

2000 ANNUAL REPORT



Following the road to excellence in the new millenium
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Mike Johanns
Governor

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend greetings and best wishes to the Nebraska State Patrol as we enter a new millennium. As Governor, I am proud of the services the Nebraska State Patrol provides to the citizens of Nebraska.

The year 2000 was no exception. What were dreams have now become a reality. A new state of the art weigh station opened near Waverly, Nebraska. This allows for pre-pass and weigh-in-motion technology. The Sex Offender Registry community notification system began providing information to the public about high-risk offenders. Add to the list the latest crime fighting tool offered the State of Nebraska, DNA testing.

With these new advances, one must reflect on past eras. The 45th Basic Recruit camp was the last to train at the Training Academy in Lincoln, Nebraska. The collocation of the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy with the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island will provide the latest technology to train our new officers.

This annual report reflects the continued accomplishments being made by all men and women of the Nebraska State Patrol. These achievements, along with others, will continue to enhance the services provided to the State of Nebraska.

Best wishes for continued success in the 21st century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Johanns".

Mike Johanns
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA



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Dear Citizens and Friends of Nebraska:

The Nebraska State Patrol is pleased to issue the 2000 Annual Report. Public safety is our number one priority. Our value, mission and philosophy statements reflect our belief that public safety is incomplete without a firm commitment to public service. We are continually analyzing our operations to ensure public safety. This is both challenging and rewarding in providing quality law enforcement services to the citizens and guests of the State of Nebraska.

As we examine current goals and look to the future, we recognize the need for continued growth in terms of human resources, equipment, technology and programs. Our employees, who are our greatest assets, will have the opportunity to grow as the agency grows. This will include personal development through education, job enhancements and promotional opportunities.

On behalf of all members of the Nebraska State Patrol, I pledge continued commitment to ensure our guests and citizens are well served.

Sincerely,

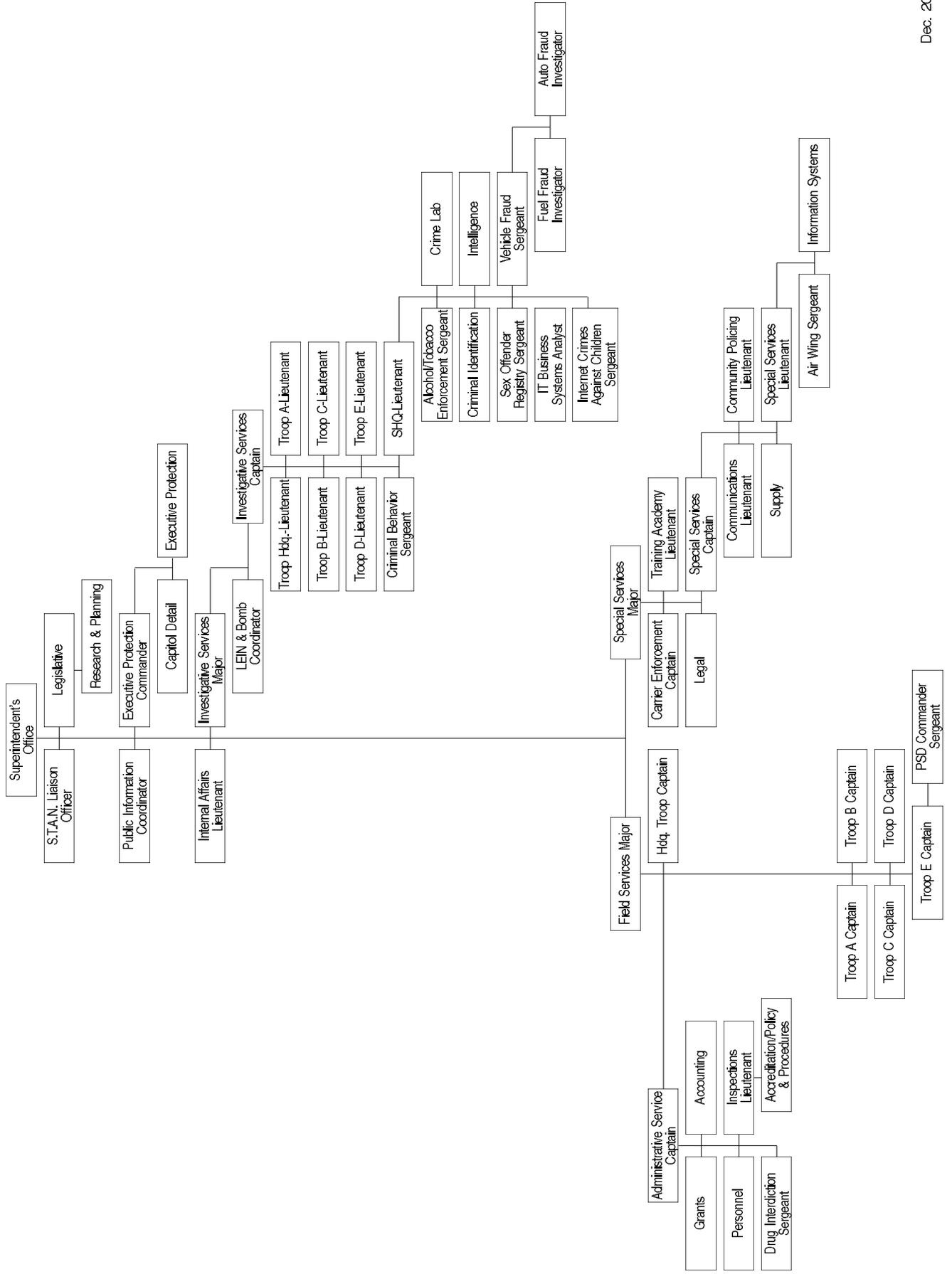
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Tom Nesbitt, Colonel
Superintendent

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Nebraska State Patrol



Goals

The goals of the Nebraska State Patrol are to:
Enforce federal, state, and local laws.

1. Provide a safe environment within the State of Nebraska by educating, assisting, and protecting the public.
2. Provide appropriate response and assistance in emergencies.
3. Promote interagency coordination and cooperation in matters of public assistance and community concerns.
4. Initiate and assist in investigations of criminal activity.
5. Provide assistance to the criminal justice community through effective, organized, and timely support services.
6. Encourage, develop, and provide innovative educational and enforcement programs and procedures using efficient and effective administration of available resources.
7. Encourage the public's involvement in our efforts through the solicitation of comments and ideas, measurement of public opinion, and participation in educational crime prevention and voluntary compliance programs.
8. Develop the potential of all employees through continued training opportunities and improved work environments.
9. Continuously evaluate the effectiveness of our efforts.

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 Nebraska State Patrol 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 Nebraska State Patrol.

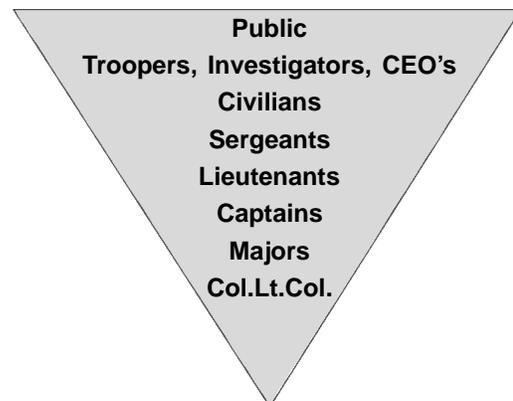
Nebraska State Patrol Management Philosophy

The Nebraska State Patrol expects to be a lead agency in addressing issues and concepts confronting Nebraska law enforcement agencies.

As such, Nebraska State Patrol personnel are encouraged to identify issues in their respective communities and actively participate in resolving them.

The agency will focus on initiatives to enhance the leadership qualities of individual employees, and to strengthen the agency's commitment to assist others.

The inverted triangle represents the Patrol's management philosophy which symbolizes the foundation for the Patrol to continue on "the road to excellence".



Pro Bono Publico

“For the Good of the Public”

State Patrol Administration



Col. Tom Nesbitt



Lt. Colonel Mike Behm



**Maj. Bryan Tuma
Special Services**



**Maj. Andy Anderson
Field Services**



**Maj. Gale Griess
Investigative Services**



**Capt. Bill Hobbs
Special Services**



**Capt. Kevin Stukenholtz
Field Services**



**Capt. Bob Thorson
Investigative Services**



**Lt. Jane Tooley
Special Services**



**Lt. Judy Bailey
Special Services**

Nebraska State Patrol
Core Values
Elements of Distinction

- ◆ Honesty
- ◆ Professionalism
- ◆ Self-Discipline
- ◆ Officer Safety
- ◆ Attention to Detail
- ◆ Sense of Urgency
- ◆ Adaptability
- ◆ Performance Driven
- ◆ Team Oriented

Source: Adopted from Ohio Highway Patrol

Nebraska State Patrol
Call to Service

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** in 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.

Source: Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy

As a New Era Begins, We Say Good-bye to An Old.....

This section is dedicated to the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Lincoln.



**Lt. Julie Maaske
Commander**

Since 1937, all sworn officers of the Nebraska State Patrol have received their Basic Recruit Training at either Camp Ashland or the Training Academy in the Lincoln Airpark. The year 2000 marks a significant event in the history of the Nebraska State Patrol Training Division as Class #45 was the last Basic Recruit Class to be held at the Lincoln Facility.

The next class will begin their training in August 2001 at the new training facility in Grand Island.

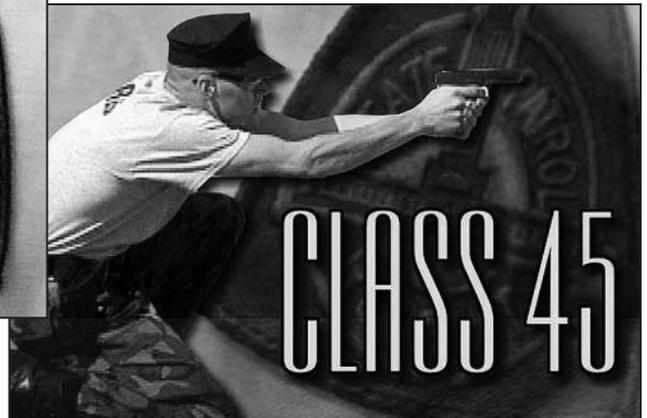
The year 2000 marked a milestone in the Nebraska State Patrol. So let us collectively reflect on this chapter in our history. There have literally been hundreds of new Troopers and Carrier Enforcement Officers who have begun their careers with this agency through the initial Basic Recruit Training at these facilities. The one common thread among all of these new officers was the desire for effective training and a Training Academy staff who ensured excellence in training with an emphasis on professionalism.

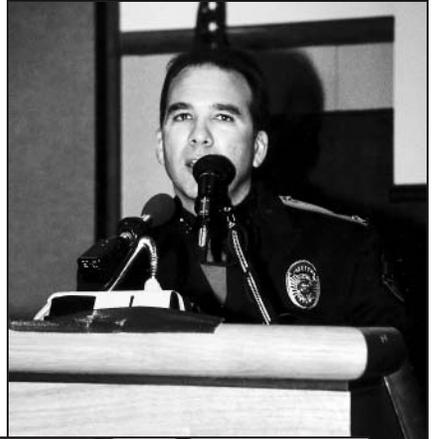
In 1997, a re-dedication was made to the traditional values of the State Patrol by implementing the Nebraska State Patrol Core Values. Each recruit must conduct themselves in accordance with these

“Elements of Distinction.” These are the standards by which they are expected to perform during Basic Recruit Training and upon becoming a sworn member of the agency.

Class #45 began new traditions of their own. Previously, recruits wore khaki uniforms. The new training uniform consists of a black pair of slacks and a white uniform shirt complete with military creases and epaulets. In the place of a badge, the recruits wear a State Patrol patch on the left front side of the shirt. The Nebraska State Patrol Call to Service was implemented with Class #45. The Call to Service is the factual basis as to what they are preparing for and why they are here. The Core Values serve as the foundation for the Call to Service and re-emphasize the purpose, scope and focus of their training.

Classroom instruction, too, has changed. We continue as a paramilitary organization, however, instruction at the Training Academy has become more focused on problem-based and hands-on training, less lecture and instructor lead presentations. All aspects of training attempt to prepare a recruit for the job he or she will perform once graduated from the academy. Therefore, the instruction is very job related and specific with as many simulated experiences as possible. The structure of the instruction is aimed at achieving a greater retention level by each recruit. Also implemented to achieve greater retention, two, two-week recall sessions have been scheduled into the training process for the first time within Patrol history. These recall sessions allow a probationary trooper and probationary carrier enforcement officer the opportunity to immediately make application of specific information gained during the recall session.





Air Wing Division



**Sgt. Keith Rodaway
Commander**

In 2000, the Air Wing Division was airborne more than 1,200 hours with three Cessna 182RG airplanes and one Bell Helicopter. If the Air Wing was a point-to-point operation, the 1,200 hours would have covered almost 200,000 miles.

As a support unit, the Air Wing Division was involved in many different activities. Approximately 400 hours were spent observing traffic violations, while Troopers made contacts on the ground. More than 8,000 written contacts were made during these 400 hours.

The aircrafts are used extensively during University of Nebraska football games. With a coordinated effort with the ground officers, we have virtually eliminated accidents associated with the football traffic.

With the ability to travel at twice the Interstate Speed limit of 75 mph,

the Air Wing Division responded to many requests for assistance. These included several FLIR requests and aerial surveillance. One assignment, at a location northwest of McCook, Nebraska, was reached in less than two hours from Lincoln.

Another support function during the year 2000 was the transportation of Patrol personnel. Many trips were made that saved travel expenses and time away from the office. Ninety-five hours were spent performing this mission.

AIR WING			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
Hours of transportation	228.6	95.0	-58.4%
Hours assisting criminal and drug division	9.2	25.7	179.3%
Hours assisting other agencies	56.9	25.4	-55.4%
Hours of traffic enforcement	289.5	405.0	39.9%
Charges from aerial patrol:			
Summons	2,338	2,949	26.1%
Violations	961	1,160	20.7%
Warnings	2,942	3,939	33.9%
Total Charges	6,241	8,048	29.0%

Air Wing activity was down in 1999 because of required training for all pilots and the Whiteclay incident.

Communications Division



**Lt. R.R. Kastanek
Commander**

The responsibilities of the Lincoln Communications Division are many. In addition to providing radio communications to the 23 counties that comprise the Headquarters Troop area, the twelve communications dispatchers also field many incoming public access telephone lines. These include: the 800 Highway Help line, State Crimestoppers, the

“School” hotline, Operation Game Thief, and the Marijuana Hotline. They are the contact point for Nebraska’s two nuclear power plants regarding emergencies. They are responsible for updating the Weather and Road Conditions recorded message.

They maintain a direct line to the State Penitentiary/Warden’s office, monitor national and state early warning systems. They help coordinate the debriefings for the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). They are also required to locate and notify proper personnel such as food inspectors, State Fire Marshals, and Dept. of Roads State Shops (deteriorating road conditions) as incidents warrant. After regular business hours and on weekends and holidays they answer the phones for Dept. of Environmental Quality Control, State Crime Lab, and the Liquor Commission, in addition to the Patrol’s regular calls to our main number of 471-4545.

The division is also responsible for the statewide message switcher, which links more than 100 law enforcement/criminal justice agencies to other state and national databases. The Nebraska network is known as the Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN). The Communications Division of the Nebraska State Patrol in Lincoln is

the designated National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Control Terminal Agency (CTA). The switcher is also interfaced with the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), which allows for the rapid exchange of criminal justice related information from the other states. The CTA, with two Training Specialists, is mandated by the FBI to conduct agency audits, instruct and certify the over 2000 terminal operators that utilize the NCIC system and acts as the central point of contact for all the end users on any aspect of the NCIC system.

The division also maintains public relations through dissemination of shoulder patches and written correspondence to those who are collectors interested in law enforcement.

Accomplishments:

The statewide upgrade of the network to TCP/IP is 95% finished, with some work still to be done in Lincoln and Omaha.

- Communications worked throughout the year with the Lincoln Police Department, the Buffalo County/Kearney Police Communications Center, the Sarpy County Communications, Douglas County, Dakota County, and Gage County, to add Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) to the network.

- The division received a new weather drop from NOAA.
- We received approval to start on the message switcher replacement project.

Awards:

- At the Fall 2000 NESCA Conference in October, Training Specialist II Thomas Prevo and Training Specialist I Lawrence Gibbons each received the NESCA President's Award.
- At the same meeting, Lt. R.R. Kastanek received the Jud Reed Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Communications Specialists I Marvin Louthan and Charles Oden received their 30-year Service Awards.

