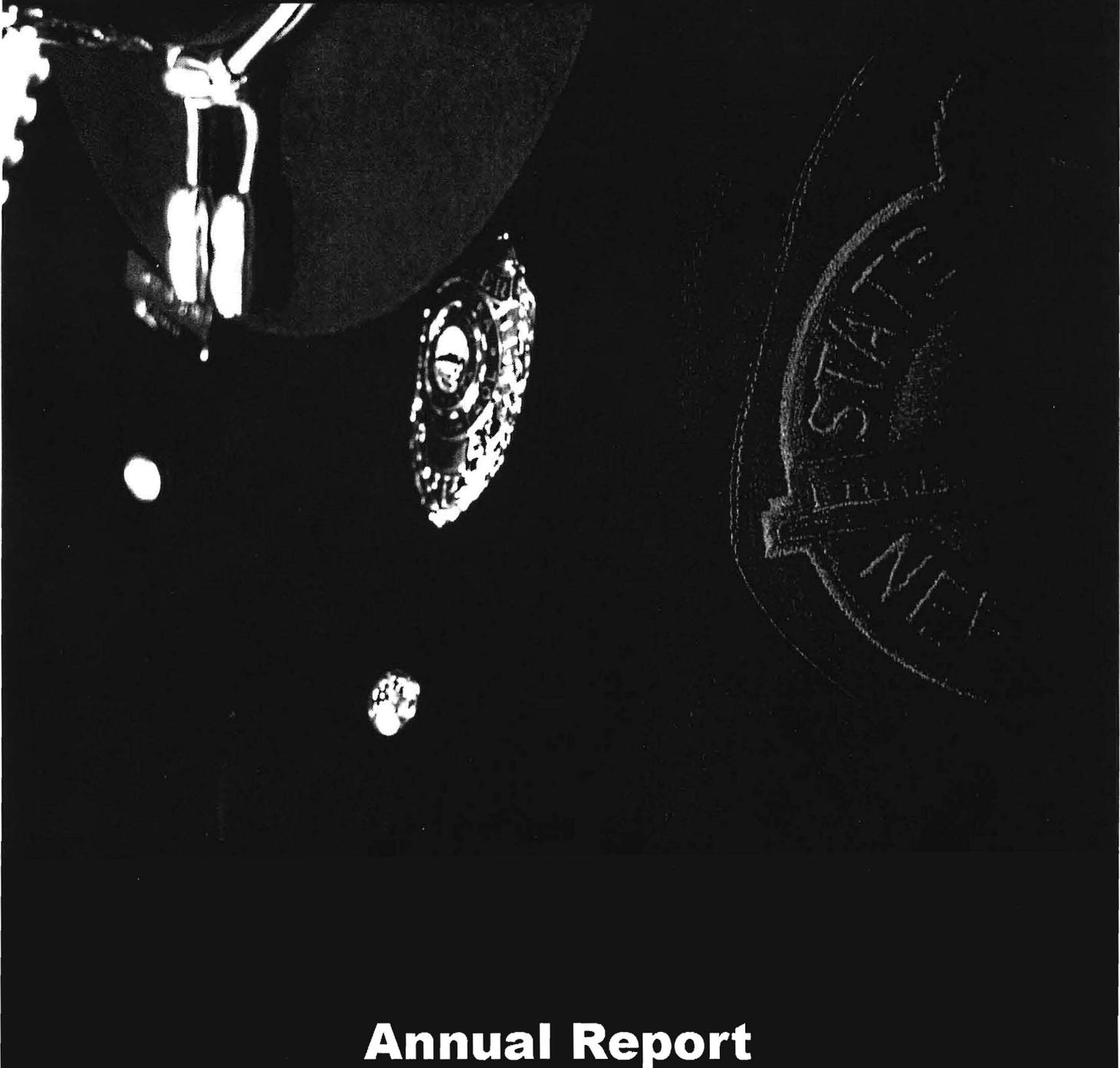


# Nebraska State Patrol



**Annual Report  
2007**





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Dear Citizens of Nebraska:

On behalf of all the members of the Nebraska State Patrol, I am pleased to present the 2007 Annual Report. This report contains information that depicts the myriad of services we provide to you, the citizens.

Contemporary law enforcement requires skills and knowledge that extend beyond those needed only a few years ago. In an effort to remain at the leading edge of the law enforcement community, in 2007 the Nebraska State Patrol once again achieved International Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). To earn this reaccreditation, the Patrol had to meet or exceed over 450 various standards as set forth by CALEA. A team of assessors are assigned to Nebraska and spend five days scrutinizing all functions of our agency. The Nebraska State Patrol is exceptionally proud of this continued achievement.

Additionally in 2007, the Nebraska State Patrol launched a computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. This system permits each communications location within the agency to be linked together and provides our communications personnel access to real time information which enhances public safety. As we progress with this CAD system, other state agencies will be incorporated into the CAD system furthering the financial benefit to the State.

Still, to achieve these goals of International Accreditation and technological advancements, we rely daily on the men and women of the Nebraska State Patrol. Whether it is the traditional patrol officer working an accident, the investigator working white collar crimes, troopers contending with drug traffickers, criminals who use the Internet to facilitate crime, terrorists and an infinite number of other issues, or one of the many civilian staff members, the Nebraska State Patrol makes every effort through training and intelligence to address the traditional and emerging trends in law enforcement.

The support and assistance of the citizens of the state is tremendous and deeply appreciated by all members of the Nebraska State Patrol. We pledge to remain leaders in the law enforcement community through professional development, innovation and our commitment to you, the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Tuma".

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



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# Introduction

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is Nebraska's only statewide full-service law enforcement agency. Serving Nebraska since 1937, NSP officers perform a wide variety of duties. Those include working with communities to improve public safety, enforcing traffic, criminal and drug laws, investigating crimes, along with enforcing the laws and regulations pertaining to commercial motor carriers.

**Pro Bono Publico** is the NSP's motto and is Latin meaning "*for the good of the public*". It is a motto we strive to put into action as we provide you with a high quality of law enforcement and service.

During its 70-year history, the Nebraska State Patrol has accepted additional duties and responsibilities. It is also an internationally accredited law enforcement agency dedicated to serving the citizens of Nebraska.

The six troop area offices are located in Lincoln, Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte and Scottsbluff with the State Headquarters office also located in Lincoln. More than 700 employees provide field, investigative, administrative and support services to Nebraskans.

The 2007 Annual Report summarizes the many activities and achievements during this calendar year. It also reflects the services provided to the more than one million citizens and visitors to Nebraska.



## **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.

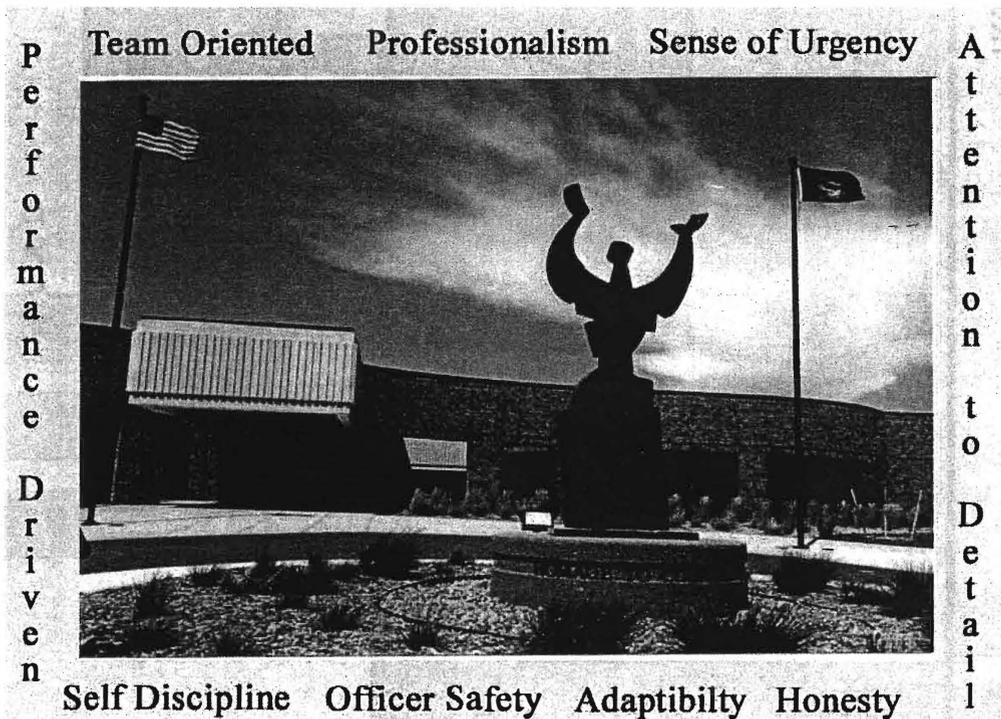
The agency will focus on initiatives to enhance the leadership qualities of individual employees, and to strengthen the agency's commitment to assist others.

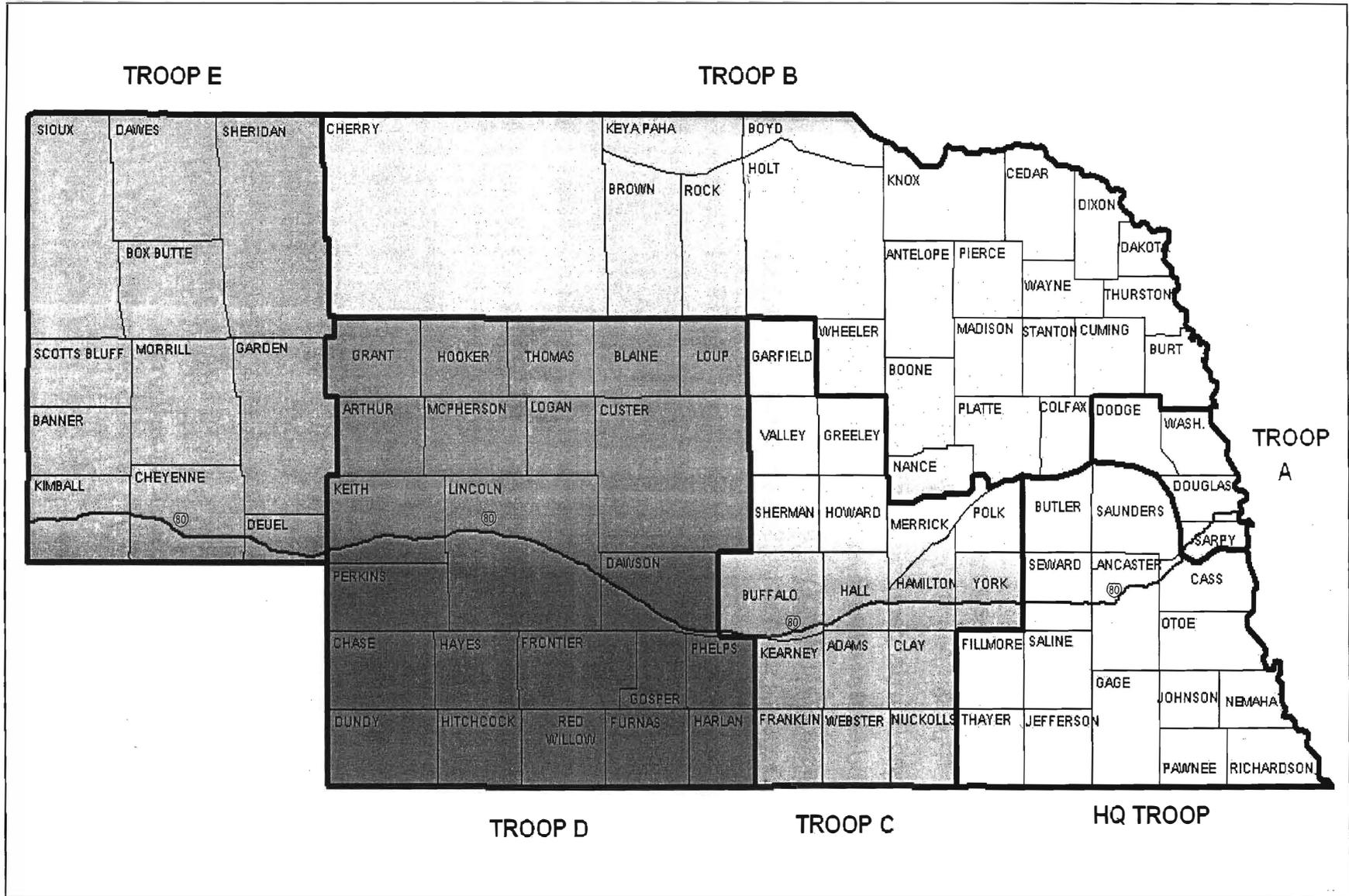
**Pro Bono Publico**  
**“For the Good of the Public”**

# Core Values

The Nebraska State Patrol's (NSP) Core Values are introduced to the new recruits when they begin their career and training at the NSP Training Academy in Grand Island. After the daily flag lowering ceremony, the class chants the Core Values, which are incorporated into the Call for Service.

