

ANNUAL REPORT

NEBRASKA STATE PATROL



2024 - The Year in Review

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LETTER FROM COLONEL JOHN BOLDUC

Dear Friends,

As public servants, the sworn and professional staff of the Nebraska State Patrol take pride in serving our great state. Our 700+ team members bring outstanding and well-coordinated public safety service to all 93 counties in Nebraska. Many people think of a Trooper in uniform patrolling our roadways when they think of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). Of course, this agency is much more than that. Our professional staff serve in Dispatch, the Forensic Crime Laboratory, the Criminal Identification Division, Administrative Services, and Information Technology. All these disciplines work together to bring experience, technology, and knowledge to solve some of the most challenging problems facing public safety today.

Recruiting sworn officers has proven to be a significant challenge across the country, and NSP is not immune to this issue. Our Human Resources team, along with a cadre of Troopers and Investigators, have worked hard to innovate and bring resources to bear on a difficult job market. Their hard work continues to this day. If you are interested in joining this dedicated team, please visit www.nebraskatroopers.com.

In the last year, our outstanding team increased arrests for serious offenses (felonies), impaired driving, and other offenses that impact the safety and quality of life in our great state. Utilizing advanced technology, we weighed more commercial vehicles, cleared accident scenes faster, and improved processing of evidence in our Crime Lab. All of this was accomplished with fewer people in our agency.

We look forward to continued success in our recruiting and hiring process, staying on the cutting edge of public safety technology, and providing outstanding service to all 93 counties in Nebraska. Thank you for your continued support of our men and women in uniform, as well as our excellent professional staff, as they continue to serve Nebraska!

Sincerely,

Col. John A. Bolduc



Colonel
John Bolduc



Lieutenant Colonel
Andrew Duis

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NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

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

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

Administrative Services is under the direction of Major Russell Lewis. Those divisions assigned to Major Lewis include the following: Accounting, Information Technology, Criminal Identification, Supply/Radio Engineering, Research & Planning, Purchasing, the Statewide Radio System, Communications, Wellness, and the Crime Lab. Administrative Services includes both sworn and professional staff who deliver essential support functions to the agency. These support services are vital for the agency's overall functionality and success.

Major Jeff Wilcynski commands the Eastern Division, which consists of Troop A – Omaha, Troop B – Norfolk, Troop H – Lincoln, and the Capitol Security Division. The Capitol Security Division is responsible for securing the Nebraska State Capitol Building and nine other government buildings housing 40 different state agencies. This division's biggest priority is keeping the 100,000 Capitol visitors safe, as well as state senators, their staff, and all the state employees who work in the Capitol daily. The Patrol Division provides professional law enforcement services to our citizens and allied partners throughout the 48 counties within the Eastern Division.

The Central Division is under the direction of Major Jeff Pelowski and encompasses the Investigative Services Division, the Special Operations Division, and the Carrier Enforcement Division. Uniformed Troopers and Investigators from these divisions continue their professional service by providing comprehensive law enforcement services to our citizens and allied partners. The Carrier Enforcement Division continues upgrading the technology used at their permanent scales in North Platte and Waverly, which leads to improved highway safety for our motoring public. In November 2024, the Nebraska State Patrol received two new Bearcats (armored vehicles), which are set to enhance public safety and tactical operations. The installation and training for a chemical delivery system were completed in December 2024. Once all other installations are finished, one Bearcat will be staged in Lincoln, NE, while the second will be stationed in Ogallala, NE.

The Western Division is provided leadership by Major Roby. Along with Troop C – Grand Island, Troop D – North Platte, and Troop E – Scottsbluff, the Western Division also has the responsibility of providing training to NSP personnel through the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy located in Grand Island. The training academy continues to offer two basic classes a year to make every effort to recruit and retain the quality expected by the citizens of Nebraska. The troop areas continue to work with our law enforcement partners throughout the vast central and western landscape of Nebraska to provide traffic safety and strive to combat crime in our rural communities.



