intelligence & Narcotics Group (WING) Drug Task Force and staff's ability to examine cellular phones and computers, agency assist numbers remain high. ISO personnel conducted 88 child forensic interviews at CAPstone, attended 29 autopsies, conducted 38 polygraphs, completed 34 liquor inspections and gave 38 public programs to over 1,500 people. NSP WING Investigators made 43 of the 131 cases the WING Drug Task Force utilized for grant purposes (33%) and assisted 95 times on case investigations.

In 2013, Troop E Investigative Services started the year off by arresting a former Police Chief for 1st Degree Sexual assault of a child and he was sentenced to 20 to 24 years in prison. A search warrant was served on a residence in Bayard where the occupant was suspected of bootlegging bottles of wine from California. ISO staff worked two grand jury investigations, worked on a case involving the theft of over \$100,000 in materials from a local company and assisted the State Auditor's office with a search warrant and interview regarding the subsequent arrest of the owner of Safe Haven in Bayard.

Troop E ISO staff who work Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases generated 33 ICAC related investigations for possession, distribution and manufacture of child pornography, enticement by electronic communication device and child sexual assault. Four of these cases went to Federal prosecution in the states of Florida, Pennsylvania, with two in Nebraska, after investigators identified photographs of child pornography, recording devices, and items used in the manufacturing of child pornography. Investigators made 11 arrests total doing proactive ICAC work.

Investigative Services Division

Troop E cont.

Troop E Drug Division, while participating with the WING Drug Task Force, had a very productive year. A major drug investigation in Troop D was started by investigators with the WING Drug Task Force who were buying marijuana in Big Springs. Task force personnel assisted the CODE Task Force from May to August assisting with buys and surveillance until a roundup of approximately 20 suspects occurred in August. This case took a major supplier and dealers out of the Nebraska and Colorado areas. The cooperation between local, state and federal agencies was evident and noted by all who contributed. Both CODE and WING will be honored by High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, (HIDTA) for their respective work on this case. Task force investigators continue to see marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) infused products and methamphetamine coming from neighboring states into Nebraska and those arrested for possession of these products are being tracked by the Task Force for use with grant applications. A task force highlight was making an arrest for 48.7 pounds of marijuana from Colorado in November. The Task Force continues to assist probation and parole and the Scotts Bluff County Drug Court with in-home searches.

ISO staff completed 1,337 hours of specialized training in 2013 and staff has been asked to present at the 35th Annual Hostage Negotiations Seminar in Baltimore, Maryland, in February 2014, regarding the Thiele Pharmacy incident in Alliance, June 2012.

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



Headquarters Troop

HDQ Criminal Division consists of four investigators and one sergeant. They are responsible for investigating all felonies that involve state government, state property, and the eight state institutions in HDQ Troop. HDQ Criminal also answers calls for service from the fifteen counties that make up HDQ Troop. This year, HDQ criminal also investigated two separate shooting incidents that involved state troopers and suspects of felonies. One incident occurred in Johnson County and had several crime scenes associated with it. The other, in Seward County, became a Grand Jury investigation. Both investigations concluded with positive prosecution.

HDQ Drug Division consists of six drug investigators and one sergeant. In 2013, 99 drug investigations produced cases for possessing and distributing marijuana, meth, cocaine, pharmaceuticals, and prescription fraud. Investigators worked cooperatively on cases in Gage, Otoe and Richardson Counties that resulted in Federal indictments

HDQ Liquor Division is made up of two liquor investigators and one sergeant, who is also the State Coordinator for the Liquor Division. In 2013, the HDQ Liquor Division completed 149 Liquor Applications in the fifteen county area that makes up HDQ Troop. They also conducted 15 liquor programs with 291 attendees.

Crime Lab

In 2013 the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory received approval to relocate to a new facility. The new facility will be located in Lincoln on the southeast corner of NW 41st and Air Park Road just north of the Carrier Enforcement and Supply/Radio Engineering Divisions. The relocation project is currently in the building design phase. Construction is slated to start in the Summer of 2014, with move-in anticipated for June or July of 2015. The new laboratory will be a huge improvement, as it will be designed to meet current forensic laboratory standards and to maximize efficiency.



In addition to working on designing the new facility, Crime Laboratory staff are preparing for reaccreditation later this year. The laboratory is currently accredited under the national standards of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Legacy Program. The reaccreditation process this year will move the Crime Laboratory to the ASCLD/LAB International (ISO) Program, ensuring that the laboratory meets all of the rigorous standards currently in place for forensic crime laboratories on an international level. The move to International Standards Organization (ISO) accreditation is necessitating a great deal of administrative work and increased documentation. It is anticipated that assessors will be on site to check on the Crime Laboratory's standards compliance sometime in the summer of 2014. With the ASCLD/LAB ISO standards, the FBI's Quality Assurance Standards for DNA casework and the FBI's Quality Assurance Standards for Deoxyribonucleic acid, (DNA) Databank, the Crime Laboratory will be responsible for ensuring continued compliance with over 1,200 standards.

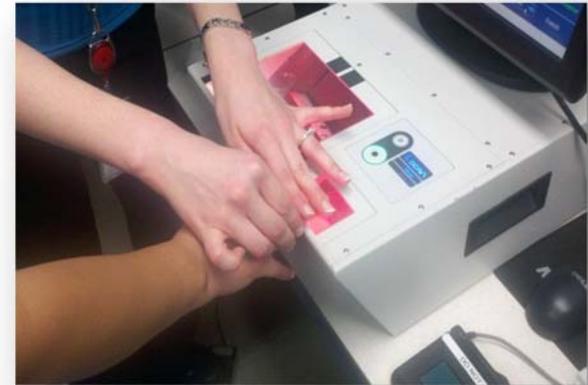


Crime Lab cont.

The Crime Laboratory's three forensic databases continue to contribute greatly to criminal case investigations. For example, in 2013 over 5,000 known convicted offender DNA samples were entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). This resulted in 71 cold hits, associating convicted offenders to unknown forensic samples entered into the database relevant to a crime.

