



# ANNUAL REPORT

## NEBRASKA STATE PATROL



2023 - The Year in Review



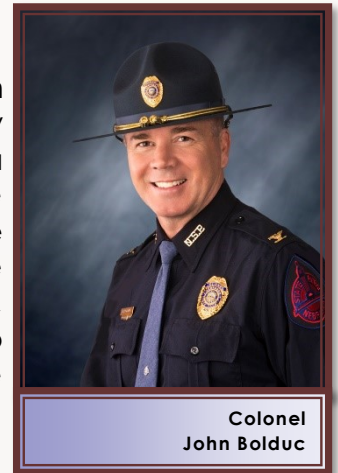
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## LETTER FROM COLONEL JOHN BOLDUC

Dear Friends,

As public servants, the sworn and civilian personnel of the Nebraska State Patrol take pride in serving our great state. Our 700+ team members bring outstanding and well-coordinated public safety service to all 93 counties in Nebraska. Many people think of a Trooper in uniform patrolling our roadways when we think of the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). Of course, this agency is much more than that. Our professional staff serve in Dispatch, Forensic Crime Laboratory, Criminal Identification Division, Administrative Services, and Information Technology. All these disciplines work together to bring experience, technology, and know how to solve some of the most challenging problems that face public safety today.



Recruiting sworn officers has proven to be a significant challenge across the country. NSP is not immune from this challenge. Our Human Resources team, along with a cadre of Troopers and Investigators have worked hard to innovate and bring resources to bear on a difficult job market. Their hard work paid off by adding 18 new Troopers to the agency in 2023. If you are interested in joining this dedicated team, please visit [www.nebraskatroopers.com](http://www.nebraskatroopers.com). We look forward to continued success in our recruiting and hiring process.



NSP continued to use innovation and technology to enhance the outstanding personnel that we have in every area of the agency. From new software to improvements in drone technology, to enhancements to our commercial vehicle enforcement program, innovation is helping us serve Nebraska better. We are finding lost persons faster, weighing more trucks, removing dangerous vehicles from the roadways, and processing information faster than ever before. Due to the dedication of NSP teammates we are accomplishing this with fewer people. This is a testament to the quality of public servants that choose this profession to serve Nebraska. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Col. John A. Bolduc

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## NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

Founded in 1937, the Nebraska State Patrol celebrated 85 years of service to the citizens of Nebraska throughout 2022. The agency is a statewide full-service law enforcement organization serving the needs of all 93 counties in Nebraska with 6 troop area offices positioned across the state which include the cities of Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. Additionally, there are satellite offices in many small towns within each of the troop areas.

The Nebraska State Patrol is comprised of several divisions led by 5 administrative offices: Office of the Superintendent, Administrative Services, Eastern Division, Central Division, and the Western Division. Colonel John Bolduc and Lieutenant Colonel Buck Duis directly supervise the 4 teammates who have oversight for the divisions listed above and consequently hold the rank of major. The Superintendent's Office oversees the Office of Professional Standards, the Human Resources Division, and the Public Relations Director.

Administrative Services, under the direction of Major Russell Lewis, oversees Wellness, Accounting, Crime Lab, Information Technology, Criminal Identification, Supply and Engineering, Research and Planning, Purchasing, the Statewide Radio System, and Communications. In 2023, the agency initiated a three-year project to replace the Computer Aided Dispatch software used by multiple departments. Additionally, new Sig Sauer patrol rifles were purchased and distributed during range sessions throughout 2023. The Crime Lab also advanced its plans for a facility expansion by completing the design phase and with ground-breaking work expected to begin in September 2024.

Major Jeff Wilcynski commands the Eastern Division, which consists of Troop A – Omaha, Troop B – Norfolk, Troop H - Lincoln, and the Capitol Security Division. The Capitol Security Division is responsible for securing the Nebraska State Capitol Building and nine other government buildings home to 40 different state agencies. This division's biggest priority is keeping the 100,000 Capitol visitors safe, as well as state senators, their staff, and all the state employees who work in the Capitol daily. The Patrol Division provides professional law enforcement services to our citizens and allied partners throughout the 48 counties within the Eastern Division.

The Central Division is under the direction of Major Jeff Pelowski and encompasses the Investigative Services Division, the Special Operations Division and the Carrier Enforcement Division. Uniformed Troopers and Investigators from these divisions continue their professional service by providing comprehensive law enforcement services to our citizens and allied partners. The Carrier Enforcement Division continues upgrading the technology used at their permanent scales in North Platte and Waverly which leads to improved highway safety for our motoring public.