Major Russell Lewis
Administrative Services



Major Jeffrey Wilcynski
Eastern Division



Major Jeffrey Pelowski
Central Division



Major Jeffrey Roby
Western Division

COMPASSION

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

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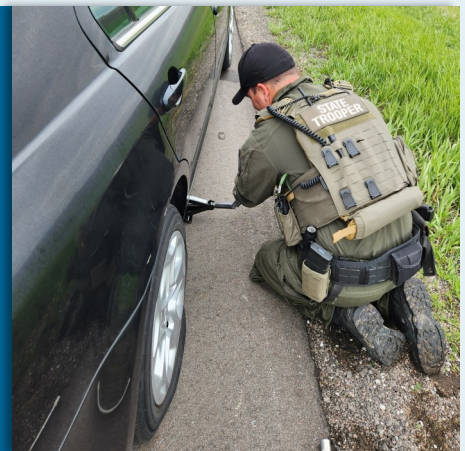


In July, Troop C went above and beyond to assist the Cambridge football team when their bus broke down on I-80. The Troopers ensured the team's safety and well-being, demonstrating their dedication to helping others in times of need.



The year 2024 began with challenging blizzard conditions, leaving many stranded across the state. Troopers worked tirelessly to help hundreds of motorists in need, showing unwavering dedication and compassion.

Trooper Potthoff exemplified the spirit of selflessness in 2024 by assisting countless motorists in distress, offering a helping hand when it was needed most.

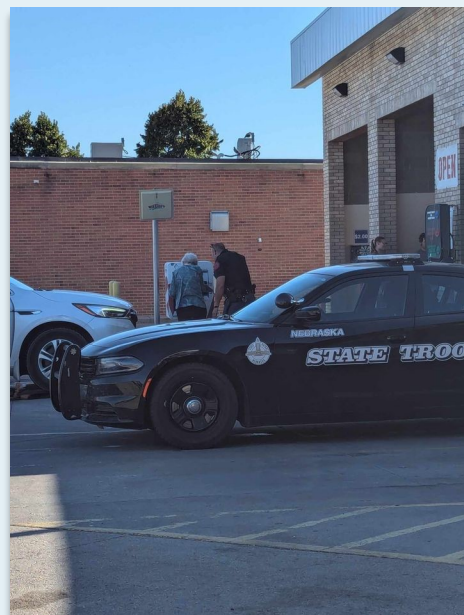


COMPASSION



In a moment of deep honor and respect, Troopers led the procession for Officer Bartlett, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty in April, showing compassion and solidarity as they escorted him to his final resting place.

Trooper Zost brightens the days of preschoolers in Syracuse with his visits, sharing a connection built on compassion and making a lasting impact on young hearts.



Caught in a moment of service, Trooper Dusatko received heartfelt appreciation from the public for this act of kindness, helping someone navigate a car wash machine in a time of need.

DILIGENCE

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



In Northeast Nebraska, after two major snow storms, Trooper Banks paid tribute to Patrolman Frerichs' iconic photo from the 1949 blizzard, reflecting the commitment of troopers to adapt to changing conditions while serving with diligence and pride.

Trooper McAcy proudly showcased his patrol unit during an event in Troop A, demonstrating the care and attention to detail that goes into every aspect of law enforcement service.



In May, multiple Troopers were recognized at the MADD Heroes Awards for their persistent and diligent work in removing impaired drivers from Nebraska's roads, ensuring the safety of all travelers.



DILIGENCE

Always prepared, Trooper Poppe captured a moment after responding to a crash during a dust storm in Troop H, illustrating the quick response and attention to detail required in every situation.



Trooper Donner and K9 Tilt received recognition from the National Tactical Officers Association for their exemplary diligence and teamwork during a high-stress SWAT call, demonstrating their unwavering dedication to protecting the community.

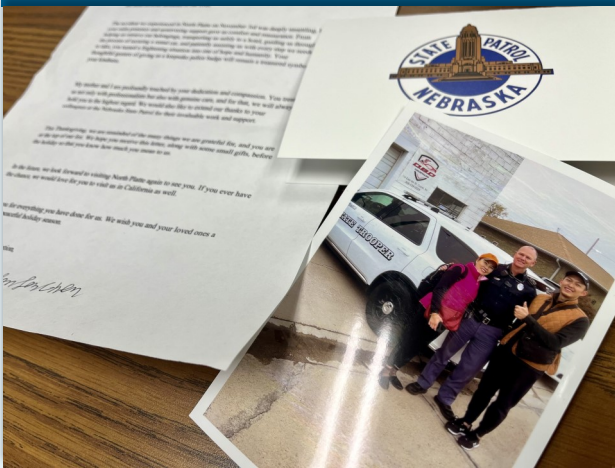
The evidence after the execution of a well-coordinated search warrant underscores the dedication of NSP in protecting the community and preventing harm through strategic and thorough efforts.