In addition to CODIS, the National Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) and the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) continue to prove their worth. Over 500 bullets/cartridge cases from crime scenes and from seized firearms were entered into NIBIN in 2013. This resulted in 14 cold hits, associating previously unassociated crimes in the Lincoln and Lancaster County area. Over 500 latent fingerprints were entered into AFIS last year, resulting in 148 cold hits on individuals that were previously not identified as being associated with the crime committed.

Ever increasing demands for Crime Laboratory analysts to appear in court resulted in analysts traveling over 19,000 miles to provide testimony last year. As a result, analysts spent less time in the laboratory analyzing cases. The Controlled Substances Section of the laboratory was the most impacted by this trend, because the analysts in that section are most frequently called to testify. The Crime Laboratory staff are working to raise awareness of this problem and are asking county attorneys to seek advance stipulations to analysts' testimony whenever possible, thereby alleviating the need for a court appearance.



Criminal Identification Division

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

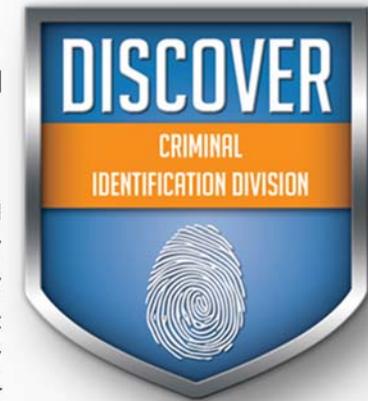
In 2013, CID adopted the following mission statement:

The primary mission of CID is to ensure the safety and protection of Nebraska citizens and law enforcement officers. CID fulfills the State Patrol's statutory responsibilities for maintaining, updating and disseminating criminal history records, issuing concealed carry and explosives permits and providing public services in the form of fingerprinting, training and community outreach. They proudly perform these functions in a timely, accurate and consistent manner with the highest levels of integrity and professionalism.

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

1. Maintaining accurate and updated criminal history records.
2. Providing Criminal History Record Information, (CHRI) to those authorized to receive that information.
3. Providing public services such as fingerprinting, NICS checks, and training.
4. Issuing Concealed Carry and explosives permits.
5. Supporting criminal justice and law enforcement agencies in their investigations.
6. 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.



Criminal Identification Division cont.

During 2013, the section of the division that provides services to the public and processes applicant requests continued to see an increase. A total of 68,441 background checks (37,501 name checks and 30,940 fingerprint based checks) were conducted through applicant services to support mandates for licensing through Nebraska State Statute. The permits section issued 14,734 permits (221 explosives and 14,513 concealed carry).

The section of the division that works directly with the criminal history records also experienced an increase in volume during 2013. The Records Management Team, updated an average of 1,384 (24% increase over 2012) records per month and added an average of 3387 (3% decrease from 2012) new arrests to PCH each month. In addition, the AFIS team processed 76,619 fingerprint submissions, a 5.2% increase over 2012. Overall, the trend experienced within CID across all teams continues to show an increased use of the services.

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Technical Support Unit

The Technical Support Unit (TSU) is a specialized unit and its purpose is to provide surveillance resources and expertise to law enforcement officers to enhance ongoing investigations with telephonic, video and GPS surveillance.

Officers can spend numerous hours researching and learning various types of technical surveillance methods and tools. By utilizing the resources of TSU, a case officer can incorporate technical support tools and ideas without sacrificing limited investigative time. The current capabilities of the TSU include the areas of Covert Pole Cameras and Global Positioning Systems, (GPS Tracking, Pen Registers and Telephone Intercepts).

The TSU Commander serves as NIAC's Fusion Liaison Officer Coordinator and the State Patrol's statewide representative to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (NLEIN) board. This allows the position to promote the services of NIAC, understand the benefit of good intelligence and information coming from the field, and be a resource to other agencies in the area of technical and NFIN support.

TSU also supports the Nebraska State Patrol's Lincoln Access Point (LAP). The LAP is a server that allows connections for law enforcement agencies to connect to any nationwide telephone company for PEN Register Data. This is a nationwide program with 37 law enforcement agencies that are connected from California, Michigan to Florida.

Homeland Security

The Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness coordinator serves as the liaison between the Nebraska State Patrol, state/ local/regional jurisdictions, and key stakeholders representing the whole community. This position coordinates the development and review of agency specific response plans that document the Nebraska State Patrols emergency response to terroristic threats, nuclear, pandemic, and natural disasters ensuring the agency is ready and able to fulfill its responsibilities for public safety in the event of a disastrous event. Communities and state agencies work together to reduce the vulnerability of people, property, and livelihoods through planning, training and exercising.

Following the Fukushima, Japan, nuclear power plant incident in March 2011, the Nebraska State Patrol continues its work with Nebraska nuclear industry partners, keeping Nebraska in a state of readiness for response in radiological emergencies. An unflinching commitment to protect public health and safety, security, and the environment is essential to ensuring that nuclear power remains part of our state's infrastructure.

As part of Nebraska's commitment to safe nuclear production, long-term management and disposal of used nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, an agency representative continues to participate with the Western Interstate Energy Board (WEIB), Council of State Governors (CSG), and the Western Governors Association (WGA). These groups consist of nuclear waste transportation experts from state energy, public safety, and environmental agencies that work with the U.S. Department of Energy to develop a safe and publicly acceptable system for transporting spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.



Nebraska Information Analysis Center

The NIAC intelligence fusion center is a collaborative effort of Federal, state and local agencies working in partnership to detect, prevent, apprehend and respond to criminal and/or terrorist activity, as well as promote the resiliency of Nebraska critical infrastructure from an all-crimes and all-hazards basis. The mission of the NIAC is to collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate information and intelligence regarding criminal and terrorist activity to Federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies, other Fusion Centers, and to public and private entities, as appropriate.



