



# NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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July 2010

Dear Citizens of Nebraska:

This annual report provides an informative look at the efforts, accomplishments, and challenges of the Nebraska State Patrol for calendar year 2010. During this time, the Nebraska State Patrol continued to enhance its reputation as the finest law enforcement agency in the state. Without the invaluable contributions of all employees from every division working together, the Agency never would have been able to reach and exceed our goals and objectives for the year.

The citizens of the state of Nebraska rely on the Nebraska State Patrol to serve as a front line of defense against those who bring harm to our communities through criminal actions and other forms of illegal activities. This Agency performs investigations of crimes that range from traffic-related offenses to extremely complex crime scenes all over the state. Additionally, the Agency has the ability to provide a long list of support services to our officers as well as municipal police and county agencies which allows for greater use of resources in addition to fostering valuable professional relationships.

As Colonel, it has been my pleasure to work with all employees of the organization, both sworn and civilian, to ensure that our citizens receive the highest possible level of service from the Nebraska State Patrol. All departments in state government are being tasked with finding ways to operate effectively and efficiently with reduced spending. During 2010, the Nebraska State Patrol continued to perform at a high level even though many positions have been left vacant.

People in Nebraska are resilient and persevere when times are tough. Nebraska is no different than any other state in this aspect. Unfortunately, as the economy declines, crime seems to increase for those having financial difficulty as well as those who are motivated by greed. Knowing that, it is important for our officers in the field to be ever vigilant in the hunt for those performing evil.

As a way to maximize resources, the Nebraska State Patrol is utilizing and leveraging technology, training, and coordination as a way to provide superior service as well as increasing the awareness of crime and its detrimental effects on our state and citizens.

The Nebraska Information and Analysis Center (NIAC) was formed several years ago using grants and funds formed through the Department of Homeland Security. As the concept of a fusion center moves forward, NIAC provides an avenue for all state, federal, and local law enforcement agencies and participating private partners to receive, validate, analyze, and disseminate intelligence information for all crimes and all hazards.

The core mission of the Nebraska State Patrol involves the reduction and severity of motor vehicle crashes through various enforcement methods. A reflection of this success can be seen when data from year to year are compared. During 2010, there were 186 highway fatalities and this number represents the second smallest number since record-keeping began 73 years ago. Knowing that even just one fatality is too many, the troopers in the Patrol Division are working diligently to continue to preserve and protect life.

As the Nebraska State Patrol moves forward and evolves, one thing that remains constant is the Agency's promise to serve the public with honesty, professionalism, and distinction. Serving in my capacity as the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, I pledge to continue providing professional service for the citizens of the great state of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Sankey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David A. Sankey, Colonel  
Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety

## 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 and drug laws, investigating crimes, and enforcing the laws and regulations pertaining to 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 73-year history, the NSP has accepted additional duties and responsibilities. It is also a nationally accredited law enforcement agency dedicated to serving the citizens of Nebraska.

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

The 2010 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.

OFFICER SAFETY

HONESTY

ADAPTABILITY

SELF-DISCIPLINE

PERFORMANCE DRIVEN

SENSE OF URGENCY

TEAM ORIENTED

## VALUE STATEMENT

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the NSP 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 NSP.

## CORE VALUES

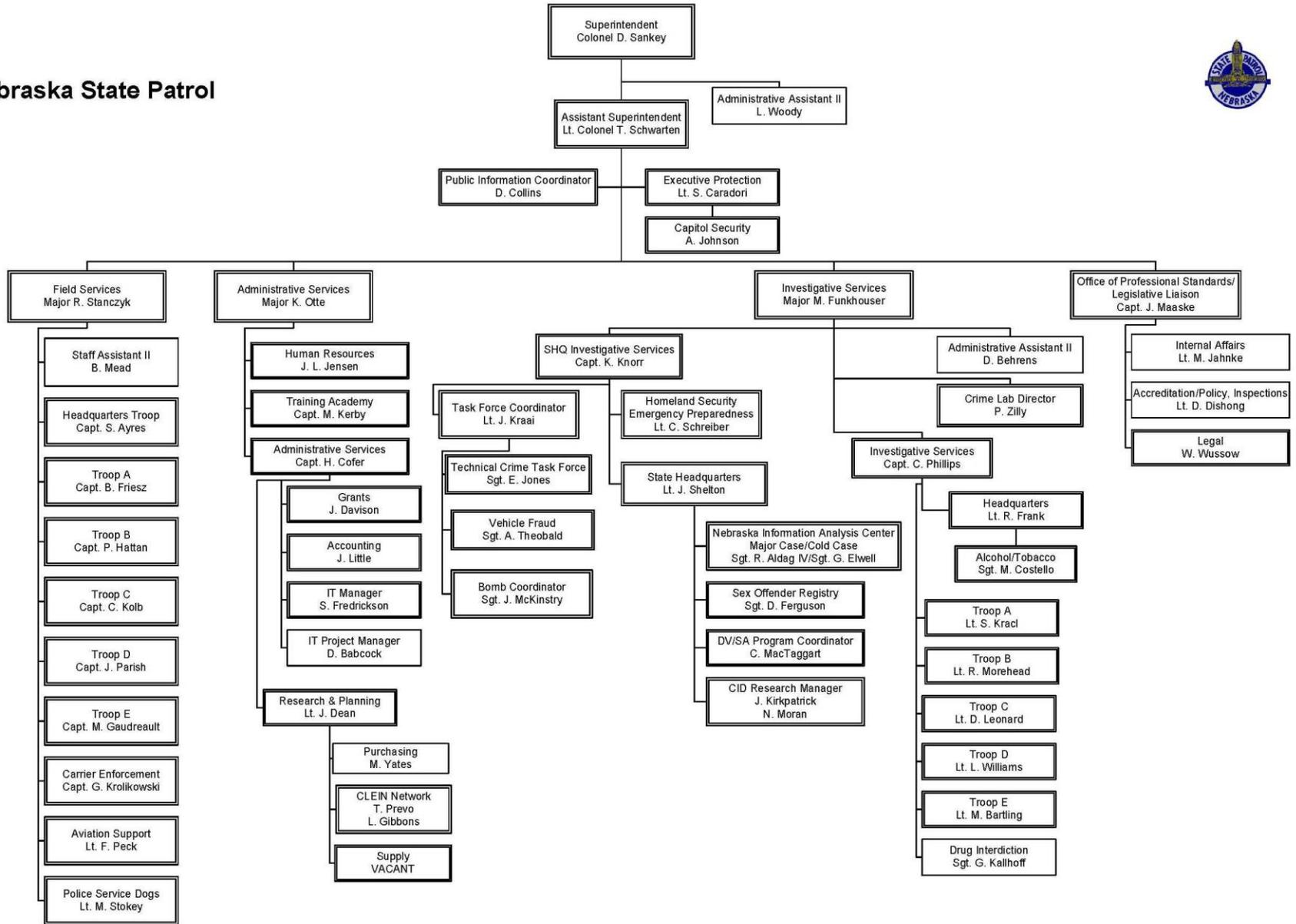
The NSP's Core Values are introduced to the new recruits when they begin their career and training at the NSP Training Academy in Grand Island. After the daily flag lowering ceremony, the class chants the Core Values, which are incorporated into the Call for Service.

