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Dear Nebraska Citizens:

On behalf of all members of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) I am pleased to present the 2004 Annual Report. This report contains statistical and topical information that describes the numerous and varied services the NSP provides.

Contemporary law enforcement requires skills that extend beyond those needed only a few short years ago. In addition to traditional patrol, traffic enforcement, accident, criminal and drug investigations, today's troopers and investigators must know how to contend with drug smugglers, criminals who use the Internet to facilitate crime, Homeland Security, and a myriad of other issues. The Nebraska State Patrol makes every effort to address traditional, as well as emerging trends in our law enforcement capabilities.

Thank you for your assistance and support during 2004. The NSP pledges to remain a leader in the law enforcement community through professional development, innovation, and our commitment to you, the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

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Bryan J. Tuma, Colonel
Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety



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Nebraska State Patrol 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 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.

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.

Pro Bono Publico
“For the Good of the Public”



“STANDARDS BUILD TRUST”
US Attorney General John Ashcroft
at St. Louis CALEA Conference July, 2001

On December 4, 2004, the Nebraska State Patrol was once again accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) in recognition of its professional police, support and management practices. To earn CALEA accreditation the agency had to demonstrate compliance with 353 accreditation standards.

Receiving CALEA accreditation was the culmination of nearly eighteen months of dedicated work provided by the accreditation committee, the Policy and Accreditation staff, and numerous other agency personnel. Preparations included a bottom to top review of all agency policy and procedures by subject matter experts, accreditation file review and maintenance, and a thorough mock on-site assessment conducted by allied agency personnel.

To remain accredited the Patrol must continue to comply with all 353 of the aforementioned accreditation standards and come into compliance with any new applicable standards promulgated by CALEA. The Patrol is scheduled to be assessed by CALEA again during the summer of 2007.

2004 Statewide Patrol Division Activities

Miles Patrolled	4,544,473
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Accidents Investigated

Fatal accidents investigated	65
Persons killed	73
Injury accidents investigated	844
Persons injured	1,415
Property damage only accidents	1,319

Total Accidents Investigated	2,228
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Hazardous moving violations (speeding not included)

Violate traffic signal	1,505
Hit and run	29
Motor vehicle homicide	1
Drive left of center	2,196
Passing violations	1,146
Following too close	2,250
Traffic control device violation	3,441
Improper turn	862
Failure to signal	6,038
Careless driving	545
Reckless driving	88
Willful reckless driving	76
Other moving violations	9,642

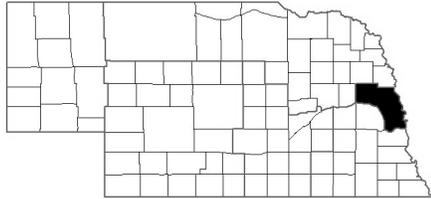
Total Hazardous Moving violations	143,317
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Patrol Division Drug Investigations

New investigations	1,218
Investigative Services requests	24
Value of drugs seized	\$4,405,241

Troop Area Highlights

Troop A



Population: 664,830
Total Square Miles: 1,491
Strength:
Patrol Division 42
Carrier Enforcement 9
Investigative Services 15



Troop A Headquarters, Omaha

Troop A, located in the east-central region of the state, includes the most densely populated areas of Nebraska. The counties of Douglas, Sarpy, Dodge, Washington and northern Cass are home to approximately 664,830 people and spans a 1,598 square mile area. Of the 2,059,533 vehicles registered in the State, 610,007 are registered in these counties.

Troop A Patrol Division

Major construction on the widening of Interstate 80 from Omaha to Lincoln continued through 2004. The second phase of this project presented many unique challenges to Troop A personnel that included managing heavy traffic volume on narrow roadways alongside large construction equipment. With the assistance of additional officers assigned to the interstate, there were no major closures or detours.

Other enforcement efforts in Troop A continued at a very high rate. Officers arrested 317 motorists for driving while intoxicated and 589 drivers for driving during suspension. Officers continued to look beyond the initial traffic stop thereby clearing 345 local warrants. Uniform Crime Investigation cases (UCI) also produced impressive results. Approximately 200 UCI case investigations resulted from traffic stops made by the officers in Troop A. In one notable case a consensual encounter at a local truck stop led to the seizure of over 2 million dollars in cash.

The annual fireworks display at Rosenblatt Stadium drew an estimated 150,000 people while the Offutt Air Show in August drew over 200,000. Two Presidential visits to the area required large manpower commitments from the troop area.

A manhunt for an inmate who took two guards hostage and then escaped from the prison facility in Tecumseh lasted for several days. Eventually, a tip was received by the Omaha office that lead to the escapees capture at a mid-town Omaha coffee shop following a shoot out with Omaha Police officers.

Troop A Investigative Services Division

The Alcohol/Tobacco unit worked closely with local license holders by educating their employees about relevant laws. A total of 26 educational programs were given to 811 employees. By working in cooperation with community groups and local law enforcement to target alcohol and tobacco violations, ten multi-agency alcohol compliance checks were conducted. Five hundred and ninety two locations were tested which resulted in sales to 77 minors. Also conducted were tobacco compliance checks of 132 locations which resulted in sales to 8 minors. Related enforcement efforts resulted in additional arrests as well as the recovery of a stolen car and an illegal machine gun. The arrest likely prevented an armed robbery and resulted in the subject being indicted.

Troop A Liquor Enforcement unit organized and hosted the 2004 Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligence Network conference in Fremont between October 17-19, 2004. This conference was attended by 53 law enforcement officers from 35 agencies from across Nebraska.

The unit also participated in joint operations with the Nebraska Department of Revenue and the Nebraska Public Service Commission. Four cases involved the sale of untaxed cigarettes which resulted in assessments of more than \$11,600 by the Nebraska Department of Revenue. Another case involved a business which was not collecting sales tax or tobacco excise taxes and operating an unlicensed taxi service. One liquor audit was conducted which revealed a silent owner who is a convicted felon. The investigation also revealed the business had operated at a \$140,000 loss for the last three years. The investigators learned that the money was being siphoned off by the silent owner. In another case, an investigation into a problem location resulted in the seizure of approximately \$3,000 worth of alcohol which had been illegally purchased and revealed the business was being operated and managed by two convicted felons.

Bellevue Police officers were involved in a shooting, and the Major Case Unit was called to investigate. No one was hurt in the shooting and no criminal violations were found on the part of the officers involved in the shooting.

Several thefts of State property occurred at the Department of Roads maintenance yards. One involved a work release inmate who learned how the Voyager credit card system works. The inmate removed several Voyager cards from equipment that is seldom

operated and used the credit cards to finance a vacation. Because his trip had been approved by his parole officer, arresting him was easy.

At the Drug unit seventy percent of the case investigations involved pharmaceutical fraud. It is expected that the doctors identified will be prosecuted in Federal court for the distribution of controlled substances.

Investigations initiated by the Commercial Interdiction Unit (CIU) have impacted investigations both within and outside Nebraska and have resulted in arrests and seizures of both currency and drugs. From October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004, members of the CIU were responsible for the seizure of over \$2.2 million in US currency, 338 pounds of marijuana, over 24 pounds of cocaine, and 8.5 pounds of methamphetamine. In addition, the members of the CIU seized PCP, psychedelic mushrooms, ecstasy, heroin, handguns, and indoor marijuana growing operations. These investigations lead to the arrest of 29 people.

