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Fallen Officers Honored

Reflection and remembrance was the theme as the annual statewide ceremony honoring the lives of officers who have died or been killed in the line of duty was held at the Law Enforcement Memorial at Fonner Park in Grand Island in May. During the ceremony five names were added to the Memorial, bringing to 143 the number of names etched in the granite wall.

Speakers at the event included Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts, and Attorney General Doug Petersen.

The ceremony also recognized law enforcement officers who have passed away in the last year while in service, but not in the line of duty. Nebraska State Patrol Captain Mark Williams #406, was among those honored with a granite brick bearing his name. Williams died in November 2015 following an illness.

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Nebraska State Patrol Superintendent Colonel Brad Rice #554 reads names of fallen officers at the annual Statewide Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony.



Nebraska State Patrol Recruit Class 57 attended the Memorial Ceremony. The day provided the recruits a reminder of the sacrifice others in the profession have made, and allowed them to reflect on the importance of their training, and the manner in which it is conducted, in preparation for their NSP careers.



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Colonel's Corner

A Time to Remember

Each year during National Police Week, we pause to reflect on the dangerous nature of the job that we do, as we pay tribute to the dedicated men and women who have given their lives in the line-of-duty. This past year we grieved with our brothers and sisters of the Omaha Police Department as Detective Kerrie Orozco #1969, was shot and killed as she and other members of the Metro Area Fugitive Task Force attempted to serve a warrant on a shooting suspect. The tributes to Detective Orozco have been many; her dedication to the citizens she served is reflected in the countless hours she spent mentoring young people as a coach and as a friend. Her caring manner and the enthusiasm in which she did her job are greatly missed, but will never be forgotten.



Colonel Brad Rice #554

Over the past year, the Nebraska State Patrol also laid to rest several members of our Patrol family who died, not in the line-of-duty but, while serving or having served the citizens of our great state. Among those passing was Training Academy Captain Mark Williams#406. Captain Williams loved being a trooper and helping to recruit and mold future officers. He challenged us all to be good soldiers and to wear our uniform with dignity and respect. So, as we carry on our duties, it is incumbent upon us to always remember why we have chosen this profession and in doing so pay tribute to those who have come before us, and to those who have laid down their lives in the service of others.

The following sworn & retired members of the Nebraska State Patrol passed away over the last year.

Lt. Robert Bucholz (Retired)
Captain James Burnett (Retired)
Investigator Dallas Cobb (Retired)
Sgt. Donald Day (Retired)
Sgt. Donald Lovegrove (Retired)
Trooper Darrell McHughy (Retired)

Lt. Norman Petersen (Retired)
Captain Louis Svoboda (Retired)
Investigator Dennis Ternus (Retired)
Sgt. Larry Wallace (Retired)
Captain Mark Williams



2016 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

Annual MADD Hero Awards Presented

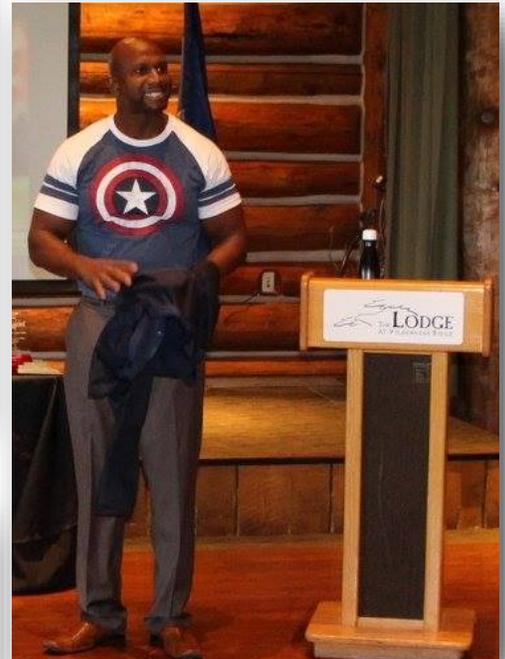
The Lodge at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln was the site of the 17th annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Outstanding Law Enforcement Awards & Recognition Ceremony. The event, held each May, recognized Nebraska law enforcement officers who work to keep us safe from drinking and drugged drivers. Several Nebraska State Patrol troopers were honored for their commitment to keeping Nebraska communities and roads safe.