*"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."*

PROFESSIONALISM

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

# Nebraska State Patrol





# NEBRASKA STATE PATROL COMMAND ADMINISTRATION



**GOVERNOR  
DAVE HEINEMAN**



**COLONEL DAVID SANKEY  
SUPERINTENDENT**



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS SCHWARTEN  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

# SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

The Office of the Superintendent oversees the Agency's goals and objectives, policies, and procedures and organizational structure and is under the supervision of Colonel David Sankey, Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety. Second in command to the Colonel is Assistant Superintendent Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Schwarten. Lt. Colonel Schwarten directly oversees the Major Divisions of Field, Investigative, and Administrative Services. In addition, Lt. Colonel Schwarten oversees the Divisions of Executive Protection, Professional Standards and Public Information.

## EXECUTIVE PROTECTION / STATE CAPITOL SECURITY DIVISION

The Executive Protection/Capitol Security Division consists of uniformed officers of the Executive Protection Division and civilian employees from the State Capitol Security Division. The Executive Protection/State Capitol Security Division of the Nebraska State Patrol is charged with the safety and security of the Governor, Nebraska Supreme Court, Appeals Court, and the Unicameral.

## DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Division of Professional Standards is under the Command of Captain Julie Maaske. Captain Maaske serves as the agency's Legislative Liaison and is responsible for and oversees the Divisions of Internal Affairs, the Legal Division, and the Accreditation/Policy Division.

As a whole, the Professional Standards Division is tasked with ensuring that the infrastructure of the agency is such that the agency and its employees can perform with a high level of professionalism, thereby providing a high level of public service. The goal of the Division is to ensure uniformity of professional conduct within the agency through the development and deployment of agency policy, the proper application of those policies, an internal inspections process, and an administrative investigation process when alleged misconduct occurs.

During 2010, there was a significant increase in the number of investigated cases by the Internal Affairs Division. A total of 72 individual cases were investigated during the calendar year 2010. This is an increase of 26 from 2009, and the highest recorded total dating back to at least 1998. The total number of complaints received in 2010 was recorded at 206. Despite the spike in investigated cases this was the lowest number of received since 2007, which was 43. For the third year in a row the number of unit accidents has decreased.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE



The Public Information Office (PIO) of the Nebraska State Patrol consists of two employees, a Public Information Coordinator and a Forensic Audio/Video Specialist.

As a support division within the Agency, the Public Information Coordinator is responsible for media relations, media training, coordination of news conferences, speech and article writing, and assisting with the Agency's website.

Working in conjunction with the Audio/Video Specialist, the Public Information Coordinator produces educational and training videos and develops Public Service Announcements used to further the Patrol's safety messages.

The PIO also produces the Nebraska State Patrol's newsletter, the *Informer*. The *Informer* is published quarterly and available for viewing on the Nebraska State Patrol website. The PIO also maintains the Patrol's Facebook page and Twitter account, created in December of 2010.



**1,822 FANS**

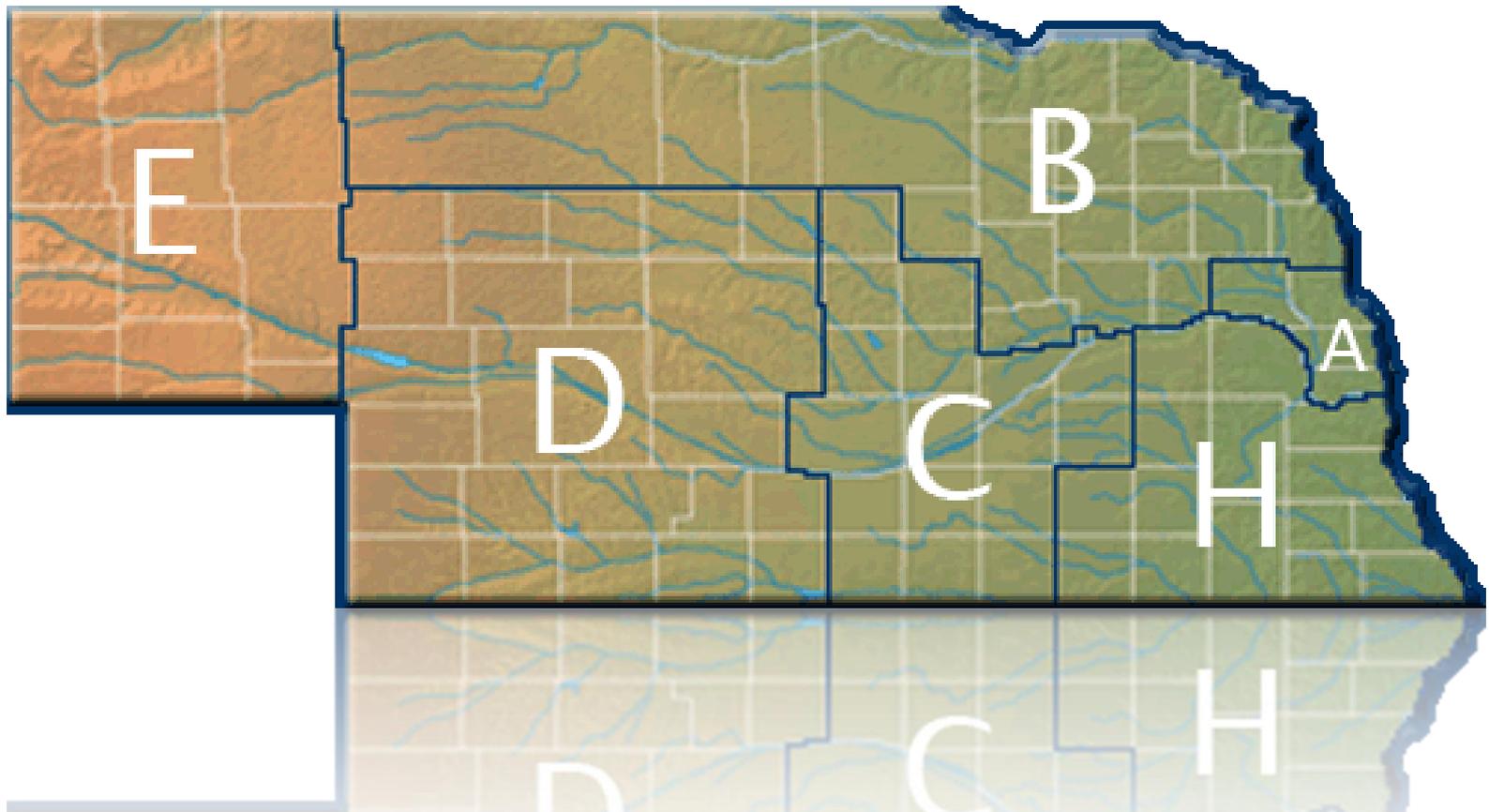


**39 FOLLOWERS**

For the year 2010, broadcast media ran 1,503 stories focusing on the Nebraska State Patrol. The Patrol received more than 39 hours of airtime on broadcast stations across the state of Nebraska, reaching an audience of 24,844,907 viewers. The 39 hours of air time received by the agency have an AD equivalency of \$1,981,630 and a publicity value of \$4,349,955.