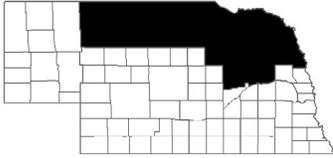
Notable investigations include:

On February 23, 2004, members of the unit located approximately 1.5 pounds of ICE methamphetamine in the speaker of a boom box type stereo. This encounter occurred at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Omaha. An interview of the suspect and subsequent investigation led to a controlled delivery in Louisville, Kentucky. The controlled delivery was successful and resulted in an additional arrest.

On March 30, 2004, members of the unit and Troop A Patrol Division troopers observed a maroon passenger van getting fuel at a truck stop on I-80 in Sarpy County. Contact was made with the subjects and a criminal history records check revealed previous arrests for military and drug violations. Consent to search was requested and received. A search of the vehicle resulted in the location of two large pieces of luggage and two backpacks. The baggage was opened and three of the four were found to contain vacuum sealed food bags of US currency. The information was forwarded to the Drug Enforcement Administration for additional investigation.

On November 19, 2004, members of the unit were performing a follow up investigation on information received from Wisconsin authorities. The investigation led officers to an address in Omaha and resulted in consent to search the property. The search located an indoor marijuana growing operation. A total of 44 plants, approximately \$10,000.00 in US currency and six pounds of marijuana were seized. Two arrests were made. This investigation led to an additional search warrant at another Omaha location which resulted in the seizure of approximately 15 pounds of marijuana, \$40,000 in US currency and two additional arrests.

Troop B



Population: 213,929

Total Square Miles: 21,577

Strength:

Patrol Division 43

Carrier Enforcement 8

Investigative Services 14



Troop B Headquarters, Norfolk

Troop B is the Patrol's largest Troop Area and is situated in the north central and northeastern part of the State. The Troop Area covers 23 counties and stretches from the Missouri River on the east to the panhandle. Troop B is home to three Indian Reservations (Omaha, Winnebago and Santee) and one Indian tribe (Ponca). In 2004, 65 sworn officers are assigned to the area. In 2004, Troop B personnel handled 6, 652 calls for service. Below are some of the highlights relating to these calls.

Troop B Patrol Division

On March 13, 2004, a search warrant was executed at a residence in South Sioux City by the Troop B SWAT team. The warrant lead to the arrest of a murder suspect who was being sought for a 2002 killing. The warrant also lead to the seizure of approximately nine pounds of methamphetamine. Information used to support of the warrant affidavit was obtained by Trooper Fellin through a confidential informant.

On April 13, 2004, Trooper Scott Zehr was struck in his left thigh by a ricochet round while attending range. This incident occurred when Troopers Zehr and Mitchell were shooting a metal target with their Mini-14 rifles. Scott was unaware that the round penetrated his leg until after leaving training. Medical attention was sought which led to the removal of the round and two stitches.

On May 14, 2004, the Troop B Honor Guard provided a ceremonial 21 gun salute at the grave site of Trooper Dan Matejka who died in the line of duty on December 27, 1989. His grave site was the location of the 2004 Law Enforcement Memorial Day ceremonies in the Norfolk area. The Honor Guard consisted of Troopers Jim Reilly, Glen Waddle, Jared Jacobsen, Jon Goode, Greg Lammers, Scott Rutten, Kevin Bruning, and Matt Eischeid.



Troop B 2004 Law Enforcement Memorial Day Ceremony

During the early morning hours of August 14, 2004, troopers from Troops A and B, assisted by officers of the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, conducted a vehicle check on the Veterans Bridge in South Sioux City. In three hours, troopers issued 123 contacts, arrested 17 individuals for driving while intoxicated, four individuals for driving under suspension, and four other persons for other alcohol violations.

On August 19, 2004, a driving under suspension arrest by Trooper Mohr led to the seizure of a mobile methamphetamine laboratory as well as methamphetamine. The subject was charged with possession and attempted manufacture of methamphetamine.

On the afternoon of August 14, 2004, troopers working in conjunction with the Iowa State Patrol assisted with the closure of I-129 and I-29 in South Sioux City, Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa during President Bush's campaign stop at Sioux City.

On September 9, 2004, Lieutenants Totten and Wilson were involved in the pursuit of a South Dakota vehicle. After several miles, the pursued vehicle came to a stop in a soy bean field. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed cocaine and 13 pounds of marijuana. A South Dakota man was arrested and charged with illegal drug possession as well as possession with intent to deliver illegal drugs.

On October 22, 2004, troopers responded to a semi tractor-trailer collision east of Bancroft on Highway 51. The semi violated the railroad crossing signals and was unable to beat the 23 car coal train. The impact severed the semi-trailer and caused the train to derail. Miraculously, there were only minor injuries to the train's engineer and to the truck driver. Damage was estimated to be well in excess of \$2 million dollars. The rail crossing was closed for five days.



October 22, 2004 tractor-trailer train collision

Troop B SWAT personnel were activated 11 times in 2004. All activations resulted in successful missions with no major injuries to the team members or the suspects being sought. For these efforts, Troop B SWAT members were awarded the Distinguished Service Award. Also during 2004, Investigators Harris and Kenny along with Trooper Steckelberg retired their services to SWAT and were replaced by Troopers Reilly, Ramsey and Elsea.

Troop B's commitment to public service was demonstrated in 2004 as troopers presented 414 educational programs to 38,672 members of the public. These programs varied from alcohol/drug awareness and prevention presentations to simulated vehicle roll over demonstrations. Troopers were also very active in radio talk shows, parades, and other community events.

Troop B Investigative Services Division

On March 11, 2004, the Troop B Investigative Services Division began a massive search for a baby that had been reported missing in South Dakota. The information and request for assistance was received from the Union County, South Dakota Sheriff's office based on information that this baby had been disposed of by being thrown in the trash at a residence in Alcester, South Dakota. Numerous law enforcement officers from various departments as well as civilian volunteers searched the LP Gill Landfill near Jackson, Nebraska. The remains of the infant were located on April 5. The Major Case Unit Trailer was utilized as a command post and meeting center on site.

Investigator Mitchell provided alcohol abuse related community service programs with Lorraine Erdmann whose 16 year old daughter was killed in an alcohol related crash in April 2002. Mrs. Erdmann has agreed to assist the Nebraska State Patrol by informing whomever will listen about the hazards of teenage drinking. Investigator Mitchell and Lorraine gave 14 programs from Omaha to O'Neill and touched nearly 1000 lives with their message.

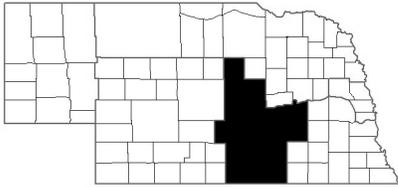
Investigator Kenny, working with the Tri State Federal Task Force, seized approximately four pounds of methamphetamine. This investigation led to the indictment of eight people, two of whom were sentenced to over 20 years in federal prison. This

investigation encompassed a geographical area from Phoenix, Arizona to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and involved and estimated \$225,000.00 in methamphetamine distribution.

The Criminal Investigation Division responded to an incident at Plainview in August. A suspect was arrested for kidnapping, beating, and raping, a female victim. This crime scene spanned an area over two miles wide with evidence collected at three residences and from a vehicle. The suspect was charged with second degree murder.