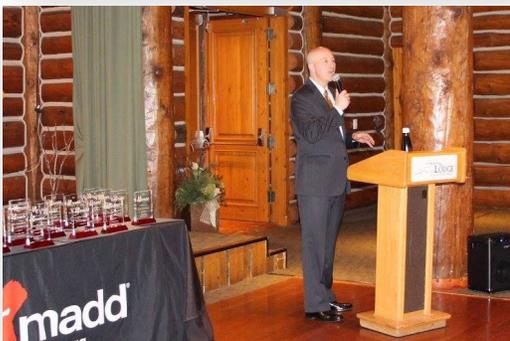
Honored for their DUI enforcement efforts: From Troop B-Norfolk: Trp. Bryan Wiggins #495. Troop C-Grand Island: Sgt. Andy Ecklund #84, and Trp. Nicole Saathoff #364. Troop D-North Platte: Trp. Bryan Walter #456, Trp. Justin Buhlke #12, Trp. Jeff Van Stelton #433, and Trp. Jeremy Thorson #393. Troop E-Scottsbluff: Trp. Cody Potthast #304. HQ Trp-Lincoln: Trp. John Lukesh #342, and Trp. Mike Thorson #394.



NSP MADD Hero Award winners with Command Staff.



Former Husker football player De Moine Adams gave the keynote address at the MADD awards.



Governor Pete Ricketts addresses the audience.



Communications Specialists—Unsung Heroes

DISPATCHERS
COMMUNICATIONS
CAREFUL
CARING
HONORABLE
CALM UNDER PRESSURE
STRONG
UNSUNG HEROES
DEDICATED
SKILLED
COMPASSIONATE
SERVICE TO OTHERS

They are the unsung heroes on the other end of the line.....rarely seen, but always heard, and the role they play is central to the daily operation of the Nebraska State Patrol. The 2nd week of April is National Public Safety Telecommunications (Dispatcher Appreciation) Week, and the Nebraska State Patrol recognizes the 42 extremely dedicated Communications Specialists working in our five Communications Centers across the state. Thank you for your commitment!



Congratulates to Headquarters/ Troop B Communication Specialist Cassee Spellmeyer on being honored during the Capitol City Footprinters Chapter #44 Annual Dispatcher Awards. She was cited for training new dispatchers, and her ability to adapt to two troop areas being dispatched by the Lincoln Communications Center.



Pictured are just a few of our dedicated Communications Specialists: Clockwise, from upper left: Janet Lengen Trp C - Grand Island, Betsy Mitchell Trp E - Scottsbluff, Pam Tierney and Linda Horman Trp D—North Platte, and John Babcock Trp A- Omaha.

Nebraska State Patrol Adopts Mission Statement

After much thoughtful discussion, with input from both civilian and sworn staff, I am pleased to announce our new Nebraska State Patrol Mission Statement:

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

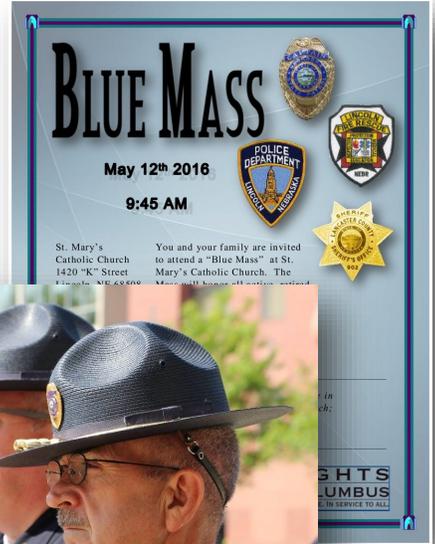
Highest Quality ensures our citizens that not only will we be judicious with their tax dollars, but additionally, all members of our agency will be professional. A safe and secure Nebraska affirms to our citizens and our visitors that they will always be safe and will feel safe.