The Western Division is provided leadership by Major Roby. Along with Troop C- Grand Island, Troop D – North Platte, and Troop E – Scottsbluff, the Western Division also has the responsibility of providing training to NSP personnel through the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy located in Grand Island. The training academy continues to offer two basic classes a year to make every effort to recruit and retain the quality expected by the citizens of Nebraska. The troop areas continue to work with our law enforcement partners through out the vast central and western landscape of Nebraska to provide traffic safety and strive to combat crime in our rural communities.



**Major Russell Lewis**  
Administrative Services



**Major Jeffrey Wilcynski**  
Eastern Division



**Major Jeffrey Pelowski**  
Central Division



**Major Jeffrey Roby**  
Western Division

BUCKLE UP. SLOW DOWN. PAY ATTENTION.

**ARRIVE ALIVE.**

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



Troopers worked alongside Kearney PD, Kearney Fire, and Buffalo County Deputies to give children a unique holiday experience to help their families with their Christmas Shopping.



Trooper Landry found a loose goat in Wahoo. After asking nearby residents for help, he was able to return the goat to its home.



A grateful citizen sent NSP this photo alongside this review "Trooper Smith from Sidney was so kind to my 5-year old son this morning giving him a Jr. Trooper sticker and letting him set in the cruiser. Thanks so much for making a little boy's day!"



After graduating from the NSP Training Academy, new troopers are paired with veteran troopers for the first several months of their service. Much of that training is focused on enforcement, but Field Training Officers also emphasize the importance of helping stranded motorists. Nebraska State Troopers performed nearly 14,000 motorist assists in 2023.



## COMPASSION, Continued



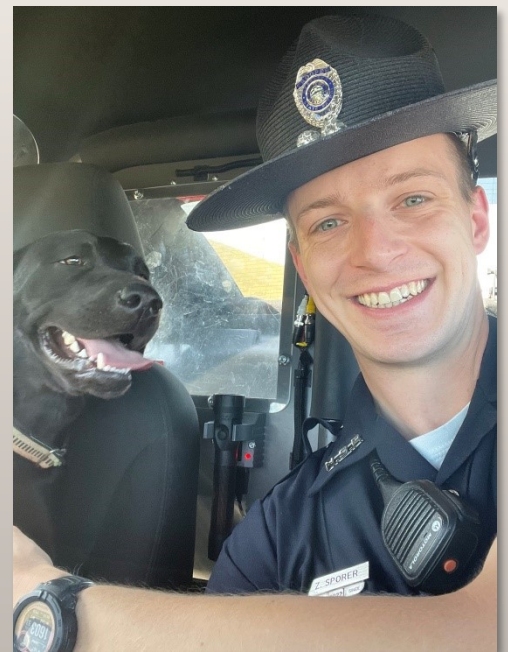
Sgt. Lundgren presented at Acton Academy, where she shared information about her journey as a trooper.



Even during a traffic stop, troopers can find positive ways to connect with the motoring public. This group was so thrilled with the professionalism displayed by Trooper Stindt during a traffic stop that they asked for a photo with him. They then send the photo in to compliment Trooper Stindt and thank him for his service.



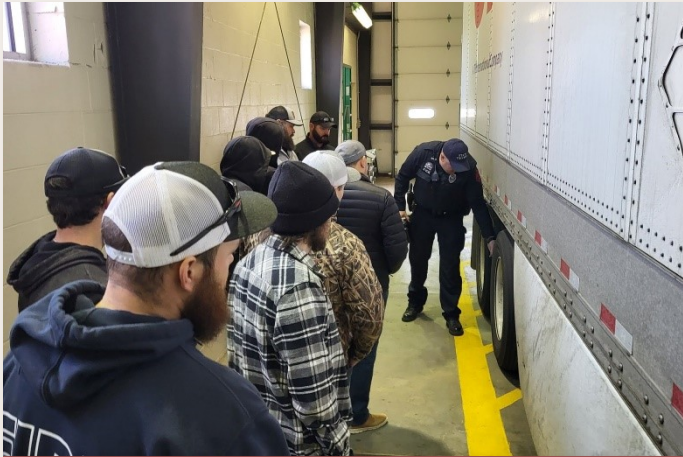
Troopers love making connections with the public, especially young Nebraskans. Throughout the year, troopers make dozens of visits to schools of all levels across the state. Those visits are sometimes just to be present and have positive interactions with students. Other visits are focused on sharing safety messages on topics such as online activity, substance abuse, bullying, and safe driving.