*"I am preparing to be a sworn officer of the Nebraska State Patrol, who is a **self disciplined** soldier of the law. I must serve **honestly, professionally**, and if necessary, lay down my life as others have done before me. It is my duty to enforce the law equally, be **safe, pay attention to detail**, and act with a **sense of urgency**. Furthermore, it's my duty to **adapt** to all situations and be of service to anyone who is in danger or distress. I am **performance driven, team oriented**, and I will conduct myself in such a manner that the honor and tradition of the Nebraska State Patrol will be upheld."*





# Superintendent's Office

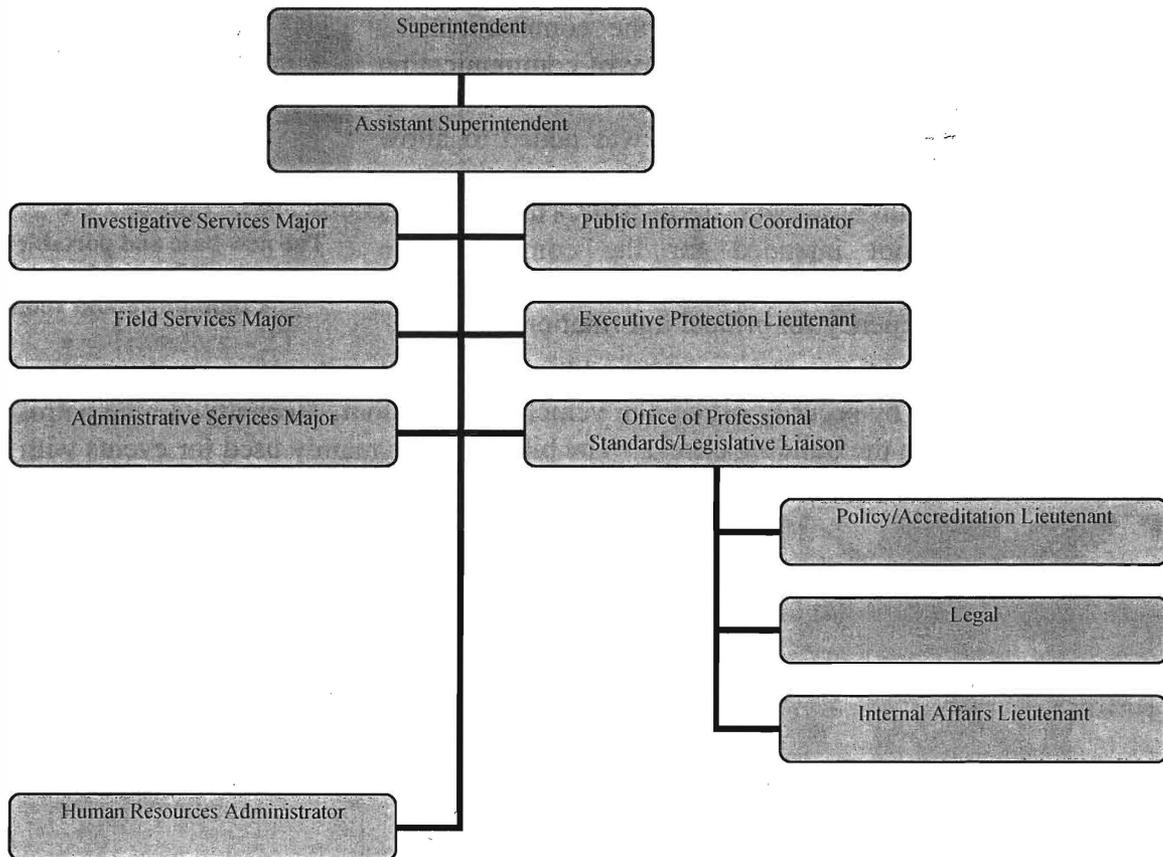
The Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol, Colonel Bryan Tuma, oversees the Agency's goals and objectives, policies and procedures, and organizational structure. He is assisted by the Assistant Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel Darrell Fisher, who directly oversees the major Divisions of Field, Investigative and Administrative Services. In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Fisher oversees the offices of Public Information, Professional Standards/Legislative Liaison, and the Divisions of Executive Protection and Human Resources.



**Colonel Bryan Tuma**  
Superintendent



**Lieutenant Colonel Darrell Fisher**  
Assistant Superintendent



# Executive Protection/State Capitol Security Divisions

## Executive Protection Division

In 2007, the Executive Protection Division had many assignments. One assignment was to provide a secure environment at the Governor's Inaugural Ball. Sergeant Shane Flynn was tasked with coordinating this event.

The Executive Protection Division sent three troopers to a 40 hour specialized training course in Denver, Colorado for Dignitary Protection.

## Capitol Security Division

In 2007, the Capitol Security Division updated the Communications Center with Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). CAD was implemented in all seven Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Communication Centers in June. CAD allows communications specialists to handle and organize calls more efficiently.

The Capitol Security Division also received a new radio system. The thick stone walls of the Capitol made radio communications difficult in many locations throughout the building. This problem was corrected when a new antenna was installed inside the State Capitol. New radios were assigned to the security officers and the communications specialists. The radios have the capability of communicating with the centers at the Nebraska State Patrol and the Lincoln Police Department. A new talk group was added to allow security officers the ability to talk to each other, rather than going through the main base radio frequency. This alleviates any radio traffic not intended for the communication centers. This will also free up the main Capitol Security Communications frequency for critical information.



**The new base and portable radios are located in the Communications room.**

Capitol Security provides security to 27 buildings in Lincoln. In the past, these areas were checked/toured by security officers in vehicles and on foot. Recently, a bike patrol was added to assist in the building checks. The bike patrol is mainly used for events with large gatherings of people.



**Sergeants Meguire, Bates and Trooper Gress at the "World Day on the Mall" event held at Centennial Mall.**

## **Human Resources Division**

With the assistance of various command level subject matter experts, Human Resource (HR) Division staff began preparation for the 2007 Lieutenant Assessment Center during the Spring of 2007. The Assessment Center was administered in October and resulted in a list of 23 Sergeants who are eligible to compete for promotion.

During the summer months, the HR Division worked closely with the Policy and Accreditation Division to ensure all HR related proofs of compliance for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) were made available to our Assessors. Through calendar year 2007, HR staff members worked to stay in compliance with Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) by administering the Lieutenant Promotional Process for a Sergeant who was deployed during the administration of the 2007 process. The Sergeant Promotional Process was also administered to two Troopers and an Investigator who were deployed during the administration of the 2006 Process. Other activities administered by the Human Resource Division are highlighted below

### **2007 Highlights**

- Vacant Positions – 97
- Terminations – 3
- Resignations – 35
- Retirements –19
- Civilian Applications Processed – 1334
- New Hires – 43
- Transfers – 23
- Promotions –32
- Reclassification Requests –9
- Positions Created –1
- NEOC Allegations –0
- NEOC Amended Charge Responses-3
- Litigation –1
- Grievances –3

- Temporaries employed -58
- Officers Deployed -12
- Residency Waiver Requests -10
- Off Duty Employment Requests –122
- Sworn Recruitment-CAMP #53
- Applications – Aug. 1 – Oct. 31, 2007
  - Over 800 applications requested
  - 169 applications received
- 1<sup>st</sup> Employment Review Board
  - 64 applications reviewed
  - 48 applications removed

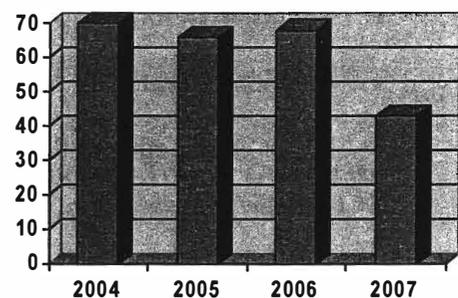
## Internal Affairs Division

The Internal Affairs Division is responsible for investigating allegations of employee misconduct, reviewing all incidents involving the use of force, firearm discharges, and Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) unit accidents. The Internal Affairs Division ensures all internal investigations are impartial, fair, thorough, and includes examination of all pertinent circumstances. The investigations are strictly confidential, which limits the amount of information that can be made available for a public report.

In 2007, there were more than 497 incidents reviewed or handled by the Internal Affairs Division. This was a 13% increase from the previous year. There were 43 formal investigations conducted, a 37% decrease from the previous year. The Internal Affairs Division received 182 complaints, which was a 2% decrease from the previous year.

In addition to the primary duties, the Internal Affairs Division provides instruction to supervisors, recruits, employee In-service training and First Line Supervision training. The mission of the Internal Affairs Division is accomplished through a fair procedure, integrity, and independence of this Division. All personnel are called on to assist the Division in this critical endeavor. The effectiveness of the Internal Affairs Division has come from committed

**IA Investigations**



leadership, hard work by troopers and supervisors at all levels. The Internal Affairs Division is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity within the ranks of the Nebraska State Patrol and will continue to work diligently to enhance the trust of the citizens we serve.

## **Legal Division**

The Legal Division of the Nebraska State Patrol consists of three attorneys, one paralegal, and one part-time law clerk. One of the attorneys serves as a Hearing Officer for Sex Offender Classification appeals and other administrative hearings such as carrier enforcement compliance audit appeals and explosive permit denials. Due to illness of a staff member, there were fewer hearings during this calendar year. There were 51 hearings completed. A number of these hearings also require the participation of one of the other attorneys or the senior certified law clerk to represent the agency.

The Legal Division also handled 20 tort or miscellaneous claims against the State, settled 100 unit accident claims with insurance companies or individuals, processed 123 workers' compensation claims from agency employees, responded to 79 subpoenas, and handled 115 public record requests. One new task during the year was holding hearings on 21 appeals from permit denials under Nebraska's new concealed handgun permit act.

Other issues that are handled by this division include contracts, leases, rules and regulations, arbitration hearings, major procurement issues, assistance to officers in the field, coordination with the Attorney General's office on civil suits involving the agency, employment issues, and training for officers in legal matters.

## **Legislative Liaison and Early Intervention**

### **Legislative Liaison Division**

The Legislative Liaison Division provides communications between the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and the Legislature.

The primary duties of the division are to:

- Assist command administration in determining legislative priorities for the agency.
- Provide research and assistance to legislative committees on issues affecting the NSP.
- Monitor legislative bills that will affect law enforcement.
- Update agency personnel regarding the new legislative bills.
- Collect and review recommendations from personnel for proposed legislation and revisions to existing laws.
- Serve as a member of the Legislative Liaison Group and work in cooperation with the Governor's Policy Research Office.

In 2007, during the One Hundredth Legislative Session of the Nebraska Unicameral, the NSP worked cooperatively with senators to sponsor two legislative bills. Both bills were successful and implemented into Nebraska law. They were:

- LB 239. The bill updated references to federal law regarding Carrier Enforcement statutes.
- LB 561. Commonly known as “quick clearance” the bill allows the following:
  - A peace officer can remove or cause to be removed from a roadway without owner or driver consent any vehicle, cargo, or other property obstructing the roadway creating or aggravating an emergency situation, or endangering public safety.
  - Removal shall be by the most expeditious means available, giving due regard to the protection of the property removed.

Two appearances before the Appropriations Committee occurred to finalize the agency’s biennial budget. An item of particular significance was the appropriations for the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System.

- 9.4 Million dollar appropriation for FY07/09 (NSP & other state agencies)
  - Estimated “on-going” costs: 38.6 million to 2016.
  - Long Term Funding Source.
- Beginning in 2016 - Cigarette Tax for system upgrades and maintenance.

### **Early Intervention Program**

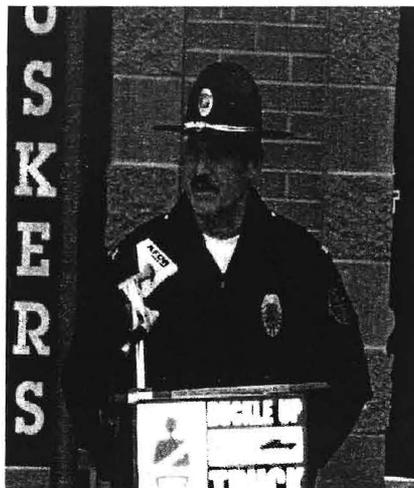
The NSP Early Intervention Program began in 2004 and is coordinated by the Professional Standards Division. The program seeks to identify employees who may require intervention to provide them a better opportunity to meet the agency’s goals, its missions, and their own professional standards. In 2007, there were 33 referrals. The Early Intervention Program Review Committee was requested to convene on only one of the referrals. The referred employee is participating in the Plan of Action that was recommended by the Committee.

### **Public Information Office**

2007 began with the implementation of the state’s new Concealed Handgun Permit Law. The Public Information Office of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) played a role in establishing a webpage dedicated to helping Nebraskan’s navigate the conceal carry process. News releases were sent out, numerous stories lined up and statistics provided as the Public Information Office worked to keep Nebraskans up to date on the state’s newest gun law.

A series of five Public Service Announcements (PSA's) were written, produced and recorded by Public Information Coordinator Deb Collins. The PSA's focused on crash causing behaviors, to include drinking and driving, seat belt usage and teen drivers. The thirty-second spots were distributed to radio stations statewide in an effort to remind motorists of the role they play in keeping our roadways safe and reducing fatal crashes.

