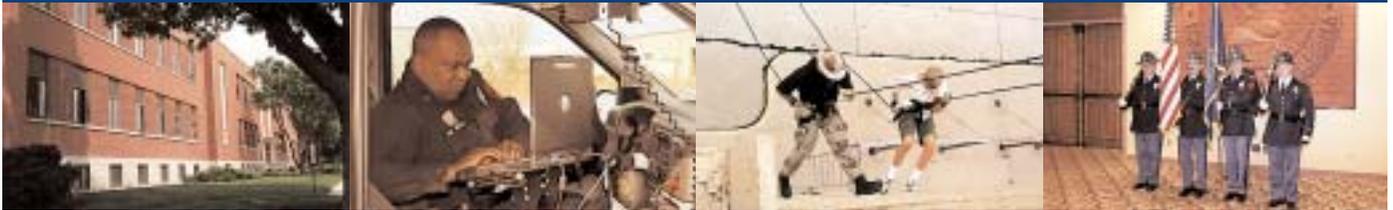


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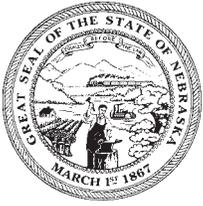
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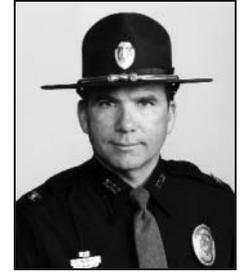
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Dear Citizens of Nebraska:

The accomplishments of the Nebraska State Patrol in 2002 are a credit to the hard work and dedication of our employees, sworn and civilian. Our mission to protect the public was carried out through a number of innovative projects and historic milestones all in the face of new challenges such as those posed by homeland security.

The passage of long awaited legislation, LB470, allowed the agency to assign troopers to the Carrier Enforcement Division. As a result, our first all-trooper recruit class reported for training in 2002. The agency also began formulating the first-ever lateral entry program for sworn officers. On the technology front, the agency secured funding to purchase mobile data computers and began field tests. One more of many noteworthy achievements is the establishment of Nebraska's AMBER Alert system to aid in the recovery of abducted children.

The progress came amid challenges. Homeland security concerns prompted an exhaustive review of our readiness as a state and a few new duties for our officers. At the same time, our budget was trimmed due to declining state revenues. Through it all, patrol employees remained positive and mindful of how fortunate we are to enjoy the tremendous support shown to us by state leaders and the citizens we serve.

As the agency evolves, one thing will always remain the same; we will serve with honesty, professionalism, and distinction as we carry on the Nebraska State Patrol's deeply-rooted tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Nesbitt".

Tom Nesbitt, Colonel
Superintendent



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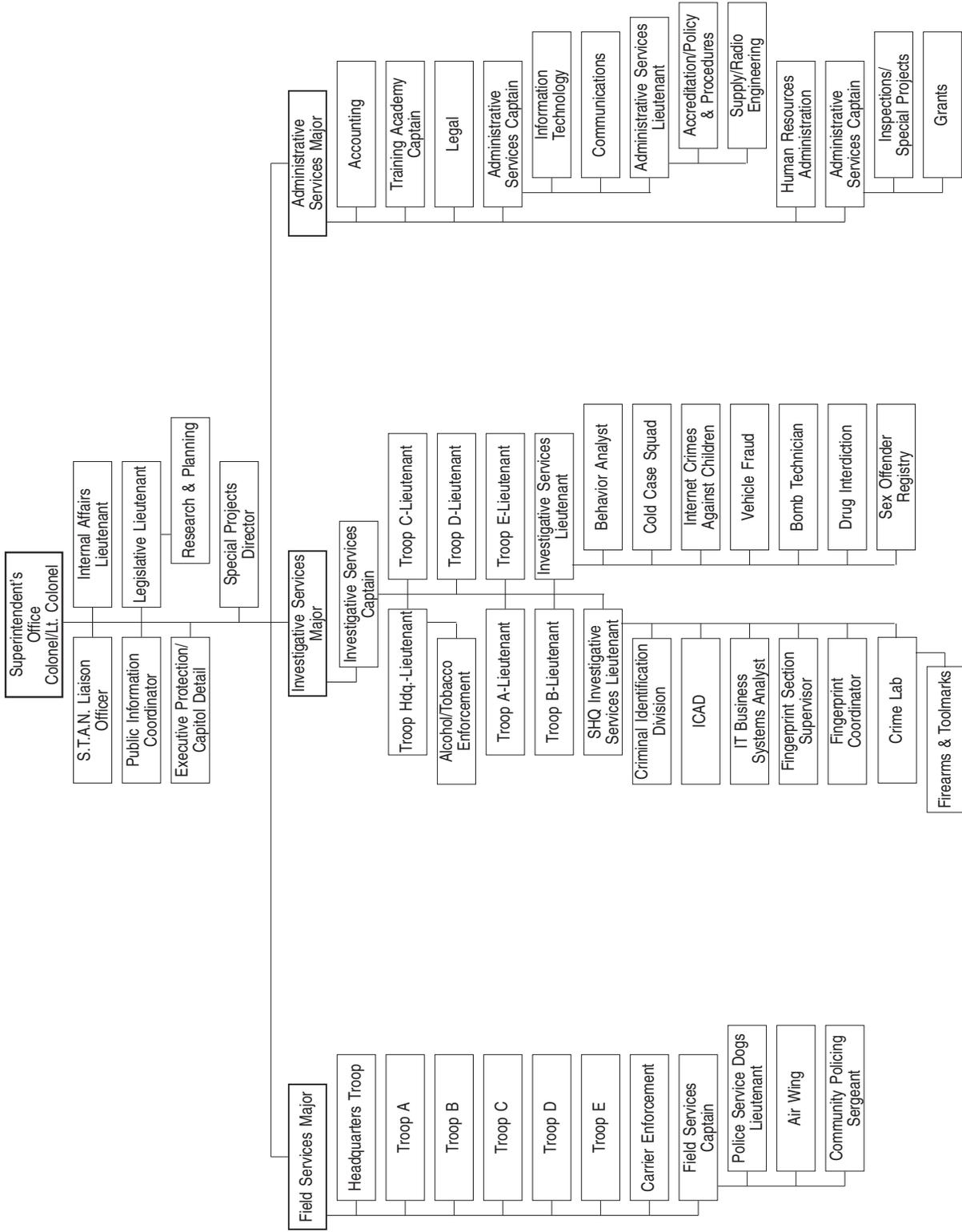
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Nebraska State Patrol



Goals

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

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.

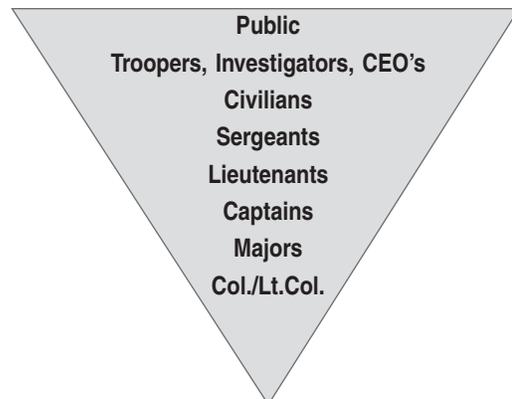
Nebraska State Patrol Management Philosophy

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"

Carrier Enforcement

Captain Jim Doggett, Commander

NSP Takes Big Step Toward Stabilizing Carrier Enforcement Division

Most of the officers assigned to Nebraska's weigh stations are now wearing blue state patrol uniforms instead of green uniforms. They are also receiving pay and benefits equal to the troopers working traffic enforcement. The change became official at a badging ceremony December 2, 2002, at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln.

The ceremony marked the transition of 70 carrier enforcement officers to troopers, assigned to the Carrier Enforcement Division (CE) of the Nebraska State Patrol. Carrier enforcement officers were given the choice to become troopers. Only three chose to continue as carrier enforcement officers.

The change is a result of the passage of LB470 which allowed the patrol to assign troopers to the CE Division. The legislation eliminates the disparities between officers of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). Previously, carrier enforcement officers received lower wages and less attractive retirement benefits. As troopers assigned to the CE Division, they continue to focus on commercial vehicle enforcement but receive the same pay as the troopers assigned to the Field Services Division.

The change was needed due to the high turnover rate in the CE Division. Because of the disparity in pay and benefits, carrier enforcement officers were leaving the division to become troopers more quickly than they could be replaced, creating an atmosphere of inexperience and instability. The disparity in pay and benefits also impacted morale in the CE Division.

"The presentation of badges is a big step toward stabilizing the Carrier Enforcement Division," said Colonel Tom Nesbitt, Superintendent of the NSP. "This historic change is formal recognition that the officers assigned to the Carrier Enforcement Division are equal partners in our public safety mission. It will be exciting to watch as the division becomes an even more effective safety force on our highways."

Since graduation, in addition to maintaining a 90% staffing level, one-man portable units are providing more coverage with no additional personnel. Thus, officers assigned to the CE Division are becoming more knowledgeable in commercial vehicle enforcement through experience and advanced technologies.



Sgt. Dan Doggett badges his father Capt. Jim Doggett.

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Results of scales operations:			
Portable			
Trucks weighed	27,283	25,942	-4.9%
Citations issued	13,532	14,220	5.1%
Percent Violation	49.59%	54.81%	10.5%
Permanent			
Trucks weighed	1,095,092	615,695	-43.8%
Citations issued	11,060	9,600	-13.2%
Percent Violation	1.00%	1.55%	55.0%
Violations	7,625	7,056	-7.5%
Warnings	3,762	3,593	-4.5%
FIC	61	40	-34.4%
Intelligence Reports	NA	1	
Fees collected from permits:			
Reciprocity fees	\$161,945	\$49,877	-69.2%
Fuel fees	82,645	NA	
Total Fees	\$244,590	NA	
Offense			
Plates	1,458	1,220	-16.3%
Exterior Gross	1,056	685	-35.1%
Interior Gross	427	459	7.5%
Single Axle	943	816	-13.5%
Tandem Axle	6,197	5,369	-13.4%
Brakes	7,937	16,567	108.7%
Lighting	3,613	6,098	68.8%
Other MCSAP Violations	8,077	14,176	75.5%

Carrier Enforcement (*cont'd.*)

New North Platte Scales

The new scale facilities near North Platte along Interstate-80 were completed and officially opened in October 2002. These new facilities include enclosed truck inspection bays with inspection pits, and incorporate the intelligent transportation technologies of PrePass and high speed weigh-in-motion. These technologies allow trucks to be weighed and screened for safety and credentials at mainline interstate speeds.

Metropolitan Aggressive and Preventive Selective (MAPS) Team

The Nebraska State Patrol Carrier Enforcement Division has a special group called the Metropolitan Aggressive and Preventive Selective (MAPS) Team. Officers on the team, with assistance from local law enforcement agencies, conducted surprise commercial vehicle inspections across the state on 14 occasions in 2002.

The MAPS Team is funded largely by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Officers check for compliance with federal safety regulations and enforce laws pertaining to weight, size, registration, and permits associated with commercial vehicles (trucks, truck tractors, semi trailers, and buses). The MAPS Team was implemented in 1998 and consists of 44 officers from the Nebraska State Patrol's Carrier Enforcement Division.

There were 1,215 inspections were conducted statewide, in 2002. These inspections resulted in 4,241 violations. They placed 556 vehicles out-of-service for violations relating to bad brakes or tires, or other problems that pose immediate safety risks. Officers also placed 61 drivers out-of-service (not allowed to continue driving). Officers issued a total of \$81,340 in fines.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Roadcheck 2002

The vision of Roadcheck 2002 was to reduce the number of crashes involving commercial trucks and motor coaches. Carrier enforcement officers, certified by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), throughout the Canadian provinces, Mexico

Results of MCSAP:	Totals FY-2001	Totals FY-2002	% Change
Total inspections	14,241	23,052	61.9%
Hazardous material inspections	849	1,383	62.9%
Level 1 (<i>full inspection check vehicle & driver</i>)	5,690	11,228	97.3%
Average duration (<i>minutes</i>)	37	36	-2.7%
Level 2 (<i>inspect driver & walk around inspection</i>)	1,947	2,757	41.6%
Average duration (<i>minutes</i>)	23	22	-4.3%
Level 3 (<i>inspect driver only</i>)	6,427	8,668	34.9%
Average duration (<i>minutes</i>)	17	17	0.0%
Level 4	NA	228	
Average duration (<i>minutes</i>)	NA	17	
Level 5 (<i>Bus</i>)	177	171	-3.4%
Average duration (<i>minutes</i>)	26	27	3.8%
CR Terminal Inspections	11	0	-100.0%
Average duration (<i>minutes</i>)	22	0	-100.0%
CVE Traffic Enforcement Inspections	1,450	2,671	84.2%
CVE Driver out-of-service ratio	6.10%	4.70%	-23.0%
CVE Vehicle out-of-service ratio	37.50%	28.50%	-24.0%
Drivers put out of service	1,778	2,045	15.0%
Driver out of service ratio	12.60%	9.00%	-28.6%
Total Vehicle Violations	19,766	36,841	86.4%
Average violations per vehicle	2.53	2.56	1.2%
Total vehicles out-of-service	3,382	4,972	47.0%
Vehicle out-of-service ratio	43.30%	34.60%	-20.1%
Total Vehicle Out-of-Service Violations	5,911	9,568	61.9%
Compliance Reviews	15	26	73.3%

and United States, including Nebraska, conducted roadside inspections over a 72-hour period.

The objectives were to: 1) Educate the public, industry and government agencies about the CVSA certified commercial vehicle inspectors' role in saving lives on North America's highways. 2) Remove unsafe commercial vehicle drivers and unsafe vehicles from the highways, be alert for security risks. 3) Educate commercial vehicle drivers about the importance of safe driving and maintaining safe vehicles.

Lives were saved because roadside inspections conducted by CVSA certified inspectors took and continue to take place every day throughout North America. Troopers in Nebraska certified through CVSA inspected 391 commercial vehicles resulting in 95 vehicles and 25 drivers placed out of service.

Overall, there were 49,379 inspections conducted during Roadcheck 2002 that resulted in 12.5 lives saved and 200 injuries avoided.

Lateral Entry Program (Part 1)

For the first time, the Nebraska State Patrol has established a lateral entry program for applicants who have a valid law enforcement certificate (sworn officers from other agencies). Lateral entry applicants are subject to the same selection process, salary, and requirements as other applicants. The difference is length of training. If there are enough lateral entry applicants to justify a special camp, they will undergo a two-month condensed training camp. Applicants without law enforcement experience attend a six-month training camp.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens 21 years of age by January 9, 2004. They must have a high school diploma or GED equivalence and meet other requirements which are outlined on the NSP website at www.nsp.state.ne.us under Sworn Officer Career

Opportunities. All new recruits are hired as troopers and assigned to either the Carrier Enforcement or Field Services Division.

"I'm pleased to see law enforcement again being recognized as a noble career," said Colonel Tom Nesbitt, Superintendent of the NSP. "Nationwide, law enforcement agencies have had difficulty recruiting qualified candidates. I hope changing attitudes, combined with a great salary and benefits package, inspire more candidates to apply with the patrol. We are proud of our tradition of excellence and we invite anyone considering a career in law enforcement to submit an application."

Part II to conclude in 2003

Drug Interdiction

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) continues to be very successful in the area of drug interdiction. One sergeant and one investigator are assigned to coordinate and assist with interdiction investigations. In 2002, these officers assisted with a growing number of drug interdiction cases generated by our uniformed officers.

The following is an approximate breakdown of the drugs and cash seized during 2002:

Marijuana	6,436.2 pounds
Methamphetamine	50 pounds
Cocaine	352.79 pounds
Heroin	13 pounds
LSD/PCP	4 liters
Ecstasy	4,120,054 tablets
Cash	\$5,321,298 US Currency

The drug interdiction sergeant has been asked to assist several outside law enforcement agencies. A drug interdiction school was also organized and held in Omaha in 2002.

Air Wing

Lieutenant Keith Rodaway, Commander

The Air Wing (AW) unit is dedicated to being a support unit for all who request assistance. The unit operates with four pilots and one full-time mechanic. The AW pilots flew more than 950 hours in 2002. That breaks down to more than 237 hours per aircraft of actual flight time. Those flights included activities such as aerial searches, photo flights, traffic enforcement and observation, crashes, as well as public relation events and transportation of personnel.



NSP helicopter assists with traffic control on I-80 during bridge washout near Ogallala.

The four aircraft, 3 Cessna 182RG's and 1 Bell 206 Helicopter, are being used more and more for requests outside of patrol flights. As time and society change, more and more officers and departments are realizing the value of airborne law enforcement.