Investigator Hanlin assisted the Patrol Division by reconstructing numerous crashes. As the Troop area ICAC Investigator, Investigator Hanlin was also responsible for the arrest and conviction of a priest for child pornography in Knox County, Nebraska.

Troop C



Population: 210,362
Total Square Miles: 9,735
Strength:
Patrol Division 46
Carrier Enforcement 2
Investigative Services 14



Troop C Headquarters, Grand Island

Troop C encompasses 17 counties in the southern mid-to-eastern section of the state. It includes the state's third largest city of Grand Island, as well as the cities of Hastings, Kearney, and York.

Troop C Patrol Division

Troop C moved into a new sergeant area office building at Kearney during 2004. The new building consists of two private offices, a troop room, a work area for investigators, an interview room, and a kitchenette.

An official open house was held on October 7, 2004, from 1400 to 1600. The open house included a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce. Senator Ray Aquilar cut the ribbon and was assisted by Captain Fred Ruiz

and Sergeant Leroy Jones. The open house was well attended by members of the Buffalo County Attorney's Office, Nebraska Department of Roads, several local law enforcement agencies, and representatives from area businesses.



Kearney office Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Patrol Division is involved with the Hall County Sheriff's Office and the Grand Island Police Department in conducting the Hall County/Grand Island Citizen Academy. Each year a different law enforcement agency leads the Academy. This is a joint effort by all three agencies to present to the citizens of Hall County and Grand Island on how all three law enforcement agencies complement and help one another. This was the fifth year for the Citizen Academy with a five year total of 75 graduates. Participants learn in the classroom as well as in the field. Instructions on patrolling, defensive tactics, emergency driving, firing a weapon, and crime scene investigation are just a few of the topics discussed.

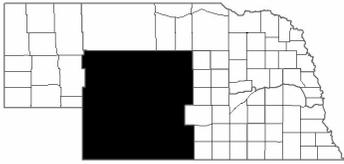
Troop C Investigative Services Division

Troop C investigators were involved in some high profile cases during the year but our proudest achievement was our leadership in some significant multi-agency operations. Alcohol/Tobacco Investigator Lorri Rogers coordinated and led a three-agency alcohol compliance check on May 7, 2004, during which 68 licensees were tested resulting in 12 citations being issued. Investigator Rogers provided guidance and equipment, and issued administrative citations on three additional compliance checks conducted by the Hall County Sheriff's Department.

Investigator Jacobsen performed an investigation that resulted in the arrest of the Clarks Village Marshall for felony criminal mischief. In April, the Criminal Investigation unit served two search warrants in Aurora based on information received by Lincoln Police that resulted in the arrest of one man for secretly videotaping teenaged girls in a private dressing room. In August, at the request of the Merrick County Sheriff, Troop C investigators lead an armed robbery investigation in Chapman. Also in August, Investigator John Frederick began an investigation which resulted in felony theft charges being lodged against the Central City Village Clerk. Also investigated were three separate petition fraud cases that occurred prior to the November election. A Grand Jury investigation was conducted that involved a 20 year old man who killed himself in the presence of two sheriff's deputies.

In October the clandestine lab team, led by Investigator Jeff Shelton, safely dismantled its first confined space methamphetamine lab found in an underground concrete bunker in rural Phelps County. Also in October, investigators coordinated a local-state-federal agency controlled delivery of four pounds of methamphetamine that was interdicted by New Mexico troopers and brought to Grand Island with the assistance of the DEA. Three people were arrested, and drugs and money were seized.

Troop D



Population: 132,635
Total Square Miles: 20,846
Strength:
Patrol Division 39
Carrier Enforcement 23
Investigative Services 11



Troop D Headquarters, North Platte

Troop D covers 23 counties in the southwest portion of the state. It includes the cities of North Platte and McCook. Halsey National Forest and Nebraska's largest recreational area, Lake McConaughy, also lie in Troop D.

Troop D Patrol Division

On October 5, 2004, Troop D Headquarters was notified by the Lexington Police Department that one of their police cars had been stolen. The suspect was a 15 year old female. The police car was recovered a short time later but a shotgun and other equipment were missing. On the morning of October 7, the Phelps County Sheriff's Department notified Troop D Headquarters that two of their units were in pursuit of a vehicle occupied by the aforementioned female and her 18 year old companion. The vehicle was being pursued on county roads north and west of Holdrege. While being pursued, the suspects' vehicle met a Ford pickup occupied by an Elwood, Nebraska man and his children. As the two vehicles met, the suspects aimed the stolen police shotgun out of their west bound vehicle and fired a blast into the eastbound Ford pickup striking two small children. An eight year old female was struck by pellets from the buckshot

round. Her five year old brother was struck by flying glass and other debris. Both children were treated at to the hospital in Kearney.

The suspect vehicle continued westbound and followed the road as it turned south and headed into Bertrand. The pursuit continued south of Bertrand until the suspects' vehicle became stuck in the mud. A Phelps County Deputy Sheriff took the suspects into custody after a momentary standoff. Troopers and investigators were dispatched to assist with the apprehension and subsequent investigation.

Throughout the year, Lieutenant Liebig and the staff of Troop D worked with local authorities to develop a unified emergency response plan. This plan sought input from a wide variety of stake holders and included service providers that would be called upon in the event of a disaster. The planning took several months and included monthly meetings to develop the appropriate response from each of the service providers. These included the local police department, Nebraska Department of Roads, hospital officials, county emergency management personnel, school officials and Health and Human Service personnel.

The plan was put to the test during the November TEREX disaster exercise. The plan guided our simulated mobilization and resulted in a very orderly response to a hypothetical terrorism scenario. After the exercise, all participants met for a debriefing to fine-tune the plan. The result is a comprehensive response plan that has been rehearsed. Service providers are now aware of their capabilities in such an event. The plan will be presented in other counties throughout Troop D.

Troop D Investigative Services Division

On November 11, 2003, former Lincoln County Sheriff Richard C. (Rick) Lingbloom left his residence in his red 1998 Ford Ranger pickup truck to go fishing at a local pond. Lingbloom did not return to his residence that evening and efforts to locate him were unsuccessful. Lingbloom's disappearance was reported to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department which attempted for several months to locate him. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department utilized all of its resources in the search including volunteers, the Civil Air Patrol, news media and other law enforcement agencies. Despite the efforts of everyone involved, Lingbloom was not found.

On February 24, 2004, an employee of the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District located a body in the Tri-County Canal southwest of Gothenburg. State Patrol investigators responded to the scene and with the assistance of the Lincoln County Dive and Rescue Team retrieved the body. The body was later identified as that of Deputy Lingbloom. An autopsy indicated no foul play was involved in Lingbloom's death. Lingbloom's pickup was not located and the search continued.

On March 2, 2004, the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District stopped the flow of water into the canal which dramatically reduced the water level. Sergeant Eric Rice located Lingbloom's pickup in the canal approximately five miles west of the

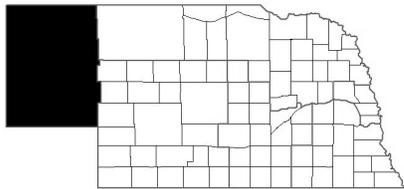
location where his body was recovered. The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District provided a crane that was used to lift the pickup out of the canal and place it on a flatbed truck. Nothing was found within or outside of the vehicle to indicate foul play.

