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Safety at the State Fair

Citizens, and Troopers, from all over the state got the chance to enjoy the 150th anniversary of the Nebraska State Fair this summer. The fair, located in Grand Island, began August 23, 2019 and wrapped up September 2, 2019.



Troopers were patrolling the fairgrounds on foot and by bike to ensure everyone safely enjoyed their time at the fair.

In addition to patrolling the fairgrounds, the NSP had a booth in the Exhibit Hall where people could meet some Troopers, Cover the Cruiser, ride The Persuader, and do the NSP Penny Press. Cover the Cruiser is an event where booth visitors have the opportunity to write something on a sticky note, and place it somewhere on a patrol cruiser. These notes could be tokens of appreciation, messages about the strength of Nebraskans, or a little picture of a smiley face or an animal. The opportunities were endless within appropriate guidelines. Multicolored sticky notes covered the entire cruiser, top to bottom, end to end, by the end of the Nebraska State Fair!





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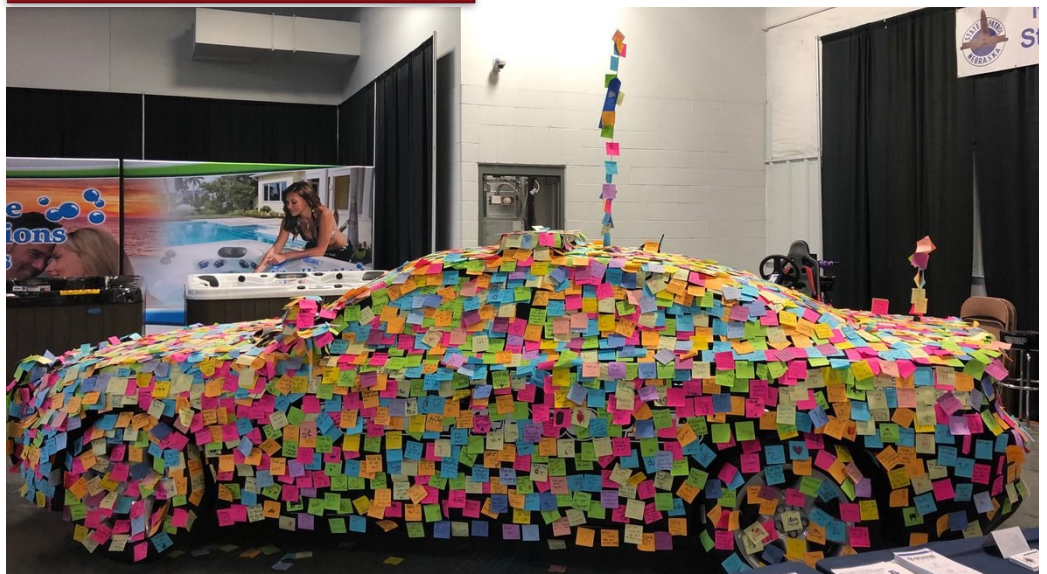
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Even during the State Fair, Nebraska can't seem to catch a break from the rain. On day 3, 4, and 5 of the fair, Grand Island was experiencing heavy rainfall. Water was building up in the streets, parking lots, and fair-grounds. Fair administrators acted quickly and designated specific locations in Grand Island where fairgoers could park and be shuttled in by tractor. Several booths and food stands were experiencing flooding as well. Luckily, the weather let up, and normal fair activities continued through the remainder of the days.



Colonel Bolduc was asked to be a guest at the Nebraska State Fair's "Showing with Celebrities" event that was held on Saturday, August 31st. The celebrity, Colonel Bolduc, was paired with a young woman by the name of Mattison who was a registered cattle showman. Although results are unknown, the pair did their best!



Around the State

Troop A

Troop A was very busy and productive in the 3rd quarter. There were 31 pursuits between the months of July and September. One pursuit ended by way of a successful TVI, a short foot pursuit, then a Taser deployment by Trooper Estwick. In a separate incident, the fleeing driver rammed multiple patrol units.

During the College World Series hosted in Omaha, Troop A personnel provided a mobile command post and uniformed officers and Investigative Services support. The CWS brought over 330,000 visitors to the area. Troopers' work resulted in 58 summons, 2 DUI arrests, 1 drug summon, 5 served arrest

Colonel's Corner

Dear NSP Colleagues and Friends,

Having recently wrapped up our Phase IV summer meetings, I was reminded of what a great state we live in, and what great people we have serving within the Nebraska State Patrol. I especially enjoy travelling around the state to see folks that I might only see twice a year. I still get people's names wrong (sorry) and don't quite have all the county seats and other geography nuances memorized yet. Nonetheless, you have all extended an abundance of grace and courtesy as I am still somewhat a newcomer.