The AW Unit assisted with several disasters in 2002 ranging from a fire in Gothenburg to the Interstate 80 washout and flood in the Ogallala area. Many flight hours involved assisting Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams, and the Investigative Services Drug teams and Criminal units with surveillance and calls. The AW Unit supported the Nebraska Game and Parks Department with the eradication of the Chronic Waste Disease (CWD) deer herd and with the documenting of duck blinds and goose pits for hunter checks. The AW Unit also assisted with many pursuits throughout the year. During one pursuit, the suspects fled on foot and a pilot located them and directed officers to them. While the suspects were being apprehended, the alert pilot observed and alerted officers to a fire burning near the cruisers.

In 2002, one pilot completed helicopter training. That same pilot, with assistance from another pilot, landed the helicopter on the Interstate to offer medical assistance during a crash that stopped traffic. A pilot, while training with an instructor in Iowa, experienced a helicopter malfunction which resulted in a crash that destroyed the training helicopter. The trooper was training for his helicopter instructor rating when the crash occurred. The trooper and instructor suffered minor injuries.

The NSP helicopter is equipped with a device that allows NSP personnel to communicate directly with members of other law enforcement agencies. The device also monitors several radio channels at one time. The AW Unit developed a system that allows for the same communication capability in the fixed wing aircraft.

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Hours of transportation	262.0	158	-39.7%
Hours of assisting criminal and drug division	92.2	54.5	-40.9%
Hours of traffic enforcement	492.0	616	25.2%
Hours of assisting other agencies	119.4	116.5	-2.4%
Charges from aerial patrol:			
Summons	3,396	4,016	18.3%
Violations	1,511	1,810	19.8%
Warnings	4,701	5,280	12.3%
Total Charges	9,608	11,106	15.6%

Alcohol/ Tobacco Enforcement

Sergeant Martin Costello, Commander

The Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Unit, a branch of the Investigative Services Division of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), has served as the primary enforcement arm for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission since 1986. Eleven investigators are responsible for nearly 4,800 licensed retail locations across the state. Many of the investigators are responsible for a geographic area larger than entire states within the United States.

The Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Unit responsibilities include: conducting background investigations on liquor license applicants to ensure the applicants and locations meet all statutory requirements, reviewing all additions/deletions to license premises, conducting retail license premise inspections, assisting with audits of retail and wholesale premises, investigating gambling and prostitution violations, 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 investigators assigned to this unit work closely with local law enforcement agencies. Therefore, in addition to initiating case investigations, the Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Unit is frequently called upon to provide assistance with manpower, equipment, and expertise for allied agency investigations. The unit also works closely with several allied state agencies such as the Department of Revenue, Health and Human Services, Fire Marshall, Department of Agriculture–Dairies and Food, as well as working with legislative committees, county judges and prosecutors, community awareness/action groups, retail merchants associations, and the print and broadcast news media.

In enforcing underage access laws for tobacco, NSP conducted more than 980 tobacco compliance checks during 2002 in cooperation with Health and Human Services. The Substance Abuse Prevention

and Treatment Block Grant was amended in 1992 to include penalties to states unable to achieve at least an 80% statewide compliance rate in tobacco sales to minors by the year 2000. The 2002 compliance rate for Nebraska was 81.4%. This is a slight increase in compliance from 2001 and falls within the goal set by the federal government for Nebraska. A detailed report on tobacco compliance checks can be found on the Health and Human Services website: www.hhs.state.ne.us/sua/synar.htm.

In 2002, NSP, in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, conducted alcohol compliance checks statewide. This resulted in a statewide compliance rate of 83%. This represents an improvement in compliance from the previous year. Nebraska Statute 53-1,122 requires that alcohol compliance checks be conducted pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the NSP with input from the Liquor Control Commission. The guidelines were developed following a public hearing and provided to all enforcement agencies in the state. The guidelines are available in the enforcement area of the Liquor Commission's website: www.nol.org/home/NLCC.

The Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Unit also worked several events where special designated or one-day-event liquor licenses were issued. These events included the Nebraska State Fair, outdoor concert events, rodeos, local celebrations and festivals.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT			
Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
New cases	180	160	-11.1%
Cases closed	135	121	-10.4%
Apps Processed	527	580	10.1%
Alcohol Inspections	824	928	12.6%
Alcohol Warnings	218	322	47.7%
Alcohol Arrests	110	111	0.9%
Change in Location/ Addition to Premises	92	90	-2.2%
New Manager Application	413	296	-28.3%
Tobacco Inspections	712	799	12.2%
Tobacco Warnings	54	43	-20.4%
Tobacco Arrests	162	163	0.6%

Auto Fraud

Sergeant Alan Theobald, Commander

The Auto Fraud Unit is part of the Investigative Services Division. This unit is responsible for the investigation of criminal violations involving vehicle theft, odometer fraud, title fraud, forgery, embezzlement, altering of vehicle identification numbers, and violations dealing with the improper sale of vehicles by dealers and citizens.

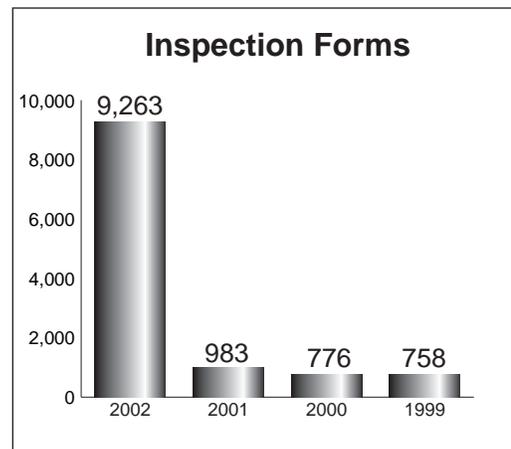
The Auto Fraud Unit is also responsible for overseeing the Title Inspection Certification Program for the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). This consists of training personnel employed by the 93 county sheriffs in the area of vehicle identification, altered identification numbers, title fraud, and odometer fraud. A database is maintained with the names of approximately 1,200 certified inspectors. In 2002, the Auto Fraud Unit conducted three training sessions in January and four training sessions in July. A total of 111 people were trained to perform title inspections. The Auto Fraud Unit also instructed 30 trooper candidates at the NSP Training Academy on the topic of Auto Theft/Fraud.

The 14th Annual Nebraska Auto Theft Investigators Seminar, hosted by the NSP Auto Fraud Unit, was held June 3-5, 2002. There were 83 attendees from eight states besides Nebraska. This seminar was recognized in 'Recover Magazine' which is published by the North Central Regional Chapter (NCRC) of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators. NCRC later invited the NSP Auto Fraud Unit to submit a proposal to co-host the 2004 conference with NCRC. A proposal was developed and Omaha, Nebraska, was selected as the site for the 2004 NCRC conference. The Omaha Police Department and several major insurance companies have already committed resources to assist with the conference. The conference could bring as many as 250 attendees from 13 states and two Canadian provinces. A member of the NSP Auto Fraud Unit was also elected as the Regional Representative for Nebraska for NCRC and a Director of NCRC.

In 2002, out-of-state motor vehicle identification certificate processing increased dramatically due to titling of vehicles by registered importers. In 2001, the total number of forms approved was 983. That number jumped to 9,263 in 2002. The Auto Fraud Unit averaged 86 hours per month working on inspections forms alone.

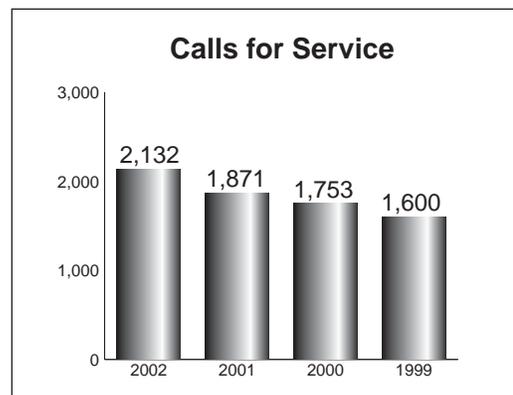
The Auto Fraud Unit continues to be proactive in assisting other agencies as a primary resource during case investigations and vehicle inspections. The Auto Fraud Unit responded to 2,132 calls for service in 2002 which represents an 8% increase from 2001 and a 14% increase from 2000. The unit also hosts bimonthly auto fraud intelligence sharing meetings.

Due to changes in the towed/abandoned vehicle laws, the Auto Fraud Unit conducted research on 374 vehicles that had been towed by NSP to determine who owned the vehicles and whether there were any liens on the vehicles. This



information was relayed back to the prospective troop areas so the vehicles could be disposed of.

During 2002, the Auto Fraud Unit, with two full time auto fraud investigators, pulled 58 case numbers. Investigators finalized 39 of those cases and had 19 cases pending at the end of the year.



Behavior Profiling/Cold Case

Sergeant Gary Plank, Commander

The Behavior Profiling and Cold Case Units are a branch of the Investigative Services Division, The following statistics are examples of accomplishments for 2002:

New Cases Worked: 32 Total

- 24 Threat Assessment Cases
- 1 Child Sexual Assault
- 1 Stalking
- 2 Homicide
- 1 Serial Sexual Assault
- 1 Human Captivity/Sexual Sadist
- 1 Scientific Content Analysis
- 1 Sexual Assault

Case Consultations: 36 Total

- 6 Homicide
- 1 Double Homicide
- 2 Affidavit for Search Warrant
- 1 Sexual Assault
- 1 Serial Bombing
- 7 Scientific Content Analysis
- 1 Stalking
- 1 Serial Sexual Assault
- 1 Interview Strategies
- 11 Threat Assessment
- 4 Equivocal Death Analysis

Presentations Made: 18 Total

- 1 American Association for Industrial Security
- 1 Nebraska Victim Witness Conference
- 6 University/College

- 3 High School/Middle School
- 1 Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Conference
- 1 Mutual of Omaha White Collar Crime Conference
- 1 Lincoln Police Department Citizens Academy
- 1 Nebraska Chaplains Annual Conference
- 1 Nebraska Emergency Nurses Association
- 1 Foot Printers Association
- 1 Lincoln Police Department Recruit Training

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Debriefing: 1 Total

Courses Provided: 1 Colorado Law Enforcement Officer's Association Advanced Violent Crime Conference Three Day – 21 hours

In October, the Cold Case Unit was expanded to include the development of a Major Case Unit. This unit was established to respond to major cases and to assist troop area investigators with crime scene and specialty work.

An unsolved 1998 homicide case was prepared for grand jury during this year. The initial case investigation identified a suspect, but this suspect was never charged or prosecuted. After working with the original case officer and the Attorney General's office, this case was brought in front of a grand jury and results are pending. The Cold Case Unit completed several investigations and meetings were held with the families of the victims.

Bomb Squad

Sergeant Jud McKinstry, Coordinator

2002 was a busy year for the Bomb Squad which is part of the Investigative Services Division and consisted of four bomb technicians most of the year. The squad responded to approximately 110 calls for service in 2002. As part of those calls, approximately 60 pounds of dynamite, 22 pipe bombs, 263 blasting caps, and 31 other types of destructive devices were rendered safe. In addition, the bomb squad utilized the newly acquired ammunition burn trailer to render safe approximately 2,000 pounds of ammunition.



Receiving the Heartland Hero Award were, L-R: Bomb Technicians, Sgt. Jud McKinstry, Lt. Rod Getting, Inv. Lee Jacobsen.

During the weekend of May 4, the bomb squad was called on to investigate pipe bombs from the highly publicized case involving Luke Helder (Smiley Face Bomber). The squad responded to, and rendered safe, eight live pipe bombs in rural mailboxes within a 72 hour period. This was a huge cooperative effort between the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Alcohol/Tobacco and

Firearms Bureau (ATF), and numerous local law enforcement agencies. NSP's Bomb Squad was chosen to receive the Heartland Hero Award by the American Red Cross.

In June, the bomb squad responded to, and assisted with, an accidental death investigation of an individual who was attempting to salvage ammunition primers using a homemade incinerator fueled by propane. Unfortunately, the individual was killed when a large quantity of the primers detonated. It took three days to clean-up the area and make it safe due to the large amounts of ammunition, primers, and powders on the property.

In September, the Bomb Squad was assigned a fifth investigator to serve as a Hazardous Devices Technician. He is currently training with the bomb squad and awaiting certification training.

Through the FBI's disbursement program, NSP's Bomb Squad was provided Real Time X-ray equipment allowing our technicians to remotely take x-rays of suspicious packages via a laptop computer. This equipment will be a great asset to the squad.



Real Time X-ray equipment.

Communications

Lieutenant John Shelton, Commander

The primary duties of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Headquarters Communications personnel in Lincoln are diverse. In addition to providing radio communications to fifteen counties that comprise the Headquarters Troop area, twelve communications dispatchers also manage many incoming public hotlines which include the 800 Highway Help Line, State Crime Stoppers, the "School" hotline, Operation Game Thief, and the Marijuana Hotline. The dispatchers are also the contact point for Nebraska's two nuclear power plants regarding emergencies and the first contact for all law enforcement regarding Amber Alert notifications. A direct line to the State Penitentiary/Warden's Office is maintained and the national and state early warning systems are monitored by Communications. Communications personnel help to coordinate debriefings for the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) teams and are also required to locate and notify proper personnel such as State Fire Marshals, and Department of Roads State Shops operators (regarding deteriorating road conditions), and other emergency personnel as incidents warrant. In addition, after regular business hours and on weekends and holidays, dispatchers answer the telephones for the Department of Environmental Quality Control, State Crime Lab, and the Liquor Commission, in addition to NSP's main telephone number.

Communications is responsible for the statewide message switcher which links more than 100 law enforcement/criminal justice agencies to other state

and national databases. The message switch has been replaced which increases the ability of the NSP to better serve all law enforcement in the state. The Nebraska network is known as the Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN). Communications of NSP 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 other states. The CTA, with two training specialists, is mandated by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to conduct agency audits, instruct and certify more than two thousand terminal operators who utilize the NCIC system, and act as the central point of contact for all end users on any aspect of the NCIC system.

Communications maintains public relations through dissemination of shoulder patches and written correspondence to collectors and those interested in law enforcement.

Communications is currently upgrading and incorporating security components within the CLEIN Network. Communications personnel worked diligently throughout the year with the Lincoln Police Department, the Buffalo County/Kearney Police Communications Center, Sarpy County Communications, Douglas County, Dakota County, and Gage County to add Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) to the network.

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Total teletype messages for all Nebraska Law Enforcement Agencies	47,746,138	55,619,688	16.5%
Average teletype messages for a day from all Nebraska Law Enforcement Agencies	130,811	152,382	16.5%
Messages sent	472,294	539,209	14.2%
Messages received	1,906,151	2,096,311	10.0%
Number of positive identifications (Hits)-NCIC	707	969	37.1%
Number of positive identifications (Hits)-NCIS	1,135	1,395	22.9%
Incident Reports received	40,364	42,899	6.3%
Number of Emergency Highway Help calls received	13,827	12,160	-12.1%

Community Policing

Sergeant Randy Leader, Program Coordinator

The responsibility of the community service officers in each troop area is to foster the community policing process between the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and the citizens of the State of Nebraska.

The NSP continued its commitment to community policing through a wide variety of activities in 2002. The events and accomplishments by officers across the state are too numerous to list in full. Below are a few highlights.

The NSP formed partnerships with the trucking industry and other agencies to make Nebraska's highways safer. They worked with the Nebraska Trucking Association to educate and inform the trucking industry.

A roll-over display at the Nebraska State Fair was loaned to the NSP by the Kansas Highway Patrol to show the public the effects of a roll-over crash on vehicle occupants and the importance of seat belts.

The Metro Area Motorist Assist Program (MAMAP - Omaha) and Nebraska Motorist Assist Program (NeMAP - Lincoln) have proven to be more valuable to the NSP and the motoring public in Lincoln and Omaha than ever thought possible. These volunteer driven programs assist with safety issues of the motoring public during high traffic hours in and between both cities. The volunteers who operate the motorist assist vans have donated more than 40,386 hours. Troop C is working on plans to expand the program into the Grand Island area.

Child safety issues were addressed through many school safety programs. The programs included information for students, parents and teachers. Presentations and displays at events, such as Kidzexplore and Papillion Schools Vehicle Day, have increased youth exposure to troopers. Fingerprinting children and child abduction prevention programs alerted children and their parents to the dangers faced by children today. Risk Watch is another program presented to deal with accidental mishaps involving children. School safety initiatives led to programs such as Adopt-A-School which encourages troopers to become involved with school issues. Underage drinking issues were and continue to be dealt with through enforcement, compliance checks and education. Grim Reaper, Mock Crashes and Preliminary Breath Testing are additional programs that address underage drinking. The agency continues to increase the number of child safety seat technicians to assist the public with information relating to car seats.