Investigators believe that in the dark, Lingbloom drove his pickup too close to the edge of the canal and the bank gave way. This caused the vehicle to roll one full time into the canal where it came to rest on its wheels.



Richard Lingbloom's pickup being lifted from the Tri-County Canal

Troop E



Population: 89,004
Total Square Miles: 14,138
Strength:
Patrol Division 37
Carrier Enforcement 4
Investigative Services 11



Troop E Headquarters, Scottsbluff

Troop E is composed of the 11 counties in the “panhandle” region of the state with troop area headquarters in Scottsbluff. This area includes numerous historical sites including Fort Robinson, Chimney Rock, Oregon Trail ruts, and the Mud Springs Pony Express Stagecoach and Telegraph Station. The Chadron National Forest, the Oglala National Grasslands, various wildlife refuges, and dozens of small lakes also make this area

unique. The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation continues into this area from South Dakota at the state's northern border.

Troop E Patrol Division

In 2004 the Nebraska State Patrol instituted a statewide contest the name the Patrol's new bomb robot. Officers in Troop E encouraged students at Geil Elementary School in Gering to participate in the project as a leadership exercise. The Gering students submitted several names. The winning name MERV (Mobile Explosive Removal Vehicle) submitted by the students was selected. The robot was unveiled at the grade school with the winning students in attendance.

The Scottsbluff County Emergency Operations Center prepared an exercise to test the counties ability to respond to an agri-terroism incident. Troop E personnel attended several meetings and served on the planning committee. After several months of meetings and preparation involving NEMA, the State Veterinarians office, and various local, county and state agencies, a mock hoof and mouth disease disaster was declared. The exercise was considered a success based on the participating agencies abilities to respond and on feedback received from planners.

The public is at the forefront of the mission, goals and objectives of Troop E. Public concerns are readily addressed by Troop E staff through the Community Services Officer Program. The Troop E Community Services Officer responds to these issues by meeting with civic leaders, business owners, school administrators and the general public to listen to their concerns. Based on these meeting, the Troop E CSO has fashioned several programs and fostered relationships to address the concerns of the different communities. The programs include Youth Substance Abuse, Identity Theft, Meth Lab Awareness, Traffic and Seatbelt Safety, and as many others.

Troop E Investigative Services Division

Investigator Blausey investigated an embezzlement at the Chamber of Commerce in Alliance where a total of \$85,000 was discovered to be missing. One subject was arrested and convicted.

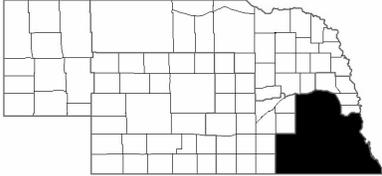
On April 4, 2004, Investigator Drinkwalter investigated an arson fire at Hardee's Restaurant in Chadron. The fire was set by three suspects to cover up a burglary. The suspects were arrested and most of the missing money was recovered. All three were convicted of setting the fire.

Troop E drug investigators assisted DEA and the WING task force investigate a drug conspiracy. This investigation involved suspects in several states and required use of telephone intercepts in three states. Six defendants were arrested.

Drug investigators and troopers from the Kimball area worked an investigation in Kimball County. Four defendants were arrested on state drug charges. Two of the

defendant's cases were adopted for federal prosecution; one defendant on drug charges and the other on drug and weapons charges. The success of this case is due to the good work of the troopers stationed in the Kimball area and the citizens they were allied with.

Troop H



Population: 428,531
Total Square Miles: 8,802
Strength:
Patrol Division 60
Carrier Enforcement: 39
Investigative Services 18



Troop H Headquarters, Lincoln

The Headquarters Troop Area is comprised of the 15 southeastern counties in Nebraska bordered by Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and the Platte River. Troop headquarters is in Lincoln, and is also the home of the State Capitol, Nebraska State Fair and the Cornhusker football team. The popularity of these events were evident last fall when troopers worked six sold-out home football games and the State Fair.

Troop H Patrol Division

On the evening of May 22, 2004, four counties of southeast Nebraska were devastated by a series of severe thunderstorms and tornados. Significant damage caused by these storms included the near total destruction of Hallam, Nebraska, and the Norris Public School in southern Lancaster County. Over 158 homes in the area were completely destroyed and one person was killed. The resources of the Nebraska State Patrol, specifically Headquarters Troop, were called upon to assist with the emergency response to tornado victims and to provide law enforcement services at the request of local agencies. The events of May 22, 2004, required a protracted deployment of personnel and other resources following the declaration of a state of emergency by Governor Mike Johanns.



May 22, 2004, Hallam, Nebraska Tornado

In early May, 2004, elements of the National Socialist Movement applied for a permit from the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services to utilize the State Capitol grounds for a white pride rally. On May 11, 2004, DAS advised that this group could congregate on the north steps of the Capitol on July 17, 2004, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Information was received from states where similar rallies had been held regarding what to expect. Representatives from these states traveled to Nebraska for a meeting to help prepare for this event. Subsequent planning meetings were conducted in June and July between representatives of all allied agencies involved including the Lincoln Police, Lancaster County Sheriff, DAS Building Division, Lincoln Public Works and the Nebraska Department of Roads. Because of the coordination, planning and cooperation between all agencies managing the event was considered a success and nonviolent.

Troop H Investigative Services Division

During 2004, criminal investigators worked 110 cases, including 21 death investigations. Investigators arrested a Colon, Nebraska man for the 2003 murder of a woman whose body was found in her garage. Several high profile cases were investigated, one of which focused on an employee of the Nebraska Health and Human Services agency who was accused of theft and fraud. Another notable event was a prisoner escape from the correctional facility near Tecumseh which resulted in the capture of the suspect after a few days of freedom. Polygraph examiners administered over 40 polygraphs. The unit was also involved in the investigation of the shooting of a man who threatened troopers in Avoca, Nebraska. Criminal Investigators also assisted with tobacco checks in the Troop Area.

Alcohol/Tobacco investigators worked to improve the Badges in Business enforcement project. Badges in Business is an initiative that addresses alcohol violations committed by minors who attempt to purchase alcohol from retailers. Officers also provided numerous hours of instruction to retailers, on-site consumption establishments, and newly hired law enforcement officers.

Drug investigators investigated numerous cases that resulted in federal prosecution of local dealers. They also assisted the Patrol Division in the investigation of large quantities of drugs that were seized as a result of traffic stops. They also responded to

approximately 30 requests to investigate methamphetamine labs, as well as providing training in lab safety/management to local law enforcement officers.

Air Wing

Nebraska State Patrol aircraft are provided for official state business and the completion of public safety and public welfare missions. In 2004, the Air Wing performed the following functions:

Air Wing Division Activities

Flight Hours

Transportation	234.5
Criminal/Drug Enforcement	110.5
Traffic Enforcement	489.0

Aerial Enforcement Contacts

Summons	2,464
Violations	1,122
Warnings	2,969
Assisting Other Agencies	139.5
Searching	181.5

Police Service Dog Division Highlights

The Police Service Dog Division has an authorized strength of 15 teams. In 2004 there were two vacant positions due to staff shortages. During the late 2004 the PSD Division Commander position was moved to North Platte and a PSD Sergeant's position was relocated to Grand Island. There were also five new/replacement dogs put into service that year.