COMMUNICATIONS			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
Total teletype messages for all Nebraska Law Enforcement Agencies	37,072,205	40,491,510	9.2%
Average teletype messages for a day from all Nebraska Law Enforcement Agencies	101,568	110,936	9.2%
Messages sent	419,454	441,205	5.2%
Messages received	1,525,068	1,659,389	8.8%
Number of positive identifications (Hits)-NCIC	341	371	8.8%
Number of positive identifications (Hits)-NCIS	731	965	32.0%
Incident reports received	37,167	36,874	-0.8%
Number of emergency highway help calls received	12,182	13,431	10.3%

Community Policing Division

There are three essential components of community policing:

1. **Community Partnership** - this element recognizes the importance and necessity of bringing the people of the community into the policing process. Law enforcement cannot solve all of the problems of crime by themselves. It takes community involvement to address crime issues.
2. **Problem Solving** - this element includes identifying the specific concerns that the community members feel are most threatening to their safety and seeking solutions.
3. **Change in Policing Activity** - this recognizes that forging community policing partnerships and implementing problems-solving activities will require new and innovative police projects.

The responsibility of the Community Policing Division and that of the new Community Service Officers in each troop area is to foster the community policing

process between the Nebraska State Patrol and the citizens of the State of Nebraska.

The events and accomplishments by officers across the State of Nebraska are too numerous to list in full. Below are a few highlights.

- The Motorist Assist Program was expanded from the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program in the Omaha area to the Nebraska Motorist Assist Program in the Lincoln area. These volunteer operated programs deal with safety issues of the motoring public during high traffic hours.



**Lt. Jane Tooley
Commander**

- Law enforcement agencies in the Grand Island area initiated the **Citizen Academy** in which citizens take part in law enforcement type training in order to gain insight into law enforcement issues.
- Concern about **underage drinking** led to the development of a variety of programs across the State and an increased cooperation between law enforcement, schools and private segments of the community. These included the Grim Reaper Program, Preliminary Breath Testing at school functions, mock accidents, compliance checks of liquor establishments, selective enforcement activities and many more.
- **School safety** issues have led to an increased effort by schools and law enforcement to develop school crisis management plans. Law enforcement officers are serving on safety committees for many of the schools throughout the State. The Nebraska State Patrol has worked with the Dept. of Education in the development of training for law enforcement and school officials through the Governor's Conference on Youth Violence. The Adopt-a-School program has been initiated state wide to increase officer awareness and involvement in school issues, personnel and students.
- **Cultural sensitivity and awareness** has been a major effort in the area of community policing. All of the troop areas have been involved in education and outreach activities. Brent LaRock of the Bureau of Indian Affairs presented a program for law enforcement officers in Valentine. Efforts have been made to begin a Neighborhood Watch program in Santee. Officers are serving on several minority boards and community meetings have been held to increase minority involvement in law enforcement issues. These include the Latino Public Relations Committee, the Indian Committee in Alliance, the White Clay Border Tiosbia Committee, community meetings in Homer, Winnebago and Walthill and many more.
- **Child safety** issues have been addressed through many school safety programs and programs for parents. Presentations and displays at events such as Kid's Explore and Vehicle Day have increased the youth's involvement with members of the Nebraska State Patrol. Thousands of youth have been fingerprinted and identification cards given to parents throughout the State.
- Many projects have been developed to deal with the issues of **industrial and commercial safety**.
- Joint projects between the State Patrol and the community include; cooperatives between Carrier Enforcement and the Nebraska Trucking Association addressing motor carrier safety issues, classes with the Nebraska Jewelry Association have been conducted across the State to provide information on retail safety, Nebraska Public Power District requested safety programs for over 600 of their employees on industrial issues as did many other companies of different sizes.
- **Chemical dependency** issues have been addressed through literally thousands of programs conducted by investigators and troopers across the State. These programs have been presented to people of all ages in schools, churches, PTA's, youth groups, service organizations and many more.
- Many **traffic enforcement** issues are addressed through community policing activities. Troopers have completed traffic studies on problem intersections and worked with the Dept. of Roads on possible solutions. Troopers have worked with many communities in dealing with local traffic safety issues such as the effective use of traffic signs and selective enforcement activities. Many DWI initiatives have been conducted to increase awareness, prevention and enforcement.
- Events and programs such as the **Nebraska State Fair, Husker Harvest Days, DARE, Junior Law and Punt, Pass & Kick**, as well as many county fairs, parades and festivals throughout the State of Nebraska, have brought the Nebraska State Patrol closer to the people of Nebraska. These activities encourage questions and conversation between citizens and members of the Nebraska State Patrol.



The Nebraska State Patrol is committed to the community policing philosophy in working with the citizens of the State of Nebraska in addressing public safety issues.

Executive Protection



**Capt. Lloyd Hansen
Commander**

Our Division is responsible for the protection of the Governor, his family, the Governor's Residence, court security for the Supreme and Appeals Courts while in session and security for the Legislature while they are in session. We work very close with the Building Security Division of the Department of Administrative Services.

This past year the Governor's schedule has taken us to every corner of the State and on Trade Missions to Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Australia. We are assisted with the instate travel by members of the different Troop Area SWAT Teams, Traffic Divisions, Criminal Divisions and the K-9 Division.

The Supreme and Appeals Courts have had a variety of cases before them. We have traveled to Omaha, Norfolk, Kearney and North Platte with the Appeals Court. The Supreme Court has met at the University of Lincoln Law College and the University of Creighton Law College in Omaha.

The Legislature met for a sixty-day term. With the assistance from each Troop Area, we provide two uniformed troopers to provide security while they are in session as well as committee hearings. There is always debate about purposed laws and we deal with a variety of different groups, individuals, lobbyists and the news media.

We work closely with the Criminal Division to handle the criminal cases that we get involved with. The Behavioral Analysis Section of the Criminal Division works with our Division on letters that are received by the different elected and state officials.

On May 3, 2000, Trooper Michael Jahnke was presented a Meritorious Achievement Award from the West Central Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for his exemplary service in the successful investigation and prosecution of "Operation Grand Central" by Governor Johanns. Trooper Jahnke was assigned to the Drug Division as an undercover officer prior to his present assignment with our Division.



Governor Mike Johanns and First Lady Stephanie Johanns with members of the detail and Col. Nesbitt.

Finance and Accounting Division



John Little, Commander

The Finance and Accounting Division is responsible for handling and monitoring the financial affairs of the Nebraska State Patrol. The following are some of the duties and responsibilities of the division:

- Analyze and project agency needs and estimate costs for the preparation of budget request.
- Review and monitor the expenditure of funds to insure compliance with the budgetary authorization.
- Prepare agency budget.
- Advise administration on matters pertaining to fiscal policy.
- Reconcile agency's monthly records with those of DAS.
- Oversee, monitor and maintain employee leave status.
- Prepare and maintain all information for processing employee payrolls.
- Maintain files on unit repair expenditures.

Finance and Accounting Division (cont'd.)

- Process the payment of all invoices, and maintain records of these payments.
- Maintain drug and criminal report expenditures.
- Provide and maintain information on employee State insurance programs.
- Balance vendor accounts and reconcile the payment of invoices.
- Maintain files on rental and lease purchase agreements.
- Prepare and maintain documentation on money received by the agency.
- Monitor workers compensation payments and adjust payroll accordingly.
- Provide fund, account, program coding of all expenditures.
- Process employee expense vouchers and intrastate documents.
- Perform monthly reconciliation of Federal fund ledgers and request reimbursement from granting agencies.

The Finance and Accounting Division accomplished numerous goals during 2000. The agency experienced several unusual situations during the year which required additional action on the part of the division. Deficit appropriation requests were submitted and justified to the Governor and Legislature for additional funds as a result of expenses incurred at Whiteclay, the increased costs of gasoline, and the additional expenses involved in the co-location of the Training Academy with the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. A budget plan was developed and implemented which allowed the agency to continue to operate during the entire biennium, while still remaining within the approved budgetary appropriation. Numerous requests for the expenditure of funds from the Public Safety Cash Fund were processed, including the required letters being submitted to the Governor for approval. Continuous monitoring of the Public Safety Cash Fund has been required as a result of the increased emphasis on the utilization of these funds.

The formal budget request for the Biennium FY2001-2003 was prepared and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature. The budget request included additional funds for the issues shown in the attachment section.

The employees in the Finance and Accounting Division have been busy in supporting the operations of the agency through the processing of invoices for payment and processing payroll information. These employees processed almost 9,500 documents for payment of normal expenses and over 80,000 payroll transactions during 2000.

In an attempt to further streamline the processing of payment documents and employee expenses reimbursement documents the Finance and Accounting Division coordinated with the Department of Administrative Services Accounting Division on a couple of new initiatives. The Finance and Accounting Division worked with DAS to provide the capability to provide Direct Deposit of employee expense reimbursement directly, thereby reducing the amount of time employees had to wait for their reimbursements. The Finance and Accounting Division also entered into a contract with the Department of Administrative Services in which the agency will conduct the statutory pre-audit function. This has reduced the amount of time in which DAS Accounting Division was involved in processing all payments.

The Finance and Accounting Division coordinated with the Information Technology Division to provide individual employee Vacation and Sick Leave information available through LotusNotes. The two divisions have also been working together to provide the Compensatory Time and Holiday Leave banks through LotusNotes, to be implemented in 2001.

The Finance and Accounting Division has revised the process of making final payments to employees who retire to ensure the accurate and timely final

payments, ensuring that the retiree's annuity payments will begin as scheduled.

The Finance and Accounting Division maintains financial records and processes payments and requests for reimbursements on Federal Grants received by the agency. The Nebraska Office of

Highway Safety recently implemented a mini-grant program which had considerable impact upon the division. The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety traditionally provided one grant for the entire Federal Fiscal Year. With the change in procedure, the agency received a mini-grant for each project. The division was involved in forty-two mini-grants during 2000.

The Finance and Accounting Division also worked closely with the Department of Roads and DAS Material division in the implementation of the Voyager gasoline card and the processing of payments for fuel, supplies and repairs purchased through Voyager.



Barb Jensen is one of the Accounting Clerks.

Grants Division



**Jeannine Rediger
Commander**

To enhance their ability to serve the citizens of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol actively seeks grant funding. This effort is centrally coordinated and administered by the agency's Grants Division. Personnel within the division search for funding sources, coordinate applications for funds and oversee implementation of funded projects.

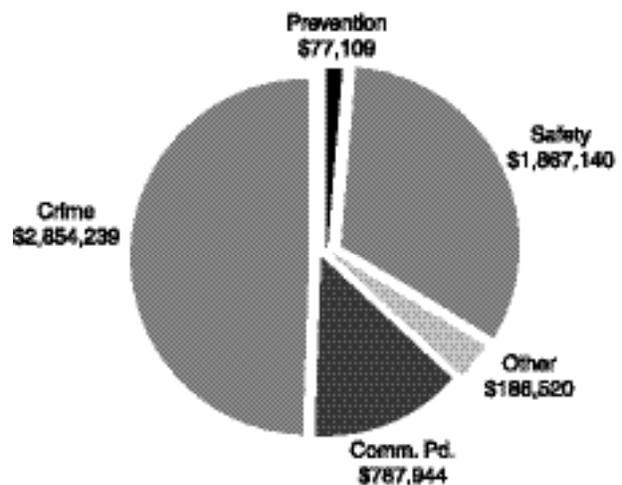
In fiscal year 2000, the agency received \$4,853,738 in federal funding, providing nearly 14% of the agency's financial support. Grant funds supplied salaries for nearly 85 full-time employees. During the past five years, for every \$1 spent in matching funds, the State Patrol received an average of \$5.60 in grant funds.

Federal, state and private grants supplement agency operations in the following ways:

- Salaries for full-time employees are financed by grants.
- Nearly half the grant funds received fund drug and violent crime enforcement efforts.
- Approximately one-third of the grant monies fund traffic safety and enforcement operations.
- Monies also enhance the agency's community policing and crime prevention activities.
- Federal funds supplied bulletproof vests and in-car video cameras to officers across the state.

The division also maintains a liaison with the Nebraska State Patrol Foundation, which is available to receive private donations on behalf of the Patrol.

**Types of Grants and Donations Received
Fiscal Year 2000**



Information Systems Division



**Scott McFall
Acting Commander**

Information Systems is responsible for Information Technology for the entire agency. This includes agency technology direction and guidance, information systems management, data base development and management, data line connectivity, web presence, security, installation maintenance and support.

2000 accomplishments:

- E-Government web presence with the Sex Offender Registry.
- Started work on the NSP 712 electronic reporting.
- Started work bringing the NSP web site "in house"
- Implementation of Lotus Notes statewide paging system.
- Upgrade to Lotus Notes R5.
- Implement an agency wide virus protection strategy.
- Operated on no budget.
- MNI development (from the old LEADS system).
- Implemented an approximate \$12,000 per month (\$144,000 annual) savings on dial up connectivity.

Information Systems Division *(cont'd.)*

- Implemented an approximate \$1,200 per month (\$14,400 annual) savings on data lines by sharing the SONET with Dept. of Roads. This also allowed the Patrol to secure its private network and establish a DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) for public web accessible servers.
- Implemented a gigabit fiber-based server farm
- NSP Information Technology Division(s) service award for Y2K preparedness



NSP Information Systems Division(s) service award for Y2K preparedness. (l to r) Duane Nelson, Ron Adams, Shirley Danahy, Lori Plautz, Bryce Wellnitz, Colonel Nesbitt, Terry Pell, Scott McFall, and Suzy Fredrickson.

Inspections, Policy and Accreditation Divisions

The Inspections, Policy and Accreditation Divisions are responsible for a wide variety of assignments throughout the agency.

The Inspections Division has the duty of traveling the State and inspecting troop areas, divisions, evidence, patrol units, personnel, files, facilities, and computers among other items. These inspections are an on going process and annually include at least one announced and one unannounced inspection of each evidence facility. Along with this, the Inspections Division is responsible for the evidence database. If someone makes a mistake or needs an amendment in the information that was entered, approval must be gained from the Inspections Division Commander prior to any modifications occurring. During the fiscal year of 2000, the Inspections Division conducted three troop area inspections, ten divisional inspections and thirty evidence inspections.

During fiscal year 2000, the Inspections Division also assisted in two different onsite agency assessments for other State Agencies. Agency assessments were conducted on the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. These assessments were to assure their compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

The Policy Division is responsible for maintaining the agency's policy and SOP manuals. These must remain current at all times and at the same time, we must assure we are in compliance with CALEA. The Policy Division is also responsible for archiving policy records and maintaining a history of all changes that have occurred in policy and SOP's for future

reference. During this last fiscal year, the Policy Division completed thirty-seven policy revisions and fifty-one revisions to our SOP's. These included everything from wording changes to completely new policies. This division also produced the new version of the agency's policy manual. This is an annual undertaking that must be kept

current so all officers in the field have the most current policies at their fingertips. Since the policies and SOP's are also computerized, every change that occurs must also be changed in this database. By doing this, anyone within the agency can access this database from their computer and pull up the most current policy or SOP that is available.

In an effort to eventually have all carbon-less forms accessible electronically via the computer, the Policy Division increased the number of forms on the computer by approximately 15% during this last fiscal year. We also provided instruction to the latest recruit camp in the area of policy.

The Accreditation Division has the formidable task of assuring the Nebraska State Patrol maintains its' International Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. This involves staying in compliance with 439



**Lt. Ken Dahlke
Commander**

Inspections, Policy and Accreditation Divisions *(cont'd.)*

standards. With each standard, we must show documentation that we are complying with that standard. This is an on going event even when we are not in a reaccreditation year. These standards must be complied with every day of our accreditation period. As with everything else, these standards change periodically. With that in mind, the Accreditation Division completed the transition from the 3rd Edition CALEA Standards to the 4th Edition CALEA Standards.

Once every three years, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. sends in assessors to spend a week looking through our agencies files, interviewing personnel, inspecting facilities and riding along with officers to make certain the Nebraska State Patrol is complying with all 439 standards, making sure we are actually doing what we are saying we are doing, so we may continue our accredited status.

In addition to our basic assigned duties, the Inspections, Policy and Accreditation Divisions have a variety of other duties.

Our division provides the awards for the agency recognition program that was initiated several years back. During the fiscal year 2000, our division

produced 163 agency awards for presentation. We also assisted in organizing the presentation ceremonies themselves. These awards range from retirement awards to recognition awards for doing an outstanding job on an assignment to seatbelt survivor awards.