Trooper Sporer found this dog, named Reebea, alongside Highway 71 in Banner County. He was able to bring her home safe and sound.



**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.



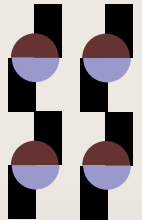
Carrier Enforcement Trooper option provide safety presentations for local trucking companies in partnership with the Nebraska Trucking Association. This cooperation helps reinforce the importance of pre-trip inspections and following safety regulations as we all work together to keep Nebraska roads safe.



With the advancement of the NSP Drone program and the utilizing of NSP drone operators to survey wildfires, the Nebraska Forest Service offered a wildland fire survival course to NSP drone operators who were now often along the front lines of wildfires across the state. The training took place at the Training Academy in Grand Island.



One major highlight of 2023 was the expansion of capabilities in the NSP Aviation Support Unit in the western part of the state. With two full-time pilots and an aircraft now based in North Platte, ASU is able to operate on a more regular basis in the western part of the state. Those capabilities will only increase as our pilots continue their



In recent years, NSP has reinvigorated the internship program. NSP works with colleges and universities across the state to place interns with NSP. The interns collect hours for class credit while gaining valuable experience across a wide range of NSP operations. NSP is proud to have several Troopers who have joined the agency their time as an NSP intern.



NSP's Troop A team came up with an innovated idea on how to show off the capabilities of NSP operations to potential future troopers. During halftime of the Millard South vs Millard West football game in August, Troopers staged a halftime show, during which the mascot from Millard North wandered onto the field attempting to disrupt the game of the two rivals. Troopers sprang to action with Trooper Chick and Trooper Jaramillo racing to corral the Mustang before the teams returned to the field. With assistance from Trooper Donner and K9 Tilt, along with drone operators and an NSP Helicopter, order was restored and the game resumed on time. Students on both sides of the field loved to see their rival schools mascot led away from the Troopers.



## DILIGENCE, *Continued*



Each year, in conjunction with the Nebraska Truck Driver Championship, troopers with the NSP Carrier Enforcement Division has the opportunity to compete in the Nebraska Inspector Championships. The two-day competition includes tabletop exercises and multiple commercial vehicle inspections. The trooper who wins the competition is chosen to represent Nebraska at the North American Inspectors Championship, held annually in August.



Troopers work diligently to not only protect Nebraska communities from dangerous drug, but also to prevent those drugs from reaching other states as they pass through Nebraska. This seizure of 61 pounds of methamphetamine was made during a traffic stop on I-80 near Grand Island in August. In total, troopers seized more than 240 pounds of meth in 2023.



Trooper Coffman receives a Life Saver Award from Governor Pillen for diving into freezing water to save a small child.



National Night Out is the culmination of several weeks of community events throughout the summer. As students prepare to return to school in August, National Night Out events close out the summer in communities all across the country. Troopers partner with local law enforcement agencies at many of these events across Nebraska. This highlights the teamwork NSP has with local law enforcement agencies and demonstrates to kids that officers are there to help, no matter what uniform they wear.



Each year, NSP selects four teammates to honor for their exceptional service to the state of Nebraska. These leaders were honored alongside teammates from other Nebraska state agencies at the Governor's Residence in the fall. The honorees in 2023 were: Steve Hearn – NSP Capitol Security, Sean Case – Aviation Support Unit, Sergeant Eric Aho – NSP Tech Crimes, and Trooper Brandon Smith – Troop E Patrol Division. Thanks to all of them for their dedicated service to Nebraska!



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



Captain Kerby had a decorated and innovative 35-year career with the Nebraska State Patrol. During that time, he helped pioneer the NSP K9 program. Since his retirement in 2013, he's become a mainstay at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center where he now instructs trainees for police agencies across the state. Having NLETC collocated with the NSP K9 Academy gives current NSP Police Service Dog Unit Troopers the opportunity to rub elbows with an NSP legend.



Volleyball Day in Nebraska was a record setting day for women's sports. Husker fans set a World Record with 92,003 in attendance, the largest crowd to ever attend a women's sporting event. Troopers played numerous roles for Volleyball Day, which created a football-like gameday operation on a Wednesday evening in August. Troopers teamed up with UNLPD, LPD, and LSO to provide security inside Memorial Stadium, while also providing traffic flow functions on the ground. The NSP Aviation Support Unit assisted from the air throughout the day, and had an amazing view for the record setting event.