The Forensic Audio/Video portion of the Public Information Office provided video and audio forensic analysis/clarification of 53 cases submitted by some approximately 30 law enforcement agencies including the NSP. Cases ranged from shoplifting and criminal mischief, to armed robbery and homicide. Forensic Video Analyst Mike Meyer was called on to provide expert testimony for the Attorney General's Office in a Gage County armed robbery case. The suspect, who had previously served time for murder, was convicted.



**Colonel Bryan Tuma during an April Press Conference**

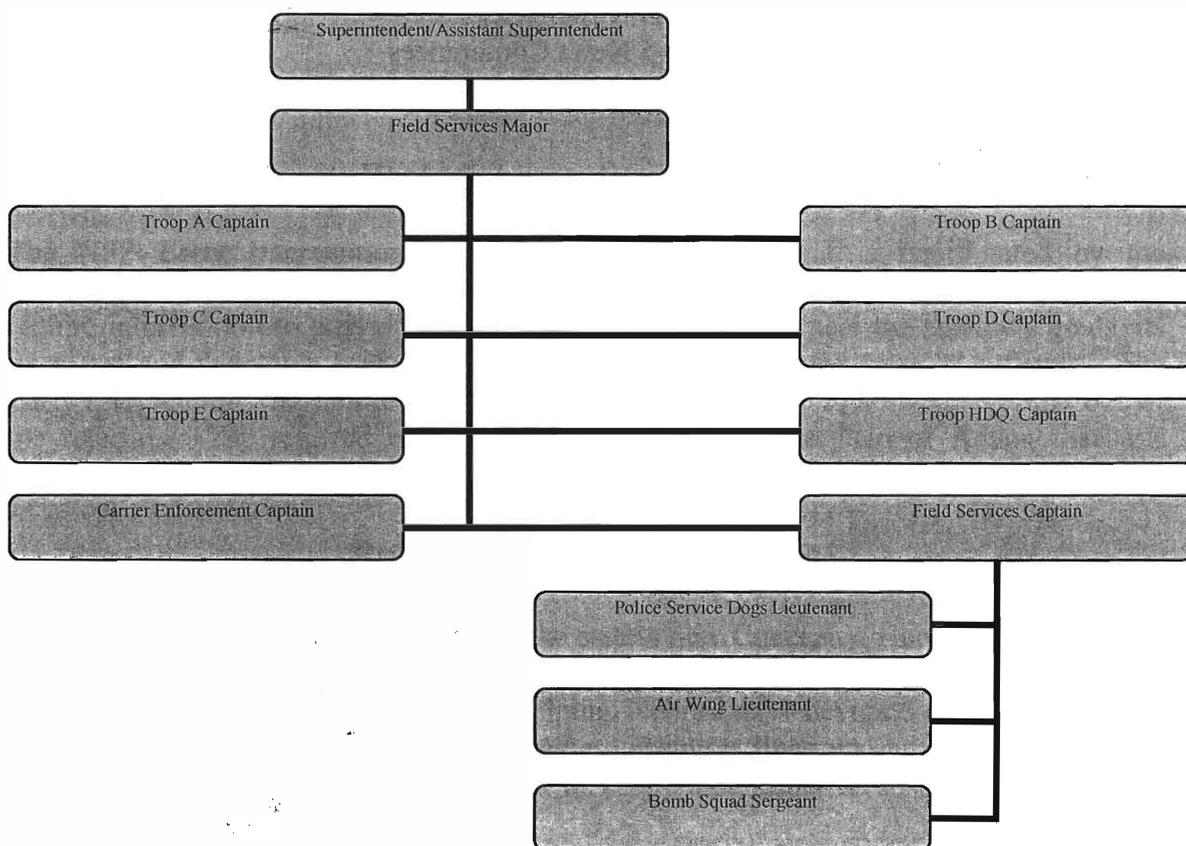
Public Information Office Statistics: 169 News Releases  
5 News Conferences  
53 Forensic Video/Audio Cases

# Field Services Division

In 2007, the Field Services Division was under the command of Major Andy Anderson who retired in December. He oversaw personnel in the six troop area offices that enforce traffic laws. He also oversaw the Carrier Enforcement Division which is responsible for the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations. Captain Rod Getting supported Major Anderson and oversees the Bomb Squad, Police Service Dog and Air Wing Divisions.



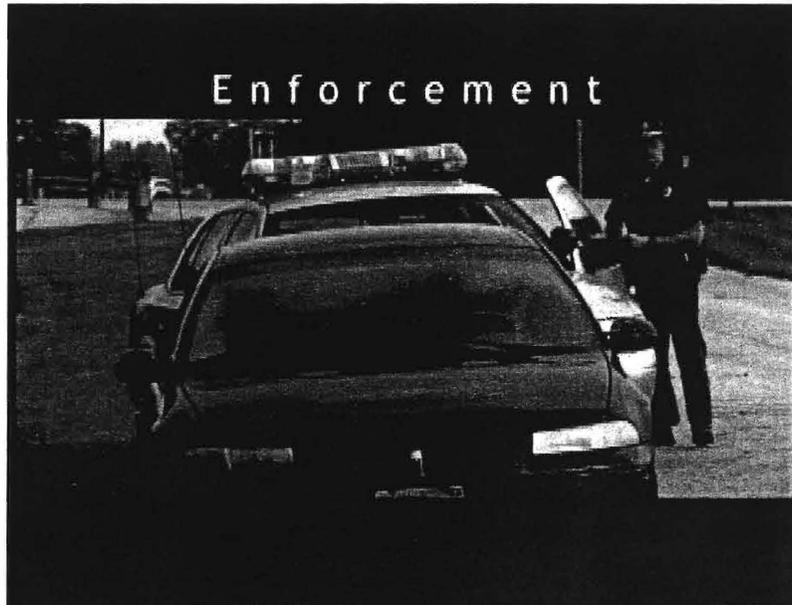
**Major Andy Anderson**



## 2007 Statewide Field Services Division Activities

<b>Miles Patrolled</b>	10,348,580
<b>Hazardous moving violations-citations and warnings issued: (speeding not included)</b>	
Violate traffic signal	1,668
Hit and run	48
Motor vehicle homicide	4
Drive left of center	1,998
Passing violations	1,150
Following too close	2,912
Traffic control device/signal	3,180
Improper turn	1,174
Failure to signal	7,201
Careless driving	687
Reckless driving	76
Willful reckless driving	82

2007 crash data from the Accident Records section of the Nebraska Department of Roads was not available at the time of publication.



# Field Services Highlights

## Troop A

Troop A's Communications Center moved in to the new Department of Roads District 2 Operations Center in March 2007. This move occurred right before a significant snowstorm/blizzard that coated the area with up to 18 inches of snow and closed most roadways. All of Troop A's personnel were engaged with massive efforts on all shifts to ensure citizen safety. This effort resulted with no major crash injuries reported.

Throughout 2007, several troopers who were on traffic stops or traffic control details, had their parked patrol units struck by other vehicles. Several units were severely damaged; however, no debilitating injuries to the troopers or the other drivers occurred. One such instance occurred in February. To monitor ice jams and flooding on the Platte River, a Police Service Dog trooper was parked on the shoulder of the bridge when a drunk driver struck his sports utility vehicle (SUV) from the rear. Before the trooper could assist this driver, a second collision occurred when the driver's vehicle was also struck from the rear. The second driver was also impaired by alcohol. In the end, one SUV was totaled, two other cars were totaled, and the two drivers were arrested for driving while intoxicated.

On December 5, 2007, tragedy struck the Omaha metropolitan area. A 19 year-old man from Bellevue walked in to the Von Maur store at the Westroads Shopping Center and began firing an assault rifle at the many Christmas shoppers and store staff. In less than five minutes, the suspect killed eight people and injured several others. In the end, the gunman took his own life. There were more than 100 law enforcement and paramedic responders, including the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), who responded to the scene. In what can only be described as chaotic and tragic, the NSP displayed extreme professionalism and courage. While this investigation unfolded, other Troop A personnel handled radio calls for the Omaha Police Department and the Douglas County Sheriff's office.

## Troop B

Troop B is the largest Troop Area in the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) that covers nearly 30,000 square miles. There are currently 46 uniform officers assigned to the area, with the assistance of seven communications specialists and three civilian office personnel. During 2007, the officers answered 3,158 various calls for service that also included criminal investigations that were in addition to regular traffic enforcement and initiatives.

These traffic initiatives have played a big part in the reduction of the fatality rate, reducing it by three (36 to 33) from the previous year. The largest cause of fatalities is rollovers. Many of these rollovers occur on county highways and county roads. Troop B continues its attempt to educate the motoring public in seat belt usage.



Trooper Mannel created one of the educational displays. After investigating a fatality accident, he became even more convinced about the benefits of seat belts due to the number of people who survived that crash because of their seat belts. To promote seat belt use, Trooper Mannel convinced several private companies to donate time and money to produce a “Seat belt Survivor” display. He used

the survivors’ vehicle, and their story to create the display. This display was used extensively in northeast and central Nebraska at car shows, football games, and various civic programs. Trooper Mannel’s efforts have made a tremendous impact among Nebraska’s drivers, encouraging seat belt use.

The Troop B Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) Team obtained funding for a variety of equipment. SWAT was activated nine times. They served five drug warrants, two attempted murder warrants, one rape warrant, and were called out on one suicidal subject.

The NSP participates in programs that help youth develop into better, more aware citizens. One of these programs is Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT). In July, the GREAT Games were held. This event allows students to interact with troopers, fire fighters, and members of the Nebraska National Guard. Outdoor activities were held in association with continued education on drugs and gangs. By the end of this session, more than 500 students will have participated in GREAT, hosted by Troop B of the NSP.



**Trooper Bybee giving last minute instructions to his team.**



**Troopers Higgins and Hicks help youth learn repelling.**

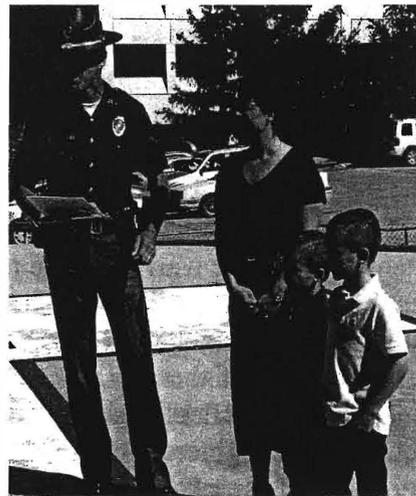
## Troop C

The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety designated Adams, Buffalo, Hall, Hamilton, and York Counties in Troop C "Target Counties." These Target Counties had a high percentage of alcohol-involved fatalities and personal injury/property damage crashes. During 2007, Road Operations personnel arrested 572 motorists for driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. This is a 27% increase in arrests from 2006.

The use of a seat belt saved the life of Brenda Carlson. On July 2, 2007, Brenda was the driver and lone occupant of a van that was hit head-on by a vehicle driven by an intoxicated driver on U.S. Highway 6. Sergeant Daily, along with the Clay County Sheriff Office, responded to the crash and noted that Brenda's seat belt was used. Brenda was awarded the Seat belt Survivor Award.



**Tony Herrman from the Hastings Tribune took the photo to the right.**



**Sgt. Daily, Brenda Carlson and her children.**

The Troop C Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit was activated on the afternoon of September 20, 2007, when an armed man took his estranged wife hostage and barricaded himself within a public establishment. All other employees were allowed to leave. Negotiators and Command Staff determined the suspect was suicidal and despondent. After 60 minutes of negotiations with the suspect, he freed the hostage, and surrendered 30 minutes later.

## Troop D

Troop D encompasses 23 counties in the southwest portion of the state. It includes the cities of North Platte, McCook, Holdrege, Lexington, Ogallala and Broken Bow. The region is dotted with small towns, farms and ranches. Halsey National Forest, the world's largest hand planted forest, and Lake McConaughy, the state's largest reservoir are also located in Troop D.

Troop D sponsored the first annual PSA Contest. The contest encourages high school students from across the region to develop and present Public Service Announcements that address traffic safety issues, underage drinking, drug abuse or violence. Winners were selected and the winning PSA was produced with the cooperation of the Nebraska Department of Roads. Copies of the PSA, which stars the students, were sent to media outlets across the state. The hope is that the school students will present a message to which other students can relate. At the same time, it gets young people from across the region thinking about traffic safety and presenting their views.

On, Wednesday, November 28, 2007, troopers assisted investigators with the Nebraska State Patrol Troop D Headquarters-North Platte with the arrest of 32-year-old male subject from Curtis, Nebraska for Producing/Manufacturing Child Pornography. A computer and digital storage media were seized through a search warrant served on the man's residence in Curtis. The suspect was taken into custody and lodged in the Frontier County Jail.

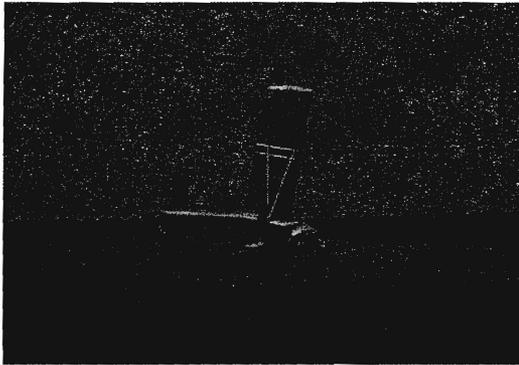
On February 12, 2007, troopers responded to a traffic crash on Interstate 80, west of North Platte. The crash claimed the life of a young woman from Mondovi, WI, and involved a total of 9 vehicles. One of the vehicles was a load of small pigs. Nearly 200 pigs were either killed or had to be destroyed as a result of the crash. A major contributing factor was poor visibility caused by blowing snow. The crash closed west bound lanes of Interstate 80 for over 9 hours.