The following is a brief summary of other duties performed by the Inspections, Policy and Accreditation Divisions during fiscal year 2000:

- Worked with the County Attorney's Association in an effort to make evidence destruction across the State uniform.
- Assisted with securing funds for the repair of the long term storage building in Grand Island.
- Assisted the Statewide CISM team in the writing of their policies and procedures.
- Assisted the Supply Division with the statewide buyback of the Glock weapons.
- Assisted with several Workplace Violence presentations outside of the agency.
- Assisted the Training Academy and Information Systems in creating the In-service training CD-ROMs for the Agency.

Internal Affairs Division



**Lt. David Sankey
Commander**

The Internal Affairs Division is responsible for ensuring that the agency and it's employee's maintain the professional standards that the citizens of this state have come to expect from the Nebraska State Patrol. The Primary purpose of the Internal Affairs Division is to investigate allegations of employee misconduct. These allegations can be from citizen complaints received from outside the agency or from internal sources. Additionally, the Internal Affairs Division is responsible for reviewing all incidents of use of force and firearms discharges by our officers.

Since Internal Affairs Investigations are strictly confidential, sharing of information is limited. During the year 2000, there was a 28% decline in the number of investigations that were conducted over previous years. This decrease is attributed to good supervision, communication, and current management

philosophies. The in-car video camera is also a factor. A majority of the time, the video tape from an in-car camera demonstrates to complainants that our officers are properly doing their jobs.

The Internal Affairs Division ensures that the Nebraska State Patrol and its employees continue to maintain the high professional standards that the citizens of this state have come to expect from its State Police Agency.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
New cases	62	45	-27.4%
Cases cleared	60	43	-28.3%
Founded	38	19	-50.0%
Unfounded	4	16	300.0%
Not sustained	11	4	-63.6%
Within policy	4	2	-50.0%
Outside policy	0	0	0.0%
Accidental Discharge	2	1	-50.0%
Resignation	1	3	200.0%
Cases still active	2	1	-50.0%

Legal Division



**Steve Shaw
Commander**

The Legal Division of the State Patrol has been an integral part of the Agency since 1973. The staff currently consists of two attorneys having a combined 49 years of service to the State Patrol. One part time law clerk provides assistance. The attorneys provide legal training, assist the agency with employment practices, handle claims and workers'

compensation matters, settle vehicle accident cases, review policy, advise management, draft and review contracts and other legal documents, review legislation, advise officers and prosecutors on criminal and traffic matters, assist with the civil defense of the agency, and handle disciplinary appeals or other administrative hearings involving the agency including sex offender classification appeals.

During 2000, the Legal Division was involved in several notable activities:

- Provided training in basic recruit camp, and in-service training for new investigators, new supervisors, new K-9 handlers, LEIN and Game & Parks officers.
- Provided in-service training in all areas twice to include a legal update, new legislation, and issues relating to racial profiling.
- Participated in the committee studying racial profiling issues and helped develop mechanisms to monitor activity.
- Monitored legislation and provided agency-wide training on new legislation.
- Adopted final revised rules and regulations relating to explosives.
- Adopted final revised rules and regulations relating to sex offender classification for community notification.

- Assisted the Attorney General's office in defending lawsuits against the Agency.
- Assisted claims representatives in defending several pursuit claims.
- Worked with Nebraska Bar Commission on developing legislation for background checks on applicants.
- Began hearings on sex offender risk classification appeals.
- Participated in collective bargaining on the SLEBC labor agreement.
- Handled 2 grievances with hearing officers and one with an arbitrator.
- Handled 22 tort and miscellaneous claims against the agency.
- Handled 198 unit accident cases—most of which involve settlements with insurance companies.
- Processed 127 Workers' Compensation claims.
- Handled 7 new lawsuits against the Agency and gathered evidence for the Attorney General's office.
- Resolved a complaint against the Agency filed with the NEOC.



Attorney Fred King conducting research.

Personnel Division



**Mike Mitchell
Commander**

The duties and responsibilities of the Personnel Division are:

- Confer with agency employees, supervisors and management and advise them on personnel issues, personnel rules, labor contracts, and agency policies and procedures related to personnel matters.
 - Act as liaison with State Personnel and Employee Relations.
 - Administer and coordinate recruitment and selection process for sworn personnel and civilian staff.
 - Administer/coordinate employee grievance process.
 - Administer agency affirmative action plan.
 - Liaison with labor organizations (SLEBC & NAPE).
 - Coordinate position classification and compensation system within the agency; liaison with State Personnel.
 - Administer agency student intern and volunteer program.
- Maintain agency personnel records and records related to personnel functions.
- Conduct special projects for the Superintendent or other administrative personnel upon request.

During the year 2000, the Personnel Division generated the following activity.

Applications Processed - Sworn.....	819
Sworn Applicants Tested/Interviewed	173
Sworn Officers Hired.....	34
Applications Processed - Civilian	644
Civilian Applicants Interviewed.....	124
Civilians Hired.....	24
Vacancies Poseted/Advertised.....	87
Promotions.....	25
Transfers	45
Resigantions/Teminations/Retirements.....	41
Classification Job Audits.....	37
Grievances.....	6



Karen Johnston is one of the Personnel Officers.

Legislative Liaison

During the 2000 legislative Session, Legislative Bill 153 was enacted, which provided for a study of the Nebraska State Patrol. The study specifically called for a task force to assess the current structure and mission of the Nebraska State Patrol, review the growth and viability of the mission related duties of the Nebraska State Patrol as they relate to the Nebraska State Patrol's work capacity, assess the relationship of local law enforcement and the Nebraska State Patrol, review the staffing of the Nebraska State Patrol including the resources needs for sparsely populated areas of the state, review the communication capabilities of the Nebraska State Patrol, examine the effect that a reduction in grant funding would have on the mission and budget of

the Nebraska State Patrol, and review any promising programs and strategies implemented by other jurisdictions with respect to their state police departments.

Beginning in June and continuing through December of 2000, the task force met monthly to examine these issues. The preliminary



**Lt. Rhonda Lahm
Commander**

Legislative Liaison (cont'd.)

report was presented to the Legislature early in December with the following preliminary recommendations. The Nebraska State Patrol should continue with their current overall structure, and that Carrier Enforcement Officers should be permitted to be reclassified as Troopers. It was determined that the State Patrol inspection of school buses was a duplication of the efforts done by the school districts. In addition the task force recommended that salvage yard inspections be completed primarily as part of an investigation and randomly when time permits. It was also identified that the Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Division was not sufficiently staffed to conduct all of the necessary compliance checks, and the recommendation was made to explore the possibility of utilizing other state agencies to assist with enforcement. To address the communications issue, the task force recommended that a cost analysis be done to reimburse the Nebraska State Patrol for the services they provide to outside agencies and they endorsed the findings and proposals of the Nebraska Virtual Communications Network.

The preliminary report indicated the Nebraska State Patrol would need additional personnel and/or to

eliminate duties if it were to maintain a leadership role in the law enforcement community. To address the personnel concerns of the crime laboratory, the task force recommended that additional resources be sought to increase the staffing levels. There was also a recommendation to increase the funding for additional investigators for the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Program, and look at sharing the responsibilities with other state agencies in an effort not to duplicate work. The task force supported the efforts of the Nebraska State Patrol to secure additional general funds to support the grant positions currently in the agency.

The final report from the task force is due to the Governor and the Legislature by June 30, 2001. There are still four areas the task force is addressing: (1) Instant Gun Checks, (2) Private Investigator Backgrounds, (3) Attorney General Investigations, and (4) Programs and strategies from other jurisdictions.

As a result of the study, legislation was introduced in the 2001 session, and there exists the possibility that additional legislative changes will be sought in the future.

Public Information Office



**Terri Teuber
Commander**

The responsibilities of the Public Information Office of the Nebraska State Patrol include; writing and distributing news releases, responding to questions from the media/public, teaching media relations to State Patrol personnel, writing letters/speeches for the Superintendent and dignitaries, writing articles about the

agency for publication, responding to web mail, producing the NSP Informer (quarterly internal newsletter), supervising video specialist and photo lab.

2000 accomplishments:

- Distributed 132 News Releases
- Presented advanced media training to supervisors and refresher courses upon request
- Coordinated 8 State Patrol news conferences

- Coordinated 5 allied organization news conferences (NSP Foundation, RAP)
- Published quarterly NSP Informer newsletters
- Responded to 786 web mail messages
- Wrote 23 speeches for Colonel
- Wrote more than a dozen speeches for other commanders/dignitaries (Lt. Col., Majors, Governor)
- Wrote 2 articles on behalf of the Governor about NSP for statewide distribution to newspapers
- Wrote 5 articles for various publications (S&P, Trooper Mag, etc.)
- Produced Recruitment PSA pro bono for statewide distribution
- Improved Media Relations
 - Media coverage of the State Patrol has steadily increased and become more positive as Patrol personnel have adopted and enacted the administration's philosophy of openness by working with the media and providing information in a timely manner.
- Special Project: Recruitment PSA
 - The Nebraska State Patrol entered into a partnership with Behlen Productions, a private

Public Information Office *(cont'd.)*

video production company, to produce a public service announcement aimed at boosting recruitment. Behlen Productions agreed to produce the PSA at no charge. The State Patrol PIO acted as producer and narrator. Television stations across Nebraska agreed to air the PSA at no charge. The State Patrol Recruitment Office reports several hundred more calls of interest in the Fall of 2000 than the previous recruitment period. The Recruitment Office also estimates that half of all calls of interest mentioned the PSA as the reason for their call.

Photo: Larry Nelson

- Traveled state providing photo ID cards to personnel and developed photo directory of personnel.

- Processed 62,000 prints.
- Taught photography technique to basic recruit camp and NeLEIN.

Video: Mike Meyer

- Produced 6 internal videos including recruit camp music video for graduation.
- Began production on 2 additional internal videos.
- Completed 1 external video for Corrections.
- Produced and distributed a PSA to radio stations statewide.
- Co-editor of NSP Informer Newsletter.

Also in 2000, the Video/Audio Office moved to more efficient and cost effective location at SHQ. Video Specialist Mike Meyer served as Chairman of the Board of Nebraska Operation Lifesaver.

Research and Planning Division



**Lucinda Dowding
Commander**

The Research and Planning Division is responsible for providing decision-making support and assistance not only to the administration, but the agency. The division is responsible for providing management information studies concerning feasibility, design, modification cost factors and recommendations for implementation methods

for the State Patrol. Special studies are conducted; equipment is tested and evaluated; special statistical reports and analytical reports provided to the Superintendent's Office in order to increase the operational effectiveness of the Patrol.

Other projects include production of the agency's annual report, long range planning document, agency goals and objectives and the State and Provincial Police Planning Directory that is distributed to all states and contains all state law enforcement agency addresses and the planning staff of each of those agencies. This directory also contains present staff

and public service numbers for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, as well as, International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Lotus Notes systems is critical with today's planning. The majority of the research now conducted is via the Internet. The number one resource is the planners listserv. This allows planners to specifically outline their needs and provide a direct point of contact. Turn around time is undisputable.

- During 2000, numerous surveys were conducted. A few of these topics included point and shoot cameras for traffic services; shotgun racks and cages; Camaros; in-car cameras; ignition lock out systems and dome lights.
- Research and Planning attended the majority of the troop meetings in which inquiries are researched and responded to.
- Quarterly updates provided to Governor Johanns are also generated from Research and Planning.
- Other projects included the Sergeant's Promotion Process. This process was researched, coordinated and training provided through this office.
- Racial profiling issues continue to evolve nationwide. Analysis was conducted of our statistics which have played key roles in numerous projects involving this issue.

Supply/Radio Engineering Division



**Francis Coffey
Commander**

Areas of responsibility for Supply / Radio Engineering are:

Supply - Acquire and maintain inventory of all material items that are requisitioned by the agency for operations. Provide license, registration and insurance cards for all agency vehicles.

Radio Engineering - Maintain, install, repair and design all

communication, electronic, and emergency warning equipment used by the State Patrol.

Major accomplishments of Supply/Radio Engineering in the year 2000 include:

- The bidding and construction process for the Whiteclay tower was completed. The tower was constructed with antennas and coax cables installed in October. Radio equipment to be installed when phone lines between Scottsbluff and Whiteclay are completed.
- Initiated an on site scheduled repair and maintenance program. Sending one or two technicians to a troop area to complete vehicle

electronic equipment repairs. Sending one person to a troop area to complete repairs results in substantial savings over having several individual officers each drive their own units to Lincoln to have the same problem resolved.

- Installed new base station in Hebron to improve radio coverage in the area.
- Completed statewide unit equipment inventory.
- Completed statewide weapons exchange & tactical light issue.
- Bid and acquired new uniforms.
- Acquired marked units in three different colors.
- Provides service in all areas with less than full complement of personnel.
- Established the Ogallala electronic service center.
- Created a comprehensible projection of agency vehicle needs.
- Undertook specifications & evaluations of Mobile Video Systems.

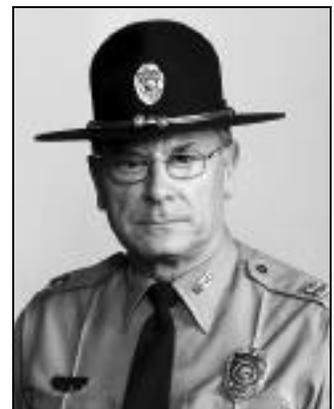
SUPPLY/RADIO ENGINEERING			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
Total new fleet vehicles issued	109	81	-25.7%
Total fleet miles driven	9,980,771	9,770,521	-2.1%
Total fuel used	612,681	650,978	6.3%
Average miles per gallon (mpg)	16	15	-7.9%

Carrier Enforcement Division

The Carrier Enforcement Division is responsible for the regulation of motor carrier operations. During 1999-2000 numerous accomplishments were achieved.

Accomplishments:

- The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Roads, and NSP developed the Commercial Vehicle Information System Plan (CVISN). This is composed of six primary modules:
 - Safety Assurance to automate motor carrier safety inspections and to eliminate unsafe motor carriers and drivers by focusing resources and safety attention on high risk carriers.
 - Electronic Roadside Screening and Clearance to eliminate delays and unnecessary stops by safe and fully compliant motor carriers, while enhancing enforcement effectiveness.
 - Electronic Carrier Credentials Transactions for credentials applications by motor carriers, involving registration of vehicles, permits, and tax license. This application accommodates issuing of state credentials and administrative requirements, and enables electronic payment between motor carriers and the state.



**Capt. Jim Doggett
Commander**

Carrier Enforcement Division (cont'd.)

- Electronic Payments and Funds Transfers for state accommodation of electronic payments by motor carriers as well as funds and data exchange between the state and other jurisdictions.
 - Electronic Commercial Vehicle Data Exchange for information exchange with national clearinghouses as well as among agency legacy information systems to streamline timely access and information availability to support roadside enforcement.
 - National Clearinghouse Data Exchange and Interfaces for information exchange among the state and national clearinghouses to support efficient administrative and enforcement operations.
- Coordinating with the Nebraska Department of Roads, Nebraska Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and the Nebraska Electronic Accident Report Committee to research and develop methods for electronic submittal of accident reports to the Department of Roads. In conjunction with this project developed a revised Truck and Bus Supplemental Accident Report Form, and developed a Training Video to assist all law enforcement agencies in identifying Gross Vehicle Weight rating and locating Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
 - In conjunction with the Information System Division, worked to assure compliance with the Y2K issue. On January 1, 2000 all computers were working without any problems.
 - In coordination with the Nebraska Department of Roads, installed Intelligent Transportation Technology with PrePass and Weigh In Motion at the North Platte I-80 Eastbound and the new Waverly I80 Weigh Station. This allows trucks to be weighed and screened for safety and credentials at mainline speeds.
 - Opened new Weigh Station at Fremont.
 - Continued the Metropolitan and Aggressive Preventive Selective Team (MAPS). Utilizing a core of Carrier Enforcement officers concentrating on enforcement urban commercial motor vehicle traffic by working closely with the local law enforcement agencies in metropolitan areas.