A Nebraska State Patrol Investigative Services Captain, assigned to the NIAC as the Fusion Center Director, provides the day-to-day leadership of the NIAC processes which includes the enforcement of the NIAC Privacy Policy, in consultation with the Nebraska State Patrol Investigative Services Lieutenant assigned as the NIAC Privacy Officer. The NIAC receives further strategic guidance from its governance board made up of the senior leadership from the Nebraska State Patrol, the Lincoln Police Department, the Omaha Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 2013, in the interests of inter-agency law enforcement information-sharing designed to support Nebraska law enforcement operations, the NIAC continued to deploy the Nebraska Fusion Information Network (NFIN) which serves as a tool for collecting intelligence information from all law enforcement officers across the state. This system allows vetted law enforcement officers to input and query intelligence information, Comprehensive Suspicious Activity Reports (SAR) and Field Intelligence Cards via a secure web portal. This inter-jurisdictional system integrates data from many state and local data sources including NSP, Lincoln Police Department (LPD), and OPD. In 2013, the NIAC continued to deploy NFIN by offering training to allied law enforcement agencies and continued the expansion of NFIN-participating law enforcement agencies. Currently, Nebraska Fusion Information Network (NFIN), has 607 total users. In 2013, the NIAC processed 840 Requests for Services (RFS) from law enforcement officers throughout the state.



Investigative Services Division - Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC)

Nebraska Information Analysis Center cont.

In the interests of homeland security, infrastructure protection, and public safety, the NIAC has different product lines which it shares with its law enforcement and public/private sector partners to promote situational awareness relating to the dynamic threat landscape. For example, in 2013, the NIAC produced 222 law enforcement Daily Threat Briefs and 84 NIAC law enforcement bulletins. During the last quarter of 2013, the NIAC began to produce the NIAC Weekly Critical Infrastructure Awareness Brief which is disseminated to vetted private and public sector partners.

The NIAC is very proud of its 2012 Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Fusion Center Assessment of 94.8 percent compared to the National Fusion Center network average of 88.2.

The NIAC continues to use the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), to securely share sensitive but unclassified (SBU) intelligence and resources, such as Active Shooter and cyber-security materials, with its law enforcement and vetted public/private sector partners. HSIN-Nebraska is divided into For Official Use Only (FOUO) and Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES) areas.

Similarly, in 2013, the NIAC enhanced its all-crimes, all-hazards, core analytic capabilities by adding a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analyst who continues to increase NIAC's ability to support law enforcement operations and critical infrastructure protection. GIS capabilities allow the NIAC to analyze and map critical infrastructure, and thereby able to model potential hazard impacts on Nebraska's critical infrastructure.



Auto Fraud

The Nebraska State Patrol Auto Fraud Division consists of a Statewide Coordinator, one Crime Analyst, and one Staff Assistant II who are located at the Investigative Service Center in Lincoln. There are Criminal Investigators designated from the six troop areas from the Investigative Service Divisions that have received specialized training to assist with Auto Fraud and Identity Theft investigations when needed.

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 2013 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 2013 six certification training sessions were conducted with 64 people being certified. The Auto Fraud Division processed 542 title inspections in 2013, a decrease of 5.9% from 2012.

The Auto Fraud Division case work in 2013 included title fraud, forgeries, alteration of vehicle identification numbers, vehicle thefts, and identity thefts. The Auto Fraud unit conducted 44 case investigations resulting in 12 arrests. Also in 2013, the Auto Fraud Division developed a Salvage Yard Training Course for the Troop Area designees. After the training concluded, 27 Salvage Yard Inspections were completed, which was about 20% of the entire total of Salvage Yards in Nebraska. The goal for 2014 is to conduct 65 Salvage Yard Inspections across the State.

In 2013, the Auto Fraud Division continued to work with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicle's Fraud Unit as part of the Nebraska Identity Theft Task Force utilizing the L-1 Facial Recognition program. A total of 17 Identity Theft cases were worked by the designees across the State.

In 2013, the NSP Auto Fraud Crime Analyst processed 24 Facial Recognition comparisons for Nebraska State Patrol Investigators as well as Investigators and Detectives from Federal and Local law enforcement agencies. The Analyst drafted 94 subpoenas for Troop H Criminal and Drug Investigators, and conducted 93 lien checks for various Nebraska State Patrol personnel on abandoned or seized vehicles throughout the State, as well as numerous other daily requests as needed.



Sex Offender Registry

In 1996, with the passing of Nebraska Statute, Article 40, Section §29-4001 through section §29-4013, the Nebraska Legislature tasked the Nebraska State Patrol with creating and administering a Sex Offender Registry (SOR) for those offenders who had been convicted of certain sexual related crimes.

Since 1996, 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.



Nebraska's Sex Offender Registry is modeled upon the provisions of the Federal "Jacob Wetterline Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration 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.

The SOR works closely with local law enforcement to investigate non-compliance issues.

The NSP maintains a file of individuals required to register pursuant to Nebraska State Law on a secure website located at <https://sor.nebraska.gov/>. To that end, NSP collects and maintains the following information at this site.

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Registration Duration
- Race
- Sex
- Height
- Weight
- Hair
- Eyes
- Alias(s)
- Sex Crime Conviction(s)
- Address



Internet Crimes Against Children

The Nebraska State Patrol is a member of a Federally funded Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, which is comprised of 61 similar task forces across the nation whose mission is to combat child exploitation that is facilitated by the Internet and technology.

The Nebraska State Patrol ICAC unit consists of a statewide coordinator, a computer forensics laboratory, three forensic analysts, and one crime analyst, as well as six Investigators stationed across the state that have been trained to conduct ICAC investigations. Nebraska's ICAC task force includes 60 federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutor's offices throughout Nebraska.

During 2013, the Nebraska ICAC task force initiated 365 ICAC investigations, made eight five arrests, received/investigated 272 CyberTips received by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and provided 586 technical assists. Additionally, the Nebraska ICAC task force conducted 12 training sessions to 213 law enforcement personnel; and conducted 129 presentations to 10,991 attendees.



National Center for **Missing & Exploited** Children

www.missingkids.com

Hazardous Device Squad

The Nebraska State Patrol's Hazardous Device Squad was created in 1972 in response to a recognized need for subject matter experts to respond statewide to explosive related incidents. The squad is nationally accredited through the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) consisting of six (6) FBI certified Hazardous Devices Technicians (HDTs). The squad maintains an inventory of specialized equipment and vehicles in excess of \$1 million dollars to effectively respond statewide to explosive related incidents to aid in public safety.