The PSD Division also assisted with special assignments throughout the year to include bomb sweeps of the legislative chambers, Supreme Court, court of appeals and Memorial Stadium, along with providing assistance with presidential visits to Omaha.

During 2004 the PSD Division experienced an increase in outside agency requests to attend Patrol sponsored basic PSD training programs and annual recertification. These departments included the South Dakota Highway Patrol, the Iowa State Patrol, and thirty other state and local and county agencies.

Police Service Dogs Division Activities

Deployments

Drug Sniffs	227
Explosive Sniffs	67
Building Searches	31
Officer Protection/Security Deployments	63
Tracking/Area Search Deployments	30
Apprehensions	16
Demonstrations	49
School Searches	15

Arrests

Misdemeanors	64
Infraction Arrests	60
Felony Arrests	33

Seizures

Marijuana	556.0 pounds
Cocaine	30.5 pounds
Crack Cocaine	339 grams
Meth	5.0 pounds
Vehicles	7
Weapons	14

2004 Statewide Carrier Enforcement Division Activities

The Carrier Enforcement Division's primary function is the enforcement of state and federal laws as they relate to motor carriers. In 2004 troopers assigned to the Carrier Enforcement Division performed the following functions.

Scale Operations

Trucks weighed – portable scales	20,788
Citations issued	15,223
Trucks weighed – permanent scales	1,148,678
Citations issued	15,180
Total trucks weighed	1,169,466
Total citations issued	30,411
Violation cards issued	11,356

Warnings issued	7,882
Field Interview contacts	180
Intelligence report contacts	2
Total non-citation contacts	19,420
 Total Scale Operations Contacts	 49,381

MCSAP Activity

Inspections performed

Hazardous materials	945
Level 1 inspections	6,634
Level 2 inspections	2,939
Level 3 inspections	17,244
Level 4 inspections	16
Level 5 inspections	176
CVE traffic enforcement inspections	2,088
Total inspections performed	27,009
 Drivers placed out of service	 3,195
Vehicles placed out of service	3,928

Drug Interdiction Investigations

New investigations	75
Value of drugs seized	1,907,893

Carrier Enforcement Division Highlights



Carrier Enforcement Headquarters, Lincoln

In 2004 the Carrier Enforcement Division began a new outreach program by conducting town hall meetings at 16 communities across the state. Approximately 760 attendees received specific information about Nebraska's requirements for commercial vehicles. In addition, Carrier Enforcement troopers conducted 103 educational programs for the transportation industry and the Nebraska Trucking Association with more than 7,900 attendees.

The Carrier Enforcement Division, in association with the Safety Council of the Nebraska Trucking Association, continued its "Driver of the Month" awards for commercial drivers. At each monthly meeting of the Safety Council, Carrier Enforcement troopers presented commemorative plaques to selected professional drivers in recognition of their accident free safe driving accomplishments.

Metropolitan Aggressive Preventive Selectives (MAPS) teams participated in 17 selectives and performed 932 surprise vehicle inspections on commercial vehicles that normally do not travel outside of cities or pass through weigh stations. These inspections resulted in 448 vehicle out-of-service violations. Fines assessed for the violations discovered during these MAPS selectives totaled \$64,185. With the funding from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, a canine unit was assigned to the Waverly Interstate 80 scales on March 1, 2004 for the purpose of criminal interdiction on commercial vehicles.

2004 Statewide Investigative Services Division Activities

Crime Laboratory

After several years of preparation, the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratories in Lincoln and North Platte achieved one of the highest honors a forensic crime laboratory can receive, accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB). Accreditation was awarded to both laboratories on August 25, 2004. An accreditation presentation ceremony and news conference took place at the Lincoln Crime Laboratory on September 30, 2004. ASCLD/LAB Chairman Donald Wyckoff presented the accreditation certificates to Crime Laboratory Director, Dr. John L. Dietrich at that time. Governor Mike Johanns and Colonel Tom Nesbitt were also present to offer congratulatory remarks.

The North Platte satellite laboratory outgrew its space at Troop D Headquarters and was therefore relocated to the Veterinary Science Diagnostics Laboratory building at the University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center.

Crime Laboratory Activity

Cases Submitted	4,775
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Reports Prepared

Documents	109
Drugs – Lincoln	2,721
Drugs – North Platte	557
Firearms/Toolmarks	163

Serology	311
Toxicology –Lincoln	591
Toxicology – North Platte	119
Trace	85
Total Reports	4,656

Sex Offender Registry (SOR)

Since its inception, the focus of the Sex Offender Registry has been on registering and tracking sex offenders within the state. The number of individuals noncompliant with initial registration requirements decreased every quarter of 2004, while individuals noncompliant with annual address verifications increased. The overall noncompliance rate has remained fairly static, but as the number of registrants increases it is anticipated the number of noncompliant offenders will also increase. The investigators work with local law enforcement agencies in many areas of the state to obtain arrest warrants and prosecution of such offenders. Investigators arrested 22 noncompliant offenders in 2004. This is a 30% increase over the previous year.

The second focus of the registry is on risk assessment and community notification. To that end, 395 risk assessments were completed in 2004. The backlog of assessments that was evident in 1998 when community notification became part of the law has been eliminated. Risk assessments are now completed within 1-4 months following a person's registration. This allows two research analysts more time to re-assess offenders who are convicted of new offenses. One aspect of the notification process is conducting administrative hearing for those registrants who disagree with their assigned risk level. Over 200 administrative hearings were held in 2004. Four cases were heard by the Nebraska Supreme Court. In two of the cases, the Court ruled in favor of the Patrol noting the risk assessment instrument utilized is valid for its purpose. At the end of the year, only 74 hearings remained at some point in the hearing process. An additional four cases were awaiting action by the district court and six registrants appealed the district court decision to a higher court. It is anticipated that as changes in federal and state legislation continue, the SOR will have to adapt and address new challenges and requirements. The importance of information regarding sexually assaultive individuals will necessitate this adaptation.

Criminal Identification Division (CID)

Nebraska State Patrol's Criminal Identification, Intelligence and Crime Analysis Divisions relocated to downtown Lincoln, Nebraska during the year. The move was completed on June 26, 2004 with resumption of operations and services on June 29, 2004.

The 10-print section of the Division began 2004 facing a backlog in excess of four weeks for AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identifications System) submissions. By May 2004, that back log extended as far out as six weeks. At that time, a goal was set to reduce

turnaround time on applicants from 6 weeks to under two weeks, and criminal processing to under one week. This goal was attained in November, 2004.

Criminal Records and Identification

	Totals
Adult assigned State Identification Numbers	284,415
Criminal records processed by AFIS	57,752
Criminal history background requests processed:	59,380
Name based State of Nebraska background checks	59,380
Fingerprint based applicant national background checks	12,389
Applicant Criminal History Records Checks:	
Bar Commission	321
Disability	2,364
Explosives	24
Fire Fighters	14
Gaming	303
Grain Dealership	209
Housing	272
Liquor	1,247
Private Investigators	57
Racing	241
Real Estate	1,442
Teachers	1,059
Foster Parents	3,551
Adoption	1,169
Disability volunteers	116
Total	12,389
Firearms Criminal History Records Checks:	
NICS submissions directly to FBI generated in Nebraska	48,436
Nebraska law enforcement generated NCIS submissions	17,188
State Patrol generated NCIS submissions	675
Applications approved	507
Applications denied	168

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

In 2004 the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit saw a change in the legal environment with the enactment of an on-line enticement statute. The statute specifically created the crime of enticing juveniles for the purpose of committing a sexual offense. With its passage, nine proactive on-line enticement cases were conducted by the ICAC unit.