CARRIER ENFORCEMENT			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
Results of scales operations:			
Portable			
Trucks weighed	30,387	26,877	-11.6%
Citations issued	12,307	11,892	-3.4%
Percent Violation	40.50%	44.24%	9.2%
Permanent			
Trucks weighed	1,293,745	1,547,398	19.6%
Citations issued	13,595	12,260	-9.8%
Percent Violation	1.05%	0.79%	-24.8%
Violations	8,974	7,819	-12.9%
Warnings	6,552	5,040	-23.1%
FIC	55	67	21.8%
Intelligence Reports	0	1	100.0%
Fees collected from permits:			
Reciprocity fees	\$182,217	\$173,735	-4.7%
Fuel fees	91,980	83,662	-9.0%
Total Fees	\$274,197	\$257,397	-6.1%
Offense			
Plates	1,387	1,239	-10.7%
Exterior Gross	1,053	1,270	20.6%
Interior Gross	531	523	-1.5%
Single Axle	704	705	0.1%
Tandem Axle	6,636	6,315	-4.8%
Brakes	6,354	7,682	20.9%
Lighting	2,394	2,976	24.3%
Other MCSAP Violations	6,731	7,242	7.6%
Results of MCSAP:			
Total inspections	15,866	15,813	-0.3%
Hazardous material inspections	1,081	878	-18.8%
Level 1 (full inspection check vehicle & driver)			
Average duration (minutes)	33	32	-3.0%
Level 2 (inspect driver & walk around inspection)			
Average duration (minutes)	23	23	0.0%
Level 3 (inspect driver only)			
Average duration (minutes)	17	16	-5.9%
Level 4			
Average duration (minutes)	0	0	0.0%
Level 5 (Bus)			
Average duration (minutes)	27	27	0.0%
CR Terminal Inspections			
Average duration (minutes)	0	0	0.0%
CVE Traffic Enforcement Inspections	1,884	1,479	-21.5%
CVE Driver out of service ratio	0.81%	6.50%	702.5%
CVE Vehicle out of service ratio	12.10%	32.50%	168.6%
Drivers put out of service	2,762	2,350	-14.9%
Driver out of service ratio	17.50%	15.00%	-14.3%
Total Vehicle Violations	15,602	17,900	14.7%
Average violations per vehicle	2	2	6.1%
Total vehicles out of service	2,710	2,970	9.6%
Vehicle out of service ratio	36.90%	37.30%	1.1%
Total Vehicle Out of Service Violations	5,037	5,569	10.6%
Compliance Reviews	0	12	100.0%

Troop A Traffic Services

Numerous events occurred in Troop A, Omaha in 2000. The following is a summary of these activities.

- **#133 Grant** - This grant wrapped up in March, however the impact is still being felt. This grant enabled Troop A to respond to citizen's complaints, reduced personal injury accidents along the targeted road to zero, and produced positive media coverage.
- **Traffic Light/Stop Sign Grant** - We are in the process of attempting to renew this grant for the summer. This grant was requested in response to a Federal Highway study, naming Omaha as one of the worst areas for traffic light/stop sign violations.
- **Selectives with Allied Agencies** - We have enhanced our relationship with allied agencies. This has resulted in nearly two selectives per month with other agencies, particularly Omaha Police Department.
- **Successful Murder Investigation** - The Cook murder investigation and arrest was a direct result of cooperation between Uniform and Investigative Services personnel.
- **Offutt Air show** - While attendance was down, the Nebraska State Patrol participation in this event has always been tremendous.
- **Calls for Service** - Allied agencies continue to request (some agencies have increased) NSP assistance. This is the result of many personal contacts which has improved NSP image & relation with other agencies.



Presidential Visit - NSP was chosen by allied agencies to lead and coordinate the motorcade. This assignment drew the most personnel resources this year.

- Several units participated in a Christmas event at Children's Hospital in Omaha. Numerous toy bears were handed out by the Troopers to ill children during this holiday.
- A large number of local Cub Scouts came to the office at different times and went through a tour of our facilities.
- Several units attended celebrations in Ralston and LaVista. The Metro Area Motorist Assistance Program (MAMAP) vans also participated in the parades. Many people visited with our officers at these events.
- Troopers assisted with the Kiwanis interviews for the Jr. Law Academy held in Lincoln at the Training Academy.
- Troop A Honor Guard unit participated in several events this year: Jimmy Wilson Jr. Foundation Awards, Law Enforcement Memorial week in May.
- Trooper Troy Nott was nominated by the Fremont Crimestoppers for their Officer of the Year Award. Ceremony held in January.



Capt. Mike Jones
Commander

Troop B Traffic Services



**Capt. David Winkler
Commander**

Troop B serves twenty-three counties in Northeast and North Central Nebraska. The troop area is staffed with thirty-two uniformed traffic officers, seven sergeants, two lieutenants and one captain. Troop B is supported by seven communication specialists, one troop secretary and one staff assistant.

Highway safety, motor vehicle law enforcement and supporting local law enforcement agencies are the primary responsibilities of the Traffic Division. Traffic officers are called upon to perform a myriad of special duties to include; criminal and drug investigations, respond to calls for service, assist motorists, investigate traffic crashes, provide educational programs to the public, assist the public with problem involving quality of life situations.

Troop B personnel have played a significant role in the reduction of traffic fatalities and injuries. This has been accomplished by strict enforcement of alcohol violations to include drunk driving arrests, safety restraint enforcement and other accident related traffic violation enforcement activities. Troop B personnel participated in numerous hours of selective enforcement activities targeting alcohol violations, speed violators and safety restraints. Troop B personnel participated in joint cooperative selective enforcement activities with South Dakota and Iowa law enforcement officials.

Troop B personnel recognize the value of educating the public regarding highway safety issues to reduce traffic crashes and gain voluntary compliance with motor vehicle statutes. Numerous highway safety programs were provided to hundreds of citizens on various topics. Community policing is an instrumental element of providing safe roadways for the motoring public. Officers routinely work with community members, other governmental agencies and local law enforcement officers to actively seek out community problems and work towards resolution.

Troop B personnel have been very active in community policing projects. Some of projects that

officers have been involved with include Kids ID where over two thousand children received a photo identification. Columbus area officers have been involved in the Grim Reaper program receiving very positive community comments. G.R.E.A.T. instruction has been provided to several classes in the Norfolk school system. Officers have been working with the village of Santee to develop and start a Neighborhood Watch Program. Officers have been very active in post prom activities working towards alcohol free nights for youths. A number of schools have been "adopted" by officers in Troop B with the "Adopt a School" program.

Troop B personnel are also involved with Troop B Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team. This team provided assistance to a number of communities whose law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel experienced traumatic and difficult situations within their communities.

Troop B SWAT has been deployed a number of times throughout the troop area for a variety of calls.



**Trp. Lammers helps a G.R.E.A.T. student
in a repelling activity.**

Several SWAT deployments were to serve drug search warrants that resulted in a number of arrests and drugs seized. SWAT was called to a rural community where a male suspect barricaded himself in a residence and threaten to kill himself. SWAT was deployed to arrest a male suspect that was wanted on federal weapons charges and local drug warrants. SWAT was deployed to a rural area after a male threatened a trooper with a shotgun and discharged several shots. SWAT assisted Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) in the

arrest of a felon wanted for federal firearms violations. SWAT was deployed when a male subject shot and killed his estranged wife and mother-in-law at a residence. Suspect then shot and killed himself. All of the SWAT deployments ended without injury (except self inflicted) to suspects and officers alike. SWAT personnel are supported by uniformed and investigative personnel during all deployments which contributes to the overall success of the mission of the SWAT team.

Troop B Traffic Services *(cont'd.)*

Troop B personnel have been recognized for their outstanding contribution to their professions and to their communities. The following officers received recognition as follows:

- Columbus Sergeant Area received the Mothers Against Drunk Driver "Outstanding Law Enforcement Team of the Year" award.
- Sergeant John Blausey received the Norfolk Optimists Club Respect for Law Award.
- Trooper Keith Bignell received the Columbus Fraternal Order of the Eagles (FOE) Law Enforcement Award.
- Sergeant Gerald Sieck received an award for thirty years of service to the Nebraska State Patrol.

Troop C Traffic Services

During this past year Troop C officers have continued to cooperate with other agencies and pooled resources to offer quality service to the central Nebraska area. The Citizens Police Academy, Problem Resolution Team, Downtown Hastings Selective, School to Career, and the Central Nebraska Drug Court Task Force are some of the programs Troop C officers are involved with.

This Academy is unique in that it is the only Citizens Academy in Nebraska where three different agencies have pooled personnel and equipment. The goal of the Academy has been to promote community awareness of law enforcement efforts in Hall county and the surrounding area.

The Academy is a nine week session that allows for a hands on experience in the following areas of law enforcement: Vehicle pullovers/High risk stops, Crime Scenes, Defensive Tactics/Use of Force, K-9/SWAT, Firearms, Search & Seizure/Polygraph. Twenty five students have graduated from the Academy and efforts are being made by these graduates to start an alumni group.

The School to Career program was started two years ago in cooperation with Central Nebraska Community College. This program brings students from surrounding areas together with law enforcement agencies and exposes the students to a career in law enforcement. Combining efforts with NLETC and other departments, these students are exposed to traffic functions, self defense tactics, DWI & drug violations, and a SWAT demonstration over a period of three days. The program has been very helpful in attracting young students, 13 to 15 years of age, into the field of law enforcement. Thirty students have been through this program.

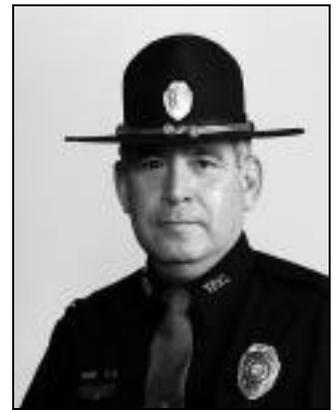
Dan Astrones, our Community Services Officer, is appointed to the Grand Island/Hall county Problem Resolution Team. This team is made up of regulatory agencies within Hall county. The goal of this group of people is to increase the quality of life by subscribing

to the broken window theory of urban decay. Once property has been designated, should three or more of these regulator agencies have some problem with the property then all these agencies combine their efforts to address the problem.

It is not unusual to see members from social services, the health department, and the humane society working on a single piece of property at the same time. This property has often been occupied by someone that has been a target of a local task force. The ultimate goal is to increase the quality of life for that neighborhood by combining efforts and knowledge.

The Hastings Troops have combined efforts with the Adams County Sheriff's office and the Hastings Police Dept., to target alcohol violations in the downtown Hastings area. Many underage drinkers were causing problems for business owners. The Troops worked in civilian clothes and with the help of local liquor officers made quite an impact in this area. On four different evenings, 85 minor or open container violations were written, 11 other alcohol violations, along with 12 disorderly citations. The disorderly violations were for urinating in public. Business owners for the most part were happy with our presence. Plans are being considered to again hold these downtown selectives during the summer months.

In our efforts to continue addressing the problem of under age drinking we partnered with the Juvenile Diversion Program in Hall county. This program works very well as the minors are closely monitored



**Capt. G.A. Ruiz
Commander**

Troop C Traffic Services (cont'd.)

by case workers. Our efforts with this group lead to sharing of an alco sensor with them. During the first two months the Diversion program had the alco sensor, 47 juveniles were pretested. At this current rate nearly 500 juveniles will be pretested under this program. Hopefully our efforts pay off during this educational phase by the Diversion group.

Drug interdiction efforts have continued in Troop C with the following totals: 1,510 pounds of marijuana, 40 pounds of cocaine, 34 pounds of methamphetamine, along with small amounts of LSD, psilocybin, and heroin. In addition, three controlled deliveries were taken to other states and assets from those arrests are still being processed. Those assets include cash, vehicles, and a home. Troop C continues to be at or near the top in interdiction efforts.

In conclusion, a Presidential visit in December demonstrated the cooperative efforts of many agencies. Our department was responsible for two of the three sites visited by the President as well as maintaining positions along the nearly

twenty mile route used by the motorcade. In addition, support was provided by Troop C Investigative Services gathering intelligence as well as uniform coverage. Support by our helicopter and K-9 divisions was also requested. The entire event was put together in only five days in what normally is known for two weeks to a month prior.



Trp. Buck Duis with 285 lbs. of marijuana.

Troop D Traffic Services



Capt. Jim Parish
Commander

Troop D is comprised of 23 counties in west-central Nebraska, bordering Kansas on the south and Colorado on the west. It is commanded by Captain James Parish, assisted by Lieutenants Norb Liebig and Greg Vandenberg. Troop headquarters are located at the junction of U.S. Highway 83 and Interstate 80 in North Platte and houses the

Satellite Crime Laboratory and an AFIS Laboratory. Troop D Communications staff operate 10 remote transmitting stations across the region.

Troop D is served by 7 sergeants, 33 troopers located in 8 communities throughout the region. We have recently added a Community Service Officer to coordinate Community Policing efforts in the troop area. Troopers perform a wide variety of duties and provide assistance to sheriffs' departments and police departments whenever requested.

Troop D will soon become home to the Nebraska Department of Corrections Work Ethic Camp located in McCook. The Iowa Beef Processors cattle processing plant located in Lexington, is the largest employer in the region. Over 2,200 production workers are employed at the Lexington plant. Most of Troop D is comprised of farming or ranch operations dotted by small towns.

➤ **February 12, 2000** - A Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to arrest a male suspect, wanted on a Texas warrant, at a convenience store south of Sutherland, Nebraska. A struggle ensued and gunshots were exchanged. The suspect, Charles Lannis Moses Jr., fled the scene in his maroon pickup. A short while later, troopers and deputies located Moses' pickup and the pursuit continued. During the pursuit, Moses fired a high powered rifle at a pursuing deputy's unit, striking the deputy, Stan McKnight, in the left hand. Moses continued down the county road, fleeing past three State Patrol marked units, firing one round at the middle unit. The bullet passed through the driver's door of Trooper Jeff Crymble's unit, striking him in the lower chest. The bullet penetrated Trooper Crymble's body armor

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seriously wounding him. Trooper Crymble, although seriously wounded, was able to return fire but did not disable Moses or his vehicle. Moses was able to elude officers that night and remained at large for several days. On February 14, Charles Moses Jr. shot and killed Robert Sedlacek at a farm house south of Paxton, Nebraska. Moses fled that scene and was arrested the next day at a ranch in eastern Wyoming. The search for Charles Moses was one of the largest manhunts in the state's history, involving four SWAT teams and over 90 troopers. Moses has subsequently been convicted and sentenced to life in prison plus several consecutive terms for weapons violations.

➤ **August 12, 2000** - Troop D's SWAT team was called to assist in the arrest of a suspect at a farm house north east of Holdrege. The suspect, who had a history of assaults on police officers, had reportedly thrown gasoline on a female and threatened to light her on fire. She was able to escape and was taken to Phelps County Memorial Hospital where police were summoned. After several hours of watching the house, the suspect walked out of his house and was taken into custody by members of the SWAT team.

➤ **September 22, 2000** - A female subject reported to the Grant County Sheriff that her vehicle (which is registered with Onstar) had been stolen. Sgt. Hansel and Lt. Peters were notified. Lt. Peters contacted the owner, who then contacted Onstar. Onstar was able to track the vehicle. A second vehicle, bearing Buffalo County plates, was located in the Hyannis area. Sgt. Hansel responded to the area to process the possibly stolen vehicle. The first stolen car was located in the St. Michael area. A male driver had been involved in an accident with it and called the Troop C Office for a wrecker. Troopers responded to the area, and took two male subjects into custody. As it turns out, the Buffalo County plated vehicle was not stolen; the subject had just run out of gas.

➤ **October 24, 2000** - A failure to pay a \$16 fuel bill occurred at Gothenburg. Tpr. Clang located the suspect's vehicle near mile marker 153 on Interstate 80. The suspect's vehicle left the Interstate at the Paxton Interchange and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was occupied by three subjects, and the plates didn't match the vehicle. Information was received that the vehicle was stolen out of Columbus, and a "use caution" should be utilized on one of the subjects, who was reported to possibly be armed with a Mac 90. The vehicle fled north of Paxton on a gravel road. Trp. Whetstine became the primary unit, however, lost visual with the vehicle and subjects. Numerous officers responded to the area, however, the subjects were not located. Trp. O'Brien was approximately twenty miles north of Sutherland, southbound, and noticed a pickup occupied by three subjects. She requested assistance to check the subjects. A Lincoln County deputy responded to the scene to provide assistance. The three subjects, two males and one female, were taken into custody and transported to the Lincoln County Jail. The subjects had stolen the pickup from a work crew in Arthur County.



Troopers Tim Arnold, Jeff Crymble and Carolyn O'Brien and Sgt. Teddie Mashek are recognized for their bravery and life-saving skills.

Troop E Traffic Services



**Capt. Tom Parker
Commander**

Sergeants, two Lieutenants, a Captain and a Community Service Officer, in addition to five Dispatchers and two civilian support personnel.

Significant events during the year 2000 in Troop E:

Manhunt and pursuit of Charles Moses.

On February 14, 2000, the Troop E Officers and the SWAT Team were called in to assist with a manhunt for Charles Moses who had been involved in the murder of a farmer and the shooting of a Deputy and a Trooper in the North Platte area. The manhunt escalated when Moses was spotted in Lusk, Wyoming bordering the western part of the Troop Area. At the request of the Wyoming Highway Patrol's Superintendent, this is the first time in the history of the State Patrol that a SWAT Team has been deployed in a law enforcement action outside the state of Nebraska

Selective enforcement in Box Butte County reduces alcohol fatalities.