Longtime Stanton County Sheriff Mike Unger has a special connection with the communities his agency serves and is well recognized across the county, but in the fall of 2023, he donned a new look, shaving his head in support of his granddaughter Kinsley, who was undergoing a fight with cancer. Troop B Troopers wanted to show their support as well, so they posed for a photo with Sheriff Unger for social media to send well wishes to Kinsley as she underwent chemo treatments.

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NSP plays a major role in security for the Nebraska State Patrol. Troopers arrive early and leave late every day, not only manning the NSP recruiting booth, but also utilizing bikes, UTVs, and drones to help patrol the State Fair Grounds.





TEAMWORK, *Continued*

Each year, the Midwest division of HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) presents awards to agencies and officers who take a lead in efforts to remove dangerous drugs from communities across the region. In 2023, numerous NSP Troopers and Investigators were honored for their efforts. Last year, NSP investigations and traffic stops resulted in seizures of 246 pounds of meth, 122 pounds of cocaine, and 48 pounds of fentanyl.



With a new Husker coaching staff in 2023, NSP was called to provide additional security for the team and the Husker coaches throughout the season. For the first time in NSP history, Troopers served as the gameday escort for the Huskers. Troopers with the Executive Protection Detail are embedded with the team throughout the season. You'll see these Troopers escorting Coach Rhule and the Huskers throughout the 2024 season as well.



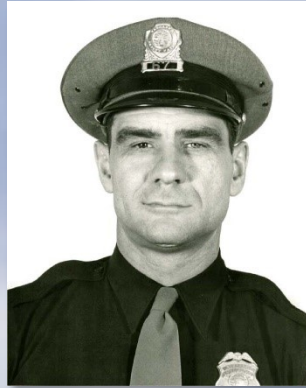
The Partnership for Your Success (PaYS) Program is a strategic partnership between the U.S. Army and a cross section of corporations, companies, and public sector agencies. The Program provides America's Soldiers with an opportunity to serve their country while they prepare for their future. PaYS Partners guarantee Soldiers an interview and possible employment after the Army. This unique Program is part of the Army's effort to partner with America's business community and reconnect America with its Army. NSP is proud to have numerous Veterans continuing their service as Troopers and we believe this program will continue to add those dedicated public servants to our ranks where they can help keep Nebraska safe.



## In Memoriam



Trooper Loyal M. Zink  
Badge: #43  
Appointed: 11-22-37  
Deceased: 06-13-45



Sergeant John T. Meistrell  
Badge: #63  
Appointed: 09-04-40  
Deceased: 04-10-53



Trooper Vernon C. Rolfs  
Badge: #129  
Appointed: 11-15-50  
Deceased: 05-30-53



Trooper Marvin I. Hansen  
Badge: #98  
Appointed: 10-15-47  
Deceased: 04-08-54



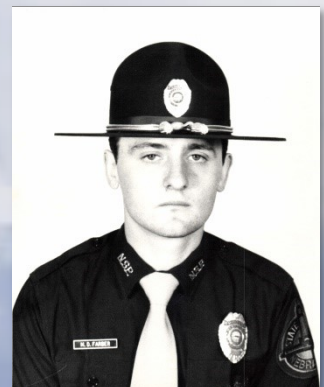
Trooper Duane F. Nichols  
Badge: #133  
Appointed: 11-15-50  
Deceased: 07-24-57



Trooper Raymond M. Koerber  
Badge: #108  
Appointed: 10-15-47  
Deceased: 09-18-61



Trooper George W. Amos, Jr.  
Badge: #9  
Appointed: 05-16-70  
Deceased: 04-20-73



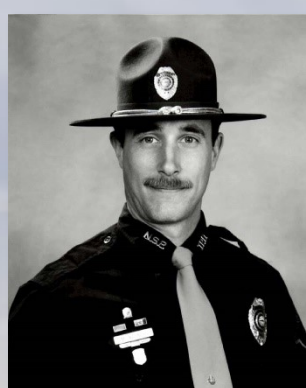
Trooper Michael D. Farber  
Badge: #427  
Appointed: 11-03-78  
Deceased 08-24-80