“Pro Bono Publico, For the Good of the Public.” This motto has been a part of our agency since 1937, and is a reflection of our past and a commitment to the future to remain servants to the public. Thank you for all you do. Each of you has a vital role to play in successful implementation and support of this new Mission Statement.

Colonel Brad Rice

Blue Mass Honors Law Enforcement

One of the many events commemorating and honoring law enforcement officers each May, is a Blue Mass. The Lincoln Knights of Columbus host the event at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lincoln. The Blue Mass honors the dedication and sacrifices made by active duty and retired men and women in law enforcement, fire, and rescue services. Nebraska State Patrol Superintendent Colonel Brad Rice #554, read the names of NSP members who passed away during the last year. Bishop James D. Conley gave a message of thanks to law enforcement personnel, and blessed police vehicles outside the church.



NSP Chaplain Has Unique Opportunity

Wednesday, April 13, was a very special day for Nebraska State Patrol Chaplain Fr. Steve Thomlison. He was invited by Nebraska Republican Congressman Adrian Smith to serve as Guest Chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D.C. Among his duties was offering the opening prayer before legislative business began for the day.



Guest Chaplain, Fr. Steve Thomlison gives the invocation prior to the start of the legislative day.



L to R: Congressman Adrian Smith; Lieutenant General Timothy J. Kadavy, Director of the Army National Guard; House Speaker Paul Ryan; Fr. Steve Thomlison, Nebraska State Patrol Chaplain; Fr. Patrick Conroy, House Chaplain.

Fallen Officers Honored



Governor Pete Ricketts speaking at the Statewide Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony in Grand Island.

National Police Week, May 15-21, is an opportunity to pay tribute to, and recognize, the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to serve and protect our citizens. Eleven officers of the Nebraska State Patrol have made the ultimate sacrifice..

In addition to the statewide memorial ceremony held in Grand Island, troopers and family members from across the state honored the 11 Nebraska State Patrol Troopers who have given their lives in the line of duty. Memorial wreaths placed at their graves were provided by the State Troopers Association of Nebraska.

Nebraska State Troopers Who Have Made the Ultimate Sacrifice



Trooper Loyal Zink #43



Trooper John Meistrell #67



Trooper Vernon Rolfs #129



Trooper Marvin Hansen #98



Trooper Duane Nichols #133



Trooper Raymond Koerber #108



Trooper George Amos Jr. #9



Trooper Michael Farber #427



Trooper Robert Chab #221



Trooper Donald Matejka



Trooper Mark Wagner #168

NSP Honors Fallen Officers



Patrol Family Helps its Own

We often hear it said that the Nebraska State Patrol is a big family. That is never more apparent than when members of the family, sworn or civilian, run into serious challenges. Recently, NSP employees organized and spearheaded fundraisers for three employees or employee family members undergoing difficult times. Thank you to all who helped organize, donate, and participate in these events!

In March, Troop A Troopers C.J. Alberico #7, and Thomas Grove #198, along with trooper wives Michelle Grove and Brea Nelson, held a benefit for Barb Klinetobe, a Troop A-Omaha Communications Specialist. Klinetobe, is a 35-year employee of the Nebraska State Patrol who is battling cancer. The benefit, held at the German American Society in Omaha, included a spaghetti feed, silent auction, dancing, and raffles. More than \$17,000 was raised.



Communications Specialist Barb Klinetobe thanks the crowd at the fundraising event held on her behalf.



L-R: Brenda's father, Richard Zimmerman, Trp. Steve Kerns #487, daughter Hannah, and Brenda Kerns at a Husker men's basketball game. Tickets were provided by Head Coach Tim Miles.

Brenda Kerns, wife of Trp. Steve Kerns #487, lost her battle with lung cancer in April. Shortly after her death, a benefit was held in Hubbell to raise funds for her medical bills. More than 300 people attended, raising nearly \$10,000.