In the Spring of 2000 the Troop E office was receiving public concerns regarding D.W.I. violations, injury and fatality accidents occurring on Route 385 in Box Butte County. In response to public concern, an aggressive enforcement project was initiated by the troopers of the Bridgeport Sergeant Area. This area encompasses Box Butte, Morrill and Garden Counties in the eastern part of the Panhandle. The officers implemented an aggressive plan targeting alcohol related violations to address fatalities. During a three-month period, there was not one alcohol related fatality during those three months.

Troopers receive G.P.S. units from Regional West Hospital.

In the spirit of cooperation between the Nebraska State Patrol and Regional West Medical Center, Troopers in the Panhandle received G.P.S. (Global Positioning System) units from Regional West Hospital in Scottsbluff. Through the hospital foundation and a grant from the Peter Kewit Corporation, forty-five Global Positioning units for the Troopers in Troop E were purchased. These units will be used to provide coordinates for the Air Link helicopter air ambulance service that operates from the hospital.

High speed wireless Internet connected to outlying Sergeant Areas.

Due to rising Internet costs and slow to no line speed, Troop E initiated a plan to improve upon its existing technology. During 2000, two outlying Sergeant Areas in the Troop Area were connected to high speed wireless Internet services. This has resulted in faster Internet service at a greatly reduced cost to the Agency.

Community Service Officer added to Troop E's complement of Officers.

During 2000, the new Community Services Officer has implemented a program in the Scottsbluff area involving local business leaders to address areas of crime prevention and theft within their stores

Drug Court instituted in southern Panhandle.

Troopers in the Sidney Sergeant Area, which encompasses Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball Counties in the southern Panhandle, instituted a Drug Court in their area. The Drug Court is the first of its kind in the Panhandle and was made possible through the efforts of a local County Judge and the Officers in the area.

Hazardous materials spill from Burlington-Northern train derailment.

During the month of November 2000, Troopers from Troop E assisted the Scottsbluff Police Department during a hazardous material spill resulting from the derailment of a Burlington-Northern freight train on the west edge of Scottsbluff.

Headquarters Troop Traffic Services

Headquarters Troop Traffic Services Division were involved in numerous events and activities in 2000. We would like to share with you the most significant events.

- **February 6, 2000** - Trooper Chab, assisted by Sergeant Ayres and deputies from the Seward County Sheriff's Department arrested a male suspect in a homicide in Lincoln. He was transported to the Lincoln Police Department and jailed for 1st Degree Murder.
- **February 6, 2000** - Trooper Bigsby made a traffic stop on a 1996 Ford F-150 pickup. A consent search revealed a false gas tank containing 72 lbs. of marijuana. The owner and driver of the vehicle was arrested and lodged in the Lancaster County Jail.

- **February 25, 2000** - Trooper Bigsby stopped a 1988 Ford Cutaway van bearing Michigan plates for a vehicle defect. A consent search was obtained and 243 lbs. of marijuana was seized. Two occupants in the van were arrested and lodged in the Lancaster County Jail.



**Capt. Darrell Fisher
Commander**

- **March 12, 2000** - Three subjects, allegedly involved in a robbery in Lincoln, fled from the Lincoln Police eastbound on Interstate 80. The subjects crashed through the right of way fence near mile marker 419 on the south side of the Interstate, then fled on foot. A couple was approached a short time later at their home on Mill Road in Cass County, where, as many as ten shots were fired from a gun, striking the couple and injuring them. The suspects fled from the couples home in their 2000 Ford F-250 extended cab 4-wheel drive pickup. Troopers from Headquarters Troop, Troop A, Cass County, Lincoln Police, Lancaster County, and the Criminal Division responded to the area but were unsuccessful in locating the suspects or the vehicle. What was left of the vehicle was later discovered near Crescent, Iowa. The suspects had set fire to the pickup.
- **July 7, 2000** - Lieutenant Stanczyk and Trooper Ferguson assisted the drug division on a traffic stop near the Pleasant Dale interchange on I-80. Two male suspects were arrested for possession of 13½ lbs. of cocaine. One suspect later escaped and was arrested again on July 8th.
- **July 14, 2000** - Trooper Frazey arrested two male suspects for possession of nearly 75 lbs. of marijuana on a traffic stop near mile marker 396 on Interstate 80.
- **July 26, 2000** - Troopers Bigsby and Frazey arrested two male suspects for possession of 92 lbs. of marijuana located in a false compartment under the rear seat at the Greenwood Interchange.
- **July 27, 2000** - Trooper Kindall assisted deputies from Saunders and Douglas Counties with apprehending a male suspect one mile north of Highway 64 on Highway 77. The male was the suspect in a murder that had just occurred in Douglas County.

Statewide Traffic Statistics

CITATIONS			
	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
MOVING			
Speeding	61,329	57,465	-6.3%
Driving While Intoxicated	1,966	1,933	-1.7%
Violation of a Traffic Signal	562	735	30.8%
Motor Vehicle Homicide	9	7	-22.2%
Driving Left of Center	271	261	-3.7%
Improper Passing	466	451	-3.2%
Following too Close	477	446	-6.5%
Stop Sign Violation	1,048	1,407	34.3%
Other	2,460	3,115	26.6%
Total Moving Citations	68,588	65,823	-4.0%
NON-MOVING			
No Operators License	3,963	3,859	-2.6%
Driving Under Suspension	1,874	1,850	-1.3%
Registration/Title Deficiency	4,910	5,107	4.0%
No Plates	749	792	5.7%
No Proof of Insurance	2,953	2,498	-15.4%
Other	20,135	20,692	2.8%
Total Non-Moving Citations	34,584	34,798	0.6%
CRIMINAL			
Minor In Possession	1,261	1,351	7.1%
Other Alcohol Related	1,058	1,817	71.7%
Possession Marijuana	726	873	20.2%
Possession Controlled Substance	121	166	37.2%
Other Drug Related	835	1,108	32.7%
Auto Theft	42	32	-23.8%
Seatbelt Violation	1,862	1,273	-31.6%
Child Restraint	471	495	5.1%
Other Criminal-Related	7,973	6,832	-14.3%
Total Criminal Citations	14,349	13,947	-2.8%
TOTAL CITATIONS	117,521	114,568	-2.5%

Headquarters Troop Traffic Services (cont'd.)

- **August 12, 2000** - Trooper Jacobsen arrested two male suspects for false reporting and other charges on Highway 34 east of Seward. Trooper Jacobsen seized \$35,400 which was located in the vehicle after Trooper Caradori's K-9 alerted to the money.
- **September 30, 2000** - Trooper Frye arrested a male suspect for possession of a kilo of cocaine at MM 376 on Interstate 80.
- **November 3, 2000** - Trooper Frye arrested a male suspect for possession of 56 lbs. of marijuana at the Utica interchange.
- **November 8, 2000** - Trooper White responded to a request by the Gage County Sheriff's Office for assistance on a report of a dead body found one mile north of Filley under a bridge. Headquarters investigators were also dispatched to conduct an investigation of this homicide. Body was determined to be a 17-year-old missing girl. An arrest was made in January of 2001.

Police Service Dog Division (PSD)

The Nebraska State Patrol currently utilizes 18 Police Service Dogs (PSD). These dogs and their handlers are stationed throughout all six troop areas. Both dog and handler participate in an initial eight-week basic training course for certification. The dogs are trained/ utilized in the following areas: criminal apprehensions, building searches, handler protection, tracking, searching for missing people, crowd control, drug detection, explosive detection, and applications with the Emergency Services Teams

During calendar year 2000, the PSD Division either directly or at request, generated the following activities:

Drug seizures -

- Marijuana - 4,069 pounds
- Cocaine - 404.8 pounds
- Heroin - 3.7 ounces
- Methamphetamine - 72.6 pounds
- NitrixOxide - 150 pounds
- Mushrooms - 2 pounds

Patrol -

- Building Searches - 23
- Public Demonstrations - 37
- School Locker Sniffs - 21
- DWI's - 77
- Apprehensions of Suspects
 - No Contact - 22
 - Contact - 2
- Tracks - 6 that resulted in arrests
- SWAT Dog Activities-
 - NSP - 13
 - Other Law Enforcement Agencies - 6
- Outside PSD's Trained - 7
- Certification of Other Agency PSD's - 46
- Misc.- Assisted with 8 major selectives and The Moses Manhunt



Sgt. Mike Kerby
Commander



Some members of the Police Service Dog Division.

Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Division



**Sgt. Martin Costello
Commander**

The Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Division of the State Patrol serves as the primary enforcement arm for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Twelve Investigators are responsible for more than approximately 4,400 licensed locations across the state. This includes background investigations on

liquor license applicants to ensure that the applicants and the locations meet all statutory requirements, reviewing all additions/deletions to license premises, conducting retail license premise inspections, enforcing the rules and regulations of the Liquor Control Commission and the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, investigating complaints of alleged violations and providing educational programs to the liquor industry, law enforcement and the public.

The Patrol is the only statewide agency enforcing age related tobacco laws, conducting over 800 tobacco compliance checks annually in cooperation with Health and Human Services.

In 2000 a new record low of tobacco sales to underage compliance was set, 14.8% of the locations checked failed, down from 23.1% the previous year. Approximately 340 alcohol compliance checks resulted in a statewide non compliance of rate of 26.5% for the same period.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
New cases	123	58	-52.8%
Cases closed	98	67	-31.6%
Apps Processed	528	535	1.3%
Alcohol Inspections	1,300	1,145	-11.9%
Alcohol Warnings	434	215	-50.5%
Alcohol Arrests	195	99	-49.2%
*Change in Location/Addition to premisis	0	107	100.0%
*New Manager Application	0	247	100.0%
Tobacco Inspections	1,132	1,034	-8.7%
Tobacco Warnings	129	64	-50.4%
Tobacco Arrests	183	104	-43.2%

*These were added in 2000

Alcohol/Tobacco statistics reflect a personnel shortage

Auto Fraud Division

The 2000 year was busy for the NSP Auto Fraud Division. The division has seen some changes in personnel, with the addition of full time Auto Fraud Investigator Eugene True. The addition of Inv. True has enhance the enforcement efforts of the Auto Fraud Division in the area of Auto theft and fraud. The Auto Fraud Division still utilizes the officers in each of the Troop areas that are assigned to assist with case investigations. However, with the addition of a full time investigator, large cases that are very time consuming dealing with multiple vehicles and subjects can be investigated more thoroughly. The Auto Fraud Division was involved with a wide variety of cases this last year. The case investigations have involved odometer fraud, title fraud, vehicle theft, forgery, embezzlement, altering of vehicle identification, and violations involving vehicle and salvage dealers. In virtually all areas that the Auto

Fraud division is involved in, activity has increased. Identification certificates processed, personnel training, and calls for service. The NSP Auto Fraud Division continues to be the primary resource for many of the local police departments and sheriffs offices across the state in vehicle identification with their inspections and case investigations.

We continue to host a bi-monthly auto fraud intelligence meeting in Omaha which involves personnel from many of the local police departments,



**Sgt. Alan Theobald
Commander**

Auto Fraud Division (cont'd.)

sheriff's offices, other state agencies and several of the major insurance companies special investigators. This joint cooperation of intelligence sharing has helped in the enforcement and apprehension of criminals involved in auto fraud and has helped to build a stronger rapport with these agencies.

The volume of Inspection Certificates continues to increase. In 2000, the Auto Fraud Division received 776. Of these, 625 were approved for the State of Nebraska.



Behavior Profiling/Cold Case Division

This Division has had a good year with many noteworthy accomplishments.

Training has been a large part of the duties of the division this year with our division providing 15 training programs throughout the year to Law Enforcement and Educational Institutions. The division also sponsored the annual Violent Crime Conference bringing in two investigators with the Washington State Attorney General's Office to present training on Investigative Case Management for Missing Children Homicides. The training was held at Mahoney State Park and was attended by 50 law enforcement officers from around the state.

The division was also busy working on or assisting with 37 cases including serial homicide, homicide, sexual assault, threat assessment and stalking.

Work was also performed on the Sex Offender Registry's Risk Assessment Instrument. Consultation with the Registry was completed and suggestions were made to assist with the validation and legal backing for the instrument.

There was also some excellent training that each member of the division was able to attend. For example Plank attended the International Homicide Investigators Association annual symposium, Inv. Frank attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Course, and Nettland was able to attend the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System (VICLAS) training sponsored by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

We were also fortunate to have been designated as the hub agency in Nebraska for the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP). With this honor we were provided with a computer system, software, and training by the FIB VICAP program. For the training we were able to sponsor we invited Lincoln Police Department and Omaha Police Department. Both agencies sent several people to the training here in Lincoln. We had over 60 cases in the system by the end of the year.



**Sgt. Gary Plank
Commander**

The division was also fortunate to receive the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System software from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). This is a powerful crime analysis program which is being used by nine other countries and only three states in the U.S. now have this capability. The RCMP provided the program and the programmer to Nebraska at no charge (Nebraska paid the expenses for the programmer to install the software on our system). This will give the Patrol greater ability to assist other agencies working on difficult cases. The VICLAS technology has proven to be a world class crime analysis tool.

Bomb Squad

The year 2000 saw the squad bring two new members on board. Lee Jacobsen, Investigative Services, Kearney, and Joel Bergman, Investigative Services, Lincoln, graduated from the Hazardous Devices School, Redstone Arsenal and started work as bomb technicians for the Patrol. This brought the squad back up to four technicians. Year 2000 also saw Inv. Jacobsen and Senior Technician Jud McKinstry receiving training in explosive entry. This training will enable the technicians to work with SWAT across the state on high risk calls. The investigators learned methods to use explosives to gain entry into buildings that are barricaded.

During the year the squad answered calls on military ordnance, abandoned explosives ranging from blasting caps to old dynamite. The squad was called to handle chemicals such as picric acid that had formed into a highly sensitive explosive. This material was removed from the Crawford High School chemistry lab and rendered safe by counter charging. The squad was called on several times to render safe improvised explosive devices (IED) ranging from pipe bombs to mail bombs that were booby trapped and electrically initiated. Members of the bomb squad rendered safely an explosive device that had been mailed to a victim in York, Nebraska. The squad was able to work with York PD and US Postal Investigators. This case was brought to trial and the bomber is now serving 20 months to 5 years in the State Penitentiary. Patrol technicians worked with the State Fire Marshal's office on a death by explosives investigation. In this case, a young man made an IED that prematurely detonated, killing him at the scene of the explosion.

The squad is proud of the fact that each technician is equipped with all the basic tools required for a technician. Each technician has a bomb suit, disrupters and x-ray equipment. The Patrol has also been issued search suits and air monitors to detect explosive vapors. The squad has worked hard at improving working relations with other squads around the state. A mutual aid letter of agreement has been signed by the Lincoln Fire Department and an MOU is in the process with Scottsbluff Police Department.



**Lt. Rod Getting
Commander**

NeLEIN

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (NeLEIN) had its 10th anniversary this year. At this time there are approximately 140 agencies and 350 members in NeLEIN. The 11th NeLEIN Basic Investigator School was held at the Platte River Park and 40 new members were initiated into NeLEIN. The 10th Anniversary Fall Conference was a huge success and was very well received. Governor Johanns and Colonel Nesbitt were on hand for the opening ceremonies. The speakers at the conference got very good critiques by the attendees.

One major event for NeLEIN was being asked to assist in the Moses manhunt in Troop D and Troop E in western Nebraska. Colonel Nesbitt requested assistance and a call was made to George Sund, Nebraska Game Commission and a NeLEIN Regional Director. Officer Sund made some phone calls and over 40 NeLEIN members arrived and joined in the search. These NeLEIN members were from local, county and state agencies.

During the year, NeLEIN lent equipment to agencies statewide. This equipment and assistance helped install vehicle tracking devices on burglars, radios for counter drug surveillance, and cameras and recorders. These cameras helped stop thefts in private business and government offices. Hidden cameras were also used to stop peeping toms and harassing neighbors. NeLEIN also loaned VARDA equipment. The equipment is used as a silent burglar alarm that can notify law enforcement by radio or by telephone that there is an intruder. In one case a

VARDA and recorder were used to capture a thief and vandal who specialized in churches. A NeLEIN task force was formed in Platte County. This task force attempted to do surveillance and apprehend a federal fugitive. Although the task force was not successful in its objective, it was successful in bringing several agencies together to work on a common problem.



Lt. Getting assists Inv. McKinstry in preparing to defuse an explosive device.