In the early morning hours of April 2, 2007, the Troop D SWAT team assisted the Phelps County Sheriff's Department in serving a search warrant on a residence in Holdrege, NE. The suspect was subsequently arrested for being in possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. This subject was indicted and was ultimately sentenced to federal prison.

## **Troop E**

In the fall of 2007, five men, one armed with a handgun, robbed the State Line Casino in South Dakota, which is north of Chadron. Officers from the Chadron Police Department began pursuit of the suspects as they entered Nebraska. The five men were able to elude police officers, abandon their vehicle, and go into hiding in Chadron. Officers from several agencies in the Panhandle responded. Public schools and the Chadron State College were locked down. The law enforcement agencies continued the search throughout the night. The next day, Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Troopers and local law enforcement officers located and arrested the suspects.



There were two plane crashes in the Troop E area. The first accident occurred at the Chadron Airport during a landing attempt. The pilot and the passenger were not injured. The second crash, involving a small plane carrying U.S. Mail, occurred in the Alliance area. The pilot did not survive the crash. The NSP Troopers dedicated many hours of security to the crash sight due to the cargo being mail.

As in the summer of 2006, troopers once again assisted with range fires and forest fires. This year the fires were in western Dawes County and required multi-agency response not only for fire suppression but also for the protection of the citizens and property.

The NSP Troopers in the Chadron area were assigned a new duty this fall. The Chadron State College football team qualified for the NCAA Semi-Finals. NCAA rules require law enforcement to be present during championship games. The troopers worked with the Chadron Police Department to provide security at the event.

## **Headquarters Troop**

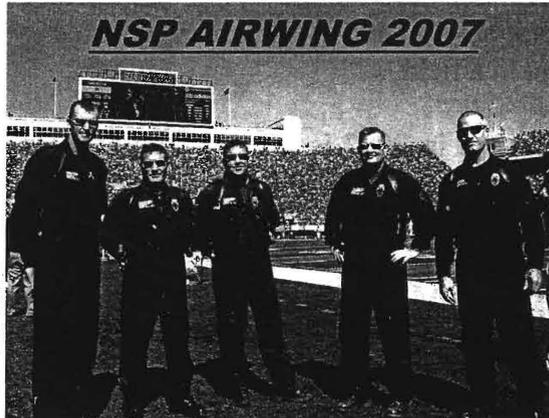
The personnel of Headquarters Troop area are pleased with the reduction of motor vehicle fatality accidents for a second year in a row. In 2005, 65 people were killed within the Headquarters Troop area. That number dropped to 61 in 2006 and to 59 in 2007. Troopers performed selective enforcement activities which resulted in a 37% increase in the number of impaired drivers arrested. There were 5,418 contacts made through the many selective enforcement activities.

In 2007, there were 51 drug interdiction cases in the Headquarters Troop area. There was \$1,449,278.00 in United States currency, 6,364 pounds of marijuana, 156 pounds of cocaine, and 21 pounds of methamphetamine seized.

In March, the Headquarters Troop Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team responded to a call for assistance from the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office regarding a subject near Peru, who fired a shot from a rifle during a disagreement. The man ran from the house and barricaded himself in a farm shed. Upon arrival, officers began negotiating with the individual who refused to comply with their directives. Through negotiations, the young man was later taken into custody.

In June, troopers responded to the Horseshoe Lake area near Ashland in regards to a subject that had confronted the Ashland Fire Department after they responded to an illegal burn call. The subject shot one volunteer and fired at a responding Cass County Deputy. Troopers set up a perimeter and began negotiations. While awaiting the deployment of Headquarters SWAT members, the subject exited the residence carrying a rifle. The subject was given commands and officers were forced to defend themselves and wounded the subject.

## Air Wing Division



**Nebraska State Patrol pilots stand on the sideline of Nebraska home football game. L-R are Trooper Jeff Crymble, Sergeant Kevin Ryan, Lieutenant Frank Peck, Trooper Jeremy Strack, and Trooper Brian Petersen.**

The year 2007 started with an ice storm that knocked down several hundred miles of power lines and towers. The Air Wing Unit was tasked with flying the power line grid which enabled the power company to see the extent of the damage; flying close enough for the power company to document which towers were down, what equipment was needed at each station; thus saving hundreds of man hours trying to follow the lines by ground.



The Unit assisted several outside agencies with calls for service that ranged from surveillance, transferring high-risk inmates, blood and emergency equipment relays. The Air Wing Unit on several occasions assisted with robbery details and undercover operations; and assisted the Game and Parks Commission's Law Enforcement Division with catching illegal hunters as well.



One major accomplishment in August 2007, a work in progress for several years, was the move to a new hangar in Lincoln. The Air Wing Unit had occupied three hangars in Lincoln for many years and in August moved to a new hangar that houses three aircraft and the Mobile Command Post. A new goal for the Air Wing Unit is to enhance and upgrade the Ogallala hangar facility.

The Forward Looking Infra Red System (FLIR) was used to locate missing persons that were lost or who had walked away. An elderly woman, with Alzheimer's disease, wandered away from a campsite and the Air Wing Unit located her in a stream. Five days later with the temperature reaching 100°, a man went for a walk and got lost. The Air Wing Unit located him in a field.

A new project the Unit started in 2007 is the microwave down linking of video information to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department on home football games. This shows traffic and any other information they need in the Emergency Operation Center. The microwave down link has been utilized for Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and other calls to assist personnel getting a live feed as situations unfold.

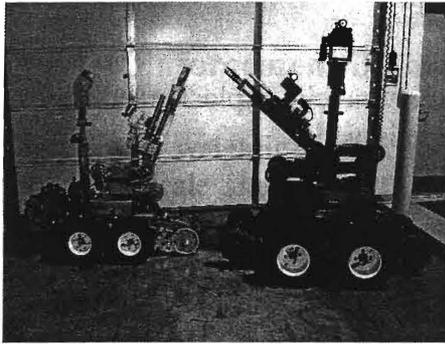


In 2007, the Air Wing Unit flew more than 450 hours assisting other agencies and more than 1,250 hours total flight time.

## **Bomb Squad Division**

The year 2007 was a productive year for the Nebraska State Patrol Bomb Squad. Members of the squad accomplished several activities, training, and events as listed below:

- Members of the squad assisted the Omaha Police Department and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) with a Fireworks Amnesty Day after July 4. As a result, approximately 800 pounds of fireworks, several military ordnances, and numerous illegal explosive devices (IED's) were rendered safe.
- Members assisted with instruction at the ATF's Advanced Explosive Destruction Techniques School in Virginia.
- Assistance was also provided to Omaha Police for explosive sweeps during the College World Series.
- A research project continued with the ATF reference commercial display fireworks for further education of bomb squads, prosecutors, and the public to the explosive power of these items.
- Several pieces of new equipment were purchased through Homeland Security Grants. A second robot was obtained, two new bomb suits, four Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for use with bomb suits, rigging kits, and digital imaging systems for x-ray equipment.

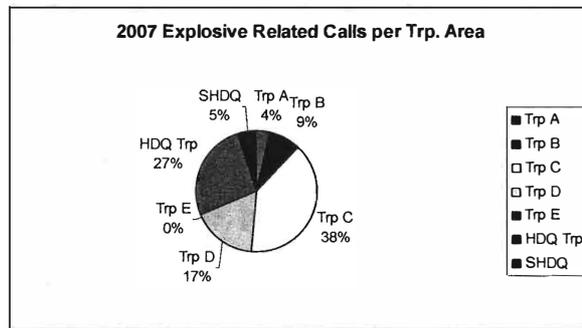


NSP's new F6A robot (on left) purchased with grant funds is pictured next to NSP's original robot.

**Statewide Calls for Service:**

During 2007, the number of calls for service increased to 82 from 66 in 2006. The total number of old blasting caps and destructive devices that were rendered safe increased considerably from 2006.

Chemicals:	5 disposals	Blasting Caps:	197 disposals
Grenades:	4 disposals	Other Destructive Devices:	624 disposals
Other Ordinance:	21 disposals	Dynamite:	1 disposal
Pipe Bombs:	4 disposals		



**Explosive Related Training:**

During 2007, the Bomb Squad provided and received the following:

- Hours of Explosive Instruction provided: 120 hours
  - Explosive Programs given: 21 hours
  - Combined Hours of Training Received: 710 hours
- Members of the squad attended both the international and regional training events for the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI).
  - NSP Bomb Squad hosted annual two day Statewide Bomb Squad Training that included members from NSP, Lincoln Fire, Omaha Police, ATF, FBI, and Nebraska State Fire Marshall's office.

**Explosive Permits:**

The Nebraska State Patrol is tasked with permitting the commercial explosive industry within the state. During 2007, the following permits were issued:

- Explosive User Permit: 147
- Explosive Storage Permit: 54
- Explosive Purchase Permit: 24
- Combined hours of explosive regulation: 380

## **Carrier Enforcement Division**

The Carrier Enforcement (CE) Division's primary function is the enforcement of State and Federal laws as they relate to commercial motor carriers. In 2007, troopers assigned to the CE Division performed the following functions:

**Scale Operations**

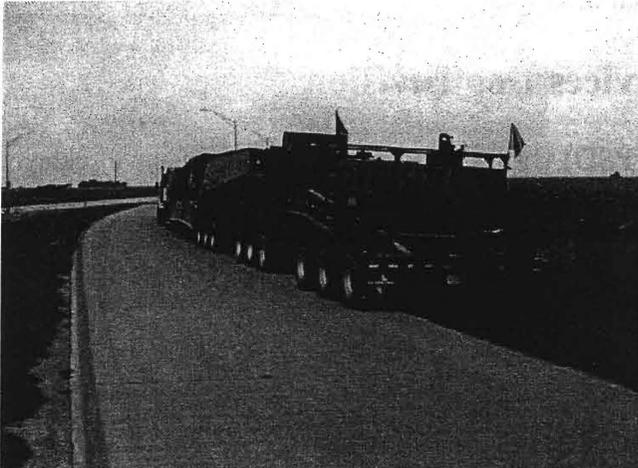
Trucks weighed – portable scales	22,225
Citations issued	17,654
Trucks weighed – permanent scales	1,116,239
Citations issued	16,703
Total trucks weighed	1,138,464
Total citations issued	34,357
Violation cards issued	10,983
Warnings issued	11,381
Field Interview contacts	300
Intelligence report contacts	20
Total non-citation contacts	4,955

**MCSAP Activity****Inspections performed**

Hazardous materials	1,064
Level 1 inspections	9,101
Level 2 inspections	3,001
Level 3 inspections	23,315
Level 4 inspections	0
Level 5 inspections	175
CVE traffic enforcement inspections	3,706
Total inspections performed	35,592
Drivers placed out of service	3,970
Vehicles placed out of service	4,263

## Carrier Enforcement Division Highlights

There are six weigh-in-motion and credential/safety pre-clearance systems located at five permanent scale sites across Nebraska. These systems pre-screened 5,953,500 trucks in 2007 for possible violations. These systems allow the vehicles in compliance to continue traveling down the road and are a more efficient use of the state's resources.



The CE Division continued statewide Metropolitan Aggressive & Preventive Selectives (MAPS) in 2007. The MAPS team conducted 26 selective enforcement activities that totaled 1,752 vehicle inspections on commercial vehicles that normally do not travel outside the cities, or pass through the weigh stations. These efforts led to 682 vehicles and 52 drivers being placed out-of-service with a total of \$114,079.00 in fines.

The Division's efforts in educating the public and industry on commercial vehicle safety continued in 2007. Throughout the course of the year the following educational materials, which were developed by the division's personnel, were distributed during safety audits, town hall meetings, fairs, programs and presentations:

- 2,300 "Educational & Technical Information for Nebraska Carriers" CDs
- 2,000 "Who Must Comply with Nebraska's Motor Carrier Safety Regulations" handouts
- 8,500 "Nebraska Truck Information Guide Books"

The agency also entered into a one-year contract with the Nebraska Broadcasters Association for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to promote seat belt usage by commercial motor vehicle drivers. The Nebraska Broadcasters Association represents radio stations throughout Nebraska who dedicate airtime to federal, state, and local government agencies at reduced rates. The participating Nebraska radio stations broadcasted these PSAs from November 1, 2006, through October 30, 2007, at a contract cost of \$60,000.00, which was a value of \$368,755.61 for 20,272 radio spots.

Two additional investigators under the New Entrant Program were cross-trained to conduct Compliance Review's that are generated from the result of Safety Audits. There were 525 Safety Audit's completed in 2007.

Another aspect of the Carrier Enforcement's responsibilities is to assure compliance with Federal and State laws prohibiting the use of dyed or untaxed fuels in motor vehicles. Compared to 2006, the division conducted 10 % more (9,279 total) roadside checks

leading to a 40.7% increase in the number of suspected samples submitted for testing. Subsequently, the total penalty assessments increased by the same 40.7% with those issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Traffic Recording and Criminal Software (TraCS) system has been extremely active Division-wide. During 2007, there were 19,325 citations and 12,776 violation/warning forms generated using the E-Citation system, which also allows these documents to be electronically uploaded into the pertinent databases.