Steve Kerns passed along this message:

"I will never be able to thank everyone enough for the love and support we received from countless people—from the State Patrol, University of Nebraska Extension Office, Husker Men's Basketball Coach Tim Miles, UNK, and the Nebraska Trucking Association. I have truly been blessed because of the faith Brenda and her family have displayed. Brenda's dad, Richard, is a true inspiration - losing his wife and now his daughter. All I know is the Lord shines brightly through him and on to his family. God's blessings to you all! Pro Bono Publico!"



NSP SHQ and DOR employees lined up for tacos!

A taco feed in May at State Headquarters raised nearly \$2000 for the medical expenses of Sabrina Marie Andersen, infant daughter of Matt Andersen of the NSP Information Technology Division. Sabrina was diagnosed in January with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. The taco lunch was organized and hosted by the NSP Grants Division with help from the IT Division.



State Headquarters - Lincoln

Congratulations to Capitol Security Director Allen Johnson, who has made the transition to retirement after more than 15 years of service to the State Patrol. He was recognized by Col. Brad Rice #554 at a retirement reception at the State Capitol in April.



The NSP Foundation offers a heartfelt thanks to all who donated on Give to Lincoln Day in May. More than \$600 was raised and will be used for programs and services in the Headquarters Troop area.



CID employees Nicole Enriquez and Kristi Fowlkes fingerprinted children at Lincoln's Randolph Elementary Fun Night Community Outreach Event in May.

HQ Troop - Lincoln

Trooper Amanda Defreece #117, was honored in April, by Headquarters Troop Commander Captain Lance Rogers #272. DeFreece, whose husband Jim #326, is an NSP Lieutenant, was recognized for 10 years of service.



Troop A - Omaha

Troop A Trooper Duff Jensen #169, received the Respect for Law Enforcement Commendation from Gretna Optimist Club President Andrew Consbruck, for his service as a Defensive Tactics and Range instructor.



Troop B - Norfolk



Congratulations to Troop B Investigator Ron Kosiba #153, who received the Columbus Optimist Club 2016 Officer of the Year Award from Club V.P. Bob Stachura. Kosiba was honored for his work in Platte County and the city of Columbus.



When you think you've seen it all, along comes something out of the ordinary! In April, Trooper Bill Price #366, stopped a wooden car owned by a Swedish man on vacation in the states! The car, made of cedar, was built on a 1985 Pontiac frame. The stop made national news, and made Trp. Price a celebrity!

Troop C - Grand Island

The Troop C - Grand Island family has grown - congratulations to Trp. John Hardin #232, and his wife Elizabeth, parents of a daughter, Macy Logan, born March 21.

April 4 was the arrival date of Graysen James Pedersen, son of Sgt. J.J. Pedersen #348, and his wife Staci!



Troop D - North Platte



Sergeant Bob Veal, #322, in back row holding plaque, was the recipient of a special honor for 30 years of participation in the Special Olympics Torch Run. He received a plaque in front of Troop D personnel and family members who participated in the 2016 Torch Run in May.



Congratulations to Troop D - North Platte Investigator Shane Belgium #209, pictured with wife, Jen. Shane was honored as the North Platte Eagles Club Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, for his work as a Liquor Investigator.



Rollover demo at Platte Valley Christian School in North Platte



Seat Belt Convincer at Lexington YMCA

Seat belt safety is a primary part of the Nebraska State Patrol's ongoing education efforts across the state. Troop D Troopers regularly promote seatbelt usage, presenting programs and demonstrations throughout the Troop Area.

Educating young people about the benefits of seat belt usage was the goal of Troopers Darrell Crawford #96 and Jeremiah Foster #113, who conducted a rollover demonstration in April to more than 60 students at Platte Valley Christian School in North Platte.

In May, Trp. James Roberts #332, used the Seat Belt Convincer to demonstrate to children the benefits to buckling up. His demo was part of a Lexington YMCA event promoting healthy living for kids.

Troop E - Scottsbluff

Retirements are the big news out of Troop E – Scottsbluff, as two longtime troopers have taken off their badges for the last time. Inv. Tami Otto #305 was the first to go, retiring from the Nebraska State Patrol on March 31, after 28 years of service to the citizens of Nebraska.

Retiring after 32 years of service was Sergeant Dana Korell #261, who worked his last shift on April 30. Congratulations to both.....you will be missed!