Trooper Robert J. Chab  
Badge: #221  
Appointed: 10-01-63  
Deceased: 01-06-84



Trooper Donald Matejka  
Badge: #192  
Appointed: 10-01-59  
Deceased: 12-27-89



Trooper Mark P. Wagner  
Badge: #168  
Appointed: 11-10-86  
Deceased 03-04-99



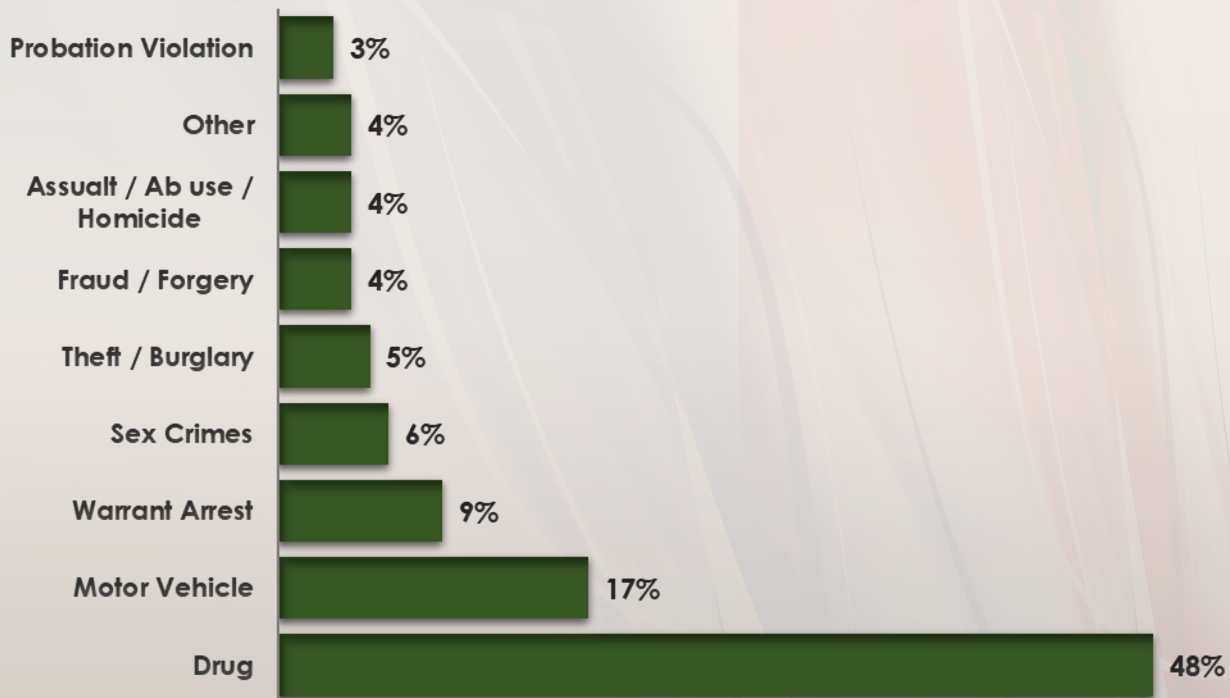
Trooper Jerry Smith  
Badge: #373  
Appointed: 05-01-15  
Deceased 06-20-19



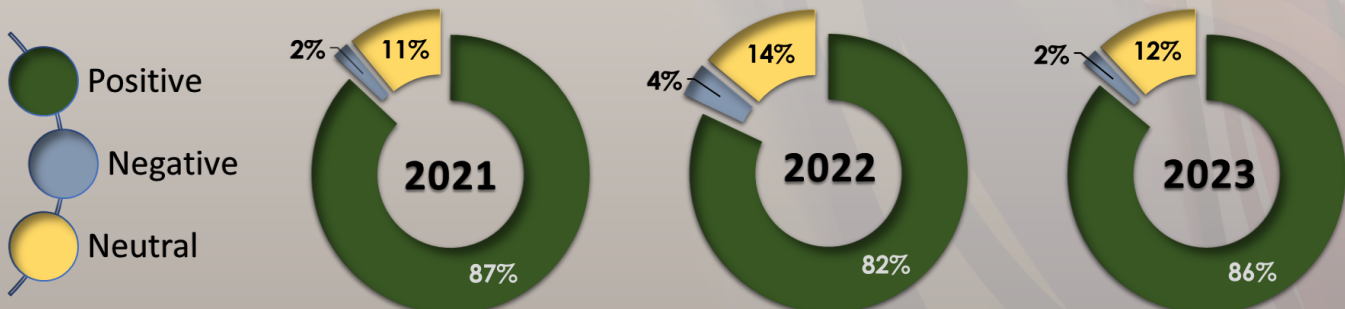
## In Review

	2021	2022	2023
Traffic Stop Total	110,616 ↑	116,434 ↑	126,046 ↑
Calls for Service	190,767 ↑	191,575 ↑	210,215 ↑
Felony Arrest	1,438 ↑	1,367 ↓	1,384 ↑
Community Service Hours	13,770 ↑	17,330 ↑	13,367 ↓
Criminal Cases submitted to Crime Lab	5,754 ↑	5,136 ↓	5,121 ↓