# TROOP AREAS



# FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

The Nebraska State Patrol Field Services Division includes the divisions of Patrol, Carrier Enforcement, Police Service Dogs (PSD), Aviation Support, Community Policing, and Communications. The Field Services Division is under the command of Major Russell Stanczyk.

Uniformed troopers assigned to six Troop Area Headquarters patrolled by driving more than 10,000,000 miles of Nebraska roadways. By leveraging technology such as real time crash data and analyzing calls for service, troopers are placed in areas where they can be most effective.

The Field Services Division combines traffic enforcement, public education and cooperation with allied agencies as it strives for fatality free roadways.

New technology allows the troopers efficient methodologies to assist the citizens of Nebraska such as Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) to send troopers on calls for service, Records Management System (RMS), and digital in-car cameras to document their actions. The troopers

utilizing the Mobile Data Computer (MDC) issues electronic citations and accident reports, and communications are being expanded through a new statewide radio system.

Even with all of the technological advances, the goal of the troopers in the Field Serves Division remains the same, to protect and serve the citizens traveling Nebraska roadways. The overall number of fatalities on the roadways in the State of Nebraska decreased from 223 in 2009 to 186 in 2010.



**MAJOR  
RUSSELL STANCZYK**



## TROOP A

In 2010, Troop A staff managed the Omaha Metro Safety Initiative enforcement effort for the third year in a row. The culmination of this project over the past three years has resulted in numerous arrests and created safer communities in the Metro Area. The extra effort reduced the incidents of gang violence and brought significant media attention to the problem as well as public support toward the efforts of law enforcement.

Troop A attended a workshop hosted by the Department of Justice and the National Institute of Highway Safety Administration to address crime trends in the Metro Area. The Omaha and Lincoln Police Departments and the Sarpy and Douglas County Sheriffs offices participated in the workshop. A DDACTS (Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety) working group was developed. Today all agencies are sharing their crime trends and enforcement maps with each other to better identify hot zones in the metro area. This has developed into a unified effort among all participating agencies to address crime and traffic safety in the Metro area.

Vice President Joe Biden made a scheduled visit to Omaha. Patrol Troopers assisted the Omaha police with route coordination and traffic control. Due to the close relationships with our other law enforcement partners, the Vice President's visit was a success.

The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) reported a hit on a firearm that was seized during a traffic stop in Troop A. A Trooper took the time to look beyond the stop and located a concealed weapon in a vehicle. The weapon was submitted for testing and discovered to have been used in several other crimes in the Omaha area. This was one of only 15 hits on a firearm in NIBIN system and the first for the Nebraska State Patrol.

## TROOP B

During 2010, uniformed officers responded to 4,492 calls for service. These calls included crash investigations, assistance to allied agencies, programs for schools and civic organizations, and various criminal and drug investigations. The fatality rate dropped significantly from 39 in 2009 to 24 in 2010. Applied Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), combined with dedication to duty, educational efforts and a zero tolerance on seatbelt violations are credited in bringing about this positive result.

Adverse weather conditions dominated the troop area during 2010. In the months of January and February, blizzards accompanied by sub zero temperatures, immobilized the north central and eastern parts of the troop area with zero visibility and 12 foot snow drifts. In a joint effort with the Department of Roads, a total of 1,533.5 man hours were dedicated to clearing

the roadways of both snow and vehicles. Torrential rains in June brought forth massive flooding in the lower two thirds of the troop area, causing severe damage to both property and roadways. One fatality occurred when a Nebraska Central Rail Road trestle bridge collapsed into the Elkhorn River near Norfolk. Troopers provided 1,436 hours of assistance in ten counties to Emergency Management, County and State Roads, and allied agency personnel in the form of security, evacuations, traffic control, rescues, and recovery efforts. Damage estimates from this flooding are in the tens of millions of dollars range.

## TROOP C

During 2010, Troop C faced many planned events and spontaneous occurrences. Even with all of these events, fatalities in the troop area decreased from 49 in 2009 to 34 in 2010.

In June, troopers assisted the Kearney County Sheriff's Office with traffic directions for the Cattleman's Ball. In mid June, heavy rains in the Central Nebraska region inundated the area rivers and streams causing a privately owned earthen dam near North Loup to fail. This resulted in flood waters coming into North Loup and damaging property and structures. Heavy rains also caused the failure of the Ericson Dam on the Cedar Creek. Flood waters traveled down the creek to the southeast causing damage to land, bridges, and temporarily threatening a diversion dam in Spalding. State Patrol personnel and air assists were used to monitor flooding and assess damage.

On July 17, troopers assisted the Kearney Police Department with the annual Cruise Night. This evening generated 96 citations, 23 warnings, 17 violations, and 1 arrest on a warrant. In addition, 57 MIP arrests were made along with the arrest of 5 drunk drivers.

The first ever Grand Island based Nebraska State Fair was held at the new fairground. The agency provided the normal component of personnel from throughout the state for fairground security. Troop C personnel worked with the additional traffic volumes that occurred in and around the Grand Island area. They assisted with traffic backups due to large crowds, extra enforcement efforts as traffic flowed into the event, and provided a pickup born programmable message board to assist in efficient traffic flow into the fairgrounds. Husker Harvest Days followed the State Fair bringing people into the Grand Island area once again. A significant modification to the usual traffic plan was put into place this year and proved to be very successful. Troop C personnel worked with NDOR, Husker Harvest Days Staff, Hall County Road Department, and a private company, Trafcon, to establish one way traffic flow inbound to the site during the morning hours and outbound from the site during the afternoon. This resulted in decreased wait time for event goers both coming to and leaving the site. More significantly though was the fact that there were no crashes during the entire three day event.

## TROOP D

During 2010, troopers in Troop D patrolled 1,003,756 miles, stopped 29,653 motorists, investigated 405 traffic crashes, made 1,212 arrests for impaired driving and other alcohol related violations, issued summonses for 1,658 restraint violations, and responded to 26,120 calls for service. Each trooper averaged just over 900 calls for service and assisted allied agencies in 879 calls. There was a reduction of traffic deaths by 30% in the troop area.