Drug Awareness Resistant Education (DARE) and Gang Resistant Education and Training (GREAT) classes were conducted to teach students about the dangers of drugs and gangs. Drugs and chemical dependancy issues were also addressed through enforcement and education. Thousands of drug educational programs were presented by state troopers across the state to people of all ages in schools, churches, businesses and service organizations.

Displays and events, such as the Nebraska State Fair, Husker Harvest Days, Junior Law, county fairs, parades and festivals throughout the state have brought the NSP closer to the people of Nebraska. At these events, people have the opportunity to interact with troopers in a positive atmosphere as well as ask troopers about law enforcement and safety issues.



Trp. Ron Rife instructing Jr. Law cadets on uses of NSP Air Wing helicopter.

Crime Laboratories

Dr. John Dietrich, Commander



Lincoln Crime Laboratory.
Front row left to right - Kevin Brewer, Tracy Butler, Camie Dove, Celeste Laird, Alison Renner, Cammi Strong, Vicky Cowan, Margaret Wiesen, Vicki Hopkins.
Back row - Malinda Combs, Pam Zilly, Brad Rutledge, John Dietrich, Bill Gartside, Mike Auten, Connie Oerle, Mark Bohaty. Not pictured - Christine Moraczewski, Jeff McGurk.

In 2002, the Lincoln and North Platte laboratories focused on preparing for the National Laboratory Accreditation. Each section worked diligently on manuals, logs, and other operational areas in accordance with accreditation requirements. The quality assurance section performed and coordinated fifteen audits which helped each of the sections in both the Lincoln and North Platte laboratories with their preparations. Two inspectors from Illinois gave the Lincoln laboratory a pre-inspection evaluation which was beneficial in identifying areas still needing attention.

Due to diminishing state resources and budgetary constraints, the Crime Laboratories applied for all identified laboratory-related federal grants. As a result, we received monies from a Meth Hot Spot grant to develop a new laboratory evidence program that features electronic transfer of submittal data to the lab, bar coding for evidence management, and electronically generated reports. Working with Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Information Technology (IT) personnel and a private consultant, the program is expected to be complete by the end of 2003.

The Nebraska Brand Commission solicited help in 2002 with an unusual case. The Lab's Questioned Documents Section assisted with a large case involving the rustling of approximately 114 head of cattle worth about \$75,000 in the counties of Nance, Merrick, Holt, Howard and Boone.

Nebraska obtained its first national DNA Database (CODIS) match in 2002 which solved a sexual assault case. The DNA from a Nebraska convicted offender (convicted of sexual assault) matched crime scene DNA from a 1995 unsolved sexual assault in Ohio. In addition to that case, the DNA section of



North Platte Satellite Laboratory, *left to right - Vic Sterup, Brian Koerwitz, Jason Linder.*

the crime lab assisted in solving a serial rape investigation. The DNA section performed DNA analysis on four separate sexual assaults and determined they were committed by the same person.

Also during 2002, the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system was developed to image fired bullets and casings from crime scenes and test fires from seized weapons. The Lincoln Police Department is connected to this system using a Rapid Brass Identification (RBI) system. This allows the Lincoln Police Department to image evidence cartridge cases, or test fired casings, from their location and send them to our system via a dial-up modem for entry into the NIBIN system. The images are then submitted for local and multi-state computerized comparisons. The NIBIN system for ballistic comparisons is similar to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) for fingerprint comparisons.

Crime Laboratories (cont'd.)

Another significant development in 2002 was a decrease in the backlog facing the Lincoln Drug section. It dropped from 560 cases to an average of 20 cases due, in part, to the purchase of two automated samplers for the GCs and an automated sampler for the GC/MS. The turnaround time has decreased from three months to nine days. This section had several interesting cases in 2002. There were two submissions of Khat, which is an evergreen shrub found in Africa and Saudi Arabia. The leaves of this shrub contain cathinone, a Schedule I substance, and cathine, a Schedule IV substance, both of these stimulant substances are legal in most other areas of the world.

In an effort to meet the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) accreditation standards, the North Platte laboratory acquired additional working space for an office area for equipment and evidence receiving. In December, the laboratory received a long awaited Agilent GC/MS system that should prove to be more sensitive and

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Cases:			
Total Submittals	4,903	4,875	-0.6%
Reports:			
Documents	202	184	-8.9%
Drugs-Lincoln	2,339	3,209	37.2%
Drugs-North Platte	543	499	-8.1%
Firearms/Toolmarks	123	62	-49.6%
Serology	342	433	26.6%
Toxicology	590	645	9.3%
Toxicology - North Platte	155	136	-12.3%
Trace	83	165	98.8%
Total Reports	4,395	5,333	21.3%

hopefully a time saver as it is equipped with an auto sampler.

The Lincoln laboratory continues to seek out grants to replace several instruments that are, or soon will be, unserviceable due to age or unavailability of parts.

Criminal Identification

Lieutenant David Dishong, Commander

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Criminal Identification Unit provides a centralized repository of criminal history records and fingerprints for the State of Nebraska. The unit is responsible for maintaining accurate and current criminal history records for all persons arrested and fingerprinted for the commission of a felony within the state and to furnish this information to any person authorized to receive it.

In 1978, the Nebraska Legislature passed The Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act. This act includes Sections 29-209, 29-210, 29-3501 to 29-3528, and 81-1423 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

The purpose of the act is defined as (1) to control and coordinate criminal offender record-keeping within the state, (2) to establish more efficient and uniform systems of criminal offender record-keeping, (3) to assure periodic audits of such record-keeping in order to determine compliance with this act, (4) to establish a more effective administrative structure for the protection of individual privacy in connection with such record-keeping, and (5) to preserve the principle of the public's right to know of the official actions of criminal agencies. The act authorizes the NSP to be the central repository of criminal history

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Criminal Records Received			
Arrest Fingerprint Cards	31,623	37,895	19.8%
Dispositions	38,919	40,324	3.6%
Pen Cards	2,107	2,022	-4.0%
Records & Identifications Processed			
Criminal Justice Agencies	19,550	24,395	24.8%
Arrest Fingerprint Cards	32,518	40,728	25.2%
Total Dispositions	22,950	38,937	69.7%
Total Records Entered	55,468	79,665	43.6%
Total record checks			
Criminal Justice Agencies	10,003	10,692	6.9%
Non-criminal Justice Agencies	49,677	50,530	1.7%
Receipts from Non-criminal Justice Agencies	\$496,770	\$505,300	1.7%
Applicants			
Bar Commission	NA	73	
Civil Service	27	9	-66.7%
Disability	2,619	2,713	3.6%
Explosive	10	23	130.0%
Fire Fighters	NA	206	
Gaming	233	157	-32.6%
Housing	101	217	114.9%
Liquor	1,263	1,240	-1.8%

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Criminal Identification (cont'd.)

records information for the State of Nebraska and also defines criminal history collection and dissemination procedures.

In addition to the above state statues, the unit must adhere to recent and long-standing legislative bills requiring criminal history record checks. Recent legislation includes:

- **§69-2404** - requires a criminal history check for persons applying for a gun permit.
- **Title of Nebraska Administrative Code 91** - requires a criminal history check on current and prospective teachers §79-809, child care providers §71-1912, persons operating school buses, and other individuals with child care responsibility places children at significant risk.
- **§2-1203.02(1)** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history check for any person applying for or holding a license to participate in or be employed at a horse race meeting licensed by the State Racing Commission.
- **§53-131.01(1)(d)** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history check for any person applying for a new liquor license to verify that he/she has never been convicted of a felony.
- **§9-1,104(3)** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history check of any person applying for a charitable gaming license.
- **§71-3205(2)** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history check for any person applying for a private investigator's license.
- **§43-107(b)(vi) & (b)(ii)** - requires a criminal history check for any person applying for adoption placements.
- **§79-8,112** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history for any person applying for a teacher's license.
- **§28-1229,(5)(e)** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history for any person applying for an explosives permit.
- **§14-702** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history for any person applying for a firefighters application for cities over 100,000 in population.
- **§83-1217.02** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history for each employee or contract employee providing developmental and disability services.
- **§19-1831(1)** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history for any person applying for civil service positions.
- **42 USCA §13041(e)** - encourage a fingerprint-based criminal history check on volunteers

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Private Investigator	62	50	-19.4%
Racing	227	237	4.4%
Teachers	1,102	1,141	3.5%
Total Applicants	5,648	6,066	7.4%
Receipts	\$186,384	\$200,178	7.4%
Handguns			
NICS Submissions	754	844	11.9%
Number of identifications made	813	820	0.9%
New Latent Cases	865	835	-3.5%
NSP	143	127	-11.2%
Other criminal justice agencies	722	708	-1.9%
Supplement cases	39	35	-10.3%
NSP	13	16	23.1%
Other criminal justice agencies	26	19	-26.9%
Latent Cases Submitted by Category:			
Arson	11	14	27.3%
Assault	14	18	28.6%
Auto Theft	65	53	-18.5%
Break In	6	6	0.0%
Burglary	249	243	-2.4%
Criminal Mischief	41	47	14.6%
Death Invest.	15	17	13.3%
Drugs	137	154	12.4%
Forgery	65	47	-27.7%
Homicide	24	27	12.5%
Kidnapping	2	1	-50.0%
Misc.	101	92	-8.9%
Robbery	14	17	21.4%
Sex Offense	5	8	60.0%
Theft	131	126	-3.8%
Items Processed	2,114	3,294	55.8%
Crime Scene	6	2	-66.7%
Deceased Printed	4	0	-100.0%
Court Requests	14	17	21.4%
Court Appearances	3	6	50.0%
Cases Completed	786	808	2.8%
Patrol Criminal History System			
Total number of people (idents)	223,186	239,704	7.4%
Total number of arrests	423,858	464,237	9.5%
Total number of court dispositions	210,886	248,285	17.7%
Total number law enforcement/prosecutor dispositions	25,452	26,455	3.9%
Total number of dispositions	236,338	274,740	16.2%
% of arrests with total dispositions	55.76%	59.18%	6.1%
% of arrests with no dispositions	44.24%	40.82%	-7.7%

working in any of the positions listed in subsection (a) of this section and on adult household members in places where child care or foster care services are being provided in a home.

- **42 USCA §13663** - requires a fingerprint-based criminal history for any person applying for housing.

Executive Protection

Captain Lloyd Hansen, Commander

Ten officers are assigned to Executive Protection/ Capitol Detail (EP/CD): seven troopers, two sergeants and one captain. They provide protection to the Governor and First Family. In addition, these officers are responsible for assisting and protecting other state and federal dignitaries as needed. Also, EP/CD officers provide security during the legislative session.

Governor and First Family

During the first six months of 2002, preparation and scheduling for the Governor involved several trips to Washington D.C., a visit to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympics, along with a Midwest Governors Economic Development Conference in Brussels, Belgium. The EP/CD officers are responsible for contacting members of the U.S. State Department and U.S. Customs personnel prior to any trip with the Governor for the purpose of streamlining the trip, as well as ensuring a safe working environment for the Governor while traveling in and out of foreign countries.

On May 16, 2002, during a presentation at the Capitol, Navy Lieutenant Shane Osborn presented Governor Johanns with the United States flag that had been in the cockpit of his airplane during an international mission over Afghanistan. Lieutenant Osborn was the commander of a plane flying over the South China Sea when his aircraft was hit and severely damaged by an intercepting Chinese plane. Lieutenant Osborn and his crew



Governor Johanns was presented a flag from Lt. Shane Osborn that had been in his cockpit during his missions over Afghanistan.

miraculously landed the plane on the Chinese island of Hainan where they were interrogated for the next 11 days by the Chinese government.

NSP personnel assigned include: L-R Sgt. David Hayes, Capt. Lloyd Hansen, Trp. James Estwick, Trp. Don Buettner, Sgt. Rob Schmid, Trp. James Ledden, Trp. David Morris, and Trp. John Bral.

During the second half of 2002, the EP/CD was involved with coordinating visits to over six different state events for the Governor and First-Lady. Examples of these trips include the National Governors Association meeting in Dana Point, California, the Western Governors Association meeting in Henderson, Nevada, an Economic Development Conference in Denver, Colorado, and an overseas event in Ireland.

Several of the EP/CD officers were assigned advance work for dignitaries visiting Nebraska such as Governors from Kansas, Vermont, and Utah. Visits by the United States Agriculture Secretary and the United States Homeland Security Secretary were successful with troopers in the various troop areas assisting these individuals during their visit.

With 2002 being election year for the Governor, the entire year for the EP/CD was busy with scheduling and traveling across the state as the Governor campaigned. The troop area Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Teams played an essential role in making these trips successful throughout the state.

Legislative Duties

EP/CD provided security for the sixty day legislative session, as well as the special session that was called by the Governor during 2002. Due to the heightened security alerts, increased staffing levels were made possible during these sessions with ongoing support from every troop area in the state. Both sessions were held without incident ensuring a safe working environment for the senators and their staff members.



Finance & Accounting

John Little, Commander

The Finance and Accounting Office (F & A) is responsible for handling and monitoring the financial affairs of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP).

Some of the responsibilities of this division include:

- Analyze and project agency needs and estimate costs for the preparation of budget requests.
- Review and monitor the expenditure of funds to ensure 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.
- 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, and 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 F & A Office was involved in numerous projects during 2002. The budget plan, which was developed and implemented, allowed the agency to complete the biennium, while still remaining within the approved budgetary appropriation. Nebraska state government was faced with a considerable shortfall in revenue during 2002. While there were numerous budget reductions within state government, the NSP received considerable support from Governor Johanns and the full legislature, and experienced only a small reduction. The formal budget request for the biennium FY2003-2005 was developed and submitted.

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 is now required as a result of the increased emphasis on the utilization of these funds.

The employees in the F & A Office continue to support the operations of the agency through the processing of invoices and payroll information. They have also been actively involved with the new Nebraska Information System (NIS) by reviewing all the data converted from the old payroll system (NEIS) to the new system (NIS). Implementation of the payroll and human resource portions of this new system began on January 1, 2003.

Grants

Jeannine Kohel, Commander

During fiscal year 2002, the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) received more than \$5.6 million in grant funds—an all-time high. Agency funds in the amount of \$906,428 were provided as matching funds to 67 grant projects during the fiscal year. For each \$1 paid in matching funds, the agency received \$6.19 in grants and donations. Grant and matching funds supported the equivalent of 77 full-time positions during the fiscal year. Most grant funds are awarded as seed money to implement new projects such as those described below.

Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Program

During fiscal year 2002, NSP received Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots funding from the Department of Justice. These funds focus on information sharing and are being used by NSP, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Douglas County Drug Court, Central Nebraska Drug Court, and the Metro Area Task Force. The NSP used their portion of funding to develop a Crime Lab Case Tracking Program to enhance the Nebraska Law Enforcement Information System (NeLEIS) network, and to automate accessing and sharing of criminal investigative and information reports. Project activities remain underway.

Remote Terminal Server (RTS)/ Mobile Data Computer (MDC) Projects

Grants received from the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Nebraska State Patrol Foundation, and NSP seizure funds provided approximately \$165,000 to initiate the RTS and MDC projects during this fiscal year.

The purpose of the RTS project is to improve the access and response speed of the NSP network to officers using dial-up computers. To measure the program's success, controlled pretests were conducted at over 30 dial-up sites. Following the deployment of RTS, a post test was conducted which

allowed for a comparison to be completed. With approximately 80% of the tests validated, a significant time savings has been documented.

Prior to RTS, users spent an average time of 44 minutes entering an Offense Investigative Data Report, and an average of six minutes to complete a single daily time report. With RTS, the time entering offense reports has decreased to an average of 28 minutes, and time reports to an average of four minutes.

The MDC project allowed for five mobile data computers to be purchased and installed in marked units operating in the Lincoln area of Headquarters Troop. This project was made possible with the assistance and cooperation of the Lincoln Police Department (LPD). LPD provided the NSP access to its communication system, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, and even provided several 800 MHz radios at no cost. Sergeant Todd Beam with LPD has devoted many hours to ensure our project meets with success.

As of this writing, the mobile data computers are in place and officers are operating the systems. Officers report an increase in the number of queries submitted through the MDC's compared to the number they sent through the NSP Communications Center. The CAD portion of this project is still being integrated.



Trp. Jeremy McCoy demonstrates his new MDC.



Human Resources

Sue Dedick, Commander

The purpose of the Human Resources (HR) Office is to provide support and guidance to staff and administration of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) on rules and regulations, labor contracts, and policies and procedures. The HR Office is available to assist with all employment related issues.

The HR staff review and monitor all actions affecting employees and maintain employee records. HR staff members are also responsible for maintaining liaison with DAS State Personnel and Employee Relations. The staff administers the Affirmative Action Plan and the performance appraisal system, monitors the grievance procedure, conducts the civilian and sworn employee recruitment process, administers the classification and compensation system, and conducts the promotional procedure for both uniform and civilian personnel.