The Hazardous Device Squad's primary function is to respond statewide to explosive related incidents and render safe any explosive threat(s). During 2013, HDTs were deployed on approximately 70 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 improvised explosive devices (IEDs):

- Six post blast investigations involving display fireworks, IEDs and homemade cannons
- 75 Destructive Devices
- 112 Blasting Caps
- 42 Military Ordnance
- Four Suspect Packages
- Approximately 101 other explosive materials and 26 explosive chemical items
- Approximately 500 pounds of fireworks

The above constituted approximately two hundred and forty four (244) hours of render safe/disposal operations throughout the state. HDTs also spent approximately 1,055 hours of readiness training for explosive related incidents and bomb squad equipment that has been purchased through grants.



Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Division

The Nebraska State Patrol Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Division is made up of the Program Manager, two Crime Analysts, and one Staff Assistant. There are three main components of the program; oversight of the agency's internal Domestic Violence Sexual Assault (DVSA) and Stalking response, coordination of a statewide domestic violence/sexual assault response team, and the Centralized Protection Order Office.

The DVSA program manager and the staff assistant collaborate with 12 traffic troopers and investigators in all Troop areas. Together they identify internal areas of need and provide technical assistance and professional training to allied agencies. Coordination occurs with other state agencies to promote statewide training initiatives, track domestic violence fatalities in Nebraska and provide support to local response teams.

The DVSA Division oversees all activities for this Statewide Response Team. The crime analyst administers the day to day operations of the Nebraska Foreign Protection Order Registry and the Centralized Protection Order Office; ensuring electronic access to protection orders nationwide and compliance with federal firearms laws.

Year Highlights: In 2013, the Division had their largest ever statewide conference on domestic violence, with 180 attendees. The DVSA Division also provided 25 trainings to outside agencies in 2013; training 259 law enforcement officers and 585 other professionals. The Division directed the coordination of a statewide response team and their activities; including the domestic violence homicide tracking system, and a statewide training initiative for HHS. Also in 2013, the Centralized Protection Order Office was developed which included nine trainings, four regular subcommittee meetings and multiple hours of research and testing being done on this project.



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.
- Communications.
- Human Resources.
- Purchasing.
- Training Academy.
- 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.



Accounting

The Accounting Division is responsible for payroll, benefits assistance, accounts payable processing, deposits and accounts receivable processing, grants accounting and reporting, audit coordination, cash management, budgeting, forecasting, legislative fiscal notes, leases, financial reconciliations, and financial reporting and analysis. The team's goals include providing accurate, timely and meaningful financial information.

During 2013, the Accounting Division enhanced its monthly and quarterly financial reporting provided to Commanders. New reporting providing specific cost tracking and monitoring was created to better manage certain costs of the Agency, including travel and training, overtime, and gasoline expenditures.

The Division also undertook and completed the addition of undepreciated donated assets to the Accounting System, resolving a prior audit notation.

During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Division submitted 26 Legislative Fiscal Notes analyzing the financial impact to the Agency of various proposed Legislative Bills.

The Division successfully closed out Fiscal Year 2013 on June 30, 2013, and opened the books for Fiscal Year 2014, which began the new budget biennium. New appropriations and prior year carry-over amounts were established and input into the Accounting system for future monitoring and tracking. The Agency received total new appropriations in the amount of \$75.2 million and carry-over re-appropriations in the amount of \$10.5 million from the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2014, which went into effect on July 1, 2013. This does not include additional Grant funds that may be awarded to the Agency throughout the fiscal year. Additionally, the Division submitted a Deficit Budget Request in the fall of 2013 for unforeseen medical expenses incurred in the approximate amount of \$200,000.



Accounting Division Staff at Work

Administrative Services Division

Accounting Division cont.

The Division processed 26 bi-weekly payrolls and 12 monthly payrolls in 2013. A Leave Balance Report was created for biweekly payroll employees enabling management to better manage employee leave balances and requests. Additionally, processing of salary increases occurred that became effective on July 1, 2013.

During Fiscal Year 2013 (7/1/12 – 6/30/13), the Accounting Division processed expenditures totaling approximately \$77 million. This included approximately \$21.9 million of accounts payable transactions consisting of operating expenses, travel expenses, capital outlays and government aid, and approximately \$55 million in payroll and benefit expenses. Total expenditures funded via grants was approximately \$6.9 million for Fiscal Year 2013.



Accounting Division Staff at Work

Communications

This is the first year for the statewide NSP Communications Division. The division under Administrative Services came into being on February 1, 2013, with the hiring of a new Communications Director. The Troop Area Communications Centers moved from the Troop Commanders' responsibility to Administrative Services on the following dates:

- May 15, 2013 Troop H
- July 1, 2013 Troop A
- July 29, 2013 Troop B
- August 12, 2013 Troop C
- August 26, 2013 Troop D
- September 9, 2013 Troop E

There were several projects undertaken throughout the year. Communications personnel were very heavily involved in the radio training provided to all NSP personnel. They helped to facilitate basic Statewide Radio System (SRS) Training during the first half of the year to aid those using the dynamic radio system. During the last part of the year going into 2014, they were providing scenario based training to both Communications Specialists and Troopers. This will enable even better use of the SRS and improve functionality.

The SRS can also be accessed by local emergency personnel through the use of radio consolettes. Communications Supervisors have been working with staff from the Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) on implementing consolettes throughout the state. This has involved weekly testing and regular training of dispatchers throughout Nebraska.

One of the responsibilities for Communications is to develop a plan for the consolidation of the six communications centers to three centers over the course of three years. A committee consisting of representatives from each Troop area (a mix of sworn supervisors and communications supervisors), along with Administrative Services representatives from human resources, project management, and information technology met from September through December 2013 and will be making a recommendation to the NSP Superintendent in early 2014 of which center to consolidate that year.

Communications cont.

In anticipation of consolidation, a template is being created to insure all services are covered when centers consolidate. During November and December, testing was done with Troop B (Norfolk) being dispatched at Troop H (Lincoln) during the overnight hours. It is planned for Troop B to be closed daily from 2300 hours to 0700 hours and all communications services to be provided in Lincoln during those hours during January 2014. Items covered included all the technologies used by communications, plus the support tasks communications specialists perform to help each Troop Area function.

2014 will be a busy year for NSP Communications as work is being done to standardize training and procedures across the state. Additionally, planning will continue for future consolidations.