Inv. Otto #305 with husband, Jerome, daughter Amanda, and son Michael.



Sgt. Dana Korell #261 celebrates with wife Cindy.

In what has become an annual event, Hemingford third graders visited the Troop E office before school ended in May. The 29 students and staff enjoyed learning about Investigative Services, Police Service Dogs, Communications, and also saw a Rollover Simulator in action.



Comm. Spec. Betsy Mitchell explains dispatching.



Lt. Marty Denton #281 gives a rollover demo.



Lt. Gordon Downing #273 and K-9 Zink.

Carrier Enforcement

It's getting to be quite a habit for Carrier Enforcement Trooper Ben Schropfer #360, as he again won the Nebraska Inspector Championship in Grand Island in June. He also took the top spot in 2010, 2011, and 2014! The Nebraska Inspector Championships is held each June as part of the Nebraska Truck Driving Championships. Trooper Schropfer will now represent Nebraska in the North American Inspector Championships (NAIC) in Indianapolis in August .

Carrier Enforcement Trooper Nathan Darmento #17, received the Nebraska State Patrol Lifesaver Award from Colonel Bradley Rice #554, in April. Trp. Darmento received the honor for his efforts in helping to save a motorist whose vehicle was partially submerged in the Elkhorn River.



Inspector Champion Trp. Ben Schropfer #360, flanked by Lt. Kurt Von Minden #420, and Capt. Gerry Krolikowski #457.



Col. Brad Rice #554 presents Lifesaver Award to Trp. Nathan Darmento #17.

Nebraska State Patrol Personnel Actions
March-2016

New Hires

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Singletary	Yolanda	CID Record Tech	CID - Lincoln	3/7/2016
Cervantes	Frances	Staff Asst I	Troop A - Omaha	3/21/2016
Roskilly	Amy	Communications Specialist	Troop D - North Platte	3/21/2016
Lonowski	Kenneth	Security Guard	Capitol Security - Lincoln	3/21/2016

Resignations

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Moody	Kersha	Communications Specialist	Troop C - GI	3/3/2016
Stout	Matthew	Officer Candidate	Training Academy - GI	3/4/2016
Carlson	Michael	Trooper - TS	Troop D - Ogallala	3/4/2016
Johnson	Daniel	IT Support Analyst/Lead	IT - Lincoln	3/6/2016
Wilsey	Erica	Admin Asst I - TA	Grand Island	3/11/2016
Brozak	April	Communications Specialist	Troop A - Omaha	3/18/2016
Kripal	T. J.	Electronics Manager	SHQ - Lincoln	3/18/2016
Cerny	Michael	Trooper - TS	Troop E - Bridgeport	3/25/2016
Cervantes	Frances	Staff Assistant I	Troop A - Omaha	3/28/2016

Retirements

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Friesz	Bret	Major - Traffic Services	SHQ - Lincoln	3/31/2016
Taylor	Matthew	Trooper - CE - York	District 1	3/31/2016
Otto	Tammrae	Investigator- Liquor	Troop E - Scottsbluff	3/31/2016

Transfers

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Petersen	Edward	Trooper - CE - Omaha	Trooper - Exec Protection	3/2/2016
Caradori	Sean	Captain - HDQ Troop	Captain - Executive Protection	3/9/2016
Rogers	Lance	Captain - Adm Serv - SHQ	Captain - HDQ Troop	3/9/2016
Wilson	Sean	Trooper - PSD - Lincoln	Trooper - CE - Lincoln	3/14/2016
Riedel	Dean	Sergeant - TS - S Sioux City	Sergeant - TS - Kearney	3/17/2016
Jackson	Robby	Trooper - CE - Scottsbluff	Inv - Liquor - Scottsbluff	3/18/2016

Promotions

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Gaudreault	Michael	Captain -TS - Scottsbluff	Major - TS - Lincoln	3/1/2016
Lewis	Russell	Trooper - PSD - Grand Island	Sergeant - PSD - Grand Island	3/10/2016
Jones	Mary	Staff Asst. I - Trp C	Adm Asst I - TA - Grand Island	3/14/2016
Maytum	Michael	Trooper - CE - Waverly	Sergeant - CE - Lincoln	3/21/2016
Balthazor	Jamey	Lieutenant - TS - Scottsbluff	Captain - TS - Scottsbluff	3/24/2016