HR Staff and a general overview of their responsibilities:

Secretary II – Performs the duties of receptionist, verifies State Headquarters time sheets, generates time and activity reports, sorts and distributes mail, directs visitors, prepares mailings, provides back up for the main switchboard, coordinates employee security cards, schedules interviews, types documents and letters, provides assistance to the Colonel's office, and other divisions upon request.

Personnel Assistant – Prepares all letters pertaining to personnel status, copying and distribution, maintains all personnel databases and files, creates and updates agency organizational charts, administers the new employee orientation process, maintains retiree database, generates reports, serves on interview boards, directs visitors, provides back up for the Secretary II.

Personnel Officer (Civilian Recruitment) – Coordinates the civilian recruitment process, prepares vacancy postings for all positions (sworn and civilian), maintains files, administers performance appraisal system, serves as a member of interview boards, and coordinates the temporary pool for the agency.

Personnel Officer (Sworn Recruitment) – Coordinates the sworn officer recruitment process, maintains databases and files, schedules and participates in interviews and physical fitness testing, schedules and administers written tests, travels within the State, in addition to assisting in all aspects of the HR Office.

Personnel Manager – Responsible for the classification and compensation system for the agency. The manager creates new positions, audits positions for reclassification, acts as the agency Affirmative Action Officer, fields questions on rules and regulations, labor contracts, and policy and procedures, handles special projects, and serves as an Employee Assistance resource representative.

Personnel Administrator – Responsible for the administration of the HR office. Provides overall supervision and guidance to the HR staff, handles special projects, grievances, labor negotiations. The administrator also confers with agency employees, supervisors and management to advise and make recommendations on personnel issues, rules and regulations, labor contracts, employment laws and agency policy and procedures relating to personnel matters.

2002 Highlights

During 2002, the HR office said good-bye to Mike Mitchell, who had served as the Personnel Administrator since 1982. His position was filled by Sue Dedick, a former employee of Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Employee Relations, who has worked with the State Law Enforcement Bargaining Council (SLEBC) as the State's chief spokesperson.

The HR staff conducted a Sergeant's Promotional Process, a Lieutenant's Promotional Process, and recruitment for sworn officers. Staff members also assisted with training for, and implementation of, the HR portion of the new Nebraska Information System (NIS) with State Personnel.

The HR staff welcomed a new Personnel Assistant who will assist with fulfilling the daily responsibilities in the HR office.

HR office generated the following activity in 2002:

Applications Processed - Sworn	1,116
Sworn Applicants Tested/Interviewed	188
Sworn Officers Hired	35
Applications Processed - Civilian	681
Civilian Applicants Interviewed	223
Civilians Hired	43
Vacancies Posted/Advertised	78
Promotions	24
Transfers	48
Resignations	29
Retirements	11
Classification Job Audits	26
New Positions Created	11
Grievances	8

Information Technology

Scott McFall, Commander

The Information Technology (IT) Office manages all current computer-related issues for the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and provides future technology direction. The IT Office has ultimate responsibility for the operation, upgrading, maintenance, and troubleshooting of all major NSP Enterprise Networks and Systems (NSPENS). This responsibility includes all computer purchases, researching and procurement of all software, hardware platform decisions, purchase order processing, and billing and inventory on computer hardware and software licensing. The IT Office is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of networking and security. This office is the resource for all NSP employees on computer issues, programming project needs, and computer training as well as being the computer contact to outside agencies and vendors.

The IT Office coordinates technology needs which include LAN/WANs, agency security, Help Desk Technology, Data Processing, Radio Communications, Dispatch Information Technology, Investigative Services Information Technology, Criminal Identification Information Technology, Intelligence/Criminal Analysis Division, Carrier Enforcement Information Technology, and Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS) and Crime Lab Information Technology.

Seven full-time IT team members staff this office and support more than 700 users and 500 computers.

Operating 24/7 for 365 days results in 8,760 hours of system availability. Various systems were unavailable to NSP users less than 2% during the year.

Highlights, key events, and activities during fiscal year 2002:

- > Implemented Remote Terminal Servers (RTS) - increased access, speed and security when connecting to NSP law enforcement systems
- > Sex Offender Registry federal compliance to include NCIC upload and system enhancements for the Campus Sex Crime Act
- > Implemented a web page for Nebraska's Amber Alert
- > Implemented IAFIS connectivity with National Crime Information Center (NCIC)
- > Completed NeLEIS upgrades to include hardware and software for the mail and web server
- > Purchased and deployed Microsoft Office as an agency standard



Front row L-R: Jeb Barger, Scott McFall, Terry Pell, Adam Walter
Back Row L-R: Lori Plautz, Shirley Danahy and Suzy Fredrickson

- > Upgraded the Host Integration server for mainframe connectivity (majority of use for PCH)
- > Implemented cost saving initiative to save \$395.85/mo. (\$4,750.20 annual) from dial-up access costs
- > Deployed 77 new ("replacement") computers in 2002 (as compared to 50 in 2001)
 - 46 Desktops (replacements and new),
 - 9 Laptops, 7 Printers, 6 Routers, 5 Servers,
 - 3 Switches, and 1 Uninterrupted Power Source
- > Moved several core data center application servers to the Storage Attached Networks (SAN)
- > Added another disk array to the SAN achieving nearly a Terabyte of data space
- > Instructed a class of new recruits at camp on NSP Enterprise Networks and System basic usage and security (first time offered)
- > Started a pilot project in Troop D to run Notes at the console for dispatchers
- > Started a pilot project for testing Mobile Data Computers (MDC's)
- > Rewired, rerouted, and cleaned up the State Headquarter wiring plant/closet
- > Moved 40% of dial-up sites to high speed connections (DSL, Cable, etc.) as part of the Remote Terminal Server (RTS)
- > Assisted with the NIS implementation
- > Began the AS400 migration project (projected completion date March 2004)
- > Started design and development on the Crime Lab Evidence Tracking Information System (CLETIS)
- > Purchased TraCS licensing and began development to pilot electronic citation issuance
- > Statewide Anti-Virus upgrade
- > Statewide 712 retraining
- > Addition of another rack in the NSP data center
- > Established an IT Security Team for systems security/policy enhancement

Inspections, Policy & Accreditation

Lieutenant Ken Dahlke, Commander

Inspections

The lieutenant in charge of inspections travels periodically across the state to inspect troop areas, divisions, evidence, patrol units, personnel, files, facilities, and computers. These inspections are completed annually and involve at least one announced and one unannounced (surprise) inspection of each evidence facility. The Inspections Office is also responsible for the evidence database, which is a computerized database of all evidence in the control of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). Necessary changes to the database are approved through this office prior to any modifications occurring.

During the fiscal year 2002, two troop area inspections, three divisional inspections, and thirty evidence inspections were conducted. Also during fiscal year 2002, the lieutenant in charge of inspections assisted with on-site agency accreditation assessments for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Kentucky State Police. These assessments take place to ensure that agencies are in compliance with the standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

Policy

The Policy Office maintains the agency's Policy Manual and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manuals. These manuals remain current at all times to stay in compliance with CALEA. This office also archives policy records and maintains a history of all changes that occur in policies and SOP's for future reference. During 2002, 50 policy revisions were completed, a 6.4% increase over 2001. The Policy Office also had an 11.25% increase in SOP revisions in 2002 with 50 SOP revisions completed. These changes include everything from verbiage changes to the introduction of new policies. The Policy Manual is published annually to keep officers in the field abreast of current policies. The policies and SOP's are also stored electronically, so all

changes are noted in the database as well. By doing so, anyone within the agency can access the most current policy or SOP via this database.

Accreditation

The Accreditation Office is assigned the task of assuring that NSP maintains its international accreditation through CALEA. This involves maintaining compliance with 443 standards. With each standard, documentation must show that we are, in fact, complying with that standard throughout the year. This is an on-going responsibility even outside of reaccreditation years. Standards must be complied with everyday of our accreditation period. Fiscal year 2002 was a reaccreditation year for NSP. Therefore, three CALEA on-site assessors spent a week at our agency combing through agency files, interviewing personnel, inspecting facilities, and participating in ride alongs with officers to make certain that NSP is complying with all 443 standards. We are pleased to announce that NSP has achieved reaccreditation for the third consecutive time since the initial accreditation in 1989.

The Accreditation Office also achieved accredited status for NSP through the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska (PCAN). This is a relatively new accreditation process started by PCAN. The patrol entered into this contract in an effort to show support for this important process.

Public Records

An additional responsibility of this office is the processing of public record requests. These requests range from copies of summons, warnings, and violation contacts to carrier enforcement inspection reports. During fiscal year 2002, thirty-eight public record requests were filled.

Additionally, this office coordinates the recognition awards for the agency recognition program. *(See the Special Recognition Awards section.)*

Intelligence

Lieutenant David Dishong, Commander

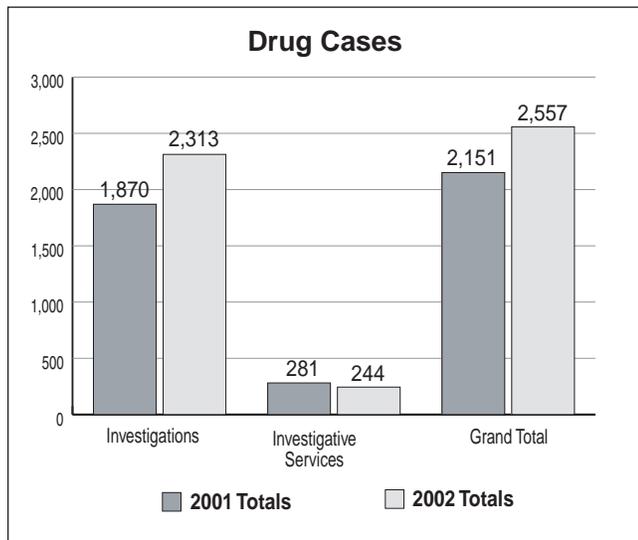
The duties and responsibilities of the Intelligence/ Crime Analysis Unit are to facilitate the collection, evaluation and dissemination of intelligence information to combat crimes, not only committed in Nebraska, but across the country. New programs have been developed to provide both strategic and tactical intelligence information.

Intelligence Unit's accomplishments in 2002:

Electronic NSP 712 – Update

The electronic version of the Offense/Investigative Data Report (NSP 712) was implemented statewide in 2001. Refresher training was conducted. A member of the Information Technology (IT) Unit and two members of the Intelligence Unit visited each troop area and provided additional NSP 712 instruction. The electronic NSP 712 is proving very beneficial to supervisors as a means to track their officers' activities.

Also in 2002, Intelligence Unit personnel worked closely with IT personnel to get the NSP 712 statistical program up and running. Intelligence Unit personnel learned how to build queries and generate reports to retrieve information needed for administrative and statistical purposes.



Monthly Law Enforcement Publication

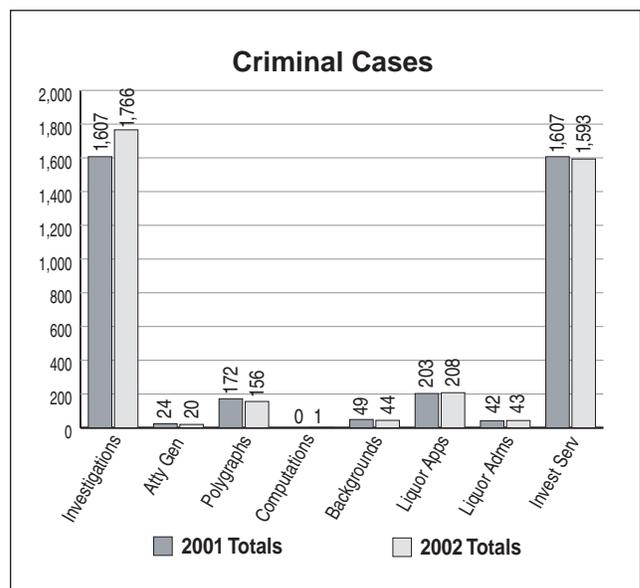
Additional changes were also made to the Law Enforcement Bulletin in 2002. The publication went from a weekly to a monthly publication. The 20-page, black and white format was replaced by a colored version and includes more photos. The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) went from mailing 700 copies via the mail to electronically mailing it to 230 individuals and agencies. The remaining

470 users are now accessing the Bulletin through the Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence System (NeLEIS).

The weekly employment and training opportunities previously published in the Bulletin are being posted on the NSP website under "Association Links"/ "External Law Enforcement Postings." Agencies that have Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS) accounts are being encouraged to post their employment and training opportunities on the NCJIS web page also.

Electronic Document Management System (EDMS)

Automating the Investigative Data Report led to a discussion referencing the value of automating all investigative reports for archiving purposes. This discussion evolved into the creation of the NSP's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) which will be operational in early 2003. When fully implemented, the EDMS will permit near real time archiving and retrieval of the NSP's investigative case files. All foreign documents associated with the case, telephone records, court documents, etc, will be scanned into the case file at the troop area. Storing case files in this manner will permit officers immediate access to investigative reports at all times. Additionally, when a case is ready for prosecution, the entire case can be copied onto a compact disk and forwarded to the prosecutor. In addition, a small program is copied onto the compact disk that allows the recipient to do word searches and make annotations.



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Intelligence Analysis

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) analyst was kept busy in 2002 supporting investigations to include entering telephone toll information into PenLink, and creating link, flow, and association charts utilizing new analytical software. This work was done in support of investigations undertaken by the various task forces across the state. These task forces included members of the Drug Enforcement Agency

(DEA), the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and local law enforcement.

Intelligence related presentations are still being performed by our analytical staff. Domestic terrorism information was presented to both the United States Attorney General's Office and the Livestock Association.

Internal Affairs

Lieutenant Russell Stanczyk, Acting Commander

Internal Affairs (IA) is responsible for ensuring the agency and its employees maintain the professional standards the citizens of this state have come to expect from the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). The primary purpose of IA is to investigate allegations of employee misconduct. These allegations can range from citizen complaints received from outside the agency to complaints from employees. Additionally, IA is responsible for reviewing all incidents of use of force and firearm discharges by our officers.

Due to the strict confidentiality of IA investigations, there is little information that can be provided for a public report. The agency's professionalism is attributed to good supervision, communication, and current management philosophies. The use of in-car video cameras 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.

IA will continue to ensure that the NSP and its employees maintain the tradition of excellence that has been well-established in the agency.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS			
Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
New cases	56	41	-26.8%
Cases cleared	56	36	-35.7%
Founded	18	19	5.6%
Unfounded	19	7	-63.2%
Not sustained	12	8	-33.3%
Within policy	4	0	-100.0%
Outide policy	1	1	0.0%
Accidental Discharge	2	1	-50.0%
Resignation	2	2	0.0%
Cases still active	0	5	100%

Internet Crimes Against Children

Sergeant Scott Christensen, Commander

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit provided presentations to 87 groups which, when combined, involved approximately 5,000 people. These groups ranged from students, to civic and government groups. The audiences ranged from small rural schools to state leaders. They include the Nebraska Unicameral, Nebraska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, Kids Safety Summit for Congressmen Lee Terry, and the schools in O'Neill, Nebraska.

The ICAC Unit arrested 12 men for on-line enticement of a juvenile. All parties were arrested at locations where they arranged to meet an investigator posing as a youth, for the purpose of a sexual encounter.

The ICAC Unit assisted U.S. Customs and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with multiple cases throughout the year.

The ICAC Unit arrested numerous individuals for possession and distribution of child pornography. Some of these cases originated overseas and were referred by federal agencies. Most cases to date have continued to be handled through county attorney offices in the state. The Attorney General's

Office is prosecuting a referral from U.S. Customs that originated in Germany with Operation Kinderschutz. The NSP ICAC Unit executed a search warrant in Syracuse, Nebraska, as a result of the German referral on a distribution case.

The ICAC Unit operates one of only two full-time computer forensic labs in the state.

The NSP ICAC Unit developed a one-day training session on how to confiscate and obtain evidence from computers. The course will be offered to law enforcement at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) in the spring and fall of 2003.

In addition, the ICAC Unit assisted the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Office (JAG) in the prosecution of two cases involving charges of on-line enticement and possession of child pornography by serving as an expert witness in computer forensics and on-line investigations.

Also in 2002, ICAC worked closely with the Nebraska Educational Television (NETV) to produce an in-depth report about on-line safety for its "Statewide" program. The report aired several times.

Legal

Steve Shaw, Commander

This past year has been a busy one for the Legal Office as sex offender classification hearings and modifications to the sex offender regulations have demanded a considerable amount of attention. In July, an administrative hearing officer was hired to handle the classification hearings, as well as other types of administrative hearings.