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 Nebraska State Patrol, 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

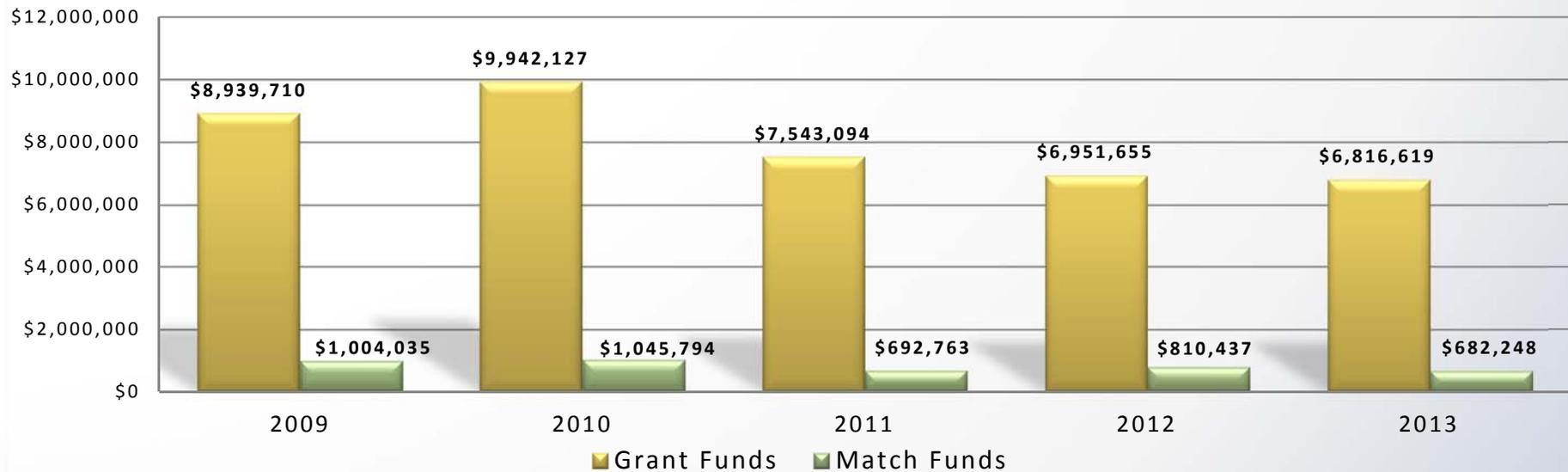
The Grants Division oversees the development and implementation of agency projects funded through outside sources. Most of the \$7.5 million grant dollars administered in fiscal year 2013 were Federal and match funds devoted to crime, highway safety, and homeland security. County Drug Boards, traffic diversion programs and private donations 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 2013 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.



Grants Division Staff

NEBRASKA STATE PATROL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FY2009-2013

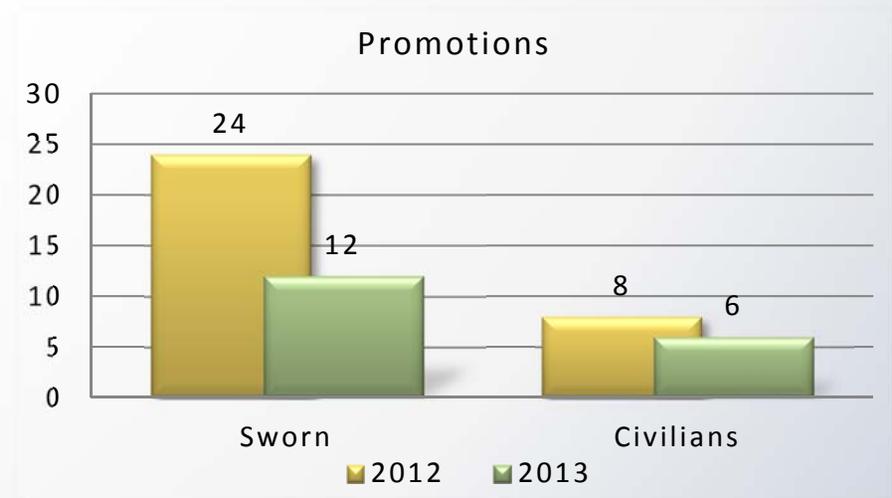


Human Resources

There was an increase in the number of civilian position vacancies in 2013 compared to 2012 which coincides with the number of civilian resignations and terminations. Human Resources (HR) completed 42 selection processes for civilian vacancies – some of which had to be posted several times. HR reviewed and scored the applications for each position, then coordinated the interview schedule. In 2013, the agency experienced higher turnover in the Security Guard, Security Communications Specialist, and Information Technology positions compared to other civilian positions. A recruitment process was completed in late 2013 with the hiring of a new Electronics Manager who oversees Supply, staff at the Vehicle Installation Building and Radio Engineering.

Human Resources continues to manage the recruitment processes for lateral transfers and promotions of sworn vacancies. There were two statewide lateral postings as required by policy, and there were 25 selection processes for vacancies in numerous divisions including, but not limited to: PSD Handlers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Captains.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued a new version of the I-9 form in the spring of 2013. With the implementation of this new form came many training sessions due to the increased awareness of obtaining and retaining these forms in a correct manner to avoid costly penalties. HR was instrumental in auditing our personnel files to ensure our Human Resources Division is compliant with the stringent new laws surrounding employee verification.



Human Resources, cont.

As part of the HR improvement process, HR has a dedicated staff that serves on the Performance Management System Implementation Team. The Employee Development System is being utilized by NSP employees to complete annual reviews and bi-annual reviews. The NSP Policy will be updated in 2014 due to the changes the new system has brought.

The 2013 Lieutenant Promotional Process was administered October 29 through October 31, 2013, at the Training Academy. There were 22 participating Sergeants, and the final list was posted with 13 Sergeants eligible for promotion. New items in the process included using the Computer Lab at the Training Academy so that each participant did their in-basket on a computer, rather than their MDC's. The media exercise also was added back into the process. The Oral Interview Board included a Major, which was also new. The process will be evaluated in 2014 for the next process, which will be in 2015.

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

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

The Human Resource Division, continues to initiate and conduct training for both Civilian and Sworn supervisors. Scheduled training for the upcoming year includes;

- Employment Law Training
- National FBI HR Training
- EAP (Employee Assistance Program)
- Society for Human Resource Management State Conference
- Lincoln Human Resource Management Association workshops



Tami Ringland

Human Resources cont.