During 2010, troopers in Troop D conducted 100 public safety programs and took part in enforcement initiatives. Enforcement initiatives were allocated to DUI enforcement, seat belt enforcement, the resurgence of Comstock Festivals, and alcohol at State Parks. In addition to the Comstock Festival, troopers also responded to the Sandhills Summer Jam and the Chase County Fair.

## TROOP E

During 2010, Troop E migrated to primary utilization of the new Statewide radio system. With the new radio system in place, Troop E personnel issued a total of 34,427 violations to the motoring public while enforcing Nebraska's laws. Included in that number were 17,382 speeding violations, 178 impaired drivers, 79 arrests for minor in possession, and 1,128 seatbelt and child restraint violations.

Troop E's Community Service Officer conducted 102 demonstrations utilizing the seat belt convincer and roll-over display. Seventy-six public service announcements were completed to the media in the Panhandle including several which were read at school sporting events. Troop E's CSO conducted 128 public safety programs and presentations covering topics such as internet predator, sexting, alcohol and drug abuse, and trends in drug usage.

## HEADQUARTERS TROOP

In 2010, Headquarters Troop personnel wrote a total of 71,098 summons, warnings and violations to the motoring public while enforcing Nebraska's laws. In that number, there were 32,091 speeding violations, 375 arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol, 214 arrests for minor in possession of alcohol, and 1,220 seatbelt and child restraint violations. During this timeframe, Headquarters Troop personnel also presented a total of 339 educational and demonstration programs in our 15 county troop area.

In 2010, there were 43 crash fatalities in the Headquarters Troop area; compared to 32 in 2009. This was the second lowest number experienced in the last ten years. With more educational programs and demonstrations on the horizon, along with increased enforcement activities, it is our hope to drop that number to an all time low.



## AVIATION SUPPORT DIVISION



The pioneers of the Nebraska State Patrol foresaw a need for aircraft to assist in the enforcement of the laws of the State of Nebraska. Over 60 years ago, aircrafts were first used by the Nebraska Safety Patrol in performing duties in the interest of public safety. This was the beginning of airborne law enforcement in Nebraska.

Today's missions exist for the enforcement of traffic laws as it did from the beginning and the assumption of daily roles in the further interest of public safety. Utilizing a 2005 Bell 407 helicopter, two Cessna T206H Stationaires, one Cessna 182RG and a Piper Super Cub, duties involve the transportation of agency personnel, search and rescue, surveillance, and photography.

During 2010, there were 118 hours devoted to Selective Enforcement activities to include the areas of DWI , motorcycles, Project Safe Streets, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)/Omaha Police Department task force, FBI/DEA task force, and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission spot lighting. There were 4,353.3 hours devoted to the areas of Aerial enforcement, searches, assisting other agencies, and mission flights.



## CARRIER ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Carrier Enforcement Division is an essential component of the State Patrol's Field Services Division, playing an integral part in ensuring that Nebraska's highways remain safe for the motoring public. While the Division has undergone many changes from its inception in 1954 as the Department of Roads Scales Section, its primary statutory responsibilities are still "to promote public safety" and "to preserve and protect the state highways and bridges from immoderate and destructive use." Made up of eighty-nine uniformed and eight civilian personnel, the Division is commanded by Captain Gerry Krolikowski.

Specially trained troopers operate twelve weigh stations and numerous portable scale units throughout Nebraska. Their main focus is to guarantee compliance with State Statutes and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations pertaining to the operation of commercial motor vehicles, motor coaches, and hazardous material transporters. Aside from its roadside efforts, the Division has an Investigative Section which conducts both Compliance Reviews and New Entrant Audits of Motor Carriers. Troopers work closely with their counterparts, not only within the Agency, but in conjunction with fellow allied law-enforcement agencies to protect and serve the citizens of Nebraska.

The Division knows the importance education plays in obtaining voluntary compliance with the law and improving highway safety. The Statutes and Regulations governing the operation of commercial motor vehicles are very complex; therefore the



Division dedicates many resources to developing and providing educational programs and materials to the trucking industry and other law enforcement personnel. Realizing the devastating consequences of an accident involving a truck and a car, the Division also provides education to the general public concentrating on the safe operation of passenger vehicles around commercial motor vehicles.

During 2010, there were 2,846 Traffic Enforcement Inspections (TEIs) conducted, 1,051,412 trucks weighed, 8,829 roadside fuel samples were tested, in which 44 samples tested positive resulting in \$11,750 in fines assessed by the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

# POLICE SERVICES DOG (PSD) DIVISION

The Nebraska State Patrol utilizes 13 dual-purpose police dogs. This means that the dogs are trained in detection work, either drug or explosive, and patrol work. Patrol work incorporates a number of tasks including handler protection, tracking, criminal apprehension, building and area searches, evidence recovery, and tactical operations.

Dual-purpose dogs must possess a number of drives to be successful. Selection of quality animals that possess these drives is essential to the workability of the dog. The dogs are tested and selected before training ever starts. Qualified personnel select the dog and it is paired with a prospective handler. Most of the dogs come from Europe where breeding for police work has been going on since the late 1800's. A handler must have a minimum of two years of experience as a trooper, compete in an interview process, physical fitness test, and finally an in-home interview. The dog and handler then report to the Grand Island Training Academy to be trained as a team. The dog stays at the home of the handler. It is important to be able to provide a good environment for that dog when it is not working. This also allows very rapid response if the PSD Team was called out. PSD Teams are on call at all times.

The Patrol currently provides Basic PSD training and annual recertification to the Iowa State Patrol and several law enforcement agencies in Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. The Patrol certifies 78% of Nebraska Law Enforcement agencies with a PSD program and provides 100% of all tactical dog certifications.

During 2010, there were 615 instances in which a PSD team was deployed. This generated 60 felony cases, and seized 1,182.9 lbs of marijuana, 0.53 lbs of cocaine, 9.44 lbs of methamphetamine, 17 vehicles, and 8 weapons. PSD Handlers participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nebraska Police Dog Championships, in which PSD Teams took 5 Gold, 7 Silver, and 3 Bronze Medals out of 12 events.



BRUNO



CAPONE



DEKON



EROS



FANGO



JACK



KODEN



MAX



NYXX



REX



VADER

## INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Investigative Services Division is under the command of Major Mark Funkhouser, and is comprised of approximately 110 sworn officers. Those officers and approximately 90 non-sworn personnel are assigned a variety of duties within the Division. Alcohol/Tobacco/Gaming Enforcement, Auto Fraud, Hazardous Device Technicians (Bomb Squad), Cold Case Unit, Criminal Identification Division, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness Coordination, Internet Crimes Against Children, and Cyber Crimes Task Force are among the various work groups in the Division. Investigative Services also includes the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory and The Nebraska Intelligence Fusion Center, referred to as the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC). The NIAC operates the Nebraska Statewide Crime Stoppers program. A priority focus for the division is the advancement of technical crimes investigation; this entails working with agencies within the state and federal government to respond to cyber attacks or intrusions against state and local computer networks which are recognized as critical infrastructure to government.