## Felony Arrest



## Media Sentiment





## Current Command Staff

### Superintendent

- Colonel John Bolduc

### Assistant Superintendent

- Lieutenant Colonel Buck Duis

### Administrative Services

- Major Russell Lewis

### Operations Central

- Major Jeffrey Pelowski

### Operations East

- Major Jeffrey Wilcynski

### Operations West

- Major Jeffrey Roby

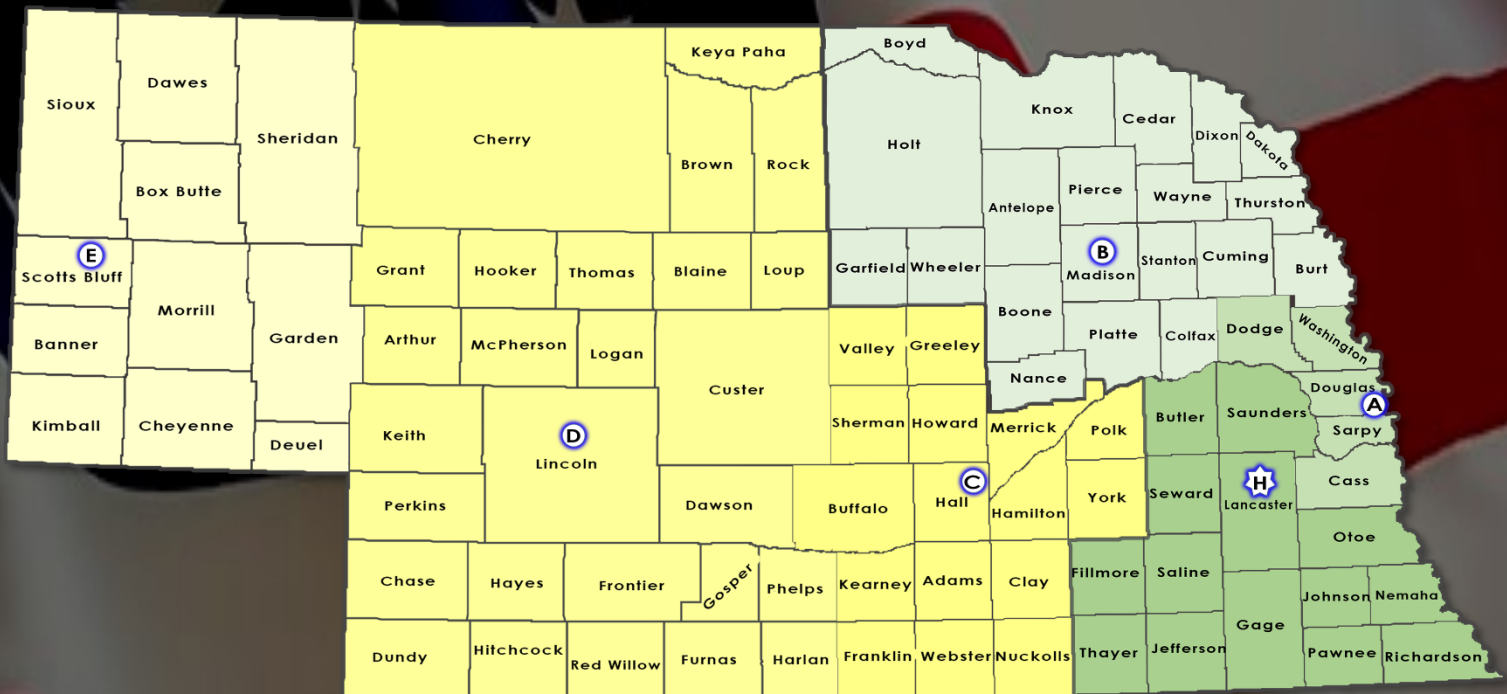
## Troop Areas

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	1.402.471.0112	HQ
Lincoln	1.402.471.4545	SHQ

## Nebraska State Patrol Help Line

1-800-525-5555

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## 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.