Crime Laboratory Division

The Crime Laboratory Division consists of the full-service laboratory located in Lincoln and the satellite laboratory located in North Platte. They are responsible for the scientific analysis of evidence submitted from all law enforcement agencies across the state pertaining to the investigation of crimes.

The Crime Laboratory Division reached several new milestones during 2000. Most notably was the introduction of DNA analysis. After almost three years of equipment acquisition, training and validation studies, the Lincoln Laboratory began DNA analysis in December.

Another milestone was the Division's record-breaking caseload. More than 4400 new cases and 198 additional submittals accounted for the high number. The year's numbers surpassed the previous high set in 1998 by more than 300.

In coordination with the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit (ICAC), the Lincoln Laboratory began

Computer Forensic analysis. The analysis concentrates on evidence of child pornography and related crimes on computers.

The Drug section became involved in several new arenas including increased Clandestine Drug Laboratory evidence, "date rape" and "rave party" drugs and providing legislative testimony on the impact of proposed Bills on the Patrol (Crime Lab in particular).

The North Platte Laboratory acquired two new ductless hoods and resumed testing toxicology samples for western Nebraska.

The Questioned Documents section was involved in assisting the State Historical Society in authenticating the origin of some letters from the Uriah Oblinger collection. The collection was being prepared for publication in the Library of Congress' American Memory web site. The Patrol is credited for its involvement.

The third major milestone reached by the Division was its commitment to achieving accreditation. In addition to tackling the increased caseload, legislative input and many other normal tasks, the Crime Laboratory Division staff dedicated itself to preparing for national accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors - Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB). The goal is to be accredited by 2003.



**Dr. John Dietrich
Commander**

CRIME LAB			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
Cases:			
Total Submittals	4,282	4,628	8.1%
Reports:			
*Computer (ICAC)	0	1	100.0%
Documents	183	210	14.8%
Drugs - Lincoln	2,370	2,628	10.9%
Drugs-North Platte	490	487	-0.6%
Firearms/Toolmarks	142	172	21.1%
Serology	276	223	-19.2%
Toxicology	755	583	-22.8%
*Toxicology - North Platte	0	121	100.0%
Trace	136	125	-8.1%
Total Reports	4,352	4,550	4.5%

* These were added in 2000

Criminal Identification Division



**Lt. David Dishong
Commander**

The Criminal Identification Division underwent a significant reorganization during 2000. The management structure was streamlined with the elimination of one supervisor's position and the creation of an Information

Technology Business Systems Analysis (ITBSA) position. A major duty of the ITBSA is supporting Nebraska's AFIS, which continues to expand. AFIS fingerprints comprise 62% of the received prints, but many are not being added to PCH (Patrol Criminal History) because they are non-serious or federal arrests, which cannot be added to Nebraska's arrest information for dissemination.

The Criminal Identification Division continued to be active in Nebraska's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) effort. Important milestones occurring in 2000 are the inclusion of Nebraska criminal history records on the CJIS network and the updating of Nebraska's CJIS strategic plan. The Criminal Identification Division made significant progress toward establishing two important interfaces that, once complete, will greatly enhance the efficiency of all law enforcement within the state. The AFIS to PCH interface is nearly finished. Once complete, a person's criminal history will either be created or updated electronically at the time they are identified by a workstation ten print operator with the AFIS workstation submission. The second phase of this project is completion to the JUSTICE to PCH interface. Through this interface the courts will electronically update a person's criminal history record as soon as their cases are adjudicated. These important interfaces will result in more accurate and complete criminal history records that are updated in a timely manner.

CRIMINAL RECORDS AND IDENTIFICATION			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
Criminal Records Received			
Arrest Fingerprint Cards	20,416	27,837	36.3%
Dispositions	19,056	32,202	69.0%
Pen Cards	1,220	1,215	-0.4%
Records & Identifications Processed			
Criminal Justice Agencies	6,270	15,991	155.0%
Non-Criminal Justice Agencies	900	Not Available	
Total Identifications Made	7,170	17,240	140.4%
Arrest Fingerprint Cards	28,825	28,614	-0.7%
Total Dispositions	17,331	18,613	7.4%
Total Records Entered	46,156	47,227	2.3%
Total record checks			
Criminal Justice Agencies	6,123	6,495	6.1%
Non-Criminal Justice Agencies	38,669	51,338	32.8%
Receipts from non-criminal justice agencies	\$386,690	\$513,380	32.8%
Applicants			
Civil Service	0	5	100.0%
Disability	2,767	2,961	7.0%
Explosive	20	26	30.0%
Fire Fighters	225	606	169.3%
Gaming	208	214	2.9%
Housing	10	38	280.0%
Liquor	1,991	1,949	-2.1%
Private Investigator	52	63	21.2%
Racing	424	137	-67.7%
Teachers	1,293	1,206	-6.7%
Total Applicants	6,995	7,205	3.0%
Number of Identifications Made	270	Not Available	
Receipts	\$230,835	\$237,765	3.0%
Handguns			
Applications for permits	31	47	51.6%
NICS Submissions	0	984	100.0%
Number of identifications made	11	27	145.5%
New Latent Cases	871	851	-2.3%
NSP	115	129	12.2%
Other criminal justice agencies	756	722	-4.5%
Supplement cases	55	77	40.0%
NSP	22	22	0.0%
Other criminal justice agencies	33	55	66.7%
Latent Cases Submitted by Category:			
Arson	12	16	33.3%
Assault	14	25	78.6%
Auto Theft	30	55	83.3%
Break In	4	5	25.0%
Burglary	383	284	-25.8%
Criminal Mischief	49	34	-30.6%
Death Invest.	24	29	20.8%
Drugs	88	115	30.7%
Forgery	72	46	-36.1%
Homicide	26	37	42.3%
Kidnaping	0	4	100.0%
Misc.	90	110	22.2%
Robbery	20	15	-25.0%
Sex Offense	11	9	-18.2%
Theft	142	144	1.4%
Items Processed	3,069	2,162	-29.6%
Crime Scene	11	11	0.0%
Deceased Printed	0	0	0.0%
Court Requests	13	24	84.6%
Court Appearances	2	3	50.0%
Cases Completed	970	849	-12.5%
Patrol Criminal History System			
Total number of people (idents)	197,595	209,712	6.1%
Total number of arrests	366,263	393,083	7.3%
Total number of court dispositions	180,569	194,819	7.9%
Total law enforcement/prosecutor dispositions	22,387	23,922	6.9%
Total number of dispositions	202,956	218,741	7.8%
Percent of arrests with total dispositions	55.41%	55.65%	0.4%
Percent of arrests with no dispositions	44.59%	44.34%	-0.6%

Criminal Identification Division (*cont'd.*)

The Protection Order Registry has been established on the state mainframe. The new protection order queries (QPO) and the modified instant gun check queries (QN/QNP) were presented to law enforcement personnel during demos. The Brady indicator prohibiting firearm purchases via NICS gun check was also established within the criteria.

Mental Health records are transferred from their resident database to a DB2 table, which can be interrogated via the States Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network. This allows inquiry access,

via NSP's switch, for Mental Health information for gun check purposes. This has now been broadened to include court ordered private committal data.

During 2000, 928 cases were submitted to the Lincoln and the North Platte Latent Labs. Between the two labs, 2,162 items of evidence were processed and examined for latent prints. 33,844 latent comparisons have been done by the latent personnel and 605 identifications were made on the cases. Eleven crime scenes have been processed by the latent people during the past year.

Intelligence Division

The new millennium brought a new master name index computer program to I/CAD. The whole staff worked together in getting the bugs and glitches out before converting from the old database. Two big improvements in this new database are the ability to enter more information into the system and the enhancement of our search capabilities. What we referred to as LEADS is now the new and improved MNI.

The computerization of the NSP 712 was also a big impact on the division. I/CAD staff members worked closely with Information Systems and the programmer to work out the glitches. Several Troop Areas have received training and have implemented the new process. Feedback has been most favorable. I/CAD is looking forward to the whole state being up and running in the year 2001.

The NSP 701 was redesigned and combined with the NeLEIN 386 creating one submission form for the entire state. The Division went one step further and put the NSP 701 on the "S" drive, and designed the form in Word Perfect and Microsoft Word in order for outside agencies to have a computerized form. We are looking forward in the Year 2001 to having intelligence electronically submitted, not only from NSP personnel, but from LEIN agencies as well.

Numerous breakdowns, and unavailable parts to fix an antiquated microfilm reader necessitated the purchase of a new one. The new reader eliminates the use of costly specialized paper, and has the capability to enhance the film to produce a more professional looking copy.

Nebraska Law Enforcement Information Sharing (NeLEIS) was implemented in the year 2000, with I/CAD sharing their intelligence database with this

system. When any authorized officer receives a "hit" in the program on information submitted by NSP, a deconfliction notification is sent to I/CAD. I/CAD is monitoring these hits.

Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS) was implemented by the Crime Commission this past year, giving various law enforcement agencies on-line access to jail, probation, correctional, etc. information. I/CAD has been utilizing this system in various ways to identify suspects for the various requests that we receive. Included in this system is a Mutual Aid Directory. This directory is an inventory of personnel, equipment, etc. submitted by various law enforcement agencies who are willing to share these resources with other agencies. Our staff was instrumental in collecting and entering this information into the database, and I/CAD will continue to be responsible for the addition, editing, and deletion of this information in the future.

The Division decided to resurrect the Nebraska Criminal Information Digest (NCIN). An analyst is currently working on an issue, and we hope to have it electronically published to the Statewide drive early in the Year 2001.

The Law Enforcement Bulletin has had another successful year in computerization. Posting the issues weekly to the Statewide drive has made the bulletin more accessible in a more timely manner to officers in the out lying areas. Any contributions to the bulletin are welcome. Subscriptions include all law enforcement agencies in Nebraska as well as numerous agencies in the surrounding states.

Our Midwest HIDTA analyst has been involved in five major OCDEF cases this year, with several of them continuing into the Year 2001. Numerous law

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enforcement entities including federal agencies FBI, DEA, IRS, and the US Attorney's Office were involved. These federal agencies worked with the following task forces; SEADE, III CORP, Tri-City, SNARE and NSP in these operations. The OCDETF cases are largely narcotic related, with the distribution of methamphetamine as the favorite. But not to exclude the focus on the money laundering aspect.

The HIDTA analyst worked closely with the above entities, assisting in proffer interviews, search warrants, compiling information learned from the search warrants, and testifying in Federal court.

I/CAD is utilizing a Counter Drug Support Officer to assist in the above case analysis. This officer assists in the entry of phone tolls, scan photos and documents into Pen-Link, and creates time-lines and other documents used in case support.

Aside from the above case analysis operations, the analyst continues to work with EPIC databases, and HIDTA databases. She also attends HIDTA related meetings, training, and seminars. This analyst also handles day to day requests from officers.

Another Counter Drug Support Officer working in I/CAD assisted the State Patrol with the sponsoring of an "Advanced Highway Drug Interdiction" training called "DESERT SNOW" in June. The four-day class included detailed instruction, giving officers a step-by-step approach to identifying drug smuggling activity while conducting everyday patrol responsibilities legally and professionally. The officers were also instructed on where/how to locate drugs in passenger and commercial vehicles. Fifty-five NSP officers and thirty officers from police and sheriffs' departments from across the State of Nebraska attended this training, which took place in Kearney.

One of our analysts is responsible for tracking Nebraska's extremist groups and individuals. Four times this past year, meetings were set up with interested officers from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies across the State of Nebraska, as well as law enforcement agencies from the surrounding states. During these meetings information is shared on the various groups and individuals involved in domestic terrorism. This information is then compiled by the analyst and an analytical product is generated and sent back to the participating agencies.

Because of her extensive involvement with these extremist groups, she was called upon to do several threat assessments. One was compiled, and presented to the Nebraska Emergency Management Association in June. Another was compiled and submitted to the numerous law enforcement entities involved with President Clinton's visit to Nebraska in

INVESTIGATIVE DRUG INVESTIGATIONS			
Activity	Totals 1999	Totals 2000	% Change
New cases generated by NSP	373	401	7.5%
Cases cleared	132	152	15.2%
Cases active	192	215	12.0%
Unfounded	5	7	40.0%
Finalized	44	27	-38.6%
Investigative Services	197	381	93.4%
Total New Cases	570	782	37.2%
Value of substances seized	\$628,419	\$2,299,113	265.9%
TRAFFIC DRUG INVESTIGATIONS			
New cases generated by NSP	997	1,178	18.2%
Cases cleared	641	668	4.2%
Cases active	97	85	-12.4%
Unfounded	3	2	-33.3%
Finalized	256	423	65.2%
Investigative Services	53	53	0.0%
Total New Cases	1,050	1,231	17.2%
Value of substances seized	\$4,397,595	\$6,161,706	40.1%
CARRIER ENFORCEMENT DRUG INVESTIGATIONS			
New cases generated by NSP	8	21	162.5%
Cases cleared	4	18	350.0%
Cases active	4	3	-25.0%
Unfounded	0	0	0.0%
Value of substances seized	\$1,380	\$612	-55.7%
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS			
New cases generated by NSP	1,657	1,563	-5.7%
Cases cleared	536	552	3.0%
Cases active	484	554	14.5%
Unfounded	30	59	96.7%
Admin/Final	594	398	-33.0%
Investigative Services	1,143	581	-49.2%
Total New Cases	2,800	2,144	-23.4%
Value of property recovered	\$683,082	\$841,589	23.2%

December, and most recently an assessment was compiled for the FBI.

This analyst also prepared a presentation for the "Multi State Domestic Terrorism Conference" conducted in Colorado this past June. Information shared at this conference resulted in two arrests in Nebraska. In October, she and a special agent with the KBI prepared a presentation on "Redemption Scams". "Redemption Scams" are a system being taught by common law terrorists who teach tactics to achieve wealth by using pseudo-legal and pseudo-historical documents. Twenty-two officers from IA, KS, MO, and NB attended this training in North Platte.

Teaching continues to be a goal with the division. In addition to the above specialized training, we conducted instruction on intelligence gathering to the LEIN organization, the new recruit camp, and new to investigators.

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Analytical products from this division do not consist strictly of just threat assessments. We have been called upon to create a time line for a homicide in Fremont, and for a pursuit that went to trial. Several divisions of the Patrol have asked for charts, graphs, etc. for court purposes, recruitment efforts, and statistical reports. The plotter in I/CAD and scanner have been utilized on multiple occasions for these special requests.

Various staff from I/CAD have been fortunate to be able to attend some specialized training, to include Pen-Link, a "Missing Children & Homicide" seminar, and a day long session on 28CFR Part 23 Guidelines, taught by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This seminar outlined intelligence issues such as compliance with the regulations, types of information that can be utilized, and dissemination to other different law enforcement entities.

Our day-to-day duties included processing of the Field Interview Cards, the NSP 701's, and intelligence submitted through our LEIN members. As a central repository for the above intelligence-related forms, retrieval and auditing trails have been adhered to for compliance. After the analysts review the information on these different forms. Three Staff Assistants work extensively with intelligence information, performing research and entering the data into the MNI database.

I/CAD is the central repository for our Investigative Case reports, is responsible for compiling the

monthly UCR report for the Crime Commission, and also creates several drug and criminal statistical reports for the administration. A Statistical Clerk, along with the help of a Counter Drug Support Officer handles all the paperwork and statistical compiling of the case information.

All case reports are reviewed for pertinent information and maintained in a database. File folders are created for all case reports, and subsequent information pertaining to that report is included in these folders. These case folders have to be monitored constantly for status changes. After being maintained as a hard-copy file for a length of time, the files are microfilmed for space/storage reasons and then kept permanently.

Subject information and identifiers are included in the new MNI database to eliminate index cards.

Finally during the year 2000 there were several from our division that were recognized by the Governor and the administration for their years of service to the State of Nebraska and the Patrol

- Jan Auten was recognized in June for 25 years of service.
- Sheri King was recognized in September for 20 years of service;
- Jody Jones was recognized in December for 10 years of service.

Drug Interdiction



**Sgt. Dan Doggett
Commander**

The primary focus of our Drug Interdiction Division is to detect and interdict drug activity occurring on our state highways. The working relationship between the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is both a positive and productive interaction. Both agencies work closely together in investigations

that lead to seizure of assets and prosecution in both federal and state courts.

The responsibilities of the NSP Drug Interdiction Division are varied and broad. The Sergeant in this Division assists officers with processing evidence,

interviewing suspects, and any follow up investigations. He acts as the liaison between the NSP and DEA by assisting with other investigations, organizing manpower allocation requests, and organizing efforts for follow up investigations. Additionally, this officer will assist road troopers and investigators with selective undercover operations, traffic stops, and accident investigations. Arrangements are organized with outside law enforcement personnel for the facilitation of controlled deliveries within and outside the State of Nebraska.

