

NEBRASKA STATE PATROL



ANNUAL REPORT



ADVENTURE PHOTOGRAPHY 2020

2020 - The Year in Review



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LETTER FROM COLONEL JOHN BOLDOC

Dear Friends,

2020 will long be remembered as a year of challenges for the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). The loss of teammates Trooper Dale Fahnholz, Lieutenant Craig Loveless, and Dispatcher Barb Klinetobe are a few of the recent defining moments we have encountered. Furthermore, 2020 brought a pandemic, riots, and civil unrest—all of which have dramatically changed the narrative of everyday life for law enforcement professionals.

As is typical, the Sworn and Civilian staff of the Nebraska State Patrol banded together as a team to overcome the challenges before us. We have conquered many of those obstacles, but are still navigating others such as the worldwide pandemic.

The NSP team responded in a variety of ways to serve the public, while enduring the personal impacts to our families and friends. During the riots of late May and early June, our team braved difficult conditions, while maintaining professionalism and dedicated service to our communities. While police reform will remain a topic of discussion across the country, the NSP can stand tall knowing that our compassionate, top-notch service speaks for itself as we continually evaluate and update our policies, procedures, and other aspects of our jobs in order to best serve the public.

With 2020 coming to an end, our 2020 Strategic Plan is coming to a close as well. Even with the unplanned disruptions of this past year, a number of strategic objectives were successfully implemented in 2020. The final restructuring of several Divisions came to a close, and we will soon see the consolidation of several Lincoln area facilities come to full fruition. This consolidation will increase efficiency within the Agency and enhance our customer service to the public.


As we reflect on the accomplishments of the Nebraska State Patrol over the last year, it is important to acknowledge the support of the community and our State leaders. Without the support of our citizens, Governor Pete Ricketts, and the members of the Nebraska Legislature, our difficult task of serving Nebraskans across the State would not be possible. Thank you to everyone partnering with us.

Sincerely,


Col. John A. Bolduc

Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety



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Good Life. Great Tradition.

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NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

Founded in 1937, the Nebraska State Patrol is a statewide full-service law enforcement organization serving the needs of all 93 counties in Nebraska. The spatial diversity presented by the State of Nebraska requires the Nebraska State Patrol to maintain 6 Troop Area offices which are strategically positioned in communities with larger populations along higher traffic corridors – Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte, and Scottsbluff.

The Nebraska State Patrol is comprised of several divisions led by five administrative offices: Office of the Superintendent, Administrative Services under the command of Major Russell Lewis, Eastern Division under the command of Major Brenda Konfrst, Central Division under the command of Major Jeff Pelowski, and Western Division under the command of Major Mike Jahnke.

A core mission of the Nebraska State Patrol is the reduction of the frequency and severity of motor vehicle crashes through traffic enforcement and officer presence. State Troopers assigned to the Patrol Division are working diligently every day to preserve and protect life. In order 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.

This Agency maintained continued support for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Through accreditation, the Nebraska State Patrol is recognized as a national leader in law enforcement by operating with the highest standards of ethics and excellence. Additionally, the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab is accredited by ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). Accreditation at the Crime Lab applies to all Lab sections to include Drug Chemistry, Latent Fingerprints, Biology/DNA, Trace Chemistry, Toxicology, and Firearms and Tool Marks.

As the Nebraska State Patrol moves forward and evolves, one thing remaining constant is the Agency's promise to serve the public with honesty, professionalism, and distinction. Teammates in the Agency are engaged in their duties by showing respect for one another, pride in their work, and honor in service. The Nebraska State Patrol stands tall among its peers and looks forward to what the future brings. This rich tradition is predicated on the values of those who helped lay the foundation on which we stand today. All teammates are enthusiastically moving forward with resilience, forward-thinking, and commitment.



