

Nebraska State Patrol Recruit Class 57
Journal: Week # 20

Week 20 began with all 19 recruits returning at 2100 Sunday evening. The new guidelines for Phase III are still in effect and the class is managing their liberties well.

Training for the week began with accident investigations involving railroads. Nebraska Central Railroad allowed for access to a locomotive in order that we might learn how to work safely around a train in the event of an accident involving the railroad.

Accident investigation continued with practical scenarios set up by Troopers Connelly and Golden during which measurements were completed for the crash scenes. The following day consisted of graded practical exams with live actors and local EMS and Firefighters. Actual firetrucks and ambulances made the scenarios as real as possible. All recruits passed the practical exams and enjoyed the realistic part of training.

Wednesday, Trooper Plate instructed on the specifics of Commercial Motor Vehicle patrolling. During the afternoon, a class on alcohol and tobacco provided instruction on current laws regarding establishments that conduct sales and distribution of alcohol.

Thursday the recruits had YRC (Trucking) employees show them around a truck tractor semi-trailer and the blind spots experienced by the operators of those vehicles while driving. Recruits also drove the trucks on the track at the training academy to experience the difficulty of seeing other motorists and the amount of time it takes to stop a truck tractor semi-trailer.

The week was completed with a NIMS course. National Incident Management System demonstrates the process of how to manage critical incidents. Though a good training week, the class did not perform to expectations we set for ourselves for week 20 resulting in no battle streamer earned for week 20.

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