## **Police Services Dog Division**

During 2007, the Police Service Dog (PSD) Unit experienced several personnel changes and retirements. PSD Paco was medically retired in the fall of 2007, and his handler began training with his new partner, PSD Lugh. PSD Maximus medically retired in December 2007. His handler returned to road operations. One trooper/handler transferred to Investigative Services in North Platte. His PSD partner was reassigned to another trooper and is stationed in Sidney.

The PSD Unit continued to assist other divisions and law enforcement agencies. The PSD Unit conducted selective enforcement activities in high crime areas. They also assisted other agency personnel with selective enforcement activities that totaled 433 hours. The Unit assisted with events such as President Bush's visit to Omaha, the College World Series, University of Nebraska-Lincoln football games, and Comstock Rock.

### **PSD statistics include:**

503 drug sniffs  
84 explosive sniffs  
13 criminal apprehensions  
141 self generated infraction arrests  
277 self generated misdemeanor arrests  
58 self generated felony arrests

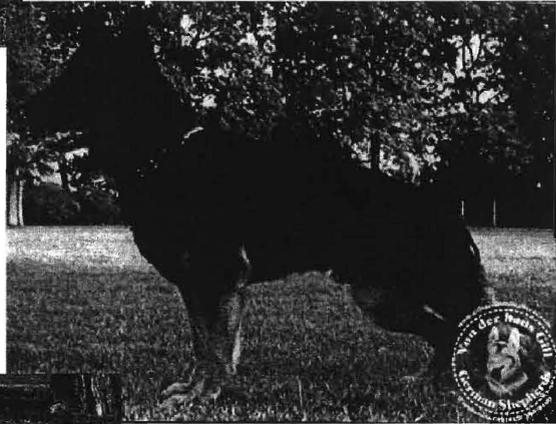
### **Nebraska State Patrol PSD Teams seized:**

\$1,303,645.00 in U.S currency  
2,067 lbs. of marijuana  
89 lbs. of cocaine  
3 lbs. of methamphetamine  
115 drug paraphernalia cases

There were several high profile apprehensions made by the PSD Unit. One case involved the apprehension of a violent jail escapee. The subject had escaped from the Antelope County Jail on October 2, 2007. On October 5, a PSD team was called to an unoccupied house in Oakdale. Information indicated the escapee might be hiding inside. The dog was sent into the house and began to bark and scratch in the area of the stove. Officers moved the stove and found a trap door in the floor. Under that door and lying between the floor joists was the escapee. He was taken into custody without further incident.

The PSD Unit provided 81 educational demonstrations to many civic groups and schools. One event was the Boys State Conference in Lincoln that was attended by 300 Nebraska high school boys.

In 2007, PSD personnel, with the assistance of the Director of the Training Academy, taught a Tactical Dog Seminar in Omaha in which 11 PSD teams received certifications in various areas of tactical deployment. A Basic PSD camp put four new PSD teams on the street. There were also 39 PSD teams from the state of Nebraska as well as South Dakota Highway Patrol and Iowa State Patrol recertified.

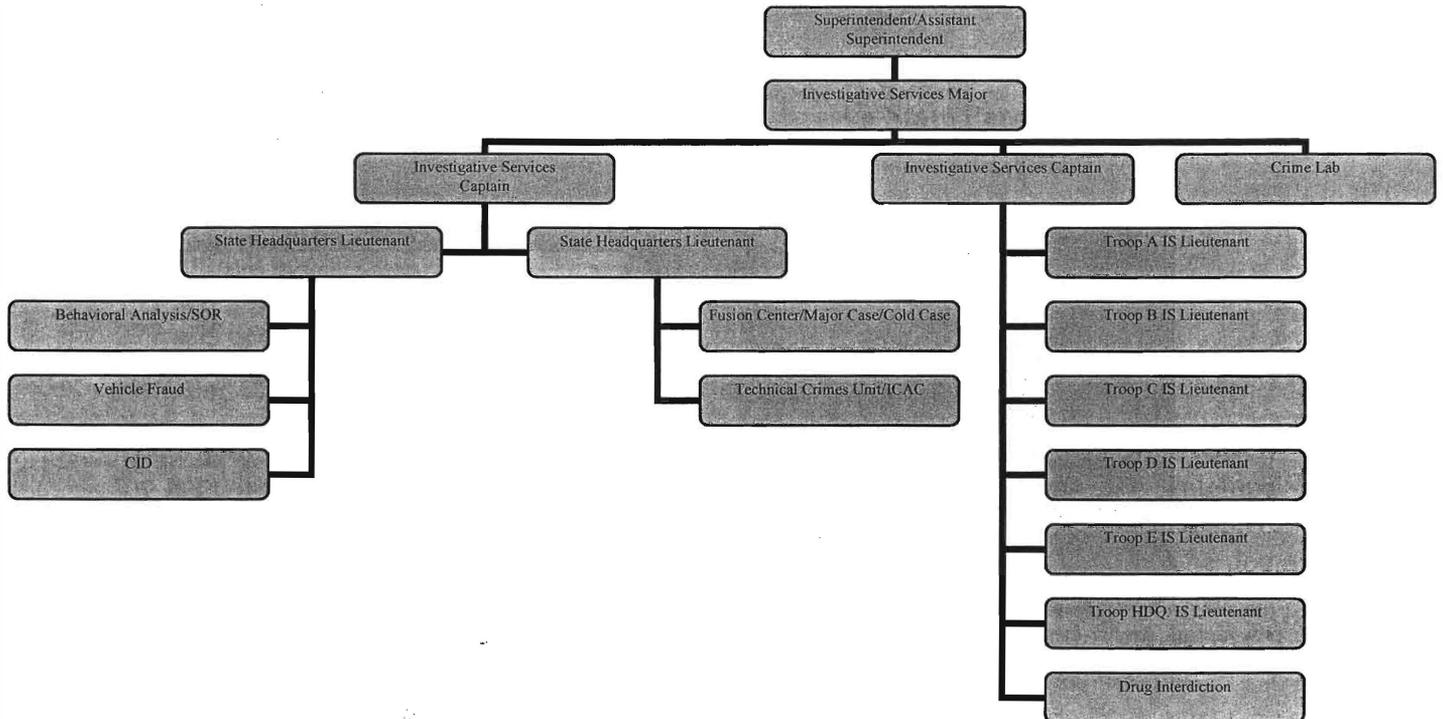


# Investigative Services Division

The Investigative Services Division is under the command of Major David Sankey. The Division enforces the Nebraska Criminal Codes along with serving allied agencies and the citizens of Nebraska. Major Sankey directly oversees the Crime Lab. Major Sankey is supported by Captain Mark Funkhouser who oversees the following sections of Investigative Services; Criminal and Drug Investigations, Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement, Sex Offender Registry, Internet Crimes Against Children, Criminal Behavioral Analysis, Intelligence/Criminal Identification, Auto Fraud, and the Major Case/Cold Case Squad.



**Major David Sankey**



# **Investigative Services Division Activities**

## **Troop A**

In May 2007, officers of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Omaha Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) received a request for assistance from the Omaha Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Office. The request was in reference to an on-going case that originated out of California regarding an organization that was utilizing a ground freight company to ship marijuana and cocaine to various cities. Officers received specific information of a suspicious 600-pound crate that was being shipped from Fontana, California, to the Omaha ground freight terminal. It was to be picked up at the dock by the consignee (recipient). Officers learned through the course of their preliminary investigation that both the shipping company and consignee were nonexistent. Officers noted that none of the contact information regarding the shipper or consignee could be verified. Officers further noted that a previous shipment by these parties was paid for with a money order that was not signed by the remitter and had not yet been redeemed by the shipping company. Officers of the Omaha CIU and their Intelligence Analyst assisted the DEA in gathering intelligence that was used in their affidavit to obtain a federal search warrant for the suspected shipping crate.

Following a positive NSP Police Service Dog (PSD) sniff conducted on the above-described crate, the DEA obtained a federal search warrant for the crate. The next day, officers of the Omaha CIU set up surveillance at the shipping dock, and observed a male subject arrive at the location and take possession of the suspected shipping crate. Officers followed the suspect to a grocery store parking lot where he was detained. The suspect cooperated with officers by providing phone numbers, names and identities of other individuals involved. Using this information in conjunction with the follow-up investigation and prior information already known by Omaha DEA, Nebraska State Patrol officers and DEA officers set up surveillance outside a residence. Officers observed a male subject take a plastic bag from the residence and get into a car. The officers continued to observe the vehicle until there was a cause for a traffic stop. A search was granted and officers located a large amount of currency. Officers of the Omaha CIU then assisted the DEA in consensual searches of the residence, and an additional location, where additional currency was located. The suspects, along with the 325 pounds of marijuana, were turned over to the DEA for processing and for chain of custody.

## **Troop B**

Troop B's Investigative Services Division has an authorized work force of 15 sworn personnel. This includes 5 Drug Investigators, 5 Criminal Investigators, 1 Liquor Investigator, 3 Sergeants and 1 Lieutenant. The geographical area of responsibility spans from Columbus northward to the Nebraska / South Dakota border, and from South Sioux City to the western border of Cherry County. This regional area covers 23 counties with a population of over 200,000 people.

The Troop B Investigative Services Drug, Criminal, and Liquor Divisions participated in over 600 investigations during the year 2007. Over 5000 allied agency contacts were documented and nearly 70 programs were provided to various groups, with nearly 4100 people in attendance.

Personnel currently assigned to the Troop B Investigative Services Division are involved with a number of specialty assignments and organizational responsibilities. Sergeant Galen Svoboda is the supervisor of the Specialized Narcotics Abuse Reduction Effort (SNARE) Drug Task Force comprised of numerous municipal and county agencies throughout northeast Nebraska, including the Columbus Police Department, Norfolk Police Department, Pierce Police Department, Schuyler Police Department, Wayne Police Department, and the Antelope County Sheriff's Office, Colfax County Sheriff's Office, Knox County Sheriff's Office, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Platte County Sheriff's Office, and the Stanton County Sheriff's Office.

In September of 2006, the SNARE Drug Task Force began monitoring Pseudo Ephedrine (PSE) sales in the area. PSE was removed as an over the counter drug as part of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005; and was implemented into a Nebraska State Statute. This process continued throughout the 2007 year.

SNARE currently monitors 27 pharmacies in the Troop B region. The data bank consists of approximately 37,000 transactions and identifies nearly 16,000 individual names. As part of this program, SNARE has identified 207 Federal and State limit violators since its inception. Although clandestine methamphetamine labs have been severely reduced across the State of Nebraska, Troop B knows that those conducting this kind of illegal activity are not willing to stop.

A recent El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) report indicated the Troop B Clan Lab personnel responded to 5 reported clandestine lab/equipment and/or dumpsites within the SNARE Task Force area in the year 2007. A total of 17 were reported across the state.

In 2007, NSP and SNARE Task Force Officers (TFO) focused on the violators that could be identified as shopping for PSE on a regular basis, and obtaining significant cumulative amounts. NSP and SNARE TFO contacted 22 suspects resulting in 7 suspects receiving fines from \$800.00 to \$1100.00, 7 suspects being sentenced to jail time for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, and 8 individuals pending sentencing for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

It should be noted that as of September 1, 2007, Nebraska statute limits were raised and now mirror the Federal law on daily and monthly PSE limits. Through this monitoring program, SNARE continues to identify repeat violators obtaining significant cumulative amounts of PSE which would indicate that clandestine methamphetamine lab activity is still a significant issue.

On July 23, 2007, Trooper Brian Detlefsen contacted an individual for a traffic violation in the area of Plainview, Nebraska, who was arrested for an outstanding warrant. Following the arrest, Trooper Detlefsen discovered a small package of marijuana in this

person's possession. The Patrol's Investigative Services Division was contacted and information was obtained during an extensive investigation that led to the arrest of another subject for a drug violation. This investigation continued, and on July 31, 2007, a search warrant was obtained and two subjects were arrested for drug charges. Based on information obtained from further investigative work a fifth person was arrested following the serving of a search warrant in Neligh, Nebraska. Approximately 1 pound of methamphetamine, US currency, identified as drug money, and drug paraphernalia were seized.

(NSP) Investigator Terry Kenny is an active participant in the Tri State Drug Task Force, which offices in Sioux City, IA, under the auspice of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). On September 18, 2007, the DEA Tri-State Drug Task Force along with several local and state agencies executed several federal search warrants on several residence and business in Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa. The search warrants concluded several months of investigation into a nationwide marijuana growing operation. The search warrant in Nebraska resulted in the arrest of one individual, hundreds of marijuana plants and thousands of dollars worth of marijuana growing equipment. The overall conspiracy yielded over \$914,000 in assets; included were vehicles, boats, cash, property, grow equipment, and 9 arrests.

On Oct 21, 2007, Investigator Kenny was contacted by the Dakota County Sheriff's Department, asking for help with an investigation involving a suspected marijuana growing operation near Homer, Nebraska. They discovered a tent containing a large amount of marijuana hanging. With the assistance of the property owners, members of the Tri State Task Force monitored activity at the site of the suspected marijuana harvest operation. This ultimately led to the arrested of a subject, without incident. Approximately 27 pounds of marijuana were seized following the arrest.