In addition to hiring an administrative hearing officer, the Legal Office added a paralegal to the staff in June. This position has been a big help in keeping organized the large volume of paperwork this office handles. The Legal Office continues to handle unit accidents, workers' compensation claims, tort and miscellaneous claims, contracts, leases, subpoenas, and other legal documents. The office is responsible for providing legal advice to management and officers in the field, as well as providing formal instruction to officers on legal subjects.



Top - Attorney Stephanie Grimm.
Left - Paralegal Kari Schmidt.

Legislative Liaison

Lieutenant David Sankey, Commander

During the 2002 Legislative session, several bills were passed that directly affect the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). The following is a list of bills that are most relevant:

LB 470 – This law represents a milestone for the agency by authorizing carrier enforcement officers to become troopers, which eliminates disparities between NSP officers. Previously, carrier enforcement officers received lower wages and less attractive retirement benefits which led to an unacceptably high turnover rate, a lack of experience and low morale. As troopers assigned to the Carrier Enforcement Division, those officers will continue to focus on commercial vehicle enforcement, but will receive the same pay as the troopers who are assigned to the Field Services Division.

LB 564 – This law changed the state's term "sexually violent offender" to "sexually violent predator" and added criminal child enticement to the list of crimes that require registration as a sex offender. The bill also allows access to pre-sentence investigation reports by investigators and psychologists assigned to the Sex Offender Registry (SOR) Office. In addition, the bill mandates lifetime registration for offenders who are determined to be sexual predators.

LB 1073 – Under this new law, children up to six years of age must use a child passenger restraint system and children six years to sixteen years of age must use an occupant restraint system. Additionally, all persons transported in a vehicle operated by a holder of a provisional operator's license or school permit must use the occupant restraint system.

Police Service Dogs

Lieutenant Mike Kerby, Commander

The Police Service Dogs (PSD) Unit of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) consists of 17 teams. The PSD Unit has served as an "assisting" resource for NSP officers as well as for outside agencies.

In 2002, NSP PSD teams conducted more than 500 drug searches. While PSD teams are perhaps best known for drug searches, the duties and abilities of our PSD teams cover a broad spectrum.

The PSD Unit assisted with numerous special enforcement efforts throughout the year. They include: holiday weekends at Lake McConaughy, the Arnold Bluegrass Festival, the Crawford Willie Nelson Concert, Civilian Rescue and Patrol Control (in connection with the Ogallala flood), and several organized drug/criminal interdiction efforts.

The PSD Unit was also responsible for conducting recertification examinations for numerous outside agencies including; Omaha Police, Lincoln Police, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and the Iowa State Patrol. The unit also conducted divisional audits for the PSD teams of the Minnesota and Iowa State Patrols.

The following list details the PSD activity in 2002.

Marijuana Seized	2,079 lbs.
Cocaine Seized	124 lbs.
Methamphetamine	37 lbs.
Heroin	13 lbs.
LSD	11 hits
Psilocybin	26 grams
Hashish	31 grams
Ecstasy	20 dosage units
Pseudoephedrine	2,000 lbs.
Paraphernalia Cases	72
Firearms Seized	6
Vehicles Seized	11
Explosive Sweeps/Calls	100
Back-up/Perimeter Security	70
Apprehensions	23
Physical Contact/Suspects	5
Accidental Contact	1
Building Searches	25
Tracks	29
Area Searches	9
Evidence Recovery	6
Public Demonstrations	110 (5,620 people)
Decedents Recovered	1

Public Information

Terri Teuber, Commander

The Public Information (PI) Office of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) consists of two employees who are responsible for media relations, media training, the agency website, the coordination of news conferences, speech writing, the NSP Informer (quarterly internal newsletter), the production of NSP training videos, and the production of public service announcements.

In 2002, the PI office issued (or assisted with) 186 news releases and coordinated 17 news conferences. The office also produced the NSP Informer (a quarterly newsletter) and drafted 60 letters, 87 speeches/talking points, and 7 articles for outside publications. Also in 2002, basic and advanced media training courses were presented to new recruits and supervisors.

The agency website continued to evolve in 2002. It offers current information about the agency's divisions and programs, newsworthy activities, and employment opportunities. The popularity of the site also continues to grow. The number of e-mail messages sent to the webmaster increased nearly 50 percent in 2002. The PI office responded to 1,541 web mail messages in 2002.

Special projects in 2002 included assisting with the formation of the Nebraska AMBER Alert Plan. The AMBER plan is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement and broadcasters to notify the public when a child is abducted. The NSP website will be used to disseminate information when an alert is issued.

Another special project initiated in 2002 is the development of a Forensic Video Unit. A state-of-the-art system was purchased to aid in the enhancement and analysis of video. NSP's Audio/Video Specialist underwent extensive training at the close of 2002 in preparation for providing forensic video and audio analysis to all Nebraska law enforcement in 2003.

In 2002, the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) audio/video services included the production of a training video and a recruit class highlights video. Six public service announcements for radio were produced and distributed on behalf of NSP containing various safety messages. Assistance was provided to the Nebraska Broadcasters Association with the production of four anti-drug public service announcements for radio and television. Other audio/video services included analysis of surveillance videotapes and in-car camera tapes for NSP and many other Nebraska law enforcement agencies, videotaping of events/training, video and audiotape duplication and repair.

The NSP Audio/Video Specialist continued to serve as Chairman of the Board of Nebraska Operation Lifesaver. The NSP PI Coordinator was presented the 2002 Business Communicator of the Year Award by the Lincoln chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

Research and Planning

Lucinda Dowding, Commander

The Research and Planning (R&P) Office is responsible for providing decision-making support and assistance not only to the administration, but the agency. R&P is responsible for providing management information studies concerning feasibility, design, modification cost factors and recommendations for implementation methods for the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). Special studies are conducted; equipment is tested and evaluated; special statistical reports and analytical reports are provided to the Superintendent's Office in order to increase the operational effectiveness of NSP.

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. This directory is distributed to all states and contains all state law

enforcement agency addresses and the planning staff of each of those agencies. Also included is the present staff and public service numbers for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, as well as International Association of Chiefs of Police.

During 2002:

- NSP responded to more than 80 surveys.
- Provided more than 250 hours of assistance to Human Resources with the Sergeant's Promotional Process.
- Attended troop meetings with NSP administration.
- Submitted quarterly Traffic Stop Reports to the Crime Commission as mandated by LB470.
- Conducted a manpower allocation study.
- Provided assistance to the Safety Committee regarding surveys of equipment for NSP.

Sex Offender Registry

Sergeant Todd Kinghorn, Commander

The Sex Offender Registry (SOR) Office saw many changes and accomplishments in 2002.

- A grant was renewed from the Nebraska Crime Commission allowing the agency to hire five additional staff members. Two of the positions were filled in December 2001, the remainder in 2002. They included one paralegal, three research analysts, and one office clerk.
- Approximately 598 risk assessments were completed. Community notification was conducted on 348 sex offenders and the total number of registered sex offenders in the registry reached the 1500 mark.
- SOR staff presented almost 40 hours of in-house training with the new staff on registration requirements, risk assessment completion, community notification, and enforcement.
- Investigators were reassigned to focus on registry violations, while the new research analysts took over assessment duties. The paralegal position was created to handle pre-hearing conferences and assist with risk assessment hearings.
- One hundred eighty-eight sex offenders requested hearings to contest their risk assessment level. Approximately 218 pre-hearing conferences were scheduled to reduce the amount of time spent on formal hearings and to clarify issues to be addressed at the hearings.
- Approximately 110 hearings were scheduled for sex offenders who contested their risk level. An additional hearing officer was hired to assist in conducting those hearings.
- Three full-time investigators were assigned to investigate SOR violations due to an increase in violations in 2002. The backlog of cases involving failure to register violations was reduced from 100 to 40 in 2002.
- Legislative Bill 564 was passed and went into effect on July 20, clarifying the moving procedure for sex offenders. It also requires lifetime registration for sex offenders convicted of two or more registerable crimes and sex offenders convicted of aggravated offenses. In addition, it clarified several issues relating to community notification and registration of sex offenders.
- The Nebraska SOR became compliant with the following federal mandates: The Pam Lychner Sexual Offender Tracking & Identification Act of 1996; The Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (pending approval of the new rules and regulations related to the SOR).
- The Nebraska registry began participating in the National SOR with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).
- Community notification was improved by offering email notification for the first time. In addition, telephone notification was streamlined to be completed one day per week to decrease the time spent receiving information and increase efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- The search capabilities on SOR websites were expanded to make the sites more user-friendly.
- Agency personnel began the process of amending the rules and regulations related to the SOR.
- The SOR broadcast feature was established to provide law enforcement officers information on an offender's status. Specifically, an officer will be notified whether a subject is compliant or noncompliant with the registry.
- The risk assessment instrument used to classify offenders was converted from Paradox into Lotus Notes.
- SOR presentations were made to law enforcement groups, special interest groups, and community organizations.
- A project was initiated to update the SOR notification database, which consists of more than 7,000 agencies. All Level III agencies (i.e. media) were converted to email notification. All Level I agencies (i.e. law enforcement) were converted to facsimile or email notification. Personnel also began contacting level two agencies (i.e. schools) for email addresses and current contact persons.

Supply/Radio Engineering

Francis Coffey, Commander

Supply/Radio Engineering (S/RE) is responsible for procuring, issuing, and maintaining an inventory of all agency uniforms and equipment. This area is also responsible for the maintenance of marked and unmarked vehicles and all communication equipment for the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). S/RE works hard to provide prompt and efficient service.

S/RE major accomplishments during the year 2002 include:

- > Installed gun rack/locks in patrol units
- > Converted carrier enforcement decal markings to NSP
- > Completed training course on video and radar systems
- > Moved Holdrege base station to new building
- > Calculated new tower location for Troop C
- > Completed communications equipment installation in North Platte scales
- > Successfully outfitted recruit class at new training location in Grand Island
- > Provided services in all areas with less than full complement of personnel
- > Completed video equipment installation at Waverly scales
- > Wrote specifications for body armor and duty leather



**Front row L-R: Marty Gollner, Jeff Kubitz, Virg Parry, Pam Michael.
Back Row: Andy Worster, Ron Lehms, Steve Krueger, Russ Stapert, Francis Coffey.**

- > Wrote specifications and state contracts for light bars, portable scales, pickup tool boxes, 35 mm point and shoot cameras
- > Acquired uniforms for all carrier enforcement officers

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Total new fleet vehicles	85	91	7.1%
Total fleet miles driven	9,767,577	10,399,741	6.5%
Total fuel used	625,064	671,952	7.5%
Average miles per gallon (mpg)	15	15	0.0%

Training Academy

Captain Julie Maaske, Commander

Year 2002 was an extremely busy and memorable one for the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy (NSPTA). In some aspects, it was like previous years when the training calendar was full with in-service training in the spring, recall training, a recruit camp in the fall, followed by great anticipation for graduation. However, 2002 will probably always be remembered as the year when carrier enforcement officers became troopers under Legislative Bill 470.

The passage of LB470 by the Nebraska Unicameral gave carrier enforcement officers, now as troopers, full police authority. The training portion for these officers began in July 2002 and has since become known as "reclassification training." The training consisted of skilled base subject areas such as domestic violence, building searches, and patrolling. Training was completed by more than 70 officers over a three week period. Those same officers returned to the NSPTA later in the fall to complete the classroom portion of the training, which consisted of accident investigation, motor vehicle law, and civil process/Emergency Protective Custody (EPC). On December 2, the reclassification ceremony was held at the Cornhusker Hotel in downtown Lincoln, the final step in these officers becoming state troopers.

Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT) classes were held at the NSPTA in 2002. The SWAT Basic is a course designed for new members of SWAT teams or for officers currently on a list to become members of a SWAT team. The class is a two-week course (80 hours) that focuses on basic tactical entries and shooting fundamentals of various types of weapons. In addition, a five-day period of intense annual SWAT training was held at the NSPTA encompassing more than 100 officers from five different departments. A Police Service Dog (PSD) Recertification Course was held this fiscal year, not only for NSP canines, but also for the Omaha Police Department and the Iowa State Patrol K-9 units.

Fiscal year 2002 marked the first centralized in-service training held at the new collocated NSPTA facility for officers. Training began in January and ended the first week in June. It included annual recertification material including range qualification, Pressure Point Controlled Tactics (PPCT), Defensive Tactics, Vascar, and Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC). The EVOC (inside and outside) track at the NSPTA facility was used for the first time by veteran officers. Other classes included simulations, Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) refresher, and Haz Mat.



Front row (l to r): Jolene Palmer, Kelly Kolb and Brenda James. Back row: Trp. Jeff Barnes, Trp. Phil Thede, Sgt. James Stover, Capt. Julie Maaske, Sgt. Mark Williams and Sgt. Bill Linton.

A Firearms Instructor Recertification course was held in August for range officers whose certification was close to expiring. This three-day course covered basic material and qualifying with a handgun and shotgun. A Rifle Instructor Course was held for those officers desiring to be certified in the area of rifles. The NSPTA hosted a two-day Glock Armorer's course and Glock Incorporated recertified range officers in the mechanical makeup of the Glock pistol.

Various American Legion Posts from across the state continue to sponsor our Junior Law Program for high school students. The Junior Law Program is held each June for a total of two weeks; one week hosting boys and the following week hosting girls.

In the spring of 2002, the NSPTA held two instructor development classes. These classes enabled instructors to develop lesson plans, develop measurable course objectives, enhance classroom management, and obtain an understanding of learning modalities. Other specialized classes hosted at the NSPTA during this fiscal year included advanced crisis negotiations and clan lab recertification.

Recall training for Recruit Class #46 took place over a four week period in the spring, allowing probationary officers to receive additional training as a supplement to their basic training. Much of the recall training was dedicated to the federal motor carrier safety regulations. The new officers gained

Training Academy (cont'd.)

insight into safety regulations for the vehicle and learned how to inspect truck tractor semi-trailer combinations. Furthermore, they gained an understanding of how to inspect log books.

The first day of camp for Class #47 began August 5, 2002. This was the first class since 1988 to consist of all trooper recruits. At the time of graduation, fourteen recruits were assigned to the Carrier Enforcement Division (CE) and fourteen recruits were assigned to Field Services Division (FS). During basic recruit training, these recruits completed a week long "authentic assessment" program giving them real-life exercises similar to what they will experience in the field. These assessments serve as an opportunity to evaluate what each recruit has learned, and how well they apply what was learned in a practical exercise situation. In addition, Class #47 recruits were the first to experience the "Range 2000" simulator which tests a recruit's ability to make decisions and use good judgment, as well as testing accuracy in shot placement. The "Range 2000" simulator is not a substitute for the range program, but acts as a supplement to the firearms training program.

Class #47 recruits completed a 20-week program that tested their physical, mental, and emotional readiness. The next step for these officers is to complete a six month Field Training Officer (FTO) Program where they will ride with and learn from veteran officers. During this six month period, each probationary trooper will return to the NSPTA for four additional weeks of recall training.

Other activities at the NSPTA during 2002 centered around the Police Service Dog (PSD) building and the Vehicle Inspection building, both of which involved significant issues. In the fall, dedication was held at the PSD training facility memorializing twenty-

Activity	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
Hours of training received by:			
Patrol Employees	60,314	61,847	2.5%
Candidate Officers	19,920.5	30,876	55.0%
Total Training Hours	80,234.5	92,723	15.6%
Hours of instruction provided to:			
Patrol Employees	11,529.5	12,797.50	11.0%
Other Criminal Justice Agencies	1,715.0	1,745.50	1.8%
Non-Criminal Justice Agencies*	1,587.0	2,229	40.5%
Total Instruction Hours	14,831.5	16,772.00	13.1%

two previous NSP PSDs. These PSDs have since passed on or retired. The NSP Foundation raised money to support the memorial stone listing the names of those canines being honored. The PSD building itself is near completion, with the exception of the meeting room.

The Vehicle Inspection Building is near construction completion. Approximately \$69,000 in Motor Carrier Safety Alliance Program (MCSAP) money was received to purchase computers and computer desks. This facility, when completed, will allow for specific training needs concerning carrier enforcement duties. Furthermore, the NSPTA received a used truck tractor power unit from a private farmer to use in training. The unit did not function so arrangements were made with the Hastings Central Community College to donate instructor and student hours to repair the unit (the agency paid for parts).

A federally funded grant, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), provided to the NSPTA through the Nebraska Crime Commission allowed for the designation of a program manager to coordinate domestic violence and sexual assault training for officers. A former Buffalo County Deputy Sheriff serves as the program manager.

Despite having a full plate during 2002, the NSPTA upheld a reputation for providing and facilitating the highest level of professional law enforcement training.



Recruits test their physical ability during the Combat Course.