TEAMWORK

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

Troop D received heartfelt thanks after Trooper Hayes and his team coordinated a major assist showing the power of teamwork in ensuring the safety of the public.



Lt. Travis Wallace partnered with Conservation Officer Brandon Wallace to assist in a deer capture and release operation, ensuring safety and efficiency for both the wildlife and the public.



NSP Dispatch is the backbone of support, always ready to respond with precision and coordination, ensuring that every call is answered swiftly and with the teamwork that keeps Nebraska safe.



Trooper Evans and several NSP representative shared a day of connection and camaraderie with the community at Cops and Bobbers in Kearney, NE, building lasting relationships through teamwork and outreach.



TEAMWORK



Husker Gameday requires seamless teamwork from multiple divisions, ensuring a safe environment for both fans and players alike, with NSP working together for a smooth and secure experience.

Trooper Barrios and Pena enjoyed engaging with the community at a Trunk or Treat event in Troop C, fostering connections and inspiring future Troopers through teamwork and positive interactions.



Teamwork was on full display when the new Troop D headquarters sign arrived in North Platte, NE, marking the collaborative effort of NSP to continue serving the community with excellence.



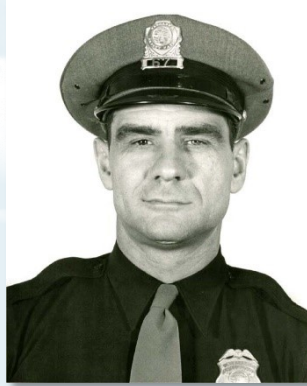
Trooper Josh Emhovick, Katie Havlicek, Jolene Moore, and Sgt. Stacie Lundgren were honored with Leadership Awards, recognizing their commitments to teamwork and collaborative leadership within the Nebraska State Patrol.



IN MEMORIAM



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



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



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



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



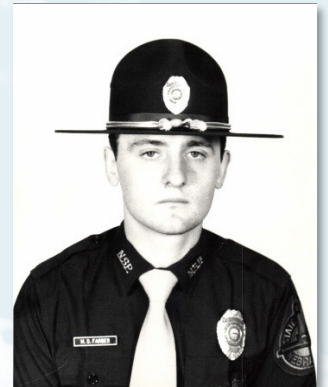
Trooper Duane F. Nichols
Badge: #133
Appointed: 11-15-50
Deceased: 07-24-57



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



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



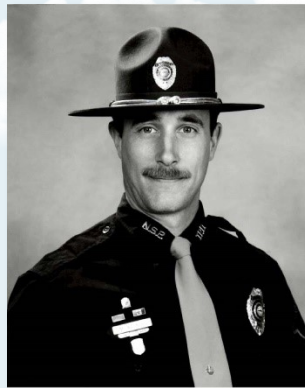
Trooper Michael D. Farber
Badge: #427
Appointed: 11-03-78
Deceased: 08-24-80