In September of 2007, Investigator Kelley received information regarding individuals preparing to manufacture methamphetamine in Plainview, Nebraska. Inv. Kelley conducted an investigation and seized a partial meth lab and components, arresting 2 people for the crime.

Inv. Kelley conducted an investigation in Stanton County in which 2 people were arrested for drug charges. Based on information developed during this investigation, Inv Kelley prepared a search warrant for a residence in rural Stanton County, Nebraska. Nebraska State Patrol personnel from the Investigative and Traffic Services Divisions, 2 NSP SWAT Teams (Troop A and Troop B), and the NSP Air Wing Division, executed the search warrant at the residence. Approximately 2 oz. of methamphetamine, weapons, drug money and a cock fighting operation were located. Items believed to be associated with the cock fighting operation included 35 fighting roosters, metal spurs and harnesses, and literature on cock fighting. The occupant of this residence has not been located but an arrest warrant has been issued.

On September 28, 2007, Colonel Tuma presented Nebraska State Patrol Public Service Awards to 3 individuals in Laurel, Nebraska, regarding their proactive response to their suspicions of a 7 year old child being abused. Karla Pippitt, Susan Koch and Stephanie

Petersen of the Laurel Public Schools were presented this award due to their efforts to protect the child. The suspect who was from Concord, Nebraska, was sentenced to 14 to 18 years confinement on two counts, consecutive, in Dixon County Court.

## **Troop C**

In 2007, investigators conducted alcohol compliance checks in all 17 Troop C counties, which totaled 324 licensed liquor establishments. Thirty-seven businesses sold alcohol to minors during the operations, which was an 11% noncompliance rate.

Troop C Investigators served a search warrant in Loup City, which uncovered a string of burglaries in Sherman and Buffalo Counties. The suspect, a convicted felony sex offender, was sentenced in August to two terms of 20 months to five years in prison for attempted possession of a firearm by a felon plus theft by receiving stolen property for taking hundreds of personal items from a number of Sherman County homes. The two Sherman County sentences are to be served at the same time with the same sentence in Buffalo County for felony-attempted burglary.

A drug conspiracy case that spanned over two years, code-named RAINMAN, wrapped up in June 2007. The investigation resulted in 107 federal indictments. In addition to the drugs purchased or confiscated, \$119,000 in cash and 42 firearms were also seized. Those who have already been sentenced received a combined 563 years in prison. There are 13 people still awaiting sentencing and seven indicted fugitives still at large.

## **Troop D**

On January 3, 2007, a child pornography investigation in North Platte was initiated. The investigation revealed enough probable cause to have a search warrant issued for a residence in North Platte.

On January 10, Troop D Investigative Services personnel and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) executed the warrant in an effort to recover evidence of both child pornography and sexual assault of a child. A number of compact disks and 8mm videocassette tapes were seized. The investigation revealed that a 37 year-old white male had manufactured child pornography, was in possession of child pornography, distributed child pornography, and had sexually assaulted both a minor male and female.

The United States Attorney in Omaha prosecuted the child pornography portion of the case. The sexual assaults were prosecuted in Lincoln County District Court by the Lincoln County Attorney's Office. The perpetrator was convicted in both courts and is currently incarcerated. This detailed, in-depth, multifaceted investigation involved many law enforcement agencies and personnel.

## Troop E

In January, investigators from the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office, Minatare Police, and Western Intelligence Narcotics Group (WING) responded to a report of a shooting in Minatare. Upon arrival, they found two deceased victims (male and female). The estranged husband of the deceased female was taken into custody and interviewed. He later confessed to the crime and was sentenced to two life sentences in prison terms for this crime.

In December of 2006, a professor at Chadron State College, was reported missing from Chadron. In March 2007, investigators from NSP, Dawes County Sheriff's Office, and Chadron Police Department responded to a rural Chadron location on a report of a possible recovery of human remains. Through an autopsy and comparison of medical and dental records, the body was identified as that of the missing professor. Over the course of the next two months, two NSP investigators and an NSP trooper, temporarily assigned to the Investigative Services Division, worked solely on this case. Ultimately, the case remains unsolved, but no evidence exists at this time to prove that the professor was the victim of a felonious death.



**Location of where the professor's remains were found.**

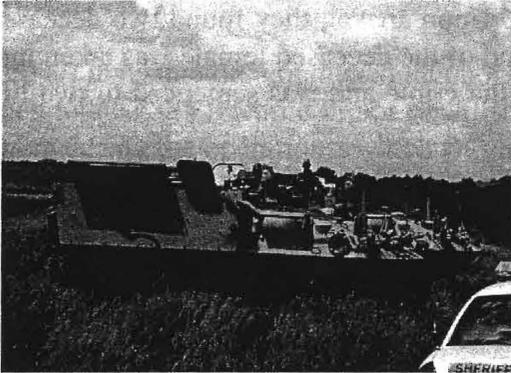
## Headquarters Troop

In January, Seward County authorities were notified by grandparents that they had not seen their grandchild for some time and the infant's father would not disclose where the infant was. The mother of the infant had been incarcerated in December. The father, a known methamphetamine and marijuana user, would not cooperate, but made statements raising suspicions. The father later led investigators to the infant's burial site in a rural area.

In June, investigators were called to investigate the scene of a shooting at Horseshoe Lake near Ashland. The incident started when troopers responded to a shots fired call where a fireman had been shot after responding to a brush fire where the property owner had not obtained a burn permit. The property owner had barricaded himself inside his residence and continued to fire upon responding officers. Upon exiting the residence with a weapon, the troopers engaged and later shot the property owner.

In July, investigators were dispatched to a rural Valparaiso address after Saunders County dispatch received a 911 call from the resident reporting that while riding an ATV he had been shot at by a male dressed in camouflage armed with a rifle. The resident indicated the male had shot at least two horses on the property. The resident advised he had

returned to the residence, armed himself with a rifle, exchanged fire with the suspect, and may have hit the suspect with one of his shots. Responding officers did hear gunshots that sounded as if fired from different caliber weapons.



Twenty-nine officers responded from Headquarters Troop and established an outer perimeter. In addition, the Headquarters Troop SWAT, Troop A SWAT, NSP helicopter, Omaha Police Dept. helicopter, an armored personnel carrier, and two armored personnel carriers from the National Guard were utilized. The resident and his girlfriend were rescued from the residence and eventually the property was cleared. Investigators became suspicious of inconsistencies with the resident's story and the lack of physical evidence. The resident later admitted he fabricated the entire incident to impress his girlfriend. The resident pled guilty to False Reporting and was sentenced to one year in jail.

The Drug Division was advised that numerous Crime Stopper reports had been received by York County and the Nebraska State Patrol hotline concerning a group of individuals distributing multiple pounds of methamphetamine out of Lincoln, to York, Seward, Fillmore, and Platte counties. The Drug Division utilized GPS tracking, covert and overt surveillance, confidential informants, and undercover police officer operations during their investigation. To date, there have been two federal indictments and six arrests on state charges. One more federal indictment and at least three more state arrests are anticipated.

## **Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Division**

The Headquarters Troop area has 20% of all the retail liquor licenses issued in the state, distributed over a 15 county area. Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement for Headquarters Troop provided 30 training programs to 670 individuals. In 2007, 184 tobacco compliance checks and 96 alcohol compliance checks were conducted. There were 236 applications for new liquor licenses, new managers, and replacements, along with 36 changes or relocations to existing premises completed. In addition, 399 inspections of retail premises were conducted.

The Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Unit of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) has served as the primary enforcement arm for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission since 1986. The Unit is responsible for enforcing all provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act which is designed to regulate, license or prohibit the manufacture, distribution, sale, and traffic of alcoholic liquor.

- Background investigations are conducted on liquor license applicants to ensure that all the statutory requirements for holding a liquor license in Nebraska are met. Enforcement personnel may inspect, or cause to be inspected, any premises where alcoholic liquor are manufactured, distributed or sold.
- The NSP also works closely with local law enforcement agencies to provide reports of violations.
- In addition to the alcohol enforcement, the officers actively enforce the tobacco laws of the state.
- Both alcohol and tobacco enforcement include compliance checks in all counties. These checks involve law enforcement working with supervised and monitored underage individuals who attempt to purchase age-restricted products.
- The NSP conducted more than 843 tobacco compliance checks with Health and Human Services. The 2007 tobacco non-compliance rate for Nebraska was 11.5%. This is an increase in compliance from 14.7% in 2006.
- The Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Unit conducted more than 66 training programs statewide with over 2,200 individuals in attendance.

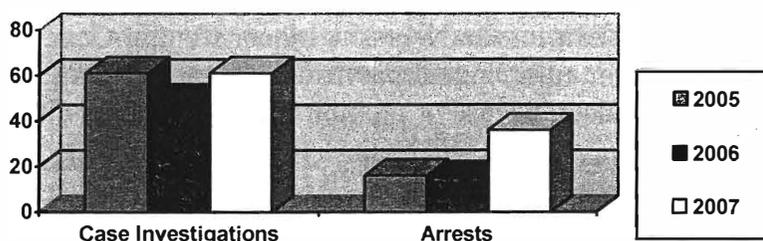


**Illegal wine being destroyed in North Platte.**

The Alcohol/Tobacco Enforcement Unit, in cooperation with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, destroyed a large quantity of contraband wine with an estimated retail value in excess \$141,000.00. The wine was brought in illegally, was not taxed, and was stored in such a manner as to make it unfit for human consumption. The bulk wine was loaded into a septic tank truck and disposed of at the North Platte sewage lagoon.

## **Auto Fraud Division**

The Auto Fraud Unit investigated a variety of cases involving odometer fraud, title fraud, vehicle thefts, forgery, altering of vehicle identification numbers and violations involving vehicle and salvage dealers. The Unit continues to see an increase in the number of fraudulent internet transactions in the automotive arena. In 2007, the Unit investigated 61 cases that led to the arrest of 36 suspects.



The Auto Fraud Unit is the primary investigative resource across the state for these types of crimes. The Unit works closely with the insurance industry as well as state, interstate and federal law enforcement agencies. They assisted federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in a yearlong sting named "Operation Tow Truck". This investigation was a storefront sting operation that was staffed by investigators from nine different law enforcement agencies. The NSP acknowledges the cooperation of the Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Unit of Narcotics, Council Bluffs Police Department, Omaha Police Department, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). During this operation, \$1.4 million dollars worth of vehicles, guns, and drugs were purchased and there were 26 indictments for suspects from Nebraska and Iowa.

## Crime Laboratory

The Crime Laboratory is responsible for the forensic analysis of evidence relating to criminal cases. The Laboratory consists of the following units:

- Biology Unit: Serology Examination, DNA Examination, Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Databank
- Chemistry Unit: Trace Evidence Analysis, Drug Chemistry, Toxicology
- Physical Sciences Unit: Latent Print Examination, Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Database, Firearms/Toolmarks Examination, National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) Database, Questioned Document Examination

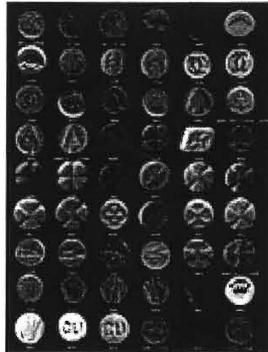
All of the above services are offered at the Lincoln Laboratory. Drug chemistry and latent print examination are performed at the Satellite Laboratory in North Platte.

### **Chemistry Unit:**

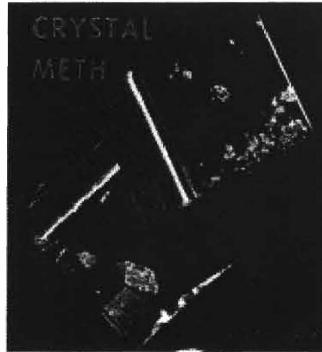
The section received a number of explosives cases. Laboratory personnel assigned to this section also continued to analyze numerous fire debris cases along with paint and fiber cases.

DUI and probation cases continued to be the majority of the cases received in the Toxicology Section. In 2007, the Toxicology Section maintained a very low backlog and quick turnaround time.

The Drug Section continued to see a large number of methamphetamine cases and saw an increase in opiate pharmaceuticals and MDMA (ecstasy) cases. Clandestine laboratory cases have dramatically decreased, most likely due to the state legislation regulating Pseudoephedrine.



**Samples of MDMA**

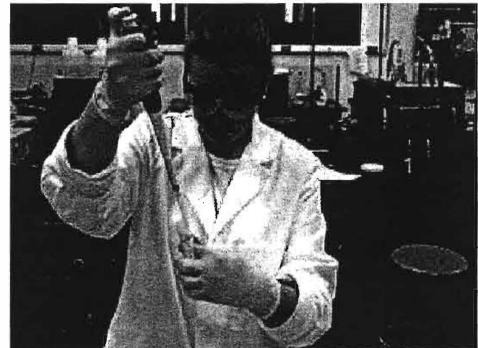


**Methamphetamine**

**Biology Unit:**

As of the end of 2007, the DNA section employed one DNA technical leader, three casework analysts, one Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) manager, and one casework trainee. The trainee is participating in a training program with the National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC) and she is expected to complete that program sometime in the spring of 2008.