The ICAC unit was involved in hundreds of case assists with various local, county and state law enforcement agencies. The unit continues to lead the state in the investigation of on-line child exploitation violations.

The computer forensics lab conducted over thirty forensic examinations in 2004. The majority of these cases were related to the possession and or distribution of child pornography. In addition, suicide, homicide and fraud evidence was forensically examined.

The unit provided public education in the area of internet crime through Community Service Officers and public education videotapes. In addition, ICAC personnel are interviewed regularly by print, television and radio media on topics related to on-line safety.

Auto Fraud Division

The Auto Fraud Division investigated a variety of cases during 2004. These cases involved odometer fraud, title fraud, vehicle theft, forgery, altering of vehicle identification numbers and violations involving vehicle and salvage dealers. The division saw a rise in the number of fraudulent internet transactions and is working to improve investigative techniques in this area.

The division continues to be the primary investigative resource for the local police departments and sheriff offices across the state. Division staff also worked closely with the insurance industry, interstate law enforcement and federal agencies.

During 2004 both division personnel processed 4,980 out of state inspection forms, which included both citizen and registered importer inspections. Division personnel also provided training to sheriff's personnel in the area of vehicle inspections. A total of 12 training sessions were conducted across the state at which 120 local officials became certified.

The division joined forces with the Omaha Police Department to co-host the 41st annual North Central Regional Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Conference held at the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha. One hundred and sixty five attendees from 19 states and Canada attended. The classes included tractor/trailer identification, construction equipment identification, basic vehicle identification, cargo theft, store front operations, and civil vs. criminal investigations.

Bi-monthly auto theft intelligence meetings were held in Omaha and were attended by personnel from law enforcement and the insurance industry. Updates about current legislation and local criminal activities are provided which builds a strong enforcement network.

Cold Case/Major Case Unit

The Cold Case unit investigated three unsolved homicides during 2004. Two cases occurred at Saunders County; one in 1969 and the other in 1977. The third case occurred in Hall County in 1984. All three cases have produced positive DNA results on the original evidence collected. The unit is now attempting to identify the people who deposited the biological evidence.

Unit personnel trained investigators in operating the major case trailers, alternate light source, photography, and fingerprinting. The unit also investigated a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team shooting at Avoca that resulted in the suspects death. Unit members conducted interviews, photography, crime scene diagrams, evidence management and analysis. This case was examined by a Grand Jury that ruled the SWAT team was justified in their actions.

Behavioral Analysis Unit

The Behavioral Analysis unit had an eventful and successful 2004. Consultation was provided to numerous prosecutors involving the investigation and prosecution of homicide cases. Further consultation and investigative assistance was provided to city, county, state, and federal agencies on a variety of criminal and investigative matters. These cases involved sexual assaults, homicides, arsons, threat assessments, stalking and other cases.

Numerous educational programs to law enforcement, community organizations, universities, colleges, and high schools were provided in 2004; these programs included topics such as profiling, criminal sexuality, homicide, child molesters, a variety of violent offender topics, and a special presentation on law enforcement personalities for spouses of law enforcement officers.

Administrative Services Division

Finance & Accounting

Finance and Accounting is responsible for handling and monitoring the financial affairs of the Nebraska State Patrol. The division was involved in operating the Human Resource and Accounting System for the State of Nebraska. The new Nebraska Information System (NIS) was implemented during early 2003. The NIS System has changed the way the State of Nebraska accounting systems process and store information. Considerable time and effort was expended by the employees of the division in developing,

implementing, learning, and working with NIS. The new NIS System is a web-based accounting system, and has required the employees to learn and develop many new processes and methods of dealing with information flowing into and out of the system. The NIS system is a new tool utilized by the Finance and Accounting Office for providing service and support for all divisions within the agency.

Human Resources Division

Human Resources is responsible for administration of the Affirmative Action Plan, performance appraisal system, grievance procedures, sworn and civilian recruitment process, classification and compensation system, promotional procedures for sworn and civilian personnel, revision of all human resources related policies and procedures and to provide training for officers on the performance appraisal system and background investigation conducted for recruitment purposes. Human Resources is responsible for maintaining liaison with DAS State Personnel, Employee Relations and the Affirmative Action Office. This division serves as a resource on personnel related issues to both employees and applicants interested in employment opportunities with the State Patrol. The human resources staff review and monitor all actions affecting employees and maintain all employee records. Human resources is also responsible for interpretation of the SLEBC and NAPE Contracts as well as State Rules & Regulations.

During 2004, human resources welcomed Pam Peters and Kristy Bolles to our team. Pam is Personnel Assistant and is responsible for preparing all change of status letters for the Colonel's signature and maintaining EOC statistics and organizational charts. Pam also maintains all division files and assists with posting all vacant positions within the agency. Kristy served as the coordinator of the Internship Program which provide an invaluable opportunity for college students throughout the state to learn the role of the various divisions within the agency.

2004 Highlights

Applications Processed – Sworn	1, 376
Sworn Applicants Tested/Interviewed	211
Sworn Officers Hired	1 rehire
Applications Processed – Civilian	873
Civilian Applicants Interviewed	165
Civilians Hired	31
Vacancies Posted/Advertised	75
Promotions	22
Transfers	48
Resignations	31
Retirements	23
Classification Job Audits	14
New Positions Created	10
Grievances	9
Pay grade assignment	1
In-grade pay adjustment	1

Training Academy

During 2004, the Nebraska State Patrol did not train a basic recruit class, but the division was busy conducting training on a diverse array of topics. The division facilitated training for all commanders, communication specialists, and civilian staff, along with the annual in-service training for all sworn officers.

Training was conducted in the specialty areas of firearms, hazardous-materials, clandestine lab containment, accident reconstruction, financial investigative techniques, federal motor carrier safety regulations, mobile field force, domestic violence train the trainer, communication analysis, defensive tactics and close quarter countermeasures, cultural awareness/diversity training, portable scale training, mobile command post operation, CPR, dyed fuel detection and SWAT basic.

The division also facilitated the American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program and cross deputization for the Winnebago Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Public Information Office

From media relations to NSP training videos and forensic video analysis, the Public Information Office of the Nebraska State Patrol is on the job.

Two full-time civilian employees make up the Public Information Office and are responsible for media training, contributing to the agency web site, the coordination of news releases and conferences, speech writing and publishing the NSP Informer (quarterly internal newsletter), as well as the production of NSP training videos and public service announcements.

Public Information Coordinator Deb Collins spent her first year on the job busily adjusting to the ways of the Patrol. Deb assisted with the design and promotion of a multi-media campaign and the production of several public service announcements. She also kept busy issuing news releases, arranging news conferences and speaking at a variety of conferences on media relations and law enforcement.

In 2004, the Public Information Office issued 164 news releases and coordinated 15 news conferences. The office also produced the NSP Informer and drafted 82 speeches/talking points, 20 letters and numerous articles for outside publication.