Major Russell Lewis
Administrative Services



Major Brenda Konfrst
Eastern Division



Major Jeff Pelowski
Central Division



Major Mike Jahnke
Western Division

COMPASSION—State Troopers work selflessly each day and carry a strong desire to help those in need demonstrating compassion and kindness.



Multiple accidents on Interstate 80 in Buffalo County on December 12, 2020, caused several troopers to respond and assist as needed. Trooper Daniela Gonzalez Nuno located a dog which had been in one of the vehicles and cared for it until it could be reunited with its owner later in the day.



Captain Dain Hicks noticed the waitress in a Grand Island eatery was the only one serving patrons so he decided to help and pour coffee for some ladies enjoying a morning conversation.



Two brothers from California decided to run from California to New York in the hopes of raising awareness to Covid-19. As the brothers made their way through Nebraska in August 2020, Trooper Andrew Martinez met up with them on Highway 30 in Dawson County. This photo was taken between Gothenburg and Cozad.



Sergeant Justin Buhlke participated in a 'Drive By Birthday Parade' for this little girl in North Platte at the beginning of summer 2020. Just outside camera view is Trooper James McKain holding his police canine partner, Lee. Along with the Nebraska State Patrol, several other law enforcement agencies from the Lincoln County area participated in this event.



COMPASSION, Continued



Sergeant Courtney Horak found a couple of lost piglets on Highway 92 near Mitchell on June 18, 2020. With the help of Sergeant Copp, this little pig along with several others were returned to their owner.



Trooper Lucas Gleisberg met up near Chadron with a retired member of the United States Military who now works in the trucking industry. Because of some unfortunate situations, the veteran was having a bad day with vehicle trouble and a lost wallet. Due to the actions of Trooper Gleisberg, the man was able to get back on the road and reach his final destination.



Nebraska State Patrol Crime Analyst April Scriven is shown working in a protection order portal. The Centralized Protection Order Office is charged with all aspects of maintaining the database to ensure accurate data for nationwide access.



After attending the memorial service for Lincoln Police Department Officer Mario Herrera on September 12, 2020, a Nebraska State Patrol trooper stopped for lunch at the Bethany Coffee Shop in Lincoln. Prior to leaving, a generous member of the community anonymously paid for the lunch.

DILIGENCE—All Nebraska State Patrol teammates use their training and experience to serve the public by paying attention to detail in a constant effort to keep Nebraska safe.



On June 1, 2020, while assisting with crowd control and protesters at the Nebraska State Capitol, Trooper Amanda Gardine renders aid to a victim who became ill and collapsed.



Trooper Matt Nicholas was injured on October 21, 2020, when he was struck from the rear by a distracted motorist traveling on Interstate 80 near Omaha. Trooper Nicholas was providing traffic control at the time of the accident and seated in his patrol vehicle when it was hit.



Covid-19 testing sites were set up across the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska State Patrol assigned dedicated personnel to assist with the security of the teams. Trooper Benjamin Nguyen is pictured here in McCook on May 6, 2020, as he participates in the detail to assist health care workers.



Trooper Clayton Dishong was struck on September 16, 2020, while on patrol about 3 miles West of Dorchester in Saline County. Thankfully, he has fully recovered from his injuries.



Members of Camp 63 pose in front of the Nebraska State Capitol on December 18, 2020, after the conclusion of their graduation ceremony.

DILIGENCE, Continued



The Nebraska State Patrol has sent many sworn leaders to the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command. The State Patrol was fortunate to send 22 members in a class of 28 to this important training which ran from September 8, 2020, through November 20, 2020, at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island.



On September 3, 2020, members of Camp 63 held their morning physical training session at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial near the State Fairgrounds in Grand Island. After completion of the workout, the members took a moment to honor the 12 Nebraska State Troopers who have given their life in the line of duty along with all the other names on the memorial wall.



Colonel John Bolduc and then Captain Russ Lewis assist with the presentation of the sergeant's badge to Matt Workman. Sergeant Workman's wife, Aspen, and their two children, Luke and Lainey, are also in attendance for this special moment.