Thanks to federal grant funding, the DNA section purchased a new Applied Biosystems 3130 Genetic Analyzer for DNA analysis. This instrument will be able to process four samples in the time that it presently takes to run one. Currently, the DNA section is using two DNA kits to obtain a DNA profile that includes the 13 core DNA loci required for CODIS. The grant funding is helping with the validation of a new DNA kit that will include 16 loci in one DNA kit. This will increase the discriminatory power of the DNA results and cut the analysis time for each sample in half. In addition, federal grant funding has been allocated to purchase two liquid handling robots that will speed up sample extraction and processing. This will allow for faster casework and reduce turn around time, allowing the lab to get DNA results back to the investigators in a more efficient and timely manner.



**Katie Rector in the DNA Lab**

In 2007, the Crime Laboratory had several state and national CODIS database hits. This included three matches in which unsolved Nebraska cases matched convicted offenders in Wisconsin, California and Texas; three unsolved burglaries, one unsolved theft and two unsolved sexual assaults in Nebraska matching Nebraska convicted offenders; and five cases from Iowa, Indiana, Colorado, Kansas, and Wisconsin matching Nebraska convicted offenders.

### **Physical Sciences Unit:**

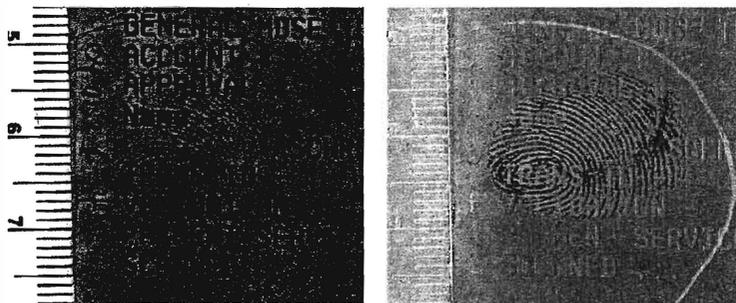
In May, the Firearms/Toolmarks Section of the Laboratory began accepting cases that followed a nine-month suspension of casework to allow for the completion of the new examiner's training program.

The National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) program was very active in 2007. The NIBIN Technician test fired 252 firearms and entered 544 bullets and/or casings into the national database to be searched against bullets and casings in the database. In December, a casing entered into NIBIN was identified as having been fired from the same weapon as another casing that was already in the database from a previously unrelated case. This NIBIN "cold hit" linked a cartridge case from the scene of a weapon being discharged in the city limits in Lincoln to a gun that was seized from a robbery suspect later that month.

Grant funding from the National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) allowed for outsourcing of the backlog in the Questioned Documents Section. As a result, all 2005 and 2006 cases have been completed and there are only 12 cases that remain from 2007.

An American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) inspection team inspected the Latent Print Sections in Lincoln and North Platte, late in 2007. The accreditation process is now nearly completed and accreditation of the Latent Print Section at both locations is anticipated in the near future.

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) database accounted for 27 "cold hits" in 2007. Those 27 latent prints, collected from crime scene evidence, were identified as being made by individuals that were not previously suspects in those cases.



**A Latent print before and after digital image processing.**

### **Satellite Laboratory:**

The Satellite Laboratory strove the past year to keep the drug and latent backlogs at a minimum. The Latent Section helped alleviate the backlog at the Lincoln facility by working a number of latent cases transferred from Lincoln. Information technology improvements were made at the Satellite Lab in 2007, including installation of a different server to speed up access to several programs and files. ASCLD/LAB accreditation inspectors put their stamp of approval on the Satellite Lab building to confirm that the facility complies with security, evidence storage and safety standards.

### Crime Laboratory Statistics:

Total cases submitted to the Crime Laboratory in 2007 = 3,676

#### Cases assigned to Sections:

- Biology/DNA = 281
- Controlled substances = 2671 (Lincoln 2224, Satellite 447)
- Firearms = 64
- NIBIN = 231
- Latent Prints = 443 (Lincoln 319, Satellite 124)
- Questioned Documents = 24
- Toxicology = 506
- Trace = 63

Many cases are assigned to more than one section for various types of analyses.

In 2007, Laboratory employees received a total of 702 court summons. Employees traveled a total of 10,802 miles to present testimony in 46 cases.

### **Photo Lab**

The NSP continued to see an increase in digital photography. The lab was physically remodeled and the printer/processor was upgraded to allow easier and more efficient processing of both film and digital photographs. Photo Lab personnel provided instruction to agency employees in the use of digital and film camera equipment. There was also an increase in time spent supporting investigators at crime scenes. With the lab equipment updated, the focus now turns to modernizing camera equipment for both lab and field personnel.

## **Criminal Identification Division (CID)**

### **Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)**

The Criminal Identification Division (CID) had a number of “firsts” occur in 2007. The new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) went live in March. With the purchase of AFIS, the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) added six new livescan (machines) at the troop area offices and CID. On the first day of connectivity to IAFIS, CID submitted the fingerprints from a subject that officers could not positively identify. These prints were sent from the newly installed CID livescan, through the NSP AFIS and on to the FBI to attempt to confirm ID. This was the first time fingerprints could be submitted to the FBI without a physical card. In addition, NSP purchased 20 Mobile Two Finger AFIS units that were issued to troopers in the field. These units allow troopers to submit fingerprints to the Nebraska AFIS for possible identification.

### **Patrol Criminal History (PCH)**

NSP began a project to migrate the PCH database from the state mainframe to a NSP maintained sequel server. This large project was awarded to Analysts International. The project was complete and the new PCH went live in April 2007. The completion of the project now provides better access, control and management of the Patrol Criminal Histories.

### **Carry Concealed Weapon Program (CCW)**

The CCW project allows citizens to apply for permits to carry concealed weapons in Nebraska. The livescans placed in the troop area offices were incorporated into the CCW workflow. NSP has met the challenge of providing this opportunity to Nebraska residents. Original projections of up to 20,000 applicants in the first year did not occur. NSP has been accepting CCW applicants since January of 2007 and as of the end of 2007, we have received approximately 2,800 applications.

### **Missing Persons Clearinghouse (MPC)**

CID maintains the database for all missing persons in Nebraska. That statutory responsibility is maintained with an up to date database, having input from all law enforcement in Nebraska. In addition, the MPC data is provided to the public through a portal that allows anyone with access to the internet to view photos and information about the missing persons. This portal is accessed through the NSP website.

## **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)/Technical Crimes**

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit saw some changes to their scope and responsibility. The ICAC Unit now is included in the Technical Crimes Division. This will expand the scope of work performed, with a continued emphasis on online child exploitation. The addition of cell phone forensic capabilities increased the Unit's workload throughout 2007.

Some highlights for the year include the sub-grant funding to eight allied agencies and nine additional affiliates to work ICAC cases with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). This allows the ICAC Unit to have additional resources from multiple agencies, to work online predators.

Some of the cases worked in 2007 included:

- A North Platte resident was arrested in January for child pornography after a tip was received. The suspect molested three children.
- A Lincoln weight coach was arrested in October for manufacturing child pornography.
- Also in October, a Lexington teacher was arrested for a sexual assault after leaving the state with a student with which she was having an affair. The forensic lab assisted with computer processing.
- In November, a Frontier County man was arrested for production of child pornography as part of the NSP ICAC and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) cooperative effort.
- Also in November, an Omaha man was arrested for the second time by NSP ICAC personnel after he showed up to meet, with what he believed was an

underage girl, for sex. He was arrested in 2004 for the same offense by the Unit and had received probation.

- NSP ICAC Investigators and Community Service Officers conducted 222 public presentations to almost 18,000 people statewide.

## **Sex Offender Registry Division**

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) Sex Offender Registry (SOR) has numerous responsibilities, as deemed by state statute. As of the end of 2007, the division continues to be responsible for the compliance of 2,660 sex offenders in Nebraska. The following are some of the significant statistics and information from this last year.

There are three investigators assigned to SOR. The work done by these investigators is significant in keeping the number of offenders in the registry compliant, and does not include cases and compliance checks done by other troop area investigators and/or other agencies involved in enforcing the SOR statutes. There were 200 new cases, which accounted for 114 arrests and 1,079 supplemental reports. In addition, there were approximately 100 noncompliance cases and 1,462 outside agency contacts made.

The SOR civilian support staff continued to be a vital link in 2007 in making sure sex offenders stay compliant. This includes proper notification to those necessary, to advise of the whereabouts of offenders in the registry. During 2007, the staff was responsible for 2,292 completed address verifications. They handled 987 calls and requests from the public or allied law enforcement agencies that included more than 50 webmaster inquiries that required a response.

The civilian staff also handled the community notification responsibilities. They were responsible for 237 name checks for other agencies, completing 408 initial notifications. They provided 562,604 e-mail notifications required for public and/or private agencies, along with 56,970 fax notifications. The staff conducted 78,960 telephone notifications to the same 6,529 required public and/or private institutions statewide.

The civilian contingent of the SOR Division is also responsible for risk assessments and hearings conducted regarding offenders. The SOR Division conducted 523 risk assessments on offenders already in the system. Also during the 2007 time period, offenders requested 174 hearings to address or appeal their assessed levels in the registry with 75 of those hearings being held.

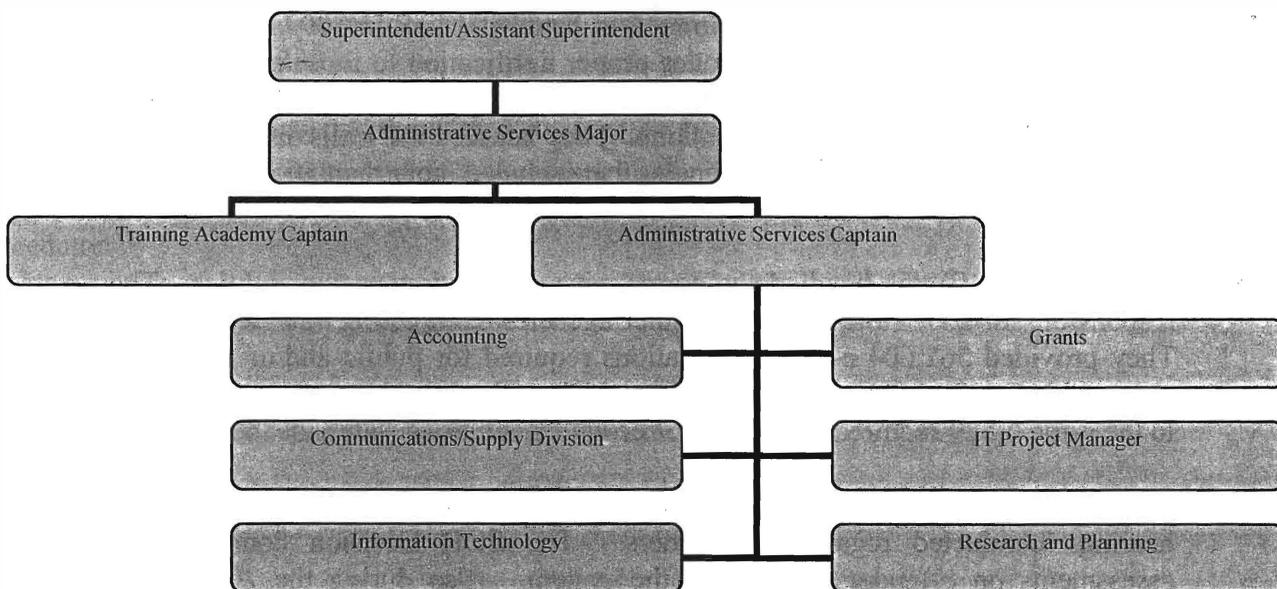
One significant event regarding the NSP SOR Division was a compliance sweep held in Douglas County on August 20, 2007. It involved four agencies that consisted of 30 officers from the NSP, Omaha Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff, and the US Marshall. During this sweep, there were approximately 250 Level 3 sex offenders that were checked for compliance. Fifteen offenders were not in compliance and were either jailed or did self comply.

# Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division is under the command of Major Rhonda Lahm. Major Lahm oversees the Patrol's Homeland Security efforts and the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy. Captain Russell Stanczyk oversaw Communications Operations, Research and Planning, Grants, Supply, Accounting, and Information Technology and supported Major Lahm.



**Major Rhonda Lahm**



## **Administrative Services Division**

### **Communications and CLEIN Network Divisions**

In June of 2007, the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) went live with their new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system in all seven locations across the State of Nebraska. This was a long awaited improvement, not to mention a new learning curve for not only the dispatchers in the communications rooms around the state, but for the troopers in their cars as well. Overall, this has been a huge improvement and a much-needed piece of equipment for the NSP. It improves officer safety and our record keeping function at the same time.

In August of 2007, each communications center received new ergonomic dispatch consoles. These consoles replace those that have been in place since the 1950's. This added a great deal of necessary space and comfort to a very stressful job.

During the year, the NSP received 7,447 telephone calls on the Emergency Highway Helpline. These calls all ring into the communications center located in Lincoln and are immediately transferred to the area of the state where the emergency is located.

The NSP also sent a combined 479,716 messages over their teletype system to other law enforcement agencies. During that same period of time, they received a total of 1,798,463 messages.