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



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



Trooper Mark P. Wagner
Badge: #168
Appointed: 11-10-86
Deceased: 03-04-99

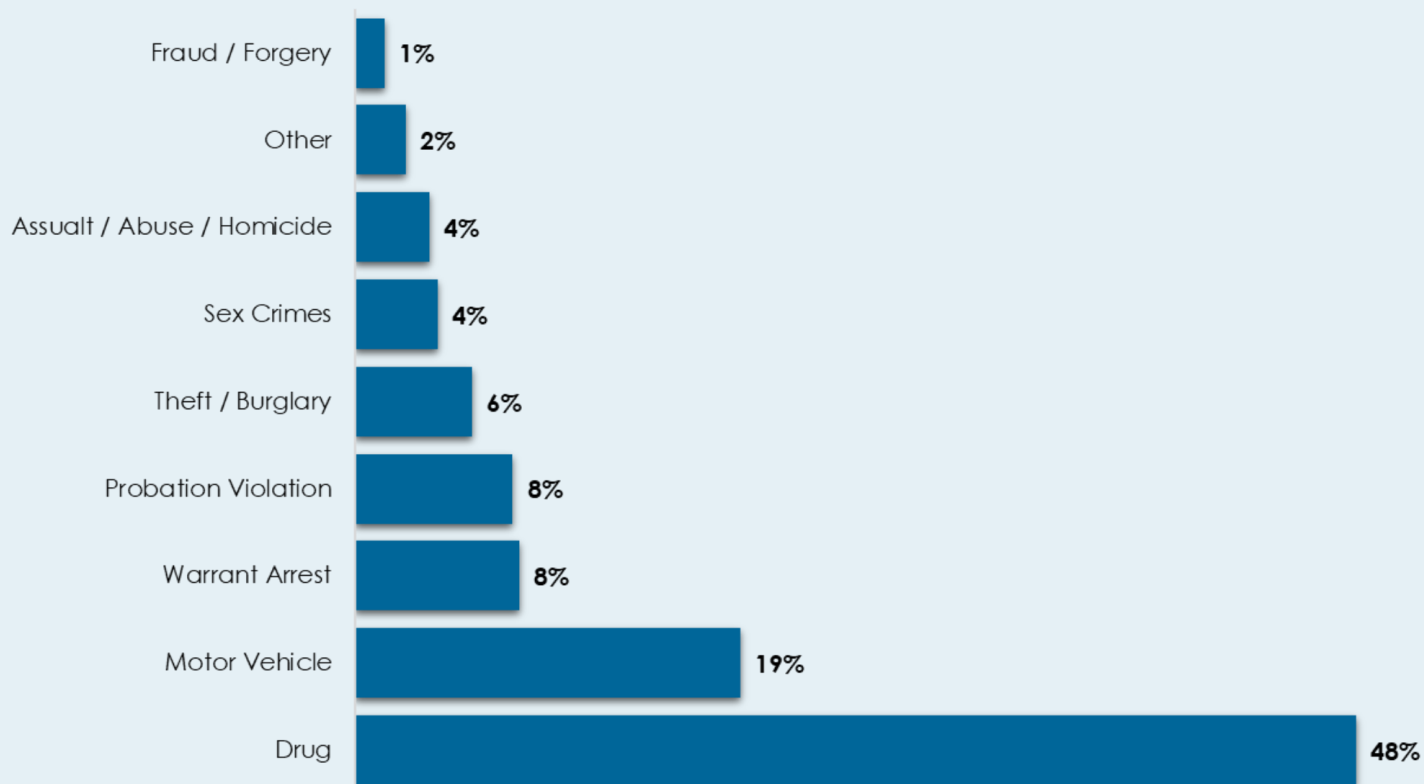


Trooper Jerry Smith
Badge: #373
Appointed: 05-01-15
Deceased: 06-20-19

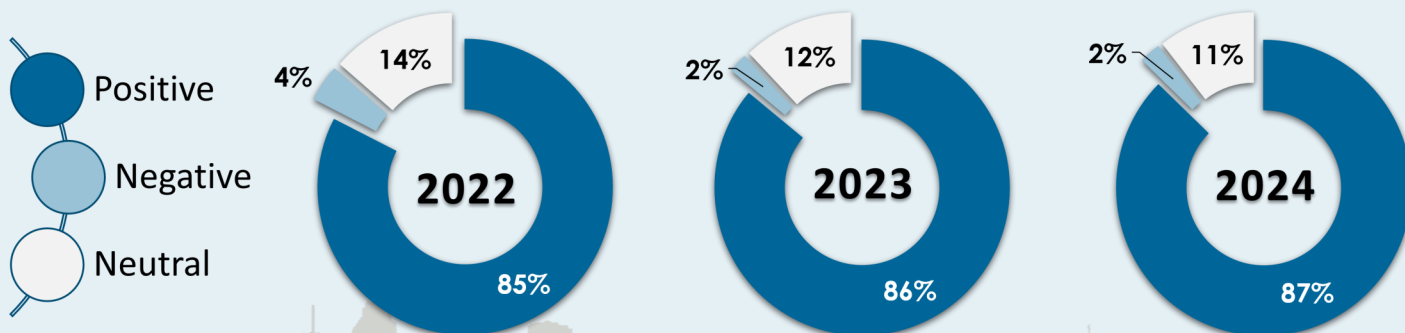
IN REVIEW

	2022	2023	2024
Traffic Stop Total	116,434 ↑	126,046 ↑	131,071 ↑
Calls for Service	191,575 ↑	210,215 ↑	219,037 ↑
Felony Arrest	1,367 ↓	1,384 ↑	1,467 ↑
Community Service Hours	17,330 ↑	13,367 ↓	12,528 ↓
Criminal Cases submitted to Crime Lab	5,136 ↓	5,121 ↓	5,464 ↑