**MAJOR  
MARK FUNKHOUSER**

### TROOP A

Troop A Investigative Services conducted a variety of significant investigations in 2010 which resulted in multiple felony arrests. The Commercial Interdiction Unit (CIU) continues to lead the state with over 51 felony arrests and 14 Federal indictments. During the year, they seized 407 pounds of marijuana, 22 pounds of cocaine, 12 pounds of methamphetamine, and three firearms. Significant highlights include a lengthy financial crime investigation which led to the arrest of an accountant accused of embezzling at least \$70,000 from her clients and an allegation involving a public official which took investigators into a case that has spanned 10 years of civil probate, trusts, and wills.

Troop A continues to prepare for crimes involving Cyber Security and Child Exploitation. With the assistance of the Cyber Crimes Task Force (CCTF), investigators have established the Nebraska State Patrol as a leader in technical crimes. In 2010, Troop A logged over 20 Trillion unique IP addresses trading child pornography all over the world. This is a result of utilizing expertise to develop a virtual server concept developed by Patrol personnel in Omaha. In October, Patrol CCTF personnel were recognized by the US Attorney's Office for being responsible for 21 child exploitation indictments in a six month period. Troop A personnel conducted nine Peer 2 Peer (P2P) classes for 117 state, federal, and local law enforcement officers and 13 state and federal prosecutors.

The Nebraska State Patrol's CCTF personnel have been instrumental in almost doubling the indictment's for child exploitation type crimes from 27 in 2009 to 48 in 2010. Highlights in 2010 include, an individual who was the subject of a P2P warrant and was a live-in boyfriend who had access to his girlfriend's children. There were over 100,000 images and videos of child pornography located on his computer. Investigators drafted a federal arrest warrant for production of child pornography of a suspect in Grand Island, NE. This investigation was coordinated with multiple agencies and across several jurisdictions. In addition, 2010 provided two unique and rare circumstances with P2P investigators, identifying females trading child pornography. One culminated in a conspiracy indictment with her boyfriend and the other was a joint investigation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

## TROOP B

In January 2010, the Tri-State Task Force seized 1 pound of methamphetamine and a 9 mm weapon. Information from this arrest aided Federal authorities in Minnesota and in the Sioux City area, who seized an additional 32 pounds of methamphetamine, 3 pounds of cocaine, 10 pounds of marijuana, and a Porsche.

In March, investigators responded to a request by the Valentine Police Department for assistance in a homicide investigation. The Patrol collected and processed a substantial amount of evidence and participated in numerous interviews. Ultimately, a 22 year old woman was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to 20 years in prison for killing the 34 year old victim.

In May, there were two high profile cases. The first one involved an investigation of a Catholic Priest. The Priest was suspected of being involved in insurance fraud and arson at the Catholic Rectory, in which he reported a loss of over \$79,000. During a search warrant, numerous items were located that were reported as a total loss from the fire. The Patrol also assisted in an investigation in which a 14 year old was arrested in Burt County related to a house fire where a 4 year old was killed; indications of foul play were discovered at the scene.

In September, an attempted reverse delivery of marijuana was arranged in Sioux City, directed by the Tri State Drug Task Force. A motel room was equipped with audio and video surveillance to record the suspects and a confidential informant (CI). One suspect displayed a handgun and threatened to shoot the CI. Officers responded, apprehended one suspect outside of the motel room, then gained entry into the room and subdued the primary target without incident.

In addition, two search warrants were executed in Valentine following a several month drug investigation resulting in the arrest of eight suspects on drug and weapons charges. Cherry County Attorney described this as "the largest law enforcement operations of its kind ever in Cherry County."

## TROOP C

In early 2010, investigators were involved in a case of the death of a 4 year old boy. The autopsy revealed the cause of death was due to blunt force to the head but also indicated past abuse and malnutrition. The case was referred to investigators long after the abuse occurred but an intensive investigation using interview techniques and other methods was conducted. Investigators submitted a strong case to prosecutors which may result in four adults being prosecuted for crimes related to this boy's death.

In April, investigators identified and arrested a suspect of the Clay Center bank robbery through the use of area canvassing, recovery of discarded evidence, a firearm trace, positive DNA test result, and Facebook.

In August, due to numerous complaints and documented license violations, a large scale undercover operation was conducted at a local establishment. This investigation lead to two dancers being arrested for prostitution acts committed inside the bar, the bar's owner being cited for employing an under aged dancer, improper contact by dancers, and open containers being allowed outside the building, all of which ultimately led to the cancellation of the owner's liquor license.



## TROOP D

Troop D Criminal Investigation Unit had a successful 2010. Highlights include, investigations of a murder/suicide near Callaway, a suicide death near Ogallala, an attempted murder near Brule, an abduction and sexual assault in Ogallala, and an embezzlement case of the Keith County Attorney.

A highlight for the Drug Unit in 2010, was the rebuilding of the CODE Federal Drug Task Force. With new cooperative leadership at the North Platte Police Department, Troop D Investigative Services supervisors, drug investigators, Federal law enforcement agencies, local law enforcement agencies, and the task force were reorganized. The task force is currently operating in a highly cooperative effort to investigate the possession and distribution of methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, and pharmaceutically controlled substances.

## TROOP E

During 2010, Troop E Criminal and Drug Investigators excelled at providing education to citizens in the Panhandle of Nebraska. 70 public programs were provided to include a monthly radio show which was started at KSID radio in Sidney by a Troop E Investigator.

The Drug Division increased their case production by 172% over 2009. This in part was due to some reorganization and cooperating CI's.

The Criminal and Drug Divisions in April 2010 processed a murder scene which occurred in 2003. The body of the victim was located in a remote area in Southwestern Kimball County, buried under a wood pile. This homicide came to light after information was received from a female who had been arrested during an altercation in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The female had firsthand knowledge of the incident and provided investigators with substantial detail regarding the case. Also in 2010, the divisions worked an officer involved shooting for the city of Sidney. The Morrill County Assessor was found guilty of official misconduct for irregularities in the county's assessment practices.

## HEADQUARTERS TROOP

In 2010, Headquarters Troop Investigative Services became involved in a major marijuana distributing case that has, to date, netted two tons of marijuana, an airplane, several properties purchased with drug proceeds, and eight convictions in federal court. This case had a dramatic impact on the availability of marijuana in the Lincoln and Omaha metro areas.

The Headquarters Liquor Division set a goal of inspecting all 1200 liquor licenses in Headquarters Troop biannually. Through diligent effort and selective enforcement, this goal is on track.

The Headquarters Criminal Division continues to serve the eight State Institutions located in HDQ Troop. These include the State Penitentiary, LCC Penitentiary, D&E Penitentiary, Tecumseh State Penitentiary, State Work Release (CCCL), Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC), Youth Rehabilitation Treatment Center (YRTC), and the Lincoln Regional Center. These investigations range from death to theft.