2000 Overview of Accomplishments

Investigations in 2000 initiated by Nebraska State Patrol road troops led to the following seizures in approximate amounts:

- 6,000 pounds of Marijuana
- 250 pounds of Cocaine
- 54 pounds of Methamphetamine

Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry currently has about 1,100 registered sex offenders in the State of Nebraska. The division receives approximately 30 new registered sex offenders a month. Along with the new registrations, there are about 55 address changes that require updating. Sex offender information can be seen instantly from law enforcement by a new secured web site. The web site allows law enforcement to query the registered sex offender information to aid in solving crimes and keeping track of potentially dangerous sex offenders.

Community notification was started for high risk offenders. The risk assessment instrument was completed and a process was started to classify every registered sex offender into one of three risk levels; low, moderate, or high. Community notification will be determined by the risk level of a sex offender. Automating the notification system was still being developed in the year 2000. A data base of every law enforcement agency, licensed day-care, school, and religious and youth organization in Nebraska

was developed. With each entity, a user account was manually entered to establish a secured Internet accessibility to obtain a picture and needed physical information about moderate risk sex offenders in their county of residence. A computerized notification system will notify every moderate risk entity by either a phone call or fax when a sex offender is in their county that is classified as a moderate or high risk. There has been a tremendous amount of work spent on development of this system so there will not be any major problems when it is implemented state wide.



**Sgt. Jon Kraai
Commander**

Investigative Services Troop A



**Lt. Chuck Phillips
Commander**

Troop A Investigative Services (IS) Division is responsible for Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties. Troop A IS has three working sections, Criminal Investigations, Drug Investigations and Liquor/Tobacco Enforcement.

Troop A Criminal Investigations has investigated and

assisted with two high profile death investigations during 2000, assisting with the death investigation of Amy Hajek in Dodge County and investigated the homicide of Amy Stalecker in Douglas County. The Stalecker homicide investigation resulted in the arrest of Richard Cook within days of the crime, First Degree Murder charges are pending against Cook. Criminal investigators assisted with 30 other death investigations that other NSP troop areas and other law enforcement agencies requested.

Criminal Investigations section operates the Call Your Colleague (CYC) program in the Omaha Metro area. The CYC program began almost eleven years ago to assist in the identification and prevention of fraudulent medical prescriptions being passed at area pharmacies and medical facilities. NSP initiates the original call on suspected fraudulent cases to a select list of pharmacies via fax. These pharmacies then initiate each of their "calling trees". As a result of this program during 2000, there were 83 felony fraudulent prescription cases worked and some of those cases involved Medicaid fraud. Some of these cases involved state licensed pharmacists, doctors, and nurses. After legal action is initiated, the case information is forwarded to Health and Human Services (HHS) for actions on the licenses.

Criminal Investigators handle and coordinate investigations of assault, rape and other criminal violations at the Omaha Correctional Complex and Youth Correctional Complex which are both located in Omaha. Additional investigations were conducted at various state facilities, such as a bomb threat at the Omaha State Office Building, and possible embezzlement of public funds from the Metro Community College.

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Criminal Investigators work with multiple area law enforcement agencies during criminal investigations that involve other law enforcement officers, to include Officer Involved Shootings. Investigations range from Grand Jury investigations to request for NSP assistance from various County Attorneys and the Nebraska Attorney General's office.

Troop A Drug Investigators work with the Metro Drug Task Force and concentrate on the commercial interdiction of illegal drugs and contraband coming to/ departing Nebraska. As a result of their efforts and seizures, more than 40 felony charges in both federal and state court(s) have been filed, more than 350 lbs. of marijuana seized, 15 lbs. of cocaine seized, 50 lbs. of methamphetamine and over \$190,000 in drug proceeds confiscated. Additional arrests have resulted outside of Nebraska as a result of this unit's coordination with other state and federal law enforcement agencies across the country.

The NSP Investigator assigned to the Metro Fugitive Task Force was involved with 224 felony arrests. Of those arrests, several were on subjects wanted in connection with Crimes Against Persons, such as 10 Homicide suspects, seven arrests for Assault with Deadly Weapon, 23 Robbery suspects, 14 for Sexual Assault and 21 arrests for Domestic Violence. During this period, the Fugitive Task Force also was involved with the arrest of three suspects wanted for numerous Bank Robberies that occurred in Omaha, Lincoln and Bellevue over a 2 month period. The suspects in the bank robbery were chased after robbing a bank in Lincoln and shot a Greenwood man and assaulted his wife while trying to steal the couple's vehicle. All three suspects were arrested by the Fugitive Task Force in the Omaha area a few days after the shooting incident in Greenwood, NE.

Troop A Liquor / Tobacco enforcements have provided a leadership role in the efforts to prevent underage drinking and the availability of alcohol and tobacco to minors. Investigators coordinated and assisted with seven multi-agency alcohol compliance checks which resulted in 562 licensed liquor establishments being checked and 113 being cited for selling alcohol to minors. Since this unit's efforts,

the noncompliance rate has dropped from 45% noncompliant to almost 23% noncompliant in the Omaha Metro area. Efforts have also included enforcement actions towards underage drinkers. This effort has resulted in 32 arrests for drug and alcohol violations at various minors' gathering locations. Investigators conducted the Synar Tobacco

Compliance check in coordination with Health and Human Services, 252 tobacco license locations were checked and 12 individuals were cited for selling tobacco to minors. Project Extra Mile of Omaha recognized this unit's outstanding efforts and awarded them the Project Extra Mile 5th Anniversary Enforcement Agency Award. Investigators have also completed administrative requirements by conducting 96 new, or additions to backgrounds on liquor license applicants / license holders. On site inspections by investigators at 576 tobacco and alcohol locations resulted in 104 warnings being issued.



Inv. Rasgorshek and Apollo with 32 lbs. of methamphetamine.

Investigators have also conducted six gambling investigations within this troop area and assisted two other NSP troop areas with gambling investigations that have resulted in criminal prosecution and confiscation of gambling devices and proceeds.

Education and Prevention programs have been presented by Troop A Investigators to 2,250 individuals through 43 programs presented by investigative personnel. Programs on drug awareness, cyber crime, and community concerns have been presented to students from elementary age to college students, professional organizations such as County Attorney Associations, medical professional groups, community groups, church groups and other state agencies. These programs are tailored to the audience and specific subjects in a effort to educate students, professionals, and parents on topics such as child exploitation, drug awareness and drug trends. Efforts have also been made to educate liquor/tobacco license operators and employees on state laws regarding underage drinking and tobacco usage. These programs are a result of liquor/tobacco selective enforcement efforts and the request for training on state regulations to help prevent underage drinking and tobacco availability to minors.

Investigative Services Troop B

The Troop B Investigative Services Division responds to calls for services from the public and allied law enforcement agencies in the twenty three county Troop B area. The services provided are for criminal investigations including burglary, homicide, drug investigations, and liquor permit and enforcement duties.



**Lt. Curt Nielsen
Commander**

In the year 2000 Troop B Investigative Services Division continued to work with city and county law enforcement agencies. The Tri-State Drug Task Force is continuing its growth with the addition of South Dakota in 2000. We currently have one drug investigator assigned to this task force, which is comprised of agencies

from Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota, as well as DEA, ATF, and the U.S. Marshall's Service. We also continued to work in the SNARE Drug Task Force, in which we have two investigators assigned. This task force is made of Norfolk, Columbus, and Wayne Police Departments, and Colfax, Polk, and Platte Counties. During this last year Columbus PD assigned an investigator full time to work with our two investigators, as well as two previously assigned from Norfolk PD.

As the result of an 18 pound methamphetamine seizure in California, a controlled delivery was conducted by Troop B Investigators in cooperation with DEA. This investigation continued when an OCDEFT case was opened on suspects in Nebraska, Kansas and California. Indictments have been handed down and several suspects have been arrested. Two other OCDEFT cases are ongoing in the Norfolk and Columbus area, with one driver being caught at the Texas border with 912 lbs of marijuana.

A need was identified by Troop B Investigative Services to get law enforcement officers together to exchange investigative and intelligence information along Troop B's South Dakota border. In October, we organized a meeting attended by 18 officers from Nebraska and South Dakota. The meeting was considered to be a success, and is going to be held on a quarterly basis. In addition, we worked with the FBI, BIA, and the Knox County Sheriff's Department in working with the Santee Tribe in solving law enforcement problems and concerns. Currently, Santee is re-building their law enforcement capabilities, and we continue to provide investigative services when they are needed.

To ensure that we continue to provide quality services we trained additional investigators in the Scientific Content Analysis (SCAN) system. We also had four of our drug investigators attend DEA training. We again have polygraph service available on site in Troop B after one of our investigators completed his polygraph training. In January, February, and March of 2000 several of our new and experienced investigators attended investigators training presented by our agency in Kearney. We continued to provide programs to educators, schools, businesses, and public groups in the area of drug identification and prevention, as well as school security.

Troop B's Criminal Division continued to work on the Kassebaum homicide out of Cuming County, which occurred in August of 1999. In the year 2000, additional individuals were interviewed, and several items were submitted for DNA testing and matching. In another investigation Steven Nuesch of Pierce was arrested by criminal investigators and convicted for the 1978 murder of his father Mimrod Nuesch. In July, criminal investigators also investigated the double murder- suicide of the Albrecht family near Jackson in Dakota County. In addition, two arrests were made of individuals significantly involved in the exploitation and sexual assault of children, as well as the receiving and distribution of child pornography materials. Two police related deaths, one in Knox County, and one in Wayne County were also investigated during the year.

Troop C Investigative Services Division

The Troop C Investigative Services Division consists of three sections with specific investigative functions in the general categories of criminal, drug, and liquor enforcement. Currently, there are 13 investigators, 2 sergeants, and 2 civilian support personnel



**Lt. J. M. Phinney
Commander**

conducting the investigations in a 17-county region in South Central Nebraska.

Drug Division personnel are actively involved in three federally-funded task force operations; CANDO (Compact for Apprehension of Narcotics Dealers and Offenders), HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area), and MULE (Mid-Upper Level

Enforcement). These operations target drug dealers at every level and focus on special problems created within the region by an ever-changing population base.

The year 2000 may well be characterized by the tremendous increase in the availability and subsequent trafficking of methamphetamine. In response to this problem, most of the efforts and resources of the Drug Division were directed toward the sale and manufacturing of methamphetamine and all of the related problems associated with its presence in the communities. The Drug Division reports the following highlights during the year 2000:

- Phelps County methamphetamine conspiracy case resulting in 8 arrests.
- Buffalo County methamphetamine conspiracy case resulting in 29 arrests.
- Served 8 drug search warrants and assisted other agencies with an additional 8 drug search warrants.
- Participated in 8 methamphetamine lab take-downs.
- Initiated one 10-ounce and one 12-ounce methamphetamine buy/bust.
- Investigators accompanied 4 interdiction loads out of state for controlled deliveries.

Investigators assigned to the Criminal Division conduct a wide variety of criminal investigations. Personnel are routinely utilized for homicide and death investigations, child abuse, and the newly created ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) operation. Criminal activity in a number of state operated facilities, such as the Hastings Regional Center, Hastings Correctional Center, Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center, and Grand

Island Veterans' Home, created numerous requests for investigative functions.

Troop C criminal investigators have acquired a number of specialized skills, which generate many requests for investigative assistance from allied agencies. Currently, the investigators maintain expertise in the areas of bloodstain/pattern analysis, crime scene investigation, polygraph, and auto theft. The recent acquisition of several new equipment items, including computerized polygraph instrument, high intensity crime scene light, and digital camera equipment, enhance the investigators abilities to provide the services requested.

The Criminal Division reports the following highlights during the year 2000:

- Conducted two Grand Jury investigations involving police officer shootings in Hall and York Counties.
- Conducted Grand Jury investigation into in-custody death (suicide) of Kenny Ford in the Buffalo County Jail.
- Investigated the homicidal deaths of Paul Adkism in Buffalo County and Jeffrey Shafer in Sherman County.
- Assisted Hall County Sheriff with the death investigation of Joseph Parella in Grand Island.
- Conducted undercover computer crime investigation resulting in the arrest of David Davis for conspiracy to commit first degree sexual assault on a child.
- Assisted Troop D with the Charles Moses case and Ralph Quador homicide.

Liquor investigators assigned to Troop C work hard to meet all of the regulatory demands created by the large population centered in the Grand Island, Hastings, and Kearney areas. Enforcement efforts have been directed toward sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors, video gambling devices, and the serving of intoxicated persons, which resulted in their involvement in fatality accidents.

Liquor investigators report the following highlights during the year 2000:

- Conducted 126 tobacco compliance checks resulting in approximately 25% of establishments being in violation.
- Investigated two separate incidents where establishments served intoxicated persons, who were later involved in fatality accidents.
- Conducted undercover operation resulting in the seizure of 11 video gambling devices from 8 different liquor establishments in Grand Island.
- Assisted with statewide investigation of the distribution of pre-paid phone cards which were later determined to be gambling devices.

Troop D Investigative Services Division

The Troop D Investigative Services Division provides investigative law enforcement services to 23 counties in Western Nebraska. These counties comprise an area greater than that of nine of America's United States. In fact, the 22,500 square miles covered by the division's investigators are roughly equal to the combined land areas of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Hawaii.

The division is currently authorized to include 13 sworn officers and two civilian personnel. These employees take both a reactive and pro-active approach to enforcing criminal, drug, and liquor violations, as well as acting as the focal point of all intelligence processing and exchange in the region. As Troop D covers a predominately rural area of the state, many of the other law enforcement agencies in these counties have extremely limited personnel resources, with few or no officers possessing investigative training or experience. Therefore, in addition to initiating case investigations, the division is frequently called upon to provide assistance with manpower, equipment, and expertise for allied agency investigations.

Examples of investigative services provided by the division to surrounding law enforcement agencies include polygraph examination, scientific content statement analysis, blood spatter analysis, and automobile fraud examination. The division is one of only three law enforcement units in the troop area which performs undercover drug investigative work. The division is also exclusively responsible for conducting all background investigations for area liquor license applications, and completing inspections on licensed liquor premises for compliance with the provisions of Nebraska's Liquor Control Act.

During calendar year 2000, division investigators initiated 136 new cases, arrested 90 suspects, and presented 87 public programs to a total audience of 2,513 citizens. The new cases initiated comprised 53 criminal, 53 drug, and 30 liquor statute violations. The criminal violations included 21 theft offenses totaling nearly \$15,000 in loss, 12 sex-related offenses, and two homicides. The drug violations included offenses relating to marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and pharmaceutical drugs. The liquor violations included alcohol, tobacco, and licensing offenses.

The drug unit spent the first half of 2000 furthering a methamphetamine conspiracy investigation which

was initiated in 1999 with the implementation of an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) case. This effort has, to date, resulted in more than a dozen federal indictments, and the revelation that some of the identified suspects in the case were also involved in a cocaine distribution ring in the area. This information has generated an expansion of the case, which now includes an extremely ambitious conspiracy investigation into cocaine distribution. This investigation will likely continue well into 2001.



**Lt. Lloyd Peters
Commander**

The criminal unit experienced an extraordinary year in 2000, with two homicides and an officer shooting all occurring in a span of three weeks. This sequence of events began with the shooting death of rancher Ralph Quador at his residence in rural Loup County on January 24. The probe pointed investigators in the direction of a former girlfriend, Maxine Betts. On May 15, Ms. Betts confessed to the shooting, and was subsequently charged with Mr. Quador's death. A December suppression hearing resulted in the exclusion of many key portions of Ms. Betts' confession, and the charges against her were dismissed. Division personnel continue to work on this case.

Without a doubt, the division's high profile cases of 2000 were the February 12 shootings of Lincoln County Deputy Stan McKnight and Trooper Jeffrey Crymble in Lincoln County, and subsequent February 14 shooting death of Paxton resident Mr. Robert Sedlacek in Keith County. Augmented by officers from throughout the state, the division's investigation quickly identified and located Mr. Charles Lannis Moses Jr., who was taken into custody near Lusk, Wyoming on February 15. The division spent incalculable man hours in the conduct of these investigations. This effort saw fruition when Mr. Moses was recently sentenced to two 25- to 50-year terms for the officer shootings, and received a 65-year to life sentence for the homicide of Mr. Sedlacek.