Sergeant Darrell Crawford stands with his wife, Makayla, and their son, Lawson, after being presented with his new sergeant's badge at a ceremony in North Platte.



Trooper Michael Schmitt #331 is pictured here with his grandfather, retired Iowa State Patrol Sergeant Chuck Vaile #331 who served from 1964-2000. The Nebraska State Patrol was able to assign Trooper Schmitt the same number Sergeant Vaile carried for 36 years.

**BUCKLE UP
PHONE DOWN**

CHALLENGE

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TEAMWORK—A coordinated effort by all divisions in the Nebraska State Patrol allow for efficiency by working together in the interest of the public.



Nebraska Game and Parks Sergeant Cory Krause called Trooper Matt Eischeid asking for some assistance in capturing a wounded bald eagle along the Elkhorn River south of Wisner. The eagle appeared to have been suffering from lead poisoning brought on by another animal it may have consumed which was killed by a lead bullet. The eagle was transported to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha for care.



The Nebraska State Patrol provides many opportunities for promotion and advancement of all teammates in the area of technical support functions. All sworn members interested in an assignment to the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team must first attend and pass a SWAT basic class held at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy on an as needed basis. This photo shows several members of the class participating in a team building exercise.



Civilian staff members play an integral role in the support provided to the sworn officers and specialty divisions of the Nebraska State Patrol. Currently, 39% of all agency employees fit into this category. A small percent of this group are pictured from Troop E in Scottsbluff. Standing left to right are Donna Jimenez, Lisa Russel, Tammy Leeling, and Wendy Romey.



Sergeant Justin Grint and Trooper T'Ronne Estwick assist at a Summer 2020 event organized by ABIDE in northeast Omaha by passing out meals to families. ABIDE's mission is to help develop strong families, safe neighborhoods, and leaders.



A motorist stopped on the inside shoulder of Interstate 680, near mile marker #1, with a flat tire on a hot summer day in 2020. The male driver had his wife and child in the car and was experiencing some difficulties in changing the tire. Trooper Quin Gooch arrived on scene with the appropriate tools and helped to quickly get the family on their way.

TEAMWORK, Continued



The Nebraska State Patrol relies on support staff in order to function efficiently and effectively. Staff from the Carrier Enforcement Division along with personnel from the Headquarters Patrol Division are pictured here from left to right: Lisa Banks, Anna Idigima, Tonja Bohling, Debra Underhill, Tracy Hays, Brenda Coufal, and Ron Adams.



The Nebraska State Patrol relies on many partnerships in order to fulfill its mission to residents and visitors in the State of Nebraska. One of those important affiliations involves the agricultural community.



Trooper Jason Morris had the privilege of coaching his daughter, Tessa, and the rest of her Storm basketball team. Tessa is seen standing between #1 and #2 with the rest of the girls who made up the team from High Plains Community School which serves Hordville, Polk, and Clarks.



Trooper Kendall Reed is pictured here with his police canine partner, Malloy. The Nebraska State Patrol version of Reed and Malloy is a take from the popular television police drama, Adam 12, where Jim Reed and Pete Malloy portrayed two Los Angeles Police Department officers.



Nebraska State Patrol Records Analysis Supervisor Sarah Stahly is hard at work in front of a Huddle Board. The boards are used in many areas of the organization to provide a method of visual management which involve all teammates in an effort to create process improvement.