## CRIME LAB

The mission of the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory is to serve as a state leader in the field of forensic science; to provide scientific and technical assistance and service to the State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies; to educate and disseminate scientific information to state and local agencies regarding forensic science matters. The key functions carried out by the Crime Laboratory in support of this mission include: to properly receive, record, retain and return physical evidence submitted to the Laboratory; to provide timely, effective and impartial forensic analysis in support of law enforcement activities; to provide expert testimony in courts of law; to provide instruction to law enforcement personnel and other members of the criminal justice system in the areas of collection and preservation of physical evidence, as well as the capabilities of the Laboratory; to implement health, safety and environmental laws and regulations, as well as laboratory security requirements; to provide educational information and support to individuals and agencies who request our help in exploring or developing forensic science as a profession; and to adhere to a quality assurance system that ensures that the final product generated by the Laboratory is of the highest quality possible while meeting the needs of the criminal justice community.

The Crime Laboratory currently includes the following analysis areas: Drug Chemistry, Latent Fingerprints, Biology/DNA, Trace Chemistry, Questioned Documents, Toxicology, Firearms and Tool Marks. During 2010, the Crime Laboratory had 4,389 assignments with a turnaround of 36.89 days, this is an increase of 6 assignments from 2009 with a 10.81 day decrease in turnaround.

## CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION AND HOMELAND SECURITY

The Nebraska State Patrol Criminal Intelligence Division consists of several smaller divisions. These divisions include the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC), Auto Fraud, Sex Offender Registry, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Hazardous Device Squad, and Criminal Identification.

Nebraska State Patrol's Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness strategy has incorporated critical infrastructure protection measures into the Homeland Security Strategic Plan for Nebraska. The Nebraska State Patrol continues to identify sector specific Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CI/KR) and report to the Department of Homeland Security through a data call process. This statewide initiative establishes a conduit for CI/KR information sharing. By establishing these relationships, Nebraska is working toward building a safer, more secure state. This enhances the protection of Nebraska's CI/KR in an effort to prevent, deter, neutralize, or mitigate the effects of deliberate efforts by terrorists to destroy, incapacitate, or exploit them; and strengthen Nebraska's preparedness, timely response, and rapid recovery in the event of an attack, natural disaster, or other emergency.



## NEBRASKA INFORMATION ANALYSIS CENTER (NIAC)

In 2010, the NIAC focused on a more comprehensive way of collecting, analyzing and disseminating information through technology driven projects. These assist in seeing information is analyzed and used in the completion of the NIAC mission and made available to those sectors for timely and efficient needs and response to any issue that may need to be addressed to better protect the public from crime and hazards.

In 2010, The NIAC was responsible for analyzing and dissemination of 475 requests for information, 1,685 intelligence reports, issued over 50 Law Enforcement specific Intelligence Bulletins, and over 50 Situational Awareness Products to the public and private sectors.

## AUTO FRAUD

During 2010, Nebraska State Patrol's Auto Fraud Division conducted 62 investigations. These investigations consisted of identity thefts, title fraud, altering of vehicle identification numbers, forgeries, and tax evasion. The Auto Fraud Division processed 498 out of state inspections during 2010 for Nebraska residents.

In 2010, the Auto Fraud Division started an Identity Fraud Task Force with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles Fraud Unit. Cases were developed through hits from the L1 Facial Recognition program which does nightly comparisons of driver's license photos taken daily. Plans for 2011 are to expand the task force with other state law enforcement agencies taking part in the enforcement and investigations of identity thefts.

One of the larger auto fraud cases investigated during 2010 involved a joint investigation with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicle Fraud unit, Nebraska Department of Revenue, and South Dakota authorities. This case involved an individual with 148 vehicles, some of which were titled outside of Nebraska, no sales tax had been paid on any of the vehicles. At this time the majority of the vehicles have been titled in Nebraska and a total of \$838,000 in sales tax and penalties have been paid back to the State of Nebraska.

## SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

January 2010, signed a marked change in how the Sex Offender Registry was administered as Nebraska worked to become compliant with the Federal Adam Walsh Act (AWA) with the passage of LB 285. With this legislation, the responsibilities of how and when an offender is required to initially register and advise any changes to their reported information were simplified, as well as elevating all violations of the Sex Offender Registry Act to a minimum of a Class IV Felony.

## INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC)

During 2010, the Nebraska ICAC task force initiated 499 ICAC investigations, made 79 arrests, received and investigated 76 Cyber Tips (received by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children), and provided 841 technical assists. Additionally, the Nebraska ICAC task force conducted 31 training sessions to 344 law enforcement personnel, 38 prosecutors, and 60 other individuals. In addition, the Nebraska ICAC task force conducted 102 presentations to 5,459 attendees.

## HAZARDOUS DEVICE SQUAD

Hazardous Devices Technicians (HDTs) were utilized approximately 78 times in 2010. These included but were not limited to render safe operations of the following: 1,056 destructive devices, 36 blasting caps, 7 military ordnance, 4 suspect packages, 3 other explosive disposals, and several hundred pounds of fireworks.

Other 2010 highlights include working with the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board (NBSCAB), FBI, and DHS to create changes in the Homeland Security Grants funding rules to benefit the Bomb Squad Community at both the local and national level.

## CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

During 2010, a total of 63,121 service requests were submitted through the applicant and permit section. This section completes fingerprint based and non fingerprint based background checks, issues permits, and processes information needed for licensing as mandated through Nebraska State Statute.

The second section in the Criminal Identification Division is the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). During 2010, the AFIS section processed 51,279 Live Scan submissions and 14,951 ink submissions. This is an overall increase of 11% from 2009.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Administrative Services Division is under the Command of Major Kyle Otte, and is comprised of ten support divisions. These support divisions include Grants, Research and Planning, Accounting, Supply/Radio Engineering, Project Management, Information Technology, Human Resources, Purchasing, Training Academy, and the Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN).



**MAJOR KYLE OTTE**

## ACCOUNTING

The Nebraska State Patrol Accounting Division performs a support role within the agency. These support operations include preparing budget requests, implementing approved budgetary appropriations, operating the payroll system, maintaining leave records for employees, ensuring that all vendors receive payment for their services, maintaining records, and reporting on all financial transactions within the agency.

The Accounting Division has been very busy implementing changes required by the EnterpriseOne system. All leave information is now reflected on the EnterpriseOne biweekly and monthly payroll for all employees to view. The Accounting Division cooperated with the Human Resource Division to ensure that all supervisors are correct in the EnterpriseOne system and to provide answers to requests for data from State Personnel. The division successfully completed the Version 9 upgrade to the EnterpriseOne System. The Accounting Division has been working with the Information Technology Division to develop a new system of time reporting and have reviewed proposed time sheets.