Felony Arrest



Media Sentiment



Command Staff

Superintendent

- Colonel John Bolduc

Assistant Superintendent

- Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Duis

Administrative Services

- Major Russell Lewis

Operations East

- Major Jeffrey Wilczynski

Operations Central

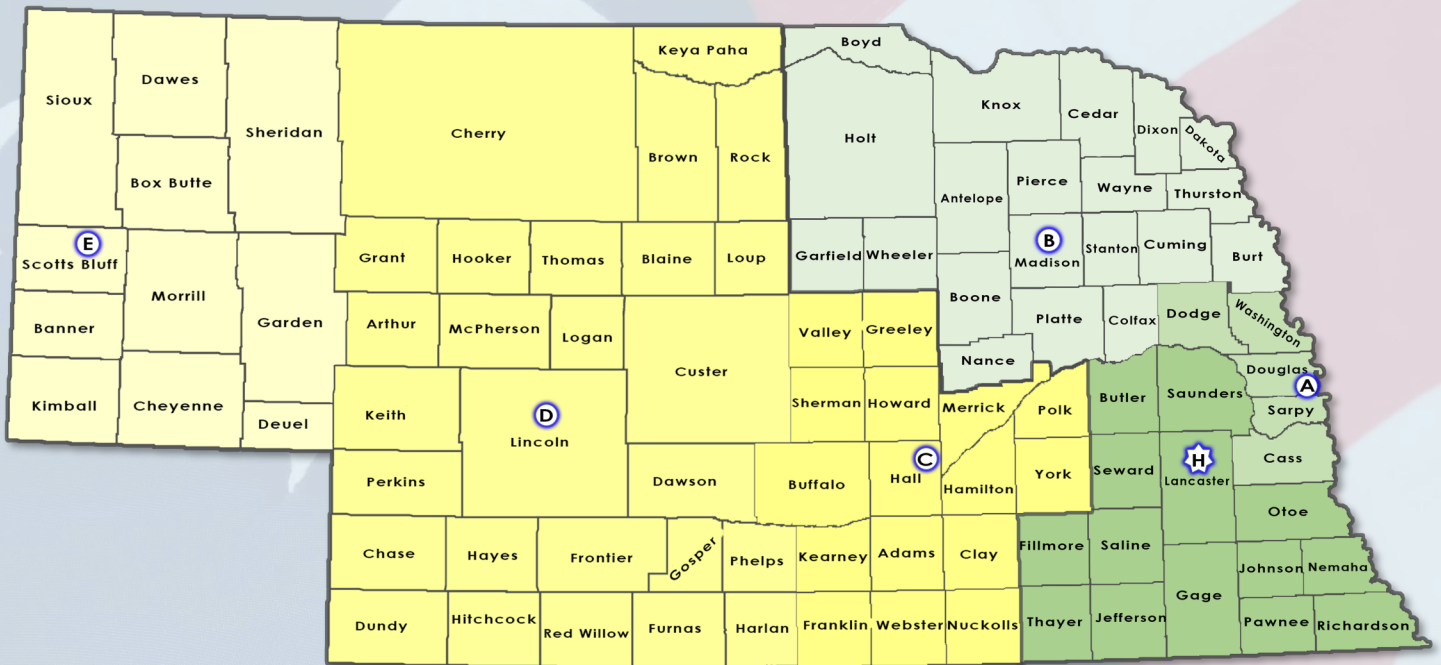
- Major Jeffrey Pelowski

Operations West

- Major Jeffrey Roby

Troop Areas

Omaha	1.402.331.3333	A
Norfolk	1.402.370.3456	B
Grand Island	1.308.385.6000	C
North Platte	1.308.535.8047	D
Scottsbluff	1.308.632.1211	E
Lincoln	1.402.471.4680	HQ
Lincoln	1.402.471.4545	SHQ
Nebraska State Patrol Help Line		
1.800.525.5555		*55



VALUE STATEMENT

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