In Memoriam

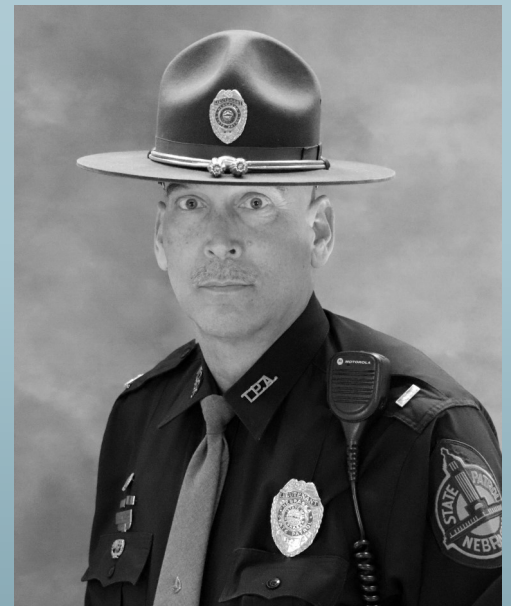


*Dale Fahnholz #227
Appointed—July 17, 1995
Deceased—March 1, 2020*

Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Dale Fahnholz #227, age 47, died after a medical episode on Sunday, March 1, 2020, in Kearney, Nebraska.

Trooper Fahnholz was a member of Camp 38 as a Carrier Enforcement candidate. This camp began on July 5, 1994, and graduated on November 4, 1994. In 1995, Trooper Fahnholz attended portions of Camp 39 in order to transition to the Patrol Division as a State Trooper. At the time of Dale's death, he was assigned to the Troop C Patrol Division in Kearney.

Nebraska State Patrol Lieutenant Craig Loveless #172, age 54, died after a long battle with cancer on Friday, March 27, 2020, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Lieutenant Loveless was a member of Nebraska State Patrol Camp 33 which began on September 14, 1987, and graduated on December 11, 1987. At the time of Craig's death, he was assigned to the Troop A Patrol Division in Omaha.



*Craig Loveless #172
Appointed—September 14, 1987
Deceased—March 27, 2020*

Nebraska State Patrol Communications Specialist Barb Klinetobe #C556, age 64, died on Sunday, March 29, 2020, after an extended battle with cancer in Omaha, Nebraska. Barb was hired by the Nebraska State Patrol on July 1, 1980, as a dispatcher assigned to Troop A in Omaha. Barb spent her entire professional career working out of the Troop A Office.