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

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. HR and Accounting continue to meet regularly and work collaboratively together to manage processes, implement new systems and compile data for Command staff decision-making and awareness.

A full time staff member is the main contact in the Human Resource Division for overseeing the hiring of temporary employees. Investigative Services, Criminal Identification and Traffic Communication Divisions are three areas that currently utilize the majority of temporary employees.

With the CALEA Accreditation process, the Human Resource Division staff has been consistently approached for information to complete the standards related to Human Resources responsibilities.

Human Resource 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.

Contract interpretation, retirees, EAP, personnel matters, training, organizational charts, and requests for service are just a handful of the items that the HR Division staff deals with daily. In offering services, they also consult with other divisions and agencies for assistance or expertise in getting the job done.



Trina Doggett and Val Smith

Purchasing

The Purchasing Division facilitates the procurement of goods and services, providing support to the Nebraska State Patrol. This includes pre- and post-award proposal activities, serving as a liaison between NSP and vendors for desired products and services in accordance with Federal, and State laws, statutes, and policies.

The Purchasing Division maintains an environment which employs efficient and advanced purchasing methods for procuring goods and services.

Responsibilities include;

- Seek reliable vendors or suppliers to provide quality goods at reasonable prices
- Negotiate prices and contracts
- Reviewing technical specifications for components, equipment and materials
- Forecasting upcoming demand
- Issues purchase orders, for the purpose of completing purchasing processes in accordance with established procedures
- Oversees required processes (e.g. orders, work orders and requisitions for supplies, equipment, conference requests, bids for potential commodities, supplies equipment and services, etc.) for the purpose of acquiring necessary resources to support the NSP
- Participates in unit meetings, in-service training, and workshops, for the purpose of conveying and/or gathering information required to perform job functions

During 2013, the Purchasing Division was dedicated to providing the safest products available ensuring the highest officer safety standards 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.



Mike Yates

Radio Engineering

In 2013, the Radio Engineering section completed the "Repair Day" activities in Troops, A, B, C, D, and E as well as many other functions. These activities included;

- Program dual encryption radios for Troop A ISO
- Upgraded and reprogrammed mobile radios, Digital Video Recording System (DVRS), and portables in all troop areas.
- Re-certified Radio Detection and Ranging (RADAR) sets in all Troop Areas
- Installation of Console stations and site controller in Omaha Dispatch.
- Installation of higher capacity batteries in Digital Ally wireless microphones
- The installation and testing of automatic DVRS activation/de-activation circuits in NSP marked units.

Radio Installation

Vehicle Installation Personnel moved the SRS radio head and siren control from the main portion of the center console to the top plate of the console for better visibility. In addition, all necessary and required equipment installs and removals in NSP and allied agency vehicles, such as State Fire Marshal and Game & Parks were completed. The Vehicle Installation personnel assisted in Troop Area repair days in outlying areas, plus a major portion of repairs in HDQ Troop.

The Electronic Technician Leader checked new vehicle specifications, made necessary changes and forwarded these to DAS purchasing/buying. When bids were received by DAS, meetings were attended with other agencies, and recommendations were made on the vehicles to be awarded and purchased.

Supply

In 2013, Supply began the task of locating, verifying and scanning Office of the Chief Information Officer APX Radios and DVRS units. Supply also started work on the new Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Federal Grant Logs that are due in 2014. Along with other state agencies, Supply began training on the new ECM, (Enterprise Content Management System). This new surplus system is now used for the destruction and trade in of all state equipment. Supply worked with the NSP Accounting division to add all donated items \$1,500.00 and above, into the Nebraska Inventory System (NIS). The Supply Division also began to prepare for the 2014 recruit camp.

Two new technicians were hired, as well as an Electronics Manager which will further facilitate the efforts of the Radio Engineering, Radio Installation and Supply Divisions next year.

Research and Planning

The Research and Planning Division (R&P) provides essential decision making support and participates in professional planning activities. R&P assists the Nebraska State Patrol Command Staff perform and manage complex and sensitive professional planning projects, research and analysis. The operational effectiveness of the Division has improved greatly over the past 5 years and will continue to grow.

Research and Planning worked on a number of significant projects during 2013. Among them:

- IACP Chief's Challenge
- Bias-Based Policing Report
- Selective Enforcement Analysis
- Annual Report
- Strategic Plan
- Personnel Allocation
- Conspicuity Study
- Fitness for Duty
- 8 States Planning
- State and Provincial Police Planning Officers Section (SPPPOS) Conference
- Policy Development
- Crime Commission Statistical Reporting
- Completion of all 75th Anniversary activities



The Research and Planning Division continued process improvement efforts and executed a review of the Purchasing and Front-Desk activities. This led to changes that will improve operational methods as it relates to coordinating the various support services and supervisory tasks.

Project Manager

In 2013 the Project Manager (PM) continued to work with Office of the Chief Information Officer, Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) and the Patrol's allied agencies as part of the development process of the Statewide Radio System. The PM, along with Radio Repair, provided SRS training at the 2013 In-Service. Following the Request for proposal (RFP) process, a private contractor was selected to install mobile radios, repeaters, cables and antennas at the Carrier Enforcement permanent scales.

Modern law enforcement communications policies were researched and Patrol policies and SOPs were drafted. The draft policies and SOPs are being modified to match the planned 2014 changes. Agreements were drafted and executed between the Patrol and the State Fire Marshal, the Game and Parks Commission, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Agriculture; providing for dispatch and emergency call support by Patrol dispatchers to law enforcement officers from those agencies. A similar agreement with the US Marshals Service is pending.

An agreement was developed and researched between NSP and Douglas County Communications regarding usage of the Douglas County system and that agreement is pending with OCIO. Three consolettes were acquired and installed at Omaha NSP dispatch. These consolettes allow Omaha dispatch to use their dispatch consoles to talk directly on the radio systems of Douglas, Washington and Pottawatomie Counties and the Sarpy County system. NSP Communications can also patch those systems with the SRS for interoperability.