Special Projects in 2004 included a multi-media campaign designed to educate the motoring public on the need to slow down and "Move Over" for emergency vehicles. The "Move Over" Campaign kicked off with a July news conference. Billboards, posters and brochures were made available and a series of TV and radio public service announcements featuring NSP Command Staff and Community Service Officers were produced. News conferences were held to familiarize the public with several newly acquired highly sophisticated pieces of equipment. A \$500,000 State of the art Mobile

Command Post and a Mobile Explosive Removal Vehicle purchased with Homeland Security funding.

The second year for the Patrol's new Forensic Video/Audio Unit proved to be a busy one for Forensic Video/Audio Analyst, Mike Meyer. Some 50 agencies submitted 92 cases for video or audio forensic analysis/clarification. Agencies assisted included NSP, FBI, State Racing Commission, Corrections, Game & Parks, and various police departments and sheriff's offices from across the state. Shelby Mertins assisted Mike on several cases and productions and will continue to do so when time allows.

Other Audio/Visual Services included shooting and editing training tapes and events, video, audiotape duplication, and tape reconstruction/repair.

Mike Meyer completed another year as Chairman of the Board of Nebraska Operation Lifesaver (highway/rail grade crossing safety program). He also assisted the Nebraska Broadcasters Association with its "Drugs are a Dead End" radio and TV PSA series, and voiced several radio PSA's for the Department of Roads. His services as a Public Address Announcer were also in demand at the DARE Jamm held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Legal Division

The Legal Division consists of three attorneys, one paralegal and one law clerk. The three attorneys have combined service of over 60 years with the Nebraska State Patrol. One of the attorneys spends most of her time as a Hearing Officer on administrative appeals hearings concerning sex offender classifications, carrier enforcement compliance, and explosive permits. During 2004 she handled 240 hearings as well as pre-hearing conferences, motions and related discovery issues. Approximately one third of those hearings require the State be represented by one of the other attorneys in the division. In addition, the other personnel in the division handled 85 unit accidents, 23 tort or miscellaneous claims against the agency, 77 subpoenas, and 105 workers' compensation claims. Other issues that are handled by this division include contracts, leases, rules and regulation, record requests, arbitration hearings, coordination with the Attorney General's office on civil suits involving the agency, employment issues, and training for officers in legal matters.

Information Technology

The Nebraska State Patrol Information Technology Division saw numerous goals come to fruition in 2004. In addition to ensuring a system wide up-time of 97.1% the Division accomplished the following:

- Became the agency technology umbrella to include the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Carrier Enforcement and Patrol Criminal History business units.

- The Supreme Court accepted the electronic citation designed by the Division for the Traffic Accident and Citation System (TraCs).
- The installation of a point to point wireless connection between the North Platte Patrol Headquarters to the new satellite crime laboratory.
- The completion of the Summons, Violation and Warnings (SVW) and Human Resources (HR) data systems that were migrated off the AS400 and onto the NSP Intranet.
- Capitol Security computer systems became part of the NSP Enterprise Network.
- Criminal Identification Division staff, their computers and systems moved from the State Headquarters location to a new location in downtown Lincoln.
- The Nebraska Information System was implemented by our agency.
- A pilot for Electronic Accident Reporting by the Nebraska Department of Roads was deployed for testing statewide.
- An IT security audit was conducted.
- The Nebraska Law Enforcement Information System (NeLEIS) connected with Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA) and Regional Intelligence Sharing System Network to share regional criminal intelligence.
- The NeLEIS server was upgraded to Microsoft Server 2003.
- The agency's first blade server was implemented in the NSP Data Center.

In addition, the Division deployed:

- 15 new laptops
- 11 new PC's
- 1 New Mac at the Crime Lab
- 27 Replacement PC's
- 27 Replacement PC's (CE)
- 3 Replacement Workstations (CE)
- 36 Replacement Laptops (CE)
- 33 Replacement Portable Printers (CE)
- 14 New Printers
- 11 Replacement Printers
- 9 New Projectors
- 3 New Routers (with print servers)
- 3 New Scanners

- 5 New Servers (Blade, CE, CID, Firewall, CODIS)
- 2 New Switches
- 1 Replacement Switch
- 3 Replacement Switches (CE)

Internal Affairs Division

The mission of the Internal Affairs Division is to ensure uniformity in the maintenance of professional conduct within the agency. In 2004, the Internal Affairs Division received 165 external complaints and 52 internal complaints. Of the total, 70 formal investigations were performed. Five alleged instances of misconduct were not sustained, three were found to be within policy, 44 were ruled founded, and 13 were unfounded. The remaining five cases were still under investigation when 2004 drew to a close.

Supply/Electronic Division

The mission of the Supply/Electronic Engineering Division is to provide and direct the purchasing, issuing, and inventory of equipment and supplies for the agency.

2004 Activities include:

- 107 new units were issued.
- Provided 21 Surveillance installations for the Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligent Network.
- Utilized the troop area repair day to provide 540 unit equipment repairs.
- Completed licensing for the Elgin and Giltner radio installation and the relocation of the Ogallala repeater.
- Rebuilt Cotesfield location after the failure of the radio tower during a storm.
- Acquired new uniform contract with Battle Uniform Company.
- Ordered and received new mobile command post.
- Began the installation of quarter cages with weapons holders.
- Acquired, distributed and inventoried new shotguns.
- Acquired and distributed 301 sets of new body armor.
- Processed 2542 purchase orders.
- Updated work area for Radio Maintenance bench repair at Lincoln.

Communication Division

The Communications Division is responsible for radio, telephone, teletype, and automated data communications statewide. A summary of the 2004 activities follows:

Activity	Totals
Total teletype messages for all Nebraska law enforcement agencies	61,084,720
Average teletype messages for a day from all Nebraska law enforcement agencies	67,355
NSP troop areas:	
Messages sent	569,085
Messages received	2,187,972
Number of positive identifications (Hits) – NCIC	1,277
Number of positive identifications (Hits) – NCIS	1,486
Incident Reports received	41,027
Number of Emergency Highway Help calls received	9,482

Executive Protection/State Capitol Security Division

The Executive Protection Division expanded its duties when LB439 was enacted on April 16, 2004. LB439 transferred the Department of Administrative Services – Building Security Division to the Patrol. The security function was placed within the Executive Protection function and the division name was changed to the State Capitol Security Division. The State Capitol Security Division has an allocation of twenty-one personnel consisting of four supervisors, seven communication specialists, nine security officers, and a facilities management systems coordinator.

The division provides security for the Capitol Complex Area. This area includes the Capitol, Nebraska State Office Building, IMS Building, Executive Building, Crime Lab, State Health Lab and the Governor's residence. They also perform contract work for the Department of Roads at its central complex as well as the Central Supply area, Department of Labor building, Health and Human Services (Lincoln, Grand Island, Omaha and North Platte), Secretary of State's warehouse, Lincoln Regional Center, and parking facilities owned by the Department of Administrative Services in Lincoln. Division personnel accomplish this by utilizing a computer security system. Personnel also monitor the fire alarms, panic alarms and electrical systems.