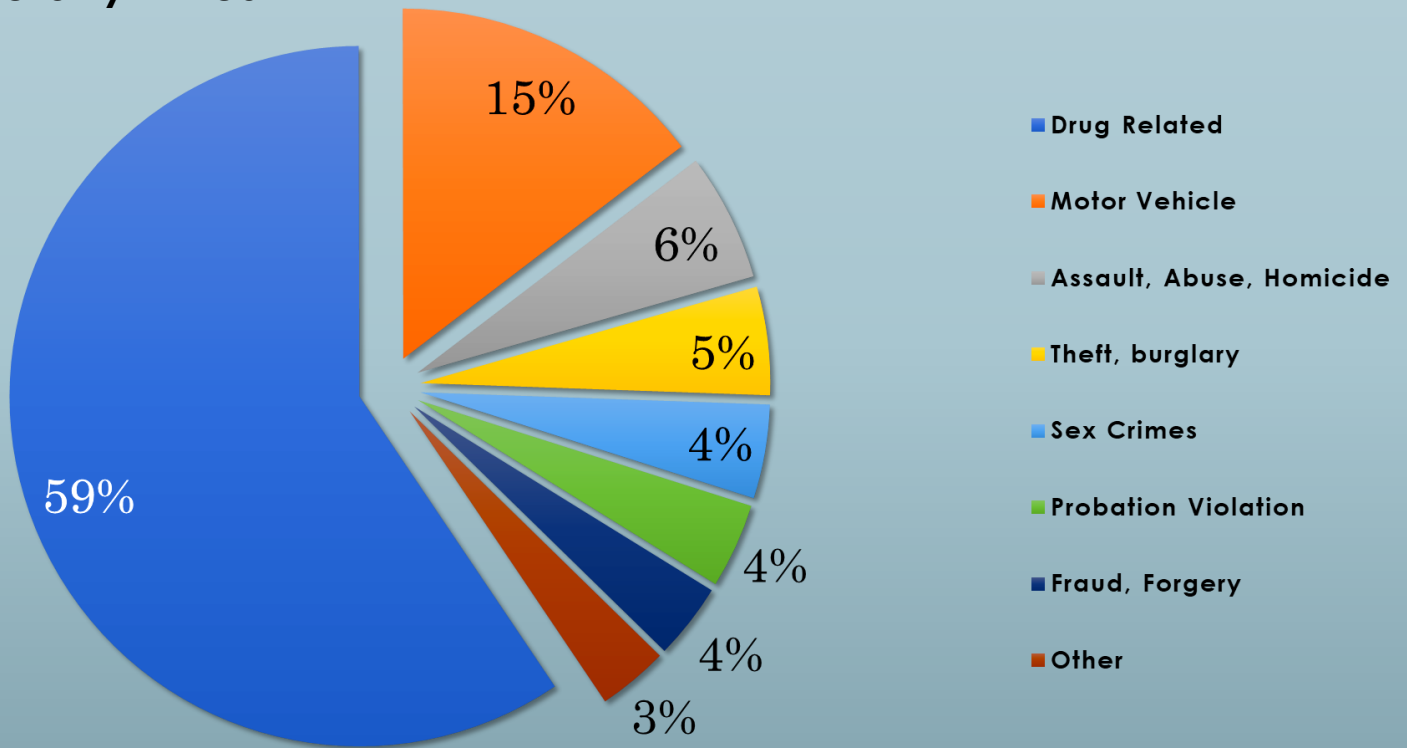
*Barb Klinetobe
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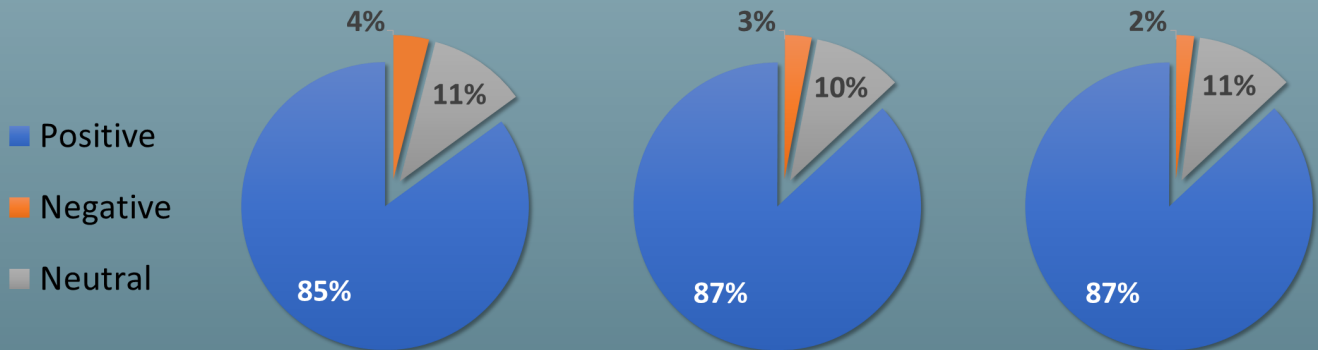
In Review

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Traffic Stop Total	191,532	162,237	134,221	96,325
Calls for Service	125,726	201,023	186,920	172,008
Felony Arrest	640	1,096	1,035	1,136
Community Service Hours	5,863 hrs.	15,178 hrs.	18,217 hrs.	13,160 hrs.
Criminal Cases submitted to Crime Lab	5,362	5,690	6,285	5,614