Troop A

Field Services

Captain Mike Jones, Field Services Commander



Population:.....	653,287
Vehicle Miles.....	5,599
Licensed Drivers.....	481,369
Road Miles.....	537.86

The citizens and motorists in Troop A are currently served by 26 troopers, six sergeants, two lieutenants and one captain. In addition to sworn officers, seven dispatchers and three civilian employees assist with many support functions of the area.

Continued Heightened Security

As a result of September 11, 2001, high profile events and facilities received special attention throughout the entire year. The annual fireworks display held at Rosenblatt Stadium drew an estimated 150,000 people, while the Offutt Air Show in August drew more than 200,000. The National Junior Olympics held in June in Omaha brought several thousand people to the metro area for the week-long event. Traffic in and around the game sites was very heavy, but no major crashes were reported.

Interstate 80 to be Widened to Six Lanes

Interstate 80 construction between Omaha and Lincoln began in 2002 with the interstate being widened to three lanes in each direction to assist with the ever-increasing traffic volume in the area.

This project offered many new challenges for Troop A troopers. The projected completion date for this project is 2014.

Electronic message boards were installed in and around the metro area providing motorists a useful tool when incidents occur that require the redirection of traffic.

Metro Area Motorist Assistance Program (MAMAP)

The Metro Area Motorist Assistance Program (MAMAP) in 2002 surpassed the goal of completing 20,000 motorist assists. Many of the volunteers in this program have donated more than 1,000 hours of their time assisting motorists in and around the Metropolitan Omaha area.

Police Academy and Career Program

Troop A personnel continue to assist with the Tri-City Citizens Police Academy and also provided instruction during the Papillion-LaVista School Career Program.

Investigative Services

Lieutenant Chuck Phillips, Investigative Services Commander

Investigative Services personnel assigned to Troop A are responsible for Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties in eastern Nebraska, covering the sections of criminal, drug, and liquor/tobacco enforcement. During 2002, Troop A investigators worked with multiple task force operations involved with terrorism, fugitive apprehension, drug and major criminal case investigations.

The criminal section of this Unit assisted with 32 death investigations during 2002.

Recovery of a Body

Investigators assisted with the recovery of a female body whose death was investigated by the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and the Omaha Police Department. As a result of the investigation, two men from the Omaha area were arrested and charged in Douglas County.

Boat Drowning

NSP investigators looked into an incident involving a drowning in the Missouri River. Nebraska Game and Parks enforcement officers reportedly requested the boater to dock his boat for an inspection. As the boater stepped from his boat to the dock, he fell into the river and drowned. The investigation found no wrongdoing on the part of the enforcement officers.

Assistance Provided to Attorney General's Office

During 2002, investigators were requested by the Attorney General's Office to investigate seven different cases involving the counties of Douglas, Dodge and Sarpy. These investigations involved issues of voter fraud, domestic violence, and sexual assaults.

Prescription Fraud Cases

Prescription fraud cases continue to be a problem in the Omaha metro area with 97 felony cases during the past year. One of these cases involved a physician writing prescriptions for pain relief medication to the names of bogus patients. The investigation revealed the physician was addicted to the drug Hydrocodone, and had also been involved with prescription fraud while serving in the United States Navy. This investigation resulted in a court marshal and dishonorable discharge for the physician.

Multi-Agency Task Force Operations

In May 2002, Troop A investigators participated in a federal multi-agency task force in Omaha during the week that the highly-publicized Lucas John Helder (aka Smiley Face Bomber) was terrorizing the Midwest with pipebombs. During a one-week period, Luke Helder was responsible for placing eight pipebombs in mail boxes in Iowa and eight in Nebraska, injuring several people, before a nationwide manhunt led to his arrest.

Troop A investigators assigned to the Drug Unit work on multiple task force operations with local, county, and federal law enforcement agencies. Investigators work daily on the Metro Drug Task Force, Fugitive Apprehension Task Force, and the III Corp Drug Task Force.

New Drug, Khat, Discovered in the Area

Seizures from investigations during 2002 indicated a new drug type was introduced to this area. The drug, Khat (pronounced "cot"), contains two controlled substances. A multi-agency investigation led to 100 pounds of Khat discovered at an Omaha residence. Also in 2002, drug investigators continued to respond to methamphetamine labs throughout the troop area. Drug seizures during 2002 included 670 pounds of marijuana, 85 pounds of cocaine, 3,000 dosages of PCP, almost 13 pounds of heroin and 1,913 pounds of pseudoephedrine, which is used in the production of methamphetamine. Several of the cases that drug investigators followed led to out-of-state investigations and indictments of subjects in other jurisdictions.



One hundred pounds of Khat.

Troop A Investigative Services cont'd.

Omaha Area Fugitive Task Force

One investigator from the Troop A Investigative Services Unit is assigned to the Omaha Area Fugitive Task Force which consists of officers from the Omaha Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Council Bluffs, Iowa Police Department, and the United States Marshall's Office. This task force made 745 felony arrests during 2002. Most of the suspects encountered during these arrests were wanted in connection with violent crimes against persons for offenses such as homicide, robbery, and sexual assault.

III Corp Drug Task Force

The III Corp Drug Task Force predominantly works in a rural region of the troop area. This task force consists of one NSP investigator and three other investigators from local and county agencies. During 2002, this task force initiated 131 new cases consisting of unlawful distribution of drugs, possession of drugs, and manufacturing of drugs. The III Corp Drug Task Force arrested 181 suspects, six on federal indictments, and served 25 search warrants during 2002. In March 2002, the III Corp investigators provided surveillance on a Fremont resident after receiving a request from Virginia law enforcement agencies looking for two homicide suspects. Surveillance confirmed that both suspects were at the Fremont residence. A short time later, both suspects departed the residence enroute to Omaha. Coordination between NSP investigators from Omaha and III Corp resulted in the arrest of both suspects without incident. Less than one hour transpired between the time III Corp was notified of the request from Virginia authorities to the time the arrest was made.

Liquor/Tobacco Enforcement

The Troop A Liquor/Tobacco Enforcement investigators continued to coordinate multi-agency alcohol and tobacco compliance checks with local and county law enforcement agencies throughout 2002. Investigators completed 93 application backgrounds for new liquor license locations. Working closely with the Nebraska Department of Revenue criminal investigators, tax violations were identified resulting in the recovery of more than \$14,000 in back taxes and penalties. Other investigations conducted by this unit included two gambling investigations, one of which resulted in the seizure of nearly \$10,000 in cash from five sport pools. The other investigation developed out of a complaint to the Nebraska Public Service Commission and resulted in two arrests for prostitution and fines of \$2,000 issued to a limo service.

Presentations

Investigators from Troop A made 52 presentations to private businesses, professional and parent groups, and schools, with nearly 1,400 people attending during 2002. The presentations focused on drug awareness and drug trends. Programs were also provided to pharmacy and dental students at area universities concerning prescription fraud cases. Presentations are provided to employees, managers, and owners of liquor/tobacco licensed establishments to stress voluntary compliance to state laws to reduce underage drinking and tobacco violations by minors.

Troop B

Field Services

Captain Brad Rice, Field Services Commander



Population:	204,862
Vehicle Miles.....	1,955
Licensed Drivers	119,974
Road Miles.....	1,920.98

Troop B has two full-time civilian staff members and one volunteer staff member. These staff members are instrumental in the day-to-day operation of the troop area. In addition to the civilian office staff, Troop B also has seven full-time dispatchers and one part-time dispatcher. These dispatchers serve as the life-line for uniform troopers. They are required to have complete knowledge of the entire troop area. In addition, they must maintain 24-hour coverage, 7 days per week, and all holidays just as the troopers do. The sworn officers in Troop B include one captain, two lieutenants, six sergeants, 37 troopers, three police service dog handlers, and one community service officer.

Troop Area Commander Retires and Successor Announced

Troop B Commander, Captain David Winkler, retired from the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) on May 31, 2002, after serving the agency since 1974. A retirement ceremony was held with many fellow employees, family, friends, and other law enforcement officers in attendance.

Captain Winkler began his career as a traffic officer and eventually became the Criminal Identification Division Commander. He also worked in the Headquarters (HDQ) Field Services. In January 1989, he

was promoted to captain and transferred to Troop B Field Services where he served until his retirement. Captain Winkler is the longest serving commander in Troop B to-date.

Captain Brad Rice has been the Troop B Commander since June of 2002. Captain Rice began his career in 1981 as a road officer assigned to Omaha. He has worked assignments in traffic services, alcohol & tobacco, executive protection, and served as a police service dog handler. Captain Rice was a member of the Troop A SWAT Team for 14½ years, serving 7 of those years as the assistant team leader. He has served in a supervisory role with the NSP investigative services as well as field services. Captain Rice is a graduate of the 139th session of the Northwestern Staff and Command School.

Community Service Officer

The Troop B Community Service Officer (CSO) continues to be involved with many community groups and organizations. This officer worked with the Santee Sioux Tribe and a Ewing community group in developing a Neighborhood Watch Program. Additionally, the CSO works with the North Central Community Care Partnership group assisting with rural health care projects. He also is actively involved with car seat safety education.

Troop B Field Services cont'd.

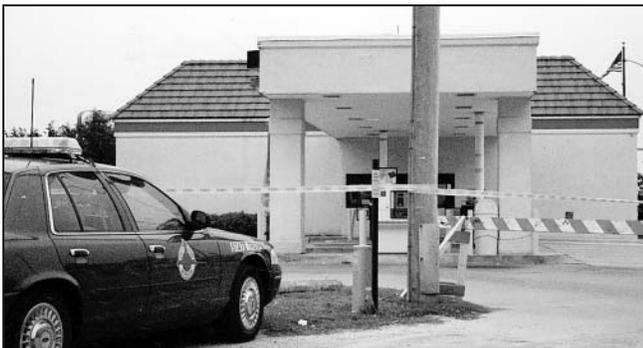
Right - Sixth and seventh grade students experienced water fights. Below - Rappelling at the annual GREAT games event.



One of the 2002 success stories is the Gang Reduction Education and Training (GREAT) Program games, hosted by the Troop B CSO. The annual GREAT games event is a three day program that involves the local fire department, the Nebraska National Guard Counter Drug Unit, the Troop B Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, other NSP CSOs, and NSP volunteers. In 2002, 90 sixth and seventh grade students were selected to participate in the three-day program. Students experienced water fights, building searches, rappelling, aerial snorkel rides, and rides in the light armored military vehicles. The last day of the event was held at the Fun Plex Water Park. The GREAT games are an excellent opportunity for students to interact positively with law enforcement officers.

Five Killed in Attempted Bank Robbery

In September, a US Bank branch in Norfolk was the scene of an attempted bank robbery. Four bank employees and one bank customer were shot to death by four armed robbers. Several area businesses were struck by stray gun shots. The suspects fled the scene on foot and stole a nearby vehicle at gunpoint. Area law enforcement officers set up road blocks in



Scene of US Bank branch in Norfolk of an attempted robbery.

an attempt to locate the stolen vehicle, which was driven to a rural area and abandoned. The suspects then stole a pickup truck from a rural farm place. The first vehicle stolen had the ONSTAR feature and authorities tracked its location and recovered it within hours of the robbery. A law enforcement broadcast was issued regarding the stolen pickup. It was located a short time later with the four suspects inside, all of whom were arrested and detained.

NSP Mourns Trooper's Death

On September 27, NSP Trooper Mark Zach took his own life. Trooper Zach was distraught about an error he made one week prior to the deadly bank robbery attempt. He had arrested one of the suspects in the attempted bank robbery for possession of a concealed firearm. When Trooper Zach attempted to determine if the gun was stolen, he transposed two digits in the serial number. That check showed that the firearm was not stolen when, in fact, it had been stolen. Trooper Zach apparently believed that if he had correctly checked the serial number of the stolen firearm, the suspect might have been held in jail and unable to participate in the attempted bank robbery. It is unlikely that correct identification of the weapon as a stolen gun would have prevented the attempted bank robbery or the loss of innocent lives. Trooper Zach's death only compounded the tragedy. On October 2, a memorial ceremony was held for Trooper Zach with approximately 1,200 people in attendance, including more than 150 law enforcement officers.

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team Activations

During 2002, the Troop B SWAT team was utilized in 10 activations. Most of the activations were drug related. They resulted in numerous arrests, several suspects surrendering and two suspects taking their own lives.

Investigative Services

Lieutenant Curt Nielsen, Investigative Services Commander

Investigators in the year 2002 investigated crimes ranging from burglary to homicide. Calls for service came from citizens and allied agencies. The Criminal Unit is comprised of five criminal investigators, two liquor investigators, and a sergeant. The Drug Unit has five investigators and two sergeants. One of these drug sergeants supervises the Specialized Narcotics Abuse Reduction Effort (SNARE) Drug Task force. Troop B Investigative Services has one staff assistant who is an intelligence representative and a word processing specialist that transcribes all of the investigative reports.

Significant Drug Cases

The drug investigators arrested an individual in February with a large amount of methamphetamine. The investigation led to the federal indictment or proffers of nine people living in Troop B, and one source in California who was involved in bringing multiple pounds of methamphetamine into this region. In April, Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and SNARE Drug Task Force investigators were involved in a case where several pounds of methamphetamine valued at approximately \$20,000 were seized. The investigation led to the identity and arrest of a drug supplier.

New Off-Site Facility and Collocation

In 2002, the Drug Unit moved into a new off-site facility and collocated with other agencies who have investigators working in the SNARE Drug Task Force. The new facility allows open communication among investigators from a variety of agencies and allows other agencies to assist in conducting field work. The increased communication has had a positive affect on the number of drug cases generated in this area.

Purchase of MSM

An investigation into multiple purchases of MSM, an animal vitamin used by methamphetamine dealers to cut their drugs, led to the identification of a major methamphetamine source in Troop B. This case led investigators to dealers in several cities throughout Nebraska. Eventually, investigators identified an organization involved in distributing hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine with links to Arizona and California. The case led to federal prosecution.

Task Forces

In addition to the SNARE Task Force, one drug investigator was assigned to the Tri-State Drug Task Force. This task force serves Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota and is overseen by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The Tri-State Drug Task Force has made a positive difference in the eastern region of the troop area. The task force has been involved with several major investigations including a federal case that involved the arrests of 15 people. Investigators also served three search warrants. The suspects had ties to Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska. Another case resulted in the arrests of 10 people who had distributed 150 pounds of methamphetamine in the past two years. In yet another case, one person was arrested with two pounds of methamphetamine and the resulting conspiracy investigation led to eight additional arrests.

Liquor Unit

The Liquor Unit conducted numerous licensed premise inspections, violation investigations, and provided training programs to various individuals and groups in an effort to be proactive. Information from citizens assisted liquor investigators with several illegal gambling cases that involved the seizure of illegal video slot machines. Liquor investigators were also involved in an alcohol procurement investigation involving two teenagers who were killed in a car crash after they left a prom party.

Five People Shot and Killed in an Armed Robbery Attempt

On September 26, investigators assisted the Norfolk Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in an investigation in which five people were shot and killed in an armed robbery attempt at the US Bank in Norfolk. Six crime scenes were processed and four suspects were apprehended by midnight of the same day.

Accidental Death and Suicide Investigations

Numerous accidental death and suicide investigations were conducted. Assistance was provided to numerous agencies throughout Troop B on cases such as assault, fraud, burglary, and child abuse.

Troop B Investigative Services cont'd.

Assistance to Allied Agencies

The Criminal Unit continues to serve other law enforcement agencies. A few examples include a February case involving a suspect who kidnapped and tortured a victim and then held the victim captive in the basement of a business. The victim escaped and called police. NSP assisted with the investigation and serving of search warrants. In July, NSP assisted with the investigation involving a juvenile who was arrested for murdering his father.

Field Intelligence Representative (FIR)

The Field Intelligence Representative (FIR) attended numerous law enforcement intelligence meetings that allowed officers from different agencies to talk about ongoing crimes and investigations. Many times, information was exchanged that was beneficial in solving crimes. In addition, the FIR distributed intelligence information to troopers, investigators, and allied agencies which contributed to public and officer safety.