The Executive Protection detail was busy with its usual duties of protecting the Legislature, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and the Governor. During 2004 the detail had the additional duty of providing security and transportation for then Lt. Governor Dave Heineman after former governor Mike Johanns accepted appointment as the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

2004 Awards

Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

A total of 243 awards were presented to Nebraska State Patrol personnel and private citizens during fiscal year 2004. A summary follows:

Meritorious Service Award

This award is bestowed 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.

2004 recipients:

Trooper Charlie Cook
Investigator Terry Kenny

Trooper Richard Felling
Trooper Michael Rathe

Superintendent's Group Citation Award

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".

2004 recipients:

Sergeant Scott Christensen
Investigator Steven Haugaard (1)
Criminal Forensic Analyst Tracy Uribe
Trooper Brian Peterson
Communication Specialist Jean Johnson
Investigator Steven Haugaard (2)
Sergeant Dan Doggett
Communication Specialist Kathryn
Scusa
Communication Specialist Michelle
"Shelley" Shepard
Communication Specialist Jean Johnson
Communication Specialist April Scriven
Communication Specialist Diane
Williams
Major Bryan Tuma
Captain Bill Hobbs
Lieutenant Steven Ayres
Lieutenant Russ Stanczyk

Lieutenant Mark Funkhouser
Sergeant Kevin Knorr
Sergeant Lonnie Connelly
Sergeant Tim Salmen
Sergeant Beth Hagemeyer
Sergeant Neill Miles
Sergeant Tim Pickering
Sergeant Jason Dean
Sergeant Mike Tobey
Sergeant Dan Doggett
Sergeant Bryan Jones
Sergeant Todd Kinghorn
Sergeant Martin Costello
Sergeant Alan Theobald
Sergeant Jud McKinstry
Sergeant Tom Reinhart
Sergeant Robert Frank
Trooper Drew Ferguson
Trooper Daryll Juber

Trooper Michael Rathe
Trooper Matt Taylor
Trooper Stacie Lundgren
Trooper Donald Fritch
Trooper Steve Kerns
Trooper Gary Boyer
Trooper Tony Kavan
Trooper David Frye
Trooper Warren Nelson
Trooper Duff Jensen
Trooper Jim Lendden
Trooper Curt Prohaska
Trooper Larry Wollenburg
Trooper Clinton Bohaty
Trooper Tim Baumann
Trooper T. Stake
Trooper Neal Trantham
Trooper Jason Stahl
Trooper Russ Dostal
Trooper Edward "Jay" Petersen
Trooper Mark White
Investigator Lloyd Morrow
Investigator Dan Plautz

Investigator Scott Haugaard
Investigator Stan Funkey
Investigator Tim Arney
Investigator Jeff Ward
Investigator Shane Flynn
Investigator Gene True
Investigator Richard Aldag
Investigator Jeromy McCoy
Investigator Joel Bergman
Trooper Branson Sunderman
Trooper Monte Lovelace
Trooper William Rowell
Trooper Eli Valenzuela
Trooper Nathan Jacobsen
Trooper Jeremy Strack
Trooper Brian Petersen
Trooper David Collister
Trooper Chris Bigsby
Sergeant Steve Hauser
Trooper Steve Gill
Trooper Charlie Cook
Investigator Roger Chrans

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 accomplishment that reflects credit to an employee or group of employees and the agency.

2004 recipients:

Trooper Stephan Rasgorshek
Trooper Kurt Frazey
Communication Specialist Brenda Muhs
Communication Specialist Supervisor
Monica Spanke
Communication Specialist Barb
Klinetobe
Communication Specialist Deb Davis
Communication Specialist Corin
VanPelt
Communication Specialist Janie Harmon

Communication Specialist Janet
VanLengen
Communication Specialist Judee Easter
Communication Specialist Linda
Hormandl
Communication Specialist Gary Wegner
Communication Specialist Tina Grant
Communication Specialist Dave Jacobs
Communication Specialist Steve Hamer
Communication Specialist Linda Nelson
Communication Specialist Joani
Kleensang

Infrastructure Support Analyst Jonatan
Guaita
Investigator Dave Spiegel
Trooper Ron Tighe
Investigator Dale Harris
Trooper Tim Stopak
Trooper Todd Steckelberg

Trooper James Reilly
Trooper Ron Kosiba
Trooper Dail Fellin
Investigator Terry Kenny
Trooper Brad Higgins
Sergeant Lonnie Connelly

The following retirees were also recognized with Distinguished Services Awards in 2004:

Trooper David Morris
Trooper Reginald Ayers
CEAS Leroy Sauer
Sergeant Mark Bohaty
Sergeant John Blausey
Investigator James Krans
Sergeant Gordon Anville
Liquor Investigator Roger Irwin
Sergeant Kim Pohlen
Trooper Gary Boyer
Captain Kevin Stukenholtz

Lieutenant Michael Jacoby
Lieutenant Curt Nielson
Lieutenant David Anderson
Trooper Ron Rife
Communication Specialist Ron Wilson
Investigator Joe Ruiz
Investigator John White
Communication Specialist Bill Ingram
Lieutenant Robert Totten
Investigator Stanley Funkey
Trooper Douglas King

Life Saver Award

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

2004 recipients:

Lietenant Frank Peck
Trooper Ron Rife

Trooper Brad Hand

Seat Belt Survivor Award

This award is 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 had not have been responsible for the cause of the accident in any way.

Trisha Shafer

Public Service Award

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

2004 recipients:

Dustin Alexander
John/Joyce Dauber

Colleen Ozanne
Mike/Regina Fyda

Superintendent's Volunteer Recognition Award

This award is used to recognize the valuable contributions of citizen volunteers to the overall mission of the Nebraska State Patrol.

2004 recipients:

George Dolphond
William Davis

2004 Promotions

Kevin Waugh	Trooper to Sergeant Patrol Division, Chadron
Carmella Strong	Criminalist to Criminalist Supervisor I, Lincoln
Marijana Ward	Fingerprint Tech to Fingerprint Examiner, Lincoln
Buck Boje	Investigator to Sergeant Patrol Division, North Platte
Chandra Crooks	CID Records Tech to Fingerprint Technician, Lincoln
Kerry Pavel	CID Records Tech to Fingerprint Technician, Lincoln
Jon Beckstead	Sergeant to Lieutenant Carrier, Lincoln
Connie Jensen	Reclass from Evidence Tech to Staff Assistant II, Lincoln
Connie Pierce	Reclass from Secretary II to Admin Secretary, Lincoln
William Keeling	Sergeant to Lieutenant Patrol Division, Grand Island
Lewis Copp	Trooper to Sergeant Carrier Division, Holdrege
Daniel Wilson	Sergeant to Lieutenant Patrol Division, Norfolk
Adam Walter	Reclass IT Infra Support Tech to IT Infra Support Analyst, Lincoln
Lynne Woody	Reclass Staff Assistant I to Admin Assistant II, Lincoln
Vicki Hopkins	Reclass Q A Specialist to Q A Manager, Lincoln
Pam Zilly	Reclass Documents Examiner to Criminalist Supervisor II, Lincoln
Jeromy McCoy	Investigator to Sergeant Criminal Division, Grand Island
Micheala Wachal	Part-time Comm Specialist to Full-time Comm Specialist, Norfolk
Steven Terry	Sergeant to Lieutenant Patrol Division, Norfolk
Tim Arnold	Investigator to Sergeant Carrier Division, North Platte
Kevin Ryan	Trooper to Sergeant Airwing Division, Ogallala