The NSP uses a digital logger to record radio traffic on the SRS. The software system for the logger was upgraded in April 2013 so as to be ready for the upgrades to the SRS operating system (7.09) that occurred in August and October. The digital logger was replaced with a new digital tape logger during the second upgrade.

The PM served as part of the committee tasked to find a solution to maintain our existing AFIS system while also looking for a solution to meet future needs. The resulting contract resolved both the upgrade and maintenance issues. The PM also served as part of the Records Management System Committee tasked to find a replacement Records Management System (RMS) for NSP. The RFP selection process is nearly complete.

Training Academy

The Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy (NSPTA) is responsible for all training including basic recruit training, advanced training, specialized training, and in service training for sworn and non-sworn personnel of the Nebraska State Patrol. The NSPTA is a co-located facility with the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center located in Grand Island.

In 2013 NSPTA completed 16 In-Service sessions covering all sworn personnel with a variety of courses ranging from multi-surface pursuit driving, active shooter, to technology updates. In addition, NSPTA held 12 specialized courses and two advanced courses including Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO). Furthermore, the annual Jr. Law program sponsored through the local American Legion Clubs was held in June. Thirty five girls and boys attended a week long program facilitated by NSPTA providing basic classroom instruction on various topics to include morning physical fitness training. Mobile Field Force (MFF) held their annual training at NSPTA involving a day long training session with all three MFF teams. As customary, the NSPTA held the annual SWAT training for members of the Alpha, Charlie, and Bravo teams. This is a weeklong training session covering a variety of topics specific to SWAT.

In a more supportive role, the NSPTA assisted the Human Resources Division with a selection process providing an orientation presentation to applicants desiring to become Nebraska State Troopers. Additionally, members of the NSPTA staff facilitated the physical fitness portion of the selection and civilian staff assisted with grading of the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) test. Lastly, NSPTA was the site of the latest Lieutenant's promotional process held just before Thanksgiving.



Jr. Law Participants

2013 Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

Meritorious: (6)



-
- Sergeant James DeFreece #326
 - Trooper Andy Allen #53
 - Trooper Nicholas Bonney #49
 - Trooper Andrew Ecklund #84
 - Trooper Warren Gibson #41
 - Trooper Mathew Maus #259

Superintendent's Group: (45)



Armed Robbery Incident February 13, 2013

-
- Captain Frank Peck #438
 - Sergeant Joel Bergman #110
 - Sergeant Lonnie Connelly #141
 - Sergeant Jim DeFreece #326
 - Sergeant Chris Pleiss #440
 - Sergeant Fred Storm #251
 - Trooper Tim Baumann #102
 - Trooper Kaela Croushorn #99
 - Trooper Denny Frey #91
 - Trooper Tom Giffey #105
 - Trooper Kyle Gress #521
 - Trooper Dan Gutierrez #258
 - Trooper Kent Kavan #341
 - Trooper Mike Mallery #52
 - Trooper Pedram Nabegh #314
 - Trooper Brian Petersen #173
 - Trooper Andrew Phillips #423
 - Trooper Jay Poppe #526
 - Trooper Marcus Schmidt #390
 - Trooper Neal Trantham #238
 - Trooper Sean Velte #673
 - Trooper Michael Wamsley #411
 - Communications Specialist Matthew Brown
 - Communications Specialist Ryan Marshall
 - Communications Specialist Cassandra Spellmeyer

Superintendent's Group: (45) *cont...*



Bee incident on May 13, 2013

- Lieutenant Kenneth Dahlke #114
- Lieutenant Mark Williams #406
- Sergeant Joel Bergman #110
- Investigator Timothy Stopak #344
- Investigator Joseph Hansen #116
- Investigator Steven Kolb #124
- Trooper Jay Poppe #526
- Trooper Anthony Frederick #68
- Trooper Tyler Kroenke #51
- Trooper Pedram Nabegh #314
- Trooper Noah McNeese #381
- Trooper Nicole Saathoff #364
- Trooper Jason Bauer #1
- Trooper Christopher Lutes #243
- Communications Specialist Matthew Brown
- Communications Specialist Supervisor Debra Davis
- Communications Specialist Melissa Smith
- Communications Specialist Justin Brase #522
- Communications Specialist Jennifer Hemmingsen
- Communications Specialist Aaron Benson

Lifesaver: (10)



- Sergeant Brian Petersen #173
- Trooper Matthew Naughtin #327
- Trooper Bryan Wroblewski #496
- Trooper Monte Dart #266
- Trooper Thomas Grove #198
- Trooper Chris Christen #92
- Trooper Matt Maus #259
- Trooper Thomas Giffie #105
- Trooper Jeremy Strack #254
- Trooper Andrew Hewitt #138

2013 Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

Distinguished Service Awards - Retirees: (18)

- Steve Ayres, Captain – 31 Years
- Julie Maaske, Captain – 26 Years
- Randy Morehead, Lieutenant – 27 Years
- James Brady, Sergeant – 33 Years
- Patrick Tobey, Sergeant – 29 Years
- Gregory Kallhoff, Investigative Sergeant – 30 Years
- Thomas Reinhart, Investigative Sergeant – 29 Years
- Steven Kolb, Investigator – 32 Years
- Lorri Rogers, Investigator -29 Years
- Myron Bell, Trooper – 12 Years
- Steven Gill, Trooper – 29 Years
- Dennis Griffiths, Trooper – 25 Years
- Vince Hernandez, Trooper – 32 Years
- Randolph Pollard, Trooper – 26 Years
- Michael Soderberg, Trooper – 32 Years
- Pete Moreno, Staff Assistant I – 13 Years
- Georgia Regas, Staff Assistant – 39 Years
- David Smith, Communication Specialist I – 38 Years

Military Service: (2)



- Trooper Jared Dusatko #174 – United States Army
- Trooper Brandon Wilkie #464 – United States Army Reserve

2013 Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

Public Service Award: (5)

- Carlos Barcenas
- Shangon Diang
- Neil Gruhn
- Maria Hines
- Samantha Paige Townsend

Seat Belt Award: (4)

- Vanda McCracken
- Carol Newburn
- Katelyn Woodrum
- Kelli Woodrum

Distinguished Service: (39)

- Sean O'Malley, Communication Specialist
- Marisue Wagner, Federal Aid Administrator II/Supervisor