## COMBINED LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION NETWORK (CLEIN)

The Combined Law Enforcement Information Network (CLEIN) provides secure connectivity for 120 Nebraska law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, other national criminal justice related databases, and law enforcement agencies nationwide. The Nebraska State Patrol, as manager of the CLEIN system, also conducts statewide audits and certification training for the 120 user agencies and their 3,800 operators.

## GRANTS

The Grants Division oversees the development and implementation of agency projects funded through outside sources. A majority of the grant dollars received in fiscal year 2010 were federal funds devoted to crime, highway safety, and homeland security. County Drug Boards, traffic diversion programs, and private gifts also provided resources to the agency.

In addition to requesting and receiving grant funds, the Grants Division subgrants funds to other state and local governmental agencies. Federal funds from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grants Division provide a staff member to assist with the administration of HIDTA funds.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Division serves as a strategic partner working with command staff to accomplish multiple projects that have a significant impact to the operations of the agency. Recruitment and retention of individuals with the highest level of competencies is a critical function that affects the daily operations and future health of the agency.

During 2010, the Human Resources Division evaluated processes and policies in order to provide required documentation for the CALEA accreditation process. There was a significant amount of hours spent developing and updating information for



reports needed by the Professional Standards Division in order to meet the requirements to be CALEA accredited.

The Patrol received 1,148 contacts of interest in the sworn officer positions in 2009. When the position was posted, 340 completed applications were received. In March 2010, the agency received approval to hire 15 sworn officer candidates with a camp start date of May 3, 2010. The agency contacted the final 22 applicants from the 2009 process that were frozen due to budgetary constraints. Those 22 individuals' background information was updated and applicants were considered. Of the final 22 applicants, 13 were actually hired to start camp and 11 graduated in November 2010.

Agency staff served as one of nine agencies to develop and implement the State of Nebraska's Talent Management System. This consisted of an applicant tracking system through NEOGOV, learning management supported by Cornerstone on Demand, and performance management supported by Cornerstone on Demand. The implementation phase resulted in a learning process for all and initially additional time and effort was required to update old information for the new system. Overall, the new applicant tracking system has expedited the recruitment process.

During 2010, there were 53 positions posted, 24 resignations, 6 terminations, 16 retirements, 39 civilian new hires, 1,396 civilian applications processed, and 10 promotions.

## PURCHASING

The Purchasing Division facilitates the procurement of goods and services for the Nebraska State Patrol at pricing and quality that meets or exceeds the end user's expectations. Creating an environment where employing the most effective and innovative methods for procuring quality goods and services is at the heart of what this division does. Responsibilities include providing employees of the Nebraska State Patrol a service that fosters an ethical, responsive, efficient environment, and recognizes the division's obligations to suppliers and internal customers.

## SUPPLY/ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING DIVISION

The duty of the Supply Division is to provide and direct the issuing and inventory of equipment, uniforms, weapons, vehicles, and supplies for the agency.

The focus of the Electronic Engineering Division is to provide radio communication and the repair of electronic and radio equipment for the agency. The Electronic Engineering Division is also responsible for the installation of all safety, warning, and communication equipment in agency vehicles.

The Supply Division completed several projects this year including, entering all personal inventory into the RMS system, conferred with IT to produce the requested unit and inventory reports, trained Troop A and B personnel on NIS inventory and scanning procedures, labeled all designated Patrol equipment with a NIS bar code sticker, and provided DAS with NIS inventory.



## RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Restructuring at State Headquarters during December 2009 allowed for a number of changes to occur in many aspects which enabled employees to provide for better efficiency. The Research and Planning Division provides essential decision making support and assistance to the Command Staff. The operational effectiveness of the Division has improved greatly and will continue to grow.

Research and Planning worked a number of significant projects during 2010. Among them: Chief's Challenge, Bias-Based Policing Report, Selective Enforcement Analysis, Annual Report, Manpower Allocation, Public Opinion Survey, Conspicuity Study, Policy Development and Implementation, Guide to Grieving, and changes in Purchasing and at the Front-Desk to improve operations.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The focus of the Nebraska State Patrol Information Technology (IT) Division is to ensure agency efficiency by providing an information technology infrastructure and systems that are reliable, resilient, financially viable, and secure. This division strives to improve the agency's service to the public through the expanded use of communications, computing technology, and effective technology oversight. The IT team works to promote the effective integration of technology and facilitates the collection, storage, security, and integrity of electronic data while ensuring appropriate access. In addition, they work with the law enforcement community to provide technological leadership that fosters an open, collaborative, and unifying culture to stimulate the creation and exchange of information.

2010 was an extremely busy year for the agency's Information Technology Team. A few of the major accomplishments included successfully completing two critical audits of our environment, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) audit and the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) audit; as well as migrating to a new State Patrol Website, completing the statewide Mobile Data Computer (MDC) and in-car digital camera deployments, and beginning the implementation of the statewide fusion center.

Each of these activities required a significant amount of IT resources devoted to meeting, researching, designing, developing, configuring, troubleshooting, training, traveling, and deploying, while still responding to everyday responsibilities of maintaining and supporting existing systems and users.

## PROJECT MANAGER



The focus of the Project Management Division is to provide planning, acquisition, project management, contract management, oversight and direction for major projects the State Patrol is involved in. Project examples are the statewide radio project, Mobile Data Computers and implementation of a Records Management System.

2010 was a very eventful year for the State Patrol. New unit consoles with mounts and docking stations for the Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) and space to hold the new mobile radios were purchased and the installation was coordinated. Installation of these consoles and mounts was completed statewide for all marked Patrol units. This allowed the Patrol to schedule the deployment of the MDCs statewide along with the appropriate training by IT for the officers.

Troop E began to use the new Statewide Radio System (SRS) in February. Troop D and western Troop B began using the SRS in June. Troop C began using the SRS in October. New mobile radios, vehicle repeaters and portable radios for the SRS were ordered for Troop Areas A, B, C, H and S and arrived on time for the installations. The installation of radios was scheduled, coordinated and completed for Troop Areas A, B, C, D, H and S. The installation of new MCC7500 dispatch consoles for the SRS was coordinated for Phases 2, 3 and 4 and completed for all dispatch locations statewide. Training for officers and dispatchers was coordinated and completed prior to Troop Areas C, D, E; western B is beginning to use the SRS as their primary radio system. Procedures for the SRS drafted by the Patrol were adopted by the Nebraska-Wireless Interoperability Network (N-WIN) Council in October.

The deployment of Law Records, a new Records Management System (RMS), was completed including a new Automated Reporting System. Law Records together with the MDCs, allows officers to perform more operations for the field, saving gas, time, and mileage.

Radio Engineering and Supply moved into the Vehicle Installation Building (VIB) at the end of 2009, but construction of the VIB continued until completed in November. This 15,000 square foot building is part of the Statewide Communications Project and is part of an interagency cooperative effort permitting staff to provide support to the Patrol, Game and Parks Commission, and State Fire Marshal for installation of law enforcement equipment.