Felony Arrest



Media Sentiment



Current Command Staff

Superintendent

- Colonel John Bolduc

Assistant Superintendent

- Lieutenant Colonel Buck Duis

Administrative Services

- Major Russell Lewis

Operations East

- Major Brenda Konfrst

Operations Central

- Major Jeff Pelowski

Operations West

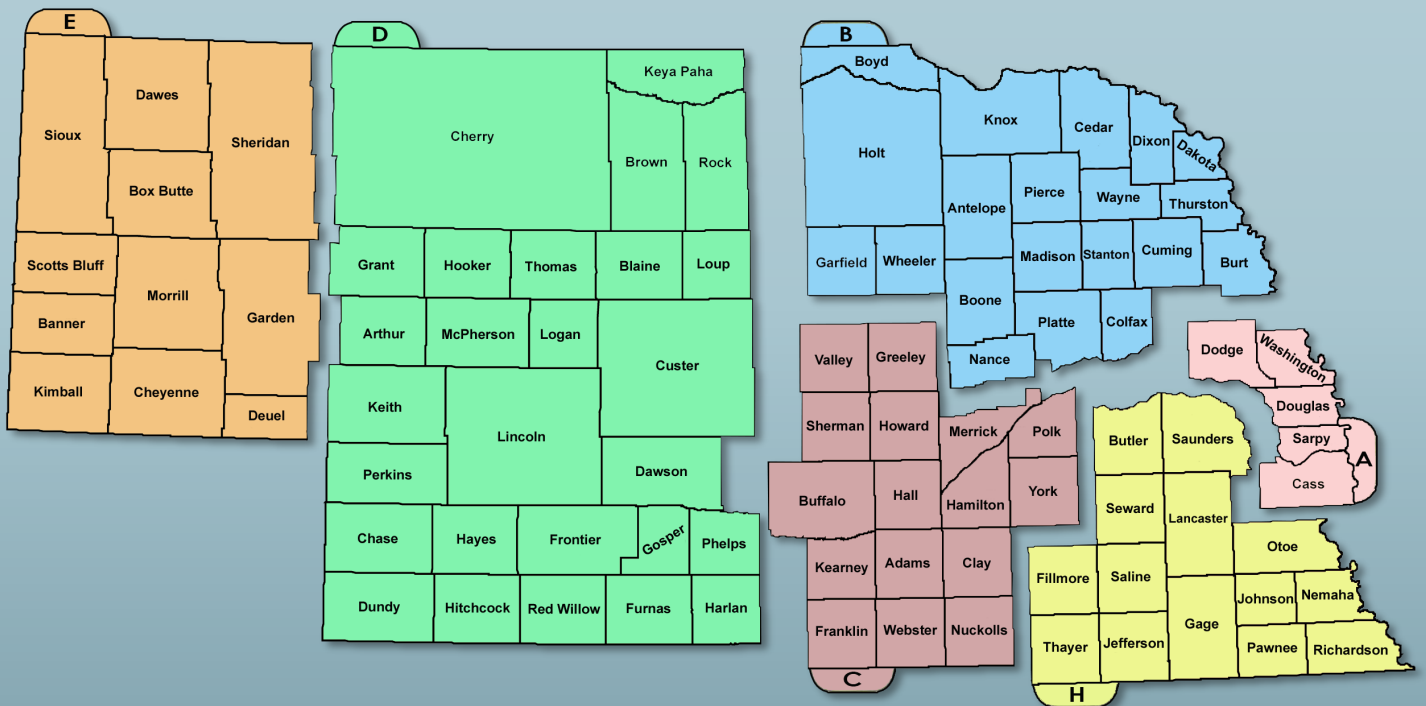
- Major Mike Jahnke

Troop Areas

Omaha	1.402.331.3333	A
Norfolk	1.402.370.3456	B
Grand Island	1.308.385.6000	C
North Platte	1.308.535.8047	D
Scottsbluff	1.308.632.1211	E
Lincoln	1.402.471.4680	HQ
Lincoln	1.402.471.4545	SHQ

Nebraska State Patrol Help Line

1-800-525-5555 *55



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 Nebraska State Patrol shall provide law enforcement of the highest quality to ensure a safe and secure Nebraska – Pro Bono Publico.