Eight States Committee



- Lieutenant Jason Dean #149
- Mike Yates, Buyer III
- Lisa Rolik, Buyer II

75th Anniversary Project



75th Anniversary Photography

- Laura Kortum – Staff Assistant I
- Deb Collins – Public Information Officer III
- Mike Meyer, Photography and Cinematographic Specialist

75th Anniversary Yearbook Committee

- Retired Major Ron Witkowski #203
- Captain Jim Parish #328
- Lieutenant Jason Dean #149
- Retired Lieutenant Greg Vandenberg #302
- Sergeant Mike Tobey #428
- Trooper Michael Cerny #680
- Trooper Jon Goode #122
- Trooper Kristine Hunzeker #32
- Lynne Woody, Administrative Assistant II
- Diane Conley, Staff Assistant I
- Barbra Klinetobe, Communications Specialist
- Mandy Rettig, Administrative Assistant I
- Megan Stringer, Security Guard

75th Anniversary Banquet Committee

- Captain Mike Gaudreault #111
- Lieutenant Jason Dean #149
- Lieutenant Jamey Balthazor #333
- Lynne Woody, Administrative Assistant II
- Tim Meguire, Security Guard
- Laura Nettland, Crime Analyst
- Chris Peters, Personnel Officer
- Connie Pierce, Administrative Secretary
- Mandy Rettig, Administrative Assistant I
- Emily Schoenleber, Staff Assistant

75th Anniversary Merchandise Committee

- Lieutenant Jason Dean #149
- Trooper John Coover #271
- Trooper Jeremy Strack #254
- Dave Babcock, Project Manager
- Mary Beaty, Staff Assistant I
- Marty Gollner, Buyer II
- Lisa Rolik, Buyer II
- Mike Yates, Buyer III

Volunteer Service – Nebraska Motor Assist Program (3)

- John Elftmann, Jr. – 2,380 donated hours
- Hans Luthi – 2,100 donated hours
- Larry Simoens – 3,136 donated hours

Retirement Acknowledgement to outside Agencies (5)

- Director Bob Houston, Nebraska Department of Corrections
- Director Bev Neth, Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles
- Dr. Joann Schaefer, Department of Health and Human Services
- Thurman Windham, DEA Agent North Platte
- Russell Zeeb, Sarpy County Lieutenant

Years of Service Awards:

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| • 10 Years - 19 | • 30 Years - 6 |
| • 20 Years - 3 | • 35 Years - 1 |
| • 25 Years - 23 | • 40 Years - 2 |

Certificates of Appreciation – Outside Agencies: (9)

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| • Bendix | • Kramer's Wrecker Service, Inc. |
| • Behlen | • Nebraska Attorney General's Office |
| • Great Western Casualty Company | • Nebraska Peterbilt |
| • Hitz Towing | • Nebraska Trucking Association |
| • Kearney Towing and Repair Center, Inc. | |

2013-2014 Awards Board

- Lieutenant Colonel Tom Schwarten #202 – Chairperson
- Major Russell Stanczyk #157
- Captain Frank Peck #438
- Lieutenant Lynn Williams #183
- Sergeant Kevin Waugh #458
- Trooper Kayla Farrell #23
- Research Manager Nicole Moran

2013 - 2015 Safety Practice

- Lieutenant Colonel Tom Schwarten #202 – Chairperson
- Lieutenant Jamey Balthazor #333
- Lieutenant David Dishong #93
- Lieutenant Jim Stover #455
- Sergeant Fred Storm #251
- Trooper Matthew Eischeid #10
- Trooper James Estwick #216
- Trooper Paul Hazard #593
- Trooper Rob Pelster #404
- Fred King, Attorney III #601

2013 Employment Review Board

- Lieutenant Dennis Leonard #130 - Chairperson
- Lieutenant William Keeling #90
- Sergeant Jeffery Wilcynski #285
- Investigator Tami Otto #305
- Investigator Jessica Wenzl #686
- Trooper Keith Bell #574
- Trooper Pedram Nabegh #314
- Trooper Curt Prohaska #431
- Sarah Millsap, Attorney III (Non-Voting Consultant)
- Tami Ringland, Coordinator

2013 – 2015 Fitness For Duty / Wellness

- Captain Mike Gaudreault #111 – Chairperson
- Lieutenant Bill Keeling #90– Vice-Chairperson
- Lieutenant Jason Dean #149
- Lieutenant Brenda Konfrst #376
- Lieutenant Jim Stover #455
- Sergeant Tony Kavan #340
- Sergeant Tom Meola #269
- Sergeant Kevin Waugh #458
- Investigator Tim Stopak #344
- Trooper Wendy Brehm #452
- Trooper Dennis Frey #91
- Jerry Lee Jensen, Human Resources Administrator
- Wendy Wussow, Legal Counsel

2013 MDC Replacement

- Lieutenant Jeff Wilcynski #285 – Chairperson
- Investigator Todd Wiley #245
- Trooper Nathan Darmento #17
- Trooper Gregory Goltz #316
- Trooper Michael Maytum #207
- David Babcock, IT Project Manager
- Suzy Fredrickson, IT Manager
- Pam Kunzman, IT Manager
- Travis Oliva, Electronics Technician/Senior
- Deb Wingrove, IT Infrastructure Support Analyst
- Mike Yates, Buyer III

2013 – 2014 NSP Strategic Planning

- Captain Mike Gaudreault #111 – Chairperson
- Lieutenant Bill Keeling #90 – Vice Chairperson
- Lieutenant Jon Beckstead #527
- Lieutenant Jason Dean #149
- Lieutenant Jon Kraai #247
- Lieutenant Scott Kracl #170
- Carol Aversman, Controller
- Pam Kunzman, IT Manager
- Nicole Moran, Research Manager
- Wendy Wussow, Legal Counsel
- Pam Zilly, Crime lab

2013 – 2015 Digital Media/Records Management System/Records Retention

- Captain Kevin Knorr #123 – Chairperson
- Lieutenant Jon Kraai #247 – Vice-Chairperson
- Lieutenant Jason Dean #149
- Sergeant Brent Bockstadter #127
- Sergeant Eric Jones #57
- Sergeant Jeromy McCoy #265
- Sergeant Tom Meola #269
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