

Day 1 for Camp 57 started at 0800 February 22, 2016. 23 recruits from all walks of life arrived and checked in for the Nebraska State Patrol Academy that lasts 23 weeks. It started with Captain Duis #277 introducing the Academy Staff, Staff from Head Quarters, T.A.C. Troopers and Support Staff that provide support throughout the Academy. The Camp had the distinct pleasure in receiving a motivational speech from Colonel Brad Rice # 554 to help us with any obstacles that are about to head our way. He also thanked us for making it to where we currently are as well. Class 57 additionally had the pleasure in receiving motivational words of wisdom from the Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley and he thanked us for wanting to serve the public of this great state. Once the formalities and introductions were complete Sergeant Kavan #340 spoke with the class about Police Discipline. After a couple of hours of paperwork and briefings about what's to come and what's expected of us for the next couple of weeks Sergeant Kavan #340 told Camp 57 about the lifestyle and the type of individuals that make it to graduation and then he turned the class over to the T.A.C. troopers. Once the recruits were turned over to the T.A.C. Troopers is when total chaos began and quickly the recruits had to learn to pay attention to detail and work as a team to meet the goals set by the T.A.C. Troopers. Day 1 ended with Class 57 getting a glimpse of how the weeks to come will be all about teamwork.

Throughout the week recruits had hours of classroom time where we learned the History of the Nebraska State Patrol and how over the years it has changed in so many different ways. We also dove into the Nebraska Criminal Law Manual and received training on how to use it efficiently to assist us throughout camp. We had information technologies classes on how to help us use tools provided to assist us every day. We also learned the Nebraska State Patrol's standards of tradition and honor that will have to be displayed throughout camp by all of us in order to make it to graduation.

The Recruits of Class 57 also learned quickly about the physical standards set forth that the recruits will have to work toward each and every day. We are expected to give it our all during physical training to help us do our jobs better. Exercises included; pushups, sit-ups, pullups, 1.5 mile run, squats, and formation running. Throughout the Physical Training we had to learn to come together as a team in order to make it through.

For Class 57 Week #1 had its many obstacles and challenges to overcome but no one quit or gave up. There are still many things Class 57 needs to get in order to make it to graduation but it will come. Throughout the week we made improvements but now we need to take it a step further if we truly want to earn every stitch in that State Trooper uniform. On Friday at 1800 Class 57 left the Training Academy, we had been released and many were ready for the weekend for some rest and recovery before we get to start Week #2.

*For it is Our Duty*