## TRAINING ACADEMY

The Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy (NSPTA) is under the Command of Captain Mike Kerby. The NSPTA is co-located with the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) in Grand Island, Nebraska. Captain Kerby and his staff are responsible for all training including recruit training, specialized training, and in-service training for sworn and non-sworn employees of the Nebraska State Patrol.

When basic camp is in session, the recruits undergo nearly one thousand hours of instruction. The challenge is to ensure they are absorbing and retaining information. In accordance with the adult learning theory, classes run into the evening rather than starting too early in the morning and much of the instruction involves hands-on scenario-based training. State-to-state training means the staff tries to present the instruction in the same conditions and environments the recruits will actually experience in the field.

Ongoing training is also a critical component for a Nebraska State Patrol trooper. To assure officers stay current and proficient, In-Service training is conducted annually or biannually in several key areas.

In 2010, the Patrol decided to replace the Mini-14 rifle and the shotgun with a Smith and Wesson M&P 15 rifle system in every patrol vehicle. A program was developed for transitional training for sworn staff receiving the new system, as well as a check-in/check-out protocol to replace the weapons. The Nebraska State Patrol put through its first recruit camp in three years. Recruit Camp #53 concluded with 11 graduates who then moved on to the Field Training Process.



# 2010 NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SPECIAL AWARDS

A total of 127 awards were presented to Nebraska State Patrol personnel and private citizens during 2010.

## MERITORIOUS AWARD

Sergeant Aaron Watson

Investigator Terry Kenny

## 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 Nebraska State Patrol, demonstrated diligence and perseverance, and/or accomplishment that reflects credit to an employee or group of employees and the Nebraska State Patrol.

Investigator Clinton Elwood  
Investigator Tim Stopak

Trooper Dain Hicks

The following were also recognized with Distinguished Services Awards upon their retirement in 2010:

Captain Bradley Rice  
Sergeant Justin Goforth  
Investigator Robert Filken  
Investigator Paul Gaboury  
Investigator Cheryl Wilson  
Trooper Douglas Knickman  
Trooper James Ledden

Trooper Terry Stake  
Trooper Mark Van Horn  
Francis Coffey  
Barb Reeves  
Steve Shaw  
Vic Sterup  
Lee Volkmer

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S GROUP CITATION AWARD**

This award was 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. The award exemplifies our motto of "Pro Bono Publico".

Sergeant Glenn Elwell  
Investigator Tim Arney  
Investigator Charles O'Callaghan  
Lindsey Anderson

Staci Behne  
Shawn Edwards  
Andrea Morris  
Nicole Wambold

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD**

Investigator Tim Stopak

Trooper Dain Hicks

## **LIFE SAVER AWARD**

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

Sergeant Kurt VonMinden  
Trooper Shane Belgum  
Trooper Clint Bohaty  
Trooper Justin Buhlke  
Trooper Shane Flynn  
Trooper Trinity Jones

Trooper Ron Kosiba  
Trooper Nathan Veal  
Trooper Matthew Workman  
Trooper Clint Zost  
Rebecca Bliven

## **PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

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

John Peterson  
Judy Neemann

Robert Rice  
Lieutenant Rod Kolsrud – Ogallala Police Department

## SEAT BELT SURVIVOR AWARD

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

Nina Papousek

## SUPERINTENDENT'S UNIT AWARD

Recognition Award upon a troop area, division, section, unit, or other group of employees in recognition of outstanding public service under unusual circumstances.

Captain Brad Rice  
Lieutenant Frank Peck  
Lieutenant Steve Terry  
Lieutenant Daniel Wilson  
Sergeant James Bills  
Sergeant Roger Folkers  
Sergeant Jon Goode  
Sergeant Scott Lackas  
Sergeant Donald Meister  
Sergeant Scott Rutten  
Sergeant Patrick Tobey  
Sergeant Reagan Wiebelhaus  
Investigator Jeremy Hampton  
Investigator Kent Hanlin  
Investigator Doug Kelley  
Investigator Bruce Mitchell  
Investigator Jason Sears  
Investigator Tim Stopak  
Trooper Paul Asche

Trooper Mitchell Blum  
Trooper Kevin Bruning  
Trooper Brent Deibler  
Trooper Brian Detlefsen  
Trooper Matthew Eischeid  
Trooper Richard Fellin  
Trooper Dennis Griffiths  
Trooper Paul Hagen  
Trooper Dain Hicks  
Trooper Kyle Johansen  
Trooper Gena Jones  
Trooper Tyler Kudera  
Trooper Ron Kosiba  
Trooper Gregory Lammers  
Trooper Melanie Lueders  
Trooper Christopher Mannel  
Trooper Andrew Mohr  
Trooper Jason Morris  
Trooper Matthew Parr

Trooper Jason Petty  
Trooper Eric Pfeiffer  
Trooper Randolph Pollard  
Trooper James Reilly  
Trooper Robert Rudloff  
Trooper Luke Splattstoesser  
Trooper Kevin Stary  
Trooper Joseph Thomassen  
Trooper James Travnicek  
Trooper Brandon Viterna  
Stephanie Ahlmann  
Teresa Baier  
Kenneth Bohlken  
Deb Davis  
Tessa Davis  
Julie Granquist  
Jason Haase  
David Smith  
Holly Vesely

## **MILITARY SERVICE AWARD**

Joann Morse

## **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

Captain Tim Carmody – Omaha Police  
Chief Charles Clark – Lexington Police  
Martin Gutschenritter – North Platte Police

Colonel Dan Mosteller – South Dakota Highway Patrol  
Sheriff Tom Nutt – Phelps County Sheriff, Retired  
Yankee Hill Veterinary Clinic

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD**

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

Bob Witzke – Motorist Assist Program

## **HONORABLE SERVICE AWARD**

Trooper Kevin Horst

## **2010 MANAGERS OF THE YEAR**

Captain Kevin Knorr

Communications Specialist Supervisor Monica Spanke

## **2010 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR**

Investigator Eric Jones

Electronic Technician Senior Joe Hubka

## COMMITTEE NOTES

Throughout 2010, the Superintendent's Office continued utilizing employees from all levels of the organization to perform special committee work. The Nebraska State Patrol is really no different than private industry in the sense that change is ever present. Staying on top of this evolution through the expertise from the valued members as it relates to committee work is an effective and efficient way to stay one step ahead.

Volunteers for this work do not get paid additional salary but rather they receive rewards for their work in the form of professional growth, experience, camaraderie, and networking. The generous participation through the important contribution of time and energy has made the final product an overwhelming success.

The Superintendent's Office would like to acknowledge and thank the personnel assigned to each of these committees for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to insure the Nebraska State Patrol will continue to meet and overcome the challenges that lie ahead. The personal commitment and service made by the valued members of each group are very much appreciated.

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