Troop E Investigative Services Division



**Lt. Don Blausey
Commander**

Troop E Investigative Services Division is comprised of a Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and seven Investigator's working criminal and drug investigations, as well as liquor and tobacco enforcement. An Intelligence Staff Assistant and a Word Processing Specialist are also assigned to Troop E Investigative Services. Duty stations

throughout the eleven county Panhandle region include Scottsbluff, Bridgeport, and Chadron. Due to its' geographical location, certain challenges often face Troop E that aren't faced by other Troop Areas since it's surrounded on three sides by bordering states. These include Colorado, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Troop E is also the only Troop Area that has only one Liquor Enforcement Officer. Although Troop E Investigative Services Division has fewer officers covering a widespread area, several complex activities or investigations occurred in Troop E during the year 2000.

In February, Charles Moses shot two officers and murdered a farmer in Keith and Lincoln Counties. After an intense manhunt, Moses was discovered near Lusk, Wyoming. Prior to his apprehension, Moses attempted to elude officers by driving through fences, into a pasture, and ended up with the stolen pickup in a deep canyon. The pickup he was using at the time had been stolen from the farmer he murdered near Paxton, Nebraska a couple of days earlier. Due to the pickup being a crime scene, it had to be processed for evidence. Troop E sent several officers to the location of the pickup to handle this task. Due to the location of the pickup, recovery efforts were hampered, so the processing had to take place where the pickup had ended up in the canyon. To make matters worse, the night before they arrived, it snowed several inches. The actual recovery of the pickup wouldn't take place for several more days. When arrangements for recovery of the pickup were finalized, it was necessary have a helicopter from Denver lift it out of the canyon. Due to the efforts of everyone involved in the investigations surrounding the crimes involved, Moses has entered pleas and was sentenced to a long term prison stay.

On May 8, 2000, a liquor compliance check was conducted in Scottsbluff County. More than eighty liquor licensees were checked by officers working together from nearly all Scottsbluff County law enforcement agencies. This compliance check was coordinated by the State Patrol. Nearly a fourth of all licensees checked sold alcohol to a minor. Additional compliance checks similar to this will be held in the future.

On May 14, Casey Hutsell of Sidney was shot to death, and then an attempt was made to burn her body. Troop E Investigative Services was requested by the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department to conduct the crime scene investigation. Two suspects were later identified as the perpetrators by the Sheriff's Department, and apprehended. Both have since entered pleas, and are awaiting sentencing.

On July 9, 2000, Mona Little Moon fatally stabbed her husband at their residence in Gordon. Troop E Investigative Services was requested by the Gordon Police Department to conduct the crime scene investigation. Little Moon has plead guilty to manslaughter, and is awaiting sentencing.

Troop E Drug Investigators are continuing to obtain indictments for individuals involved in a large methamphetamine distribution network in western and central Nebraska. Initial arrests were made in October 1999; however, most indictments in federal court have come in 2000 after additional investigation has been conducted. The investigation is continuing.

On October 8, Garden County Deputy Sheriffs Matt Shultz and Dennis Hale were shot at while responding to a reported request for assistance west of Oshkosh. Luckily, neither was hurt. The suspects were arrested for committing the crime. Troop E Investigators were requested to conduct the investigation, and both of the suspects have been bound over to District Court for trial on attempted murder charges.

On October 29, 2000, Brandon Summers of the Scottsbluff area was shot by a Gering Police Officer after Summers crashed just east of Melbeta following a pursuit. Summers had stolen a Scottsbluff County Sheriff's Department cruiser from just east of Gering when officers were contacting himself and others for disrupting traffic on the highway. Troop E Investigators were requested to conduct the investigation of the entire incident. Summers is continuing to recover from a gunshot wound to the abdomen, and charges against him are pending.

Investigative Services Division

Headquarters Troop



**Lt. Mark Funkhouser
Commander**

Headquarters Troop Investigative Services Division consists of three working groups of investigators, each supervised by a Sergeant, that work cases related to their expertise. Those groups; Criminal, HDQ Drug (MULE), and the Rural Apprehension Program (RAP) have handled a wide variety of investigations and each has experienced

success in the past year. These units operate within HDQ Troop, a fifteen county area bound by the Platte River, Missouri River, the Kansas state line and include Butler, Seward, Fillmore and Thayer Counties on the west border. The RAP unit also operates within several counties in Troop C.

The HDQ Criminal Unit handles major crimes and scene investigations in incidents within the Troop Area. Homicides and other death investigations, sexual assaults, robberies, white collar crime, and crimes involving children as victims are the focus of the unit. Many of these cases are worked at the request of County Attorneys or local agencies that are incapable, due to manpower, experience, or training, to investigate these difficult situations. This unit also handles all investigations and Grand Jury Inquiries on institutional deaths and investigates any offense committed within the soon-to-be nine state operated custodial facilities in the area. Several cases each year are generated through the Nebraska Attorney General's Office and within state government, as well as any serious crime that occurs on state property, including State Fair Park.

The HDQ Investigations Unit has solved one homicide case in December 1999 that was tried in court and a conviction was received in August 2000. This unit also investigated two other homicides in March and April, 2000 and both of those have also been tried and convictions received. This unit is currently working on another homicide in the Gage County area in which a recent arrest was made on January 6, 2000. It has been a very busy year for this unit. Assistance was given in another homicide in the Gage County area in February, 2000.

These cases were investigated amongst other serious cases. There have been several child sexual assault and child pornography cases investigated throughout 2000 by this unit. There have been at least two that have received convictions. In December 2000, an investigation began on another child porn case where evidence was found on a computer.

There were several death investigation cases involving inmate deaths that were conducted by all members of this unit throughout the year 2000, which are very time consuming. This unit also assisted several Nebraska agencies as well as out of state agencies with different investigations. Early in the year 2000, this unit assisted the Chicago Police in solving a homicide by assisting them with a search warrant in Nebraska of a suspect in the 30-year-old homicide. HDQ Investigators also assisted with the investigation and manhunt of Charles Moses in western Nebraska.

During the past year, HDQ and RAP have redistributed personnel in order to better serve the public. HDQ is attempting to concentrate on more mid & upper level enforcement (MULE) cases and allowing RAP and the other drug grants in Headquarters Troop area to address street level investigations. In the past year the drug unit, which consists of a Sergeant and three Investigators was successful in obtaining funding to relocate with the Lincoln/Lancaster County Task Force to a newer, larger facility.

HDQ Drug is spending a considerable amount of time dealing with meth labs and the associated issues. Salary totals for officers responding to two recent methamphetamine labs in HDQ Troop were \$3,323 and \$4,824. That does not include time spent on reports and court or the costs of equipment used, much of which is destroyed after one use.

HDQ Drug continues to cooperate and provide an investigator to liaison with the SEADE task force. Investigators also continue to assist troopers with highway interdiction efforts. This group is also involved with several cases that have been worked with Federal prosecution in mind. The unit includes one investigator who is a very active polygraph examiner.

The following is an overview of activity conducted by the RAP drug task force section of the Nebraska State Patrol. The RAP Unit added two investigators

Investigative Services Headquarters Troop (cont'd.)

in an effort to increase service to the citizens in the thirteen county area of responsibility. RAP now consists of six investigators and a Sergeant who work with local agencies in street level narcotic enforcement. This is a federal grant funded operation that has been in operation for eleven years. Unfortunately, this group is also experiencing the manpower drain of the methamphetamine lab dilemma.

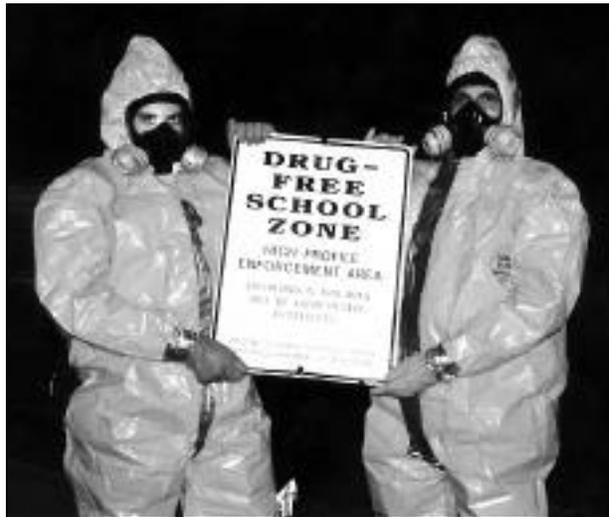
A statistical summary of the RAP unit's production for the year 2000 follows.

- The RAP investigators during the year 2000 initiated 125 new cases.
- Of the 125 new cases generated, 115 were felonies, 4 were misdemeanors, and 6 were infractions.

- Of the 125 cases made in 2000, the break down of controlled substance type cases are as follows:
 - Cocaine - 7
 - Hallucinogenic Drugs - 1
 - Marijuana - 30
 - Methamphetamine - 77
 - Pharmaceutical drugs - 3
- The controlled substances seized/purchased in 2000 are broken down in amounts as follows:
 - Cocaine - 1.9 pounds
 - Hallucinogenic Drugs - 1 gram
 - Marijuana - 28.33 pounds
 - Methamphetamine - 2.25 pounds
 - Pharmaceutical drugs - N/A

The RAP task force also investigated or assisted in shutting down 8 methamphetamine labs in the year 2000.

RAP arrested 110 suspects for felony drug violations in 2000.



Sign found in Butler County Meth. Lab.

Retirements

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Dennis Spencer



James Wilcynski

Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

A total of 85 Specialty Awards were presented during 2000. Recipients included Patrol personnel along with citizens from the private sector.

Nebraska State Patrol Life Saver

This award shall be used to recognize employees who initiate efforts to preserve and protect life, above or beyond their professional duty.

The Nebraska State Patrol Life Saver Award shall consist of: a Breast ribbon (red and white, 2nd award includes a silver star, 3rd and subsequent awards include a gold star), a framed certificate summarizing the significant accomplishment along with a gold color Superintendent's medallion.

The five recipients of this award in 2000 included:

Trp. Tim Arnold
Inv. Michael Dowling
Sgt. Teddie Mashek
Trp. Carolyn O'Brien
Patricia Quinn

Nebraska State Patrol Honorable Service Award

Established to bestow recognition to commissioned personnel who, while in the performance of their duties, are injured or killed while encountering deadly force or significant "other actions" causing serious bodily harm or death. "Other actions" does not include reckless behavior by the officer.

Honorable Service Award consists of a medal and presentation wooden box, designated breast ribbon (all purple with white stripes), certificate and letter of circumstances presented in presentation folder.

A Honorable Service Award was presented in 2000 to Trp. Jeffery Crymble.

Superintendent's Group Citation

Established to bestow upon a group of employees for outstanding achievement, greatly exceeding normal demands of the department and performed in a manner above and beyond professional duty. This award would distinguish a group of employees who, through their outstanding service to the Patrol and/or the public, exemplifies our motto of "Pro Bono Publico."

Superintendent's Group Citation consists of: a Breast ribbon (red with blue stripe, 2nd award includes a silver star, 3rd and subsequent awards include a gold star), certificate, and letter of circumstances in a presentation folder.

The eleven recipients of this award in 2000 included:

Ron Adams	Lori Plautz
Shirley Danahy	Bryce Wellnitz
Suzy Fredrickson	Sgt. Kevin Bridges
Scott McFall	Trp. Robert Almquist
Duane Nelson	Trp. Bryce Triplett
Terry Pell	

Superintendent Commendation Award

Established to bestow upon an employee for an exceptional act, service or sustained excellence in performance of duties. Employees nominated should have distinguished themselves in the performance of their duty by exhibiting highly creditable or unusual actions or by furtherance of efficiency and/or performance reflecting credit to the law enforcement profession.

Superintendent's Commendation Award consists of: a Breast ribbon (red with white stripe, 2nd award includes a silver star, 3rd and subsequent awards include a gold star) a certificate and letter of circumstances in a presentation folder.

The four recipients of this award in 2000 included:

Sgt. Kevin Bridges	Trp. Ken Meier
Trp. Robert Almquist	Trp. Bryce Triplett

Superintendent's Distinguished Service Award

Established to recognize personnel based on any of the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated excellence in work performance required to assist the agency with the accomplishment of a significant goal;
2. Actions in a particular event, situation or circumstance that indicate a high degree of professional integrity, concern for the mission of the Nebraska State Patrol and dedicated service to the public;
3. Demonstrated diligence and perseverance by performing one or more of the following: prevention of crime, protection of life or property, apprehension of criminal suspect(s) or the accomplishment of a deed that reflects credit upon an employee or group of employees and the Nebraska State Patrol.
4. Retirement from the agency.

Superintendent's Distinguished Service Award shall consist of: a framed certificate summarizing the significant accomplishment along with a silver color Superintendent's medallion.

The 41 recipients of this award in 2000 included:

David Adams	Scott McFall
Terry Ahrens	Jud McKinstry
Tim Arney	Russell Nedrig
Michael Behm	Frank Peck
James Benzel	Terry Pell
Richard Blausey	Chris Peters
Sean Caradori	Jay Petersen
Leon Cederlind	Stanley Rasmussen
Bob Cruise	Tom Reinhart
Ken Dahlke	Michael Ritonya
David Headley	Keith Simonsen
David Heidbrink	Dennis Spencer
Bill Hobbs	Terry Stake
Duff Jensen	Russ Stanczyk
Bob Johnson	Alan Theobald
Bryan Jones	Wayne Trantham
Scott Kendall	Eugene True
Mike Kerby	Michael Tumbleson
Todd Kinghorn	James Wilcynski
Kevin Knorr	Lynne Woody
Wayne Lucas	

Public Service Award

This award shall be used to recognize citizens who demonstrate significant accomplishments with regards to public service.

The Public Service Award shall consist of: a framed certificate summarizing the significant accomplishment along with a bronze color Superintendent's medallion. There were six Public Service Awards presented in 2000 to private citizens.

Recruit Training - Achievement Awards

Achievement awards are presented to Trooper and Carrier Enforcement candidates for academic, marksmanship and physical fitness excellence based upon final ratings during the recruit training program. Criteria for each award shall be outlined in SOP Manual 33-1 (Training). The awards are as follows:

O. H. Witt Academic Award - for academic excellence. Presented to Jason A. Probasco.

Donald Shearer Marksmanship Award - for firearms proficiency. Presented to Manley M. Hatcher.

R. J. Buchholz Physical Fitness Award - for demonstrating the most improvement in overall physical fitness during the training session. Presented to Steven M. Peck.

State Troopers Association of Nebraska Award. Presented to Jason A. Probasco.

Superintendent's Leadership Award. Presented to Jason A. Probasco.

Length of Service Award

Recognizes employees who have ten or more years (five year increments) of service to the State of Nebraska. The Length of Service Award consists of a certificate, a pin, and/or a coffee cup.

45 Years

Ronald Blecha

35 Years

Henry Bruner

30 Years

Arlan K. Anderson
Gale T. Griess
Marvin J. Louthan

Charles R. Oden
Lois K. Schmidt
Gerald F. Sieck

25 Years

Morris Abshier
Gordon Anville
Jan Auten
Kenneth Bohlken
Jim Brokaw
Ron Dick
Doug Donscheski

Justin Goforth
Michael Johnson
Mike Mitchell
Barbara Reeves
Jose Ruiz
Carol Sems
David Smith

20 Years

Jeffrey Barnes
Richard Blausey
John Bral
Susan Chesnut
David Dishong
Timothy Earhart
Richard Haseloh
Diane Horstman
Douglas Johnson
Sheryl King

Gary Klimek
Barbara Klinetobe
Rhonda Lahm
Vryl Mackey
Lloyd Peters
Edwin Petersen
Tom Reinhart
Roy Roberson
Keith Rodaway
John Shelton

15 Years

Barb Aude
Jill Guthrie
Mike Heil
Bryce Triplett

10 Years

Jana Barker
Fredrick Bastron
Wendy Brehm
Jerald Chab
Chris Christen
Lonnie Connelly
Vicky Cowan
Jason Dean
Richard Fellin
Robert Frank
Thomas Grove
Linda Hormandl
Jodell Jones
Leroy Jones
Daryll Juber
Todd Kinghorn
Daniel Klimek
Brenda Konfrst
Ron Kosiba
Celeste Laird

Scott McFall
Bruce Mitchell
Carolyn O'Brien
John Olsen
Franklin Peck
Edward Petersen
Timothy Pickering
Christopher Pleiss
Danny Riens
Jeffrey Rogers
Kerry Rogers
Kelly Sailors-Kolb
Carla Schreiber
Joel Smith
Paul Smoot
Todd Steckelberg
Matthew Taylor
Sandra Tighe
Jeffrey Wallace
Leslie Zimmerman

Employees of the Year

Shirley Danahy
Investigator Jay Petersen

Managers of the Year

Dr. John Dietrich
Captain Lloyd Hansen



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