Troop C

Field Services

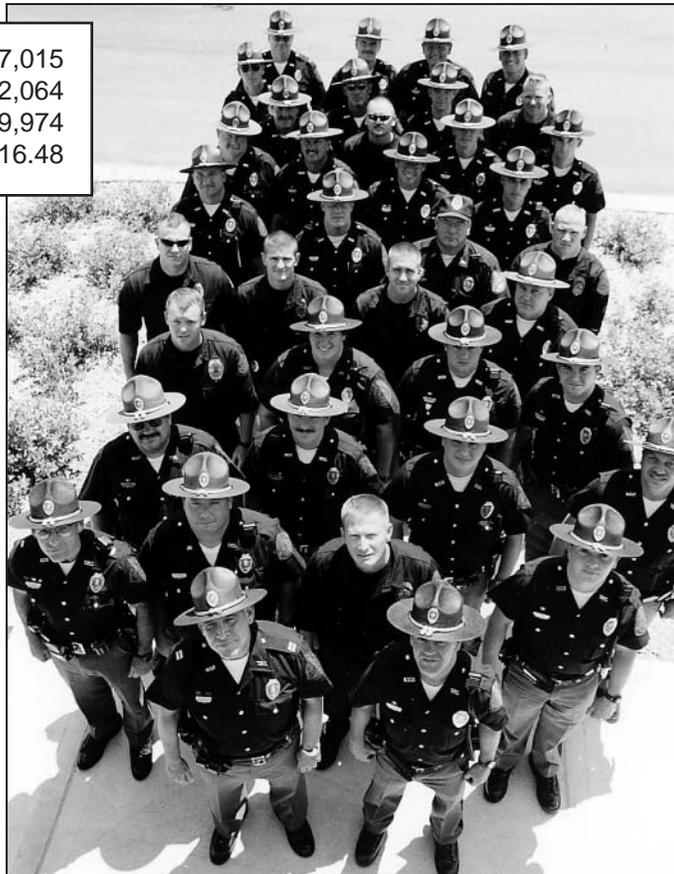
Captain Fred Ruiz, Field Services Commander

Population:157,015
Vehicle Miles.....2,064
Licensed Drivers119,974
Road Miles.....1,516.48

Troop C officers and civilian staff offered diverse services to citizens and law enforcement agencies in the 17 county area that encompasses Troop C. A team approach, between patrol and investigative services, promotes efficient and effective law enforcement. Troop C is comprised of 36 troopers, two carrier enforcement officers, seven dispatchers, and four civilians.

Citizens Academy

Troop C officers, in cooperation with officers from police and sheriff's offices, pooled resources and personnel to offer a Citizens Academy. The goal of the Academy is to promote community awareness. Participants are exposed to the following areas in the nine week Academy: vehicle pullovers/high risk stops, crime scenes, defensive



tactics/use of force, Police Service Dogs (PSD), Special Weapons and Tactical Team (SWAT), firearms, and polygraph sessions.

Alumni Association

An Alumni Association was started in 2002, to act as an advocate for law enforcement. The Association strives to become active in political issues on a state and local level. The membership continues to grow.

Enforcement Activities

Troop C officers focused on their traffic enforcement duties in 2002. The number of warnings and citations increased for many offenses including minor in possession (MIP) and driving while intoxicated (DWI). Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) officers worked well with other departments in scheduling special enforcement efforts. Our efforts were rewarded when the county attorney purchased three Lidar's, or laser speed measuring devices, for officer use.

Troop C Field Services cont'd.

Grant Monies Assist Officers

Troopers and investigators were awarded overtime grants to address problems in the area of downtown Hastings. The grant funds were provided by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety.

Criminal Interdiction

Troop C's criminal interdiction efforts caught the attention of the South Dakota State Patrol (SDSP). The SDSP sent 10 troopers to ride along with NSP troopers from Troop C as well as PSD units. SDSP troopers were given the opportunity to view first hand the tactics employed by troopers during interdiction stops.

Juvenile Diversion Program

Troop C maintained the spirit of cooperation between law enforcement agencies by continuing its relationship with the County Juvenile Diversion Program. This program is a very good educational tool that addresses the problems associated with underage drinking. Troop C continues to allow the use of alcohol sensor equipment to monitor juvenile participants in the program.

Central Nebraska Drug Court

Troop C took a leadership role with the implementation of a four-county Drug Court Program. The central Nebraska Drug Court is a



Members of Troop C civilian staff.

voluntary program created by the district court that allows eligible defendants to earn a dismissal of charges in exchange for completing substance abuse treatment and other conditions. The program has been in place for nearly one year and has one coordinator and two supervisors. After a slow start, the Drug Court had 52 participants in the program and dropped four. These four were dropped due to continued drug usage or new criminal charges. A graduation ceremony is planned for the first group of graduates in mid-2003.

Troop C officers are looking forward to new projects and challenges in the coming year. Efforts will be made to start a new motorist-assist program, as well as a multicultural program for troopers.

Investigative Services

Lieutenant Dennis Leonard, Investigative Services Commander

This unit maintains three sections with specific investigative functions in the general categories of criminal, drug, and liquor enforcement. The following cases conducted during 2002 are of noted significance and interest.

Liquor and Tobacco

On April 4, a special liquor enforcement project was conducted in conjunction with local authorities resulting in 15 minor in possession (MIP) arrests, and two citations for procuring alcohol.

On April 4 and 5, a multi-agency alcohol compliance check was conducted and a total of 76 licenses were checked, 27 were not in compliance. Again on November 8 and 9, a multi-agency alcohol compliance check was held and a total of 110 licenses were checked, 15 were not in compliance.

Tobacco compliance checks were also conducted during 2002. A total of 149 businesses were checked, 33 were not in compliance.

Drug Unit

On March 26, undercover investigators assigned to a task force case seized two pounds of methamphetamine and arrested three people. One of the suspects had been a federal fugitive for two years. That, in turn, led to a search warrant at another location which resulted in the seizure of additional methamphetamine, cocaine, a pistol, and \$600 cash.



Investigators process evidence recovered.



Criminal Unit

The Criminal Unit was honored in 2002 to have an investigator elected as President of the Nebraska Association of Polygraph Examiners and another investigator elected as Regional Vice-President of the International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts.

On January 28, the Criminal Unit conducted a death investigation which began with two truck drivers arguing at a truck stop and then stopping at a rest area where one of the men was crushed to death between the two trucks.

On June 28, several investigators and bomb technicians responded to an explosion at a rural residence where one man was killed and several people were injured. The resident was demonstrating to family members an ammunition component recovery process in a homemade incinerator.

On July 31, investigators began work recovering a Jeep from a county feedlot sewage pit. The Jeep held the bodies of two young people missing for nearly a year. The recovery took two days.

A case that began in late 2001 continued into 2002 with a county jury convicting a man of attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder on

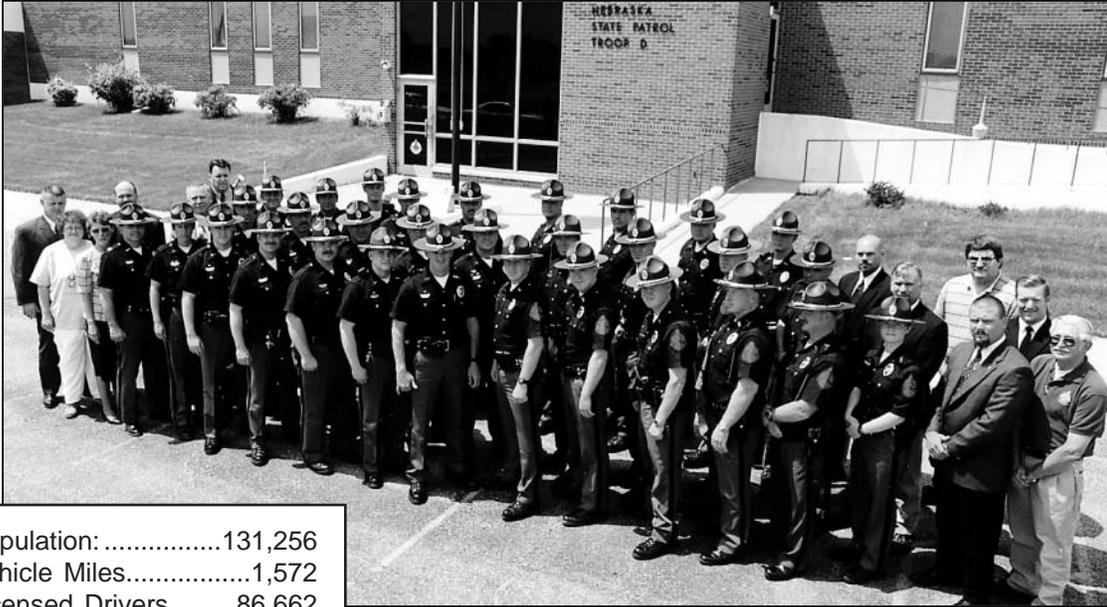
October 28. Trials are scheduled for three co-conspirators.

The Criminal Unit assisted local law enforcement with an investigation into the death of a man whose body was found after being dumped from a trash truck at the landfill. It was determined that the man had been sleeping in a dumpster when the truck collected trash on its regular route.

Troop D

Field Services

Captain Jim Parish, Field Services Commander



Population:.....	131,256
Vehicle Miles.....	1,572
Licensed Drivers.....	86,662
Road Miles.....	2,166.87

This troop area is served by a captain, two lieutenants, seven sergeants, and 27 troopers located in nine communities throughout the region. Troopers perform a wide variety of duties and provide assistance to sheriffs' departments and police departments as requested.

Stolen Vehicle Leads to Arrests

On February 16, a trooper initiated a pursuit of a stolen vehicle on Interstate 80. The suspects eluded officers and the search was discontinued. Early the next morning a stolen vehicle was in the same vicinity. An aircraft located the vehicle and a second pursuit was initiated. The suspects were arrested and the stolen vehicle was recovered along with a stolen credit card belonging to the owner of the second stolen vehicle. A trooper was dispatched to check the welfare of the resident and located a marijuana growing operation. The owner was also arrested.

Local Celebrations Required Significant Enforcement Action

Many local celebrations throughout the summer require law enforcement action. Examples of some of these celebrations include Wurstag, a German

festival, the Rockin' Blues Festival, the County Fair, and Windmill Days.

Three Pursuits in Two Months End with Arrests and No Injuries

Three pursuits in the months of November and December all ended with arrests of the suspects and no injuries. The first pursuit occurred on November 13, when a trooper attempted to stop a stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle was found abandoned. A sergeant called in the description of a suspicious farm truck he encountered. Within minutes, police initiated a pursuit of the farm truck. The suspects were arrested after a short pursuit.

A second pursuit occurred on November 15, when a trooper attempted to stop a pickup for failing to pay for gas. The driver fled. A sergeant was contacted and within minutes observed the suspect's vehicle and initiated a pursuit. The vehicle fled and another trooper deployed a tire deflator. The vehicle was successfully stopped and one suspect was jailed and the other released from custody.

On December 1, a trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding. A routine check for warrants on the driver indicated that he was a recent escapee from a correctional facility in Alabama. The driver sped off and the trooper pursued and immediately gave chase. The driver was taken into custody.

Troop D Field Services cont'd.

**I-80 Bridges Wash Out
Closes Interstate for One Week**

On July 5, a small localized thunder storm produced torrential rains with as much as 14 inches of rainfall in an eight hour period causing extensive damage. Homes were evacuated and a small bridged canal crossing Interstate 80 washed out. The collapse of the bridge resulted in a fatal crash. Both lanes of the interstate were closed for a week. Troopers put in 12-hour shifts to control diverted traffic with assistance from other law enforcement agencies and the Nebraska National Guard. The Nebraska Department of Roads, with contractors working 24 hours a day, restored the normal flow of traffic after seven days.



I-80 bridge near Ogallala diverts traffic for one week.



Investigative Services

Lieutenant Lloyd Peters, Investigative Services Commander

Troop D Investigative Services consists of 13 sworn officers and two civilian personnel. These employees take both a re-active 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.

The services provided to allied agencies include: polygraph examinations, scientific content statement analysis, blood spatter analysis, and automobile fraud examinations. The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is one of only three law enforcement units in the troop area that performs undercover drug investigative work. NSP 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 2002, investigators initiated 197 new cases, arrested 132 suspects, and presented 69 public programs to a total audience of 3,215 citizens. The new cases initiated include 55 criminal cases, 56 drug cases, and 86 liquor statute violations. Criminal cases included one death investigation, 12 sex-related offenses, and 17 investigations involving offenses against children. Thirty-three of the drug violations involved methamphetamine, but cases relating to marijuana, cocaine, opium, and pharmaceutical drugs were also investigated. The liquor violations included alcohol, tobacco, and licensing offenses.

The Drug Unit spent much of 2002 furthering a cocaine conspiracy investigation. It began in 2000 as a spin-off from an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) case called Flatrock, which began in 1999. This investigation has resulted in nearly 20 federal indictments. Investigators expect to make additional arrests in 2003.

In December 2002, the Criminal Unit initiated its first identity theft investigation. The case involved a suspect who used another man's identity to fraudulently obtain cellular telephone service.

An increase in the number of concert events held in 2002 had a significant impact on law enforcement services. During June, July and September, three music concerts were held, each drawing tens of thousands of attendees. Enforcement efforts by Troop D investigators at these concerts netted a total of 38 arrests, including nine drug violations, four of which were felony offenses.

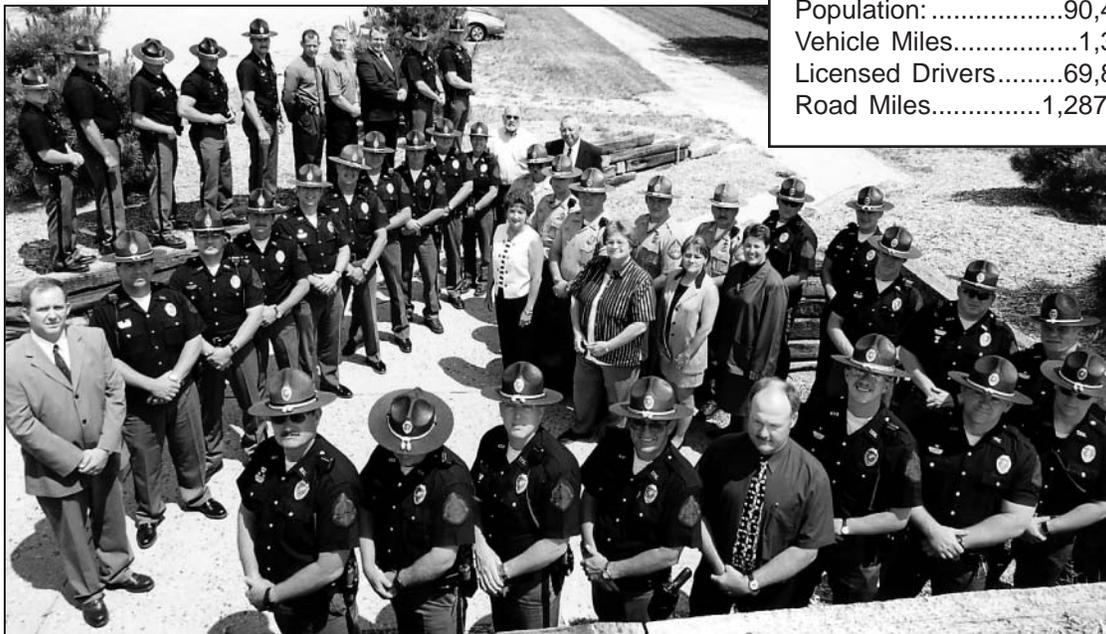


Comstock Festival in Comstock, Nebraska, brings many music goers.

Troop E

Field Services

Captain Tom Parker, Field Services Commander



Population:90,410
Vehicle Miles.....1,304
Licensed Drivers.....69,840
Road Miles.....1,287.23

Troop E has 29 troopers, one police service dog, five sergeants, two lieutenants, a captain, and a community services officer. In addition, there are five dispatchers and two civilian support personnel.

Willie Nelson Comes to Western Nebraska

The summer of 2002 brought singer Willie Nelson to the Chadron area. Promoters anticipated more than 5,000 concert goers to descend upon Crawford, Nebraska, a town with a population of 1,300 residents.

The Marches Continued in Whiteclay

The annual march on the town of Whiteclay was organized by Pine Ridge residents in memory of two Native Americans murdered in 1999. Troop E personnel have worked diligently to establish a positive working relationship with Whiteclay residents, the event planners from the Pine Ridge Reservation, local law enforcement, and business owners. The result of this harmonious relationship was a peaceful march with no unusual events occurring.

Awareness is the key

The Community Services Officer (CSO) for Troop E was instrumental in orchestrating a program that

targets methamphetamine labs. This Methamphetamine Lab Awareness Program is a presentation given to citizens and businesses. The focus of this program is to provide information regarding products used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Companies and businesses that suspect someone of purchasing products for illegal use or that are experiencing loss of products to theft, are given first-hand information about how to identify/monitor/document that activity.

Club Drug Awareness

Club Drug Awareness is a program designed by the Troop E CSO which targets parents and youth regarding drug use in western Nebraska. Parents are given information to help them identify drug use by their children and proper methods of intervention. Students are provided with intervention information and told how to report drug use problems in their communities.

Murder Suspect from California Arrives in Western Nebraska

Troop E officers were called to assist the Kimball Police Department upon the discovery of a murder suspect in the area. After killing two people in California, the suspect fled to Nebraska to the home

Troop E Field Services cont'd.

of his father. The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team was called in and the house was surrounded by law enforcement. As the SWAT team prepared to enter the residence, the suspect fled in his vehicle. As troopers attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect took his own life.

