

Nebraska State Patrol Recruit Class 57
Journal: Week # 19

Week 19 started off with all recruits returning Sunday evening after finishing up a two week break during which they were able to visit their new duty stations and begin the transition to field services.

Week 19 was also the start of Phase III for Class 57 which brought on a new set of guidelines and changes, the biggest being the absence of T.A.C. Troopers. Class 57 will rely on the chain of command structure within the recruits, as well as the support of the training staff. Other changes that Phase III brings are optional PT and moving to and from class as an individual instead of the Class marching together. We are encouraged to interact with the other training agencies here at the Academy and are allowed to leave the training grounds once training for the day is concluded.

The majority of the week Class 57 was in the classroom learning about Accident Investigation which included the introduction, traffic accidents, traffic accident investigation, procedures, recording the facts, calculating drag factor, case preparation and court appearance. Along with the classroom work, Class 57 was able to get outside for some hands on work taking measurements and conducting investigation reports on a few scenarios set up by the instructors.

Other classes throughout the week included Negotiations and Investigation photography. During Negotiations, the class was able to learn about the basic concepts, equipment, and techniques used during a negotiation situation. Investigation photography tied in with Accident Investigation and the Class learned about the angles, settings, and proper procedures to use when taking pictures for investigation purposes.

The end of the week finished up with the Class learning about the very basics of Total Station and then ended the week taking a test over the information that they learned that week covering Accident Investigation and Investigation Photography.

Overall Class 57 transitioned into Phase III with no issues. A majority of the Class attended morning physical training as well as a handful conducting some kind of physical training on their own in the evening. Most of Class 57 also took advantage of the curfew and left the training area to head into town whether it was for a quick stop at Walmart or for a simple drive around town just for the fact that it was nice to leave the area. Class 57 continued to stay motivated and with the vote from the Class' chain of command, Week 19 battle streamer was awarded.

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