Nebraska State Patrol Personnel Actions

April-2016

New Hires

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Andersen	Matthew	IT Help Desk Coord/Sr	IT - SHQ - Lincoln	4/4/2016
McCook	Samuel	Forensic Scientist - Latents	Crime Lab - Lincoln	4/4/2016
Skinner	Cindy	Communications Specialist	Trp. D - North Platte	4/4/2016

Resignations

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Mucia	Peter	Security Guard	Capitol Security - Lincoln	4/3/2016
Ilic	Milijana	Personnel Assistant	SHQ	4/8/2016
Arendsdorf	Jason	IT Supervisor	SHQ	4/10/2016
Johnson	Allen	Security Director	Capitol Security - Lincoln	4/15/2016
Singh	Julie	Research Manager	CID	4/15/2016
Tot	Kor	IT Application Dev/Sr	IT	4/24/2016
Buzek	Pamela	Communications Specialist	Troop H - Lincoln	4/27/2016
Ielacqua	Regina	Communications Specialist	Troop D - North Platte	4/28/2016

Retirements

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Korell	Dana	Sergeant - Inv. Services (Drug)	Troop E - Scottsbluff	4/30/2016

Transfers

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Bell	Keith	Trooper - TS - Omaha	Trooper - Capitol Detail	4/11/2016
Liedle	Ruth	Administrative Asst I - CE	Staff Asst - TS - Grand Island	4/18/2016
Dahlke	Kenneth	Lieutenant - Exec Prot	Lieutenant - IS - NIAC	4/21/2016
Wilson	Sean	Trooper - CE - Lincoln	Trooper - Exec Protection	4/24/2016
Buettner	Donald	Trooper - Exec Protection	Trooper - CE - Lincoln	4/25/2016
Potthoff	Brent	Trooper - TS - Sidney	Trooper - PSD - Sidney	4/25/2016
Davis	Justin	Investigator - IS - Grand Island	Trooper - PSD - Grand Island	4/25/2016

Promotions

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Flint	April	Staff Asst II - CE - Lincoln	Administrative Asst II - CE	4/18/2016

Nebraska State Patrol Personnel Actions
May-2016

New Hires

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Boardley	Beth	Communications Specialist	Troop C - Grand Island	5/2/2016
Carter	Tiffany	Staff Asst I	Troop A - Omaha	5/16/2016

Resignations

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Foster	Holli	Office Supervisor - CE	Lincoln	5/6/2016
Pointer	Nicole	Records Technician	CID - Lincoln	5/27/2016

Transfers

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Grove	Thomas	Trooper - Field Services	Trooper - Exec Protection	5/1/2016
Welker	Jessica	Comm Specialist - HDQ	Comm Specialist - Omaha	5/4/2016
Morris	Jason	Trooper - TS - Omaha	Trooper - TS - Grand Island	5/8/2016
Heaston	Genevieve	Comm Specialist - HDQ	Staff Assistant I - CID	5/16/2016
Jones	Nicholas	Trooper - TS - North Platte	Trooper - CE - North Platte	5/18/2016

Promotions

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Eads	Brian	Investigator - IS - Sidney	Inv Sergeant - IS - Scottsbluff	5/1/2016
Krzyzanowski	Kevin	Sergeant - TS - Scottsbluff	Lieutenant - TS - Scottsbluff	5/4/2016
Avey	Jeff	Records Analysis Supv - CID	Research Manager - CID	5/16/2016
Mobley	John	Trooper - TS - Omaha	Sergeant - TS - So Sioux City	5/22/2016
Kauffman	Eric	Trooper - TS - Omaha	Sergeant - TS - Omaha	5/26/2016
Lonowski	Ken	Security Guard	Sec Comm Shift Supervisor	5/30/2016
Lehms	Ron	Electronics Section Supv	Electronics Manager	5/30/2016

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