Homeland Security

Troop E administrative staff and officers work with local entities in conjunction with Homeland Security in activities such as the Homeland Security Expo, and smallpox preparedness efforts (working with the local hospitals and the county and state health departments). In addition, combined law enforcement training is conducted that involves NSP SWAT, local area law enforcement, and fire and rescue personnel. Troop E administrative staff also participate in meetings involving local emergency providers coordinating Homeland Security information and plans for the troop area.

Getting Connected in Troop E

During fiscal year 2002, our troop area was connected for the first time with high speed Internet. Previously capable only of phone line access, advances were made possible by working cooperatively with local Internet providers. The benefit of this connectivity was realized immediately as evidenced by the decrease in downtime, and the increase in efficiency of the system; thus allowing troopers more time to perform patrol functions and operations.

Supporting the "Experience Works Program"

Experience Works is a federally funded program designed to employ retired individuals in the community by offering them an opportunity to learn new skills and re-enter the work force. Troop E entered this program in 2002, hiring a retired female to assist office staff with normal office duties. The retiree has enjoyed the new challenges of working with computer spreadsheets, data entry and collection, and word processing programs. The experience of working with older individuals has been a benefit and learning experience for the staff and officers of Troop E.

Investigative Services

Lieutenant Don Blausey, Investigative Services Commander

Troop E Investigative Services consists of a lieutenant, two sergeants, four criminal investigators, two drug investigators, one liquor investigator, and an investigator with shared liquor and drug responsibilities. One of the drug investigators is assigned to the Mid-Upper Level Enforcement (MULE) Drug Task Force and the other is assigned to the Western Intelligence and Narcotics Group (WING) Drug Task Force. In addition, the staff includes an intelligence technician, a staff assistant, and a Sex Offender Registry (SOR) research analyst. Personnel are housed in three offices, the troop area office in Scottsbluff and two off-site offices in Chadron and Sidney.

First Homicide in 2002

The homicide investigation of a young girl beaten to death led to the girl's grandmother being convicted of child abuse. She was sentenced to 25 to 35 years in prison.

Suspect Commits Suicide

Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) officers were summoned to assist the local police department in apprehending a suspect wanted in connection with two homicides in California. The Troop E Special

Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team was also summoned to assist in taking the suspect into custody. The suspect eluded officers and ultimately took his own life. The investigation of his death was completed by NSP. Authorities from California came to Nebraska and assisted with the investigation.

Collapse of Television Tower

Officers of the NSP were requested to witness autopsies of two men killed as a result of a television tower collapsing. This tower was the tallest structure in Nebraska and the second highest structure in the country.

Jet Ski Death at

Bridgeport State Recreation Area

Investigators assisted the Nebraska Game and Parks Office in the death investigation of a woman killed by a jet ski at a state recreation area. This high profile investigation led to questions about the safety of the lake and the use of jet skis by young adults. Search warrants, lab tests, and out-of-state interviews were conducted. As a result, the jet ski driver and owners were convicted of negligent use of the jet ski.

Troop E Investigative Services cont'd.

Methamphetamine Overdose

A missing person report was filed by an investigator two days prior to the person's body being found on a one-lane pasture road by local ranchers. The young man's death was attributed to a methamphetamine overdose.

Clan Labs

Troop E drug investigators were involved in the investigation and dismantling of 12 clandestine methamphetamine labs while working with Western Intelligence and Narcotics Group (WING), a local drug task force. The NSP Troop E SWAT team also assisted with arrests in connection with the labs.

Headquarters Troop

Field Services

Captain Darrell Fisher, Field Services Commander



Population:405,487
Vehicle Miles.....3,895
Licensed Drivers.....305,941
Road Miles.....1,791.67

The Headquarters Troop Area encompasses 15 counties in southeast Nebraska. Responsibilities are carried out under the command of one captain, two field lieutenants, nine sergeants, and 48 troopers.

Armed Robbery Suspect Arrested

In August, a trooper heard the broadcast of an armed robbery that had just occurred near his location. The trooper stopped a vehicle that matched the description of the vehicle used in the robbery and a female suspect was arrested without incident.

DWI Arrest Leads to a Prime Murder Suspect

A trooper clocked a vehicle on radar going 100 miles per hour traveling westbound on I-80. Before he could take enforcement action, the driver of the speeding vehicle crashed into the back of a moving semi. The driver was arrested for DWI and it was later learned that the car was stolen and the driver was the prime suspect in a murder case.

Troopers Assist with Fatal Crash

Troopers assisted the Gage County Sheriff's Office with a fatal crash involving a 4 month-old baby who had been seated on his father's lap in the driver's

Headquarters Troop Field Services (cont'd.)

seat and was ejected out of the driver's window. The vehicle had crossed the center line and side-swiped an oncoming vehicle. The baby's father was arrested for manslaughter.

Poor Visibility Leads to Fatal Crash

Headquarters troopers investigated a 10-vehicle pile-up that resulted in three deaths. The crash was caused by a continuous brown-out from dirt being blown across I-80 with visibility, at times, limited to twenty feet. Traffic was diverted and I-80 was closed for seven hours.

Suicidal Man Apprehended

Troopers were dispatched to an area where a suicidal subject was walking the streets with a machete. The subject would not surrender or follow commands so bean bag rounds were fired at him. He threw the machete at the officers and tried to go when a Police Service Dog (PSD) was deployed and subdued the subject.

Pursuit Leads to Arrest of 3 Thieves

Troopers arrested three people after a pursuit that began with a stolen pickup. Troopers lost sight of the pickup but a man was seen getting out of the pickup and into a car that had been following it. A short time later, the car was stopped and three subjects were arrested. One of the men confessed that he, his father, and his uncle were responsible for several ATM thefts as well as arson fires involving seven stolen pickups from the area. Further investigation tied other burglaries in Nebraska and Iowa to the same three suspects.

Statewide Statistics for Field Services

CITATIONS			
	Totals 2001	Totals 2002	% Change
MOVING			
Speeding	59,433	66,993	12.7%
Driving While Intoxicated	1,899	2,324	22.4%
Violation of a Traffic Signal	873	722	-17.3%
Motor Vehicle Homicide	6	7	16.7%
Driving Left of Center	263	336	27.8%
Improper Passing	459	545	18.7%
Following too Close	473	480	1.5%
Stop Sign Violation	1,264	1,258	-0.5%
Other	3,702	3,950	6.7%
Total Moving Citations	68,372	76,615	12.1%
NON-MOVING			
No Operators License	4,268	4,139	-3.0%
Driving Under Suspension	1,894	2,064	9.0%
Registration/Title Deficiency	6,212	5,479	-11.8%
No Plates	873	1,291	47.9%
No Proof of Insurance	2,999	2,841	-5.3%
Other	22,259	21,944	-1.4%
Total Non-Moving Citations	38,505	37,758	-1.9%
CRIMINAL			
Minor In Possession	1,283	1,576	22.8%
Other Alcohol Related	2,058	2,299	11.7%
Possession Marijuana	1,111	1,350	21.5%
Possession Controlled Substance	294	339	15.3%
Other Drug Related	1,365	1,725	26.4%
Auto Theft	39	26	-33.3%
Seatbelt Violation	1,364	1,712	25.5%
Child Restraint	712	756	6.2%
Other Criminal-Related	7,189	20,187	180.8%
Total Criminal Citations	15,415	29,970	94.4%
TOTAL CITATIONS	122,292	144,343	18.0%

Investigative Services

Lieutenant Mark Funkhouser, Investigative Services Commander

Headquarters (HDQ) investigators in 2002 investigated crimes such as fraud, sexual assault, child pornography and homicide. Calls for service came from citizens, allied agencies, and several inside state correctional facilities. The HDQ Criminal Unit is comprised of six criminal investigators and a sergeant. The HDQ Drug Unit has three investigators and a sergeant. The Rural Apprehension Program (RAP) Drug Task Force has five investigators and a sergeant. One sergeant and two investigators are assigned to Alcohol/Tobacco enforcement. We also have one staff assistant who is an intelligence representative and a Word Processing Specialist who transcribes all of the investigative reports. The Cold Case Unit is led by a sergeant who also serves as the Criminal Unit supervisor on a temporary basis.

HDQ criminal investigators responded to a break-in at the State Capitol in Lincoln on Columbus Day weekend. The Bill Room was vandalized, with furniture overturned and several small fires started. Evidence was collected and suspect identification is still being sought. This was a bold move by the suspect, since the Capitol has a large security presence.

Investigators were assigned to an embezzlement case within state government in July. A twenty-six-year employee/supervisor of the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) is suspected in the theft of nearly \$64,000 from the Financial Responsibility Division. Bank records and credit information have been subpoenaed. The suspect is no longer employed by the state.

During 2002, the HDQ Criminal Unit assigned personnel to the Joint Terrorism Task Force to combat terrorism.

HDQ Drug Unit

In March of 2002, HDQ drug investigators conducted the first successful reverse sting methamphetamine lab operation using an informant and undercover officer. The Nebraska National

Guard Counterdrug Unit assisted with videotaping the operation. The investigation led to the arrest of one suspect, sentenced to 5 years in federal prison, and the identification of numerous other suspects. More indictments are forthcoming.

This Unit was also responsible for investigating 75 to 100 methamphetamine labs and dump sites in 2002. In many cases, the investigators also participated in the dismantling of the labs. In addition, the HDQ investigators provided recertification training for more than 100 Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and state/local officers in methamphetamine lab response. Forty additional state, county, and municipal officers in Nebraska received lab certification in 2002.

In June/July, a drug investigation initiated by NSP turned into a sexual assault case resulting in the arrest of a state employee responsible for sexually assaulting and providing drugs to several juvenile females. The suspect was also arrested for several drug-related offenses, including cocaine and methamphetamine possession and distribution.

Rural Apprehension Program (RAP) Drug Task Force

Investigators in the Rural Apprehension Program (RAP) Drug Task Force completed two trials in U.S. District Court on separate conspiracy investigations this year. One of the investigations resulted in the indictment of seven defendants responsible for 35-40 pounds of methamphetamine. A jury trial in the case resulted in the conviction of two of the defendants; one of whom faces a life sentence on drug and weapon charges.

Another RAP investigation resulted in the arrest of approximately eighteen subjects. A 32-year sentence was the result of one conviction in federal court. The defendants were responsible for approximately 180 pounds of methamphetamine and 5 pounds of cocaine. Weapons and explosive devices were also seized during the course of the investigation.

Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

A total of 176 specialty awards were presented to Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) personnel and private citizens during 2002.

Life Saver Awards

This award recognizes employees who initiate effort to preserve and protect life above and beyond their professional duty.

2002 recipients of this award include:

Sergeant Russell Timmerman - Resigned
Trooper Christopher Bigsby
Trooper Charles Bish
Trooper Tom Grove
Trooper Joseph Hansen
Trooper Daniel Klimek
Trooper Michael Korte
Trooper Bruce Motley - Retired
Trooper Ronald Rife
Trooper Kevin Ryan
Trooper Linda Schultz
Trooper Kevin Stary
Trooper Fred Storm
Trooper Kurt VonMinden
Daniel VonSeggren - Civilian
Debra Davis - Civilian

Honorable Service Award

This award recognizes commissioned personnel who, while in the performance of their duties, are injured or killed while encountering deadly force or significant "other actions" (does not include reckless behavior by the officer) causing serious bodily harm or death.

2002 recipients of this award were presented to the families of past fallen officers at the Law Enforcement Memorial Week Memorial and include:

Trooper George Amos.....5/16/70 - 4/20/73
Trooper Robert Chab10/1/63 - 1/6/84
Trooper Michael Farber11/3/78 - 8/24/80
Trooper Marvin Hansen.....10/15/47 - 4/8/54
Trooper Raymond Koerber.....10/15/47 - 9/18/61
Trooper Donald Matejka.....10/1/59 -12/27/89
Sergeant John Mistrell9/4/40 - 4/10/53
Trooper Duane Nichols.....11/15/50 - 7/24/58
Trooper Vernon Rolfs11/15/50 - 5/30/53
Trooper Mark Wagner.....11/10/86 - 3/4/99
Trooper Loyal Zink.....11/22/37 - 6/13/45

Superintendent's Group Citation

This award is presented to a group of employees for outstanding achievement which greatly exceeds the normal demands of the department and which was performed in a manner above and beyond professional duty. This award exemplifies our motto of "Pro Bono Publico."

2002 recipients included:

Lieutenant Mark Funkhouser
Sergeant Bob Frank
Sergeant Todd Kinghorn
Sergeant Kevin Knorr
Sergeant Tom Reinhart
Trooper Sean Caradori
Trooper Lonnie Connelly
Investigator Joel Bergman
Investigator Roger Chrans
Investigator David Heidbrink
Investigator Jay Petersen
Investigator Jose Ruiz
Karen Pester - Civilian

Superintendent Commendation Award

This award is presented to an employee for an exceptional act, service, or sustained excellence in performance of duties. Nominations should have distinguished themselves by exhibiting highly creditable or unusual actions or by furtherance of efficiency and/or performance reflecting credit to the law enforcement profession.

There were no 2002 recipients of this award.

Public Service Award

This award is presented to citizens who demonstrate significant accomplishments with regard to public service.

2002 recipients included:

Donald Arp
Stan Fritz
Wayne Fritz
Valerie Halsey
Doug Lambrecht
Todd Luedeke
Alan Michl
Gary Pinkelman
Paul Schettler

**Superintendent's
Distinguished Service Award**

This award recognizes personnel based on demonstrated excellence in work performance that may include actions in a particular event, or circumstance, that indicates a high degree of professional integrity, concern for the mission of the NSP, demonstrated diligence and perseverance, and/or an accomplishment that reflects credit to an employee or group of employees and the NSP.

Recipients of this award included:

- Captain Julie Maaske
- Lieutenant Judy Bailey
- Lieutenant Curt Nielsen
- Sergeant Morris Abshier - Retired
- Sergeant Henry Bruner
- Sergeant Bryan Jones
- Sergeant Randy Morehead
- Sergeant William Linton
- Sergeant Gary Plank
- Sergeant James Stover
- Sergeant Galen Svoboda
- Sergeant Allan Walton
- Sergeant Mark Williams
- Trooper Jeff Barnes
- Trooper Ryan Henrichs
- Trooper Matthew Nicholas
- Trooper Philip Thede
- Trooper Sandra Tighe
- Trooper Mark Zach - Deceased
- Investigator John Frederick
- Investigator Kent Hanlin
- Investigator Doug Johnson
- Investigator Doug Kelley
- Investigator Scott Lackas
- Investigator Bruce Mitchell
- Investigator David Spiegel
- Investigator Dennis Ternus
- Kenneth Bohlken - Civilian
- Shirley Danahy - Civilian
- Brenda James - Civilian
- Kelly Kolb - Civilian
- Nicole Lindhorst - Civilian
- Joleen Palmer - Civilian
- Terry Pell - Civilian
- Jill Mitchell - Civilian
- Barb Reeves - Civilian
- Brenda Test - Civilian
- Terri Teuber - Civilian

The following retirees were also recognized with Distinguished Services Awards in 2002:

	Years of Service
Carrier Enforce. Area Supvr. Paul Cooper	39+
Major Gale Griess	32+
Captain David Winkler	27+
Lieutenant Mike Phinney	25+
Sergeant Phillip Thalken	25+
Lieutenant Keith Rodaway	25+
Trooper Ken Bures	25+
Sergeant Teddie Mashek	25+
Sergeant Stanley Williams	25+

Seat Belt Survivor

This award shall be used to recognize citizens who have survived an automobile accident in which they might have otherwise been seriously injured or killed had it not been for the proper use of their automobile safety restraints. The recipient shall not have been responsible for the cause of the accident in any way.

Olivia Bryant Sheri Bryant

Meritorious Service Award

Established to bestow on an employee for an act of heroism calling for an outstanding degree of dedication and devotion above and beyond professional duty, and may include the protection of life or intervention under instances of personal risk.

- Lieutenant Rod Getting
- Sergeant Jud McKinstry
- Investigator Joel Bergman
- Investigator Scott Haugaard
- Investigator Lee Jacobsen

Recruit Training - Achievement Awards

Achievement awards are presented to recruits for academic marksmanship and physical fitness excellence based upon final ratings during the recruit training program.

O.H. Witt Academic Award

for academic excellence
presented to John Mobley

Donald Shearer Marksmanship Award

for firearms proficiency
presented to Craig Kumpf

R.J. Buchholz Physical Fitness Award

for the most improvement in overall physical fitness
presented to Clinton Elwood

State Troopers Association of Nebraska Award

presented to John Mobley

Superintendent's Leadership Award

presented to Lindsey Bixby