The NSP is also responsible for the statewide message switch through the Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN). This piece of equipment links all of Nebraska's law enforcement agencies to all of the rest of the law enforcement agencies across the United States and beyond. During this time frame, the CLEIN network sent 22,625,599 messages and received 41,742,142 messages, for a combined 64,367,741 messages for the year. That is an average of 176,350 per day.

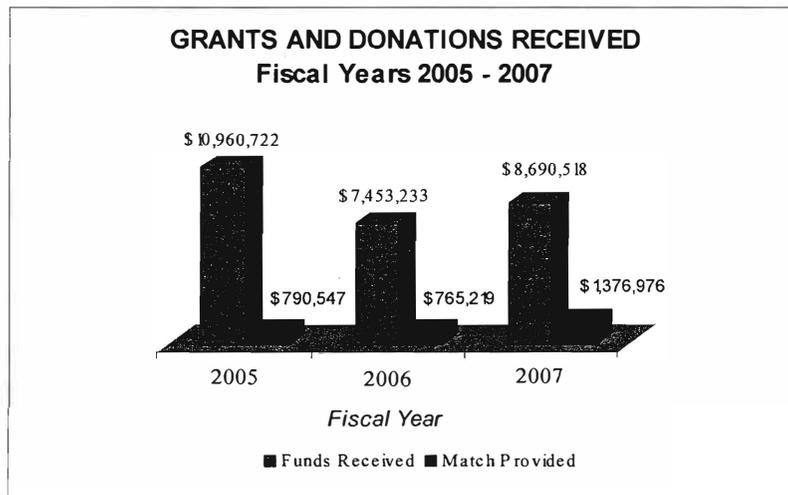
The staff of the CLEIN Network also certified/recertified 1,557 teletype operators; conducted 47 agency audits; handled nearly 3,000 requests from users for technical teletype assistance; handled 1,037 agency requests for administrative teletype assistance; and instructed eleven National Crime Information Center (NCIC) classes.

### **Grants Division**

During fiscal year 2007, the Nebraska State Patrol received more than \$8.6 million dollars in grants. For each \$1 paid in matching funds, the agency received \$6.31 in grants and donations. Eighty grant projects funded 52 full-time employee positions during the fiscal year, training and equipment. Grants in 2007 focused on programs such as:

- homeland security, with funds devoted to the establishment of the Nebraska Fusion Center;

- traffic and commercial motor vehicle safety;
- enhanced DNA analysis capabilities at the State Crime Lab;
- response to bomb incidents, through the purchase of a bomb robot; and
- methamphetamine-related crimes.



Law enforcement agencies nationwide are experiencing a decrease in federal funds for drug and violent crime and homeland security. The decrease is a threat to established drug task forces, the Nebraska interoperable communications project and the development of a fusion center.

## Information Technology Division

The Nebraska State Patrol Information Technology Division enjoyed continued success in 2007. In its mission to provide information technology resources and support to the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), the Division achieved the following major milestones:

- Working cooperatively, the NSP Traffic Services and Carrier Enforcement Divisions along with the Nebraska Crime Commission expanded deployment of the Traffic Accident and Citation System (TraCs) to include portable scales and a number of Traffic Services units. In 2007, the NSP issued 33,276 electronic citations.
- The Information Technology Division in cooperation with the Radio Engineering and Traffic Divisions deployed new radio console operator workstations in the six dispatch centers around the state. Additional operator workstations were added to all dispatch centers and new radio and computer equipment was deployed.
- The Information Technology Division assisted in the deployment of a new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system in every dispatch center throughout the state. The system included from between three and five CAD workstations in

every troop area and included assisting with over five weeks of training for dispatchers, supervisors and communications center personnel.

- The Information Technology Division completed the migration of the Patrol Criminal History (PCH) or Statewide Criminal Record Repository from the state mainframe to a server-based system within the State Patrol Enterprise System.
- The Information Technology Division installed new Livescans at all the troop area offices allowing officers to identify subjects via fingerprints as well as fingerprint all Conceal Carry Weapon (CCW) permit applicants.
- The Information Technology Division brought the new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) system on line in March including the deployment of 20 mobile two-finger identification devices which allow remote wireless fingerprint identification.
- The Information Technology Division conducted a basic computer use course course for the new recruits.
- The Information Technology Division conducted various basic computer use training sessions for in-service curriculums.
- The Information Technology Division Multiple Federal Motor Carrier software upgrades were performed throughout the year.
- The Division is now providing support for:
  - Over 800 users
  - 60 servers
  - 475 PC's
  - 230 laptops
  - 200 laser and inkjet printers
  - Dozens of Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) and custom applications.

## **Supply/Electronic Engineering Division**

The mission of the Supply Unit is to provide and direct the purchasing, issuing, and inventory of equipment and supplies for the agency.

The mission of the Electronic Engineering Unit is to provide two-way radio communication and also to repair electronic and radio equipment for the agency.

- 118 new units issued.
- Provided surveillance equipment and installations for the Nebraska Law Enforcement Intelligent Network.
- Installed new console equipment housings at each dispatch center.



- Instructed at the annual NeLEIN training.
- Utilized the troop area repair day to provide 324 unit equipment repairs.
- Accompanied assignments of mobile command post.
- Expanded the installation of equipment to include six Dodge Chargers.
- Acquired and supplied all items for new recruit training camp #52.
- Relocated Troop A and B dispatch centers.
- Processed 3,345 purchase orders.
- Prepared 30 bid specifications, secured 13 commodity contracts and 13 service contracts; projects include a Noritsu printer/processor, Tower Trailer w/ shelter, communication dispatcher consoles, digital 35MM cameras, body armor, 2008 vehicles, contract with the University of Cincinnati to identify best practices in drug interdiction activities and the Sex Offender Notification VINE contract.

## **Training Academy**

The Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy (NSPTA) provides a wide range of training opportunities to our employees and many outside agencies. The NSPTA is responsible for recruit training, in-service training for both sworn and civilian, advanced and specialized training, and instructor certifications.

The NSPTA is made up of seven sworn and three civilian personnel. In addition to instructional duties, the staff is involved as program coordinators, SWAT operators, and Bomb Techs. Several are members of several advisory boards. The NSPTA staff is also responsible for reviewing all pursuits and weapon discharges.

- Recruit Training has increased from 20 weeks to 24 weeks. Recruits receive training in all areas of law enforcement using both classroom and practical application and testing methods.
- In-service training provided for all employees, sworn and civilian is an annual event. In-service courses begin in November and typically ends the following June.
- Advanced and Specialized classes are planned as training needs are identified through the Annual Training Report development process; this includes instructor certification courses, SWAT annual, SWAT Basic.

A summary of the number of sessions, hours and Training Academy staff involvement in the Recruit, In-service, and Specialized training processes is provided below:

	Length of camp	Number of instructional hours	Number of graduates	% of total instructional hours taught by Training Academy Staff
Recruit Camp 52 began July 30, 2007	24 weeks	1164 hours	24	46%

Centralized In-service	Number of days per session	Number of hours per session	Number of sessions	% of course taught by Training Academy Staff
Commanders	2.5	17	1	12%
Lieutenants	1.5	10	2	20%
Sergeants	3	24	2	21%
Traffic Services	3	22	6	18%
Carrier Services	3	22	2	18%
Investigative Services	2.5	18	2	14%
Civilian	1	8	5	50%
Dispatchers	1	8	3	75%
<b>ALL SESSIONS TOTAL</b>	48.5	361	23	
<b>Specialized Training</b>	24 courses	In 50% of all Specialized Training courses, a Training Academy staff member was the lead instructor.		
.5 hour training	1			
4 hour training	1			
8 hour training	1			
2 day trainings	6			
3 day trainings	7			
4 day trainings	2			
5 day trainings	5			
6 day trainings	1			

## 2007 Nebraska State Patrol Special Awards

A total of 174 awards were presented to Nebraska State Patrol personnel and private citizens during 2007.

### Superintendent's Commendation Award

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

#### 2007 recipients:

Investigator Nathan Jacobsen

Trooper William Price

### 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 NSP.

#### 2007 recipients:

Sergeant Shane Flynn  
Trooper Robert Almquist

Trooper Christopher Mannel  
Trooper Jason Sears

The following were also recognized with Distinguished Services Awards upon their retirement in 2007:

Major Arlan "Andy" Anderson  
Forensic Laboratory Supervisor Kathy Ayres  
Lieutenant Judy Bailey  
Trooper Jeff Barnes  
Office Supervisor Reba Bowen  
Sergeant Hank Bruner  
Trooper Doug Carmichael  
Captain Jim Doggett  
Trooper Todd Donnelly  
Sergeant Beth Hagemeyer

Investigator Richard Haseloh  
Communications Specialist David Jacobs  
Staff Assistant I Arthee Nelson  
James Ogburn  
Sergeant Bruce Papstein  
Sergeant Edwin Petersen  
Sergeant Gary Plank  
Sergeant Gerald Sieck  
Staff Assistant I Janice Swick  
Investigator Michael Tumbleson

## **Superintendent's Group Citation Award**

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".

### **2007 recipients:**

Lieutenant Dan Doggett	Trooper Eric Aho
Lieutenant Mike Jahnke	Trooper Keith Bell
Sergeant Greg Kalhoff	Trooper Gordon Downing
Sergeant Tim Pickering	Trooper Justin Grint
Sergeant Kurt VonMinden	Trooper Paul Jacobson
Investigator Alan Eberle	Trooper Rob Pelster
Investigator Scott Haugaard	Trooper Kerry Rogers
Investigator Richard Lutter	Trooper Donald Trimble
Investigator Charles O'Callaghan	Trooper Sean Velte
Investigator Anthony Sattlefield	Trooper Seth Wimer
Investigator Jason Scott	

## **Life Saver Award**

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

### **2007 recipients:**

Lieutenant Frank Peck	Security Communications Supervisor
Investigator Jeremiah Johnson	Tim Meguire
Trooper Timothy Baumann	Security Director Allen Johnson
Trooper Anthony Frederick	Staff Assistant I Diane Conley
Trooper Jeremy Strack	

## **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.

### **2007 recipients:**

Sergeant Lee Jacobsen	Trooper Art Frerichs
Sergeant Kevin Krzyzanowski	Trooper Dave Hunter
Sergeant Kevin Waugh	Trooper Dave Johnson
Investigator Brian Eads	Trooper Lance Mooney
Trooper Chris Baer	

## 2007 Managers of the Year

Captain Brad Rice

Information Technology Manager Terry Pell

## 2007 Employees of the Year

Trooper Ron Kissler

Investigator Paul Smoot

## 2007 Promotions

(Lincoln unless otherwise noted)

Angie Adle	Evidence Technician to Fingerprint Technician in Criminal Identification Division
Jason Arensdorf	IT Infrastructure Applications Developer to IT Infrastructure Applications Developer/Senior
Jamey Balthazor	Investigative Services to Sergeant in Traffic Services, Lexington
Lisa Banks	Staff Assistant II to Administrative Assistant I
Monica Bartling	Investigative Services, to Investigative Services Sergeant, Scottsbluff
Joel Bergman	Investigative Services, Syracuse, to Sergeant in Carrier Enforcement, Grand Island
Steven Carey	Communications Specialist to Communications Specialist Supervisor
Craig Cheney	Security Guard to Security Communications Specialist
Daniel Doggett	Investigative Services Sergeant, Omaha, to Carrier Enforcement Lieutenant, Lincoln
Bridget Driver	Fingerprint Technician to Forensic Scientist in Latent Fingerprints
Trina Farritor	Criminal Identification Division Technician to Human Resources Assistant
Suzy Fredrickson	IT Infrastructure Support Analyst/Senior to IT Supervisor
Jason Halouska	Trooper in Carrier Enforcement to Sergeant in Carrier Enforcement, Nebraska City
Kirk Hansel	Sergeant to Lieutenant in Traffic Services, North Platte
Scott Kracl	Traffic Services Sergeant, Omaha, to Investigative Services Lieutenant, Omaha
Gerald Krolikowski	Carrier Enforcement Lieutenant to Carrier Enforcement Captain
Kevin Krzyzanowski	Investigative Services to Traffic Services Sergeant, Scottsbluff

Scott Lackas	Investigative Services, Norfolk, to Carrier Enforcement Sergeant, Norfolk
Thomas Meola	Investigative Services, Lincoln, to Investigative Services Sergeant, Omaha
Sarah Meyer	Evidence Technician to Staff Assistant II
Kyle Otte	Investigative Services Sergeant to Investigative Services Lieutenant, Scottsbluff
Kerry Pavel	Fingerprint Technician to Staff Assistant II in Carrier Enforcement
Chris Peters	Human Resources Assistant to Human Resources Officer
Charles Phillips	Investigative Services Lieutenant, Omaha, to Investigative Services Captain, Lincoln
Robert Rose	Trooper in Traffic Services, Norfolk, to Traffic Services Sergeant, Broken Bow
Carla Schreiber	Investigative Services Sergeant, Norfolk, to Investigative Services Lieutenant, Lincoln
April Scriven	Communications Specialist to Communication Specialist Supervisor
Vicki Streeter	Carrier Enforcement Sergeant to Carrier Enforcement Lieutenant
Bryce Triplett	Traffic Services to Traffic Services Sergeant, Omaha
Mariana Ward	Forensic Laboratory Scientist to Forensic Laboratory Supervisor