Our summer meetings were a great opportunity to reflect on the great work you are all doing. I wish the public could see what I see every day; dedicated men and women doing amazing things to serve their state. As we all know 2019 has been a year of great challenge. The unprecedented spring storms and floods, the tragic loss of Trooper Jerry L. Smith, and the unusual summer floods in Kearney posed unplanned challenges for our NSP Team. Despite these obstacles every civilian, sworn, and volunteer team member stepped up to perform admirably, and in some instances, heroically.

As we look to the last quarter of 2019, I am hoping that the unplanned challenges we have endured thus far are behind us. Of course as I write this we are in the midst of a 2" rainfall and the rivers continue to rise. Whatever lies ahead, I know that this great team, made up of outstanding individuals, will continue to serve for the good of the public. "Pro Bono Publico." Thank you.

Col. John A. Bolduc

Around the State (cont.)

Troop A (cont.)

warrants, 70 violation cards issued, and 20 warnings being given out.

Additionally, Troop A assisted Omaha PD with an armed and barricaded suspect at 65th and Sorensen. The suspect was wanted by the USMS, and had fired shots at officers upon arrival. A short time later, officers located the suspect deceased from a self-inflicted gun shot wound. This incident required all hands on deck and cooperation with local law enforcement. Great work everyone!

Troop B

Troop B has been slowly getting back to some normalcy since the heavy flooding this spring. Troopers continue to work closely with our department of transportation folks and contractors as they work feverishly to repair and get roads back open. Multiple construction projects and detours have changed some traffic patterns throughout the troop area and have required additional manpower to maintain safe and effective travel throughout these work zones. Every fall brings the new school year and an increase in traffic and in some cases new drivers. Troopers have been spreading out over the vast Troop B area in an effort to conduct high visibility patrols in these targeted areas in hopes of a safe start to the new school year and compliance with motor vehicle laws.



Troop C

On July 9th, Troop C personnel reported to Kearney to assist with the evacuation of over 300 civilians from area hotels and businesses. The City of Kearney received over 9 inches of rain causing extensive flood damage. This included the NSP's Kearney office. Upon water levels receding, Troopers began finding beached fish in the parking lot.

Bravo SWAT was called out in efforts to assist Troop C with flooding in Gibbon. Unfortunately, the LAV being used became stuck in the mud. Luckily some area farmers assisted the NSP on pulling the LAV out. It took two tractors to free the vehicle.



Troop D

Trooper Chris Colindres and Communications Specialist Darlene Ford had the opportunity to work with a gentleman whose vehicle broke down not once, but twice while passing through Troop D. The man was grateful for the assistance he received; he even brought in two pies for Troop D personnel.

Troopers and dispatch were busy working their fair share of accidents throughout Troop D. They helped work semi-truck versus car accidents, drunk driving accidents, and distracted driving accidents. At one crash site, two life flight helicopters had to be called in.



Troop E

It looks like Trooper Isaiah Jaramillo wants to give Trooper Zost a run for his money in a tornado with cruiser photo contest. Trooper Jaramillo captured this photo during a tornado near Sidney.



Just a few short months after Trooper Jerry L. Smith passed away, Troop E is still getting a significant amount of support from all over the United States. The image to the right is a letter and handmade gifts from a 15 year old in Florida.



Troop H

The HDQ Troop Area Investigative Services Division, in conjunction with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, investigated a homicide that occurred on July 1, 2019 in Jefferson County. A male subject was shot and killed while sitting in the back seat of a vehicle. To date, five individuals have been arrested in connection to this murder.

In September, HDQ Troop Area Patrol Division personnel assisted the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) with a comprehensive search of the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln, which resulted in numerous nuisance items and contraband being seized. This was conducted in partnership with NDCS and the Lincoln Police Department.

The HDQ Troop Area Patrol Division welcomed NSP Camp 60 graduates Trp. Curtis Anderson #89 stationed in Geneva, and Trp. Seth Howard #155 stationed in Lincoln. Trp. Anderson comes to us from NSP Capital Security, and Trp. Howard is a former police officer with the Beatrice Police Department. Both are currently in Field Training.

NSP Starts Camp 61

On July 8, 2019, 11 aspiring Troopers reported to the Training Academy for their first day of Camp 61. Ten recruits remain in camp and have been gaining knowledge in the classroom, and in the field. They are learning everything from treating a citizen with respect and dignity to defensive tactics skills.



Each day the Trooper Candidates are getting stronger, and getting one step closer to becoming a sworn officer with the Nebraska State Patrol. They have done water workouts as well as early morning strength building workouts at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial in Grand Island. It is important to honor those who have risked their lives and paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving the public.

Recently, the candidates have been out at the Range to sharpen their shooting skills. They have gotten the chance to practice target shooting standing, kneeling, and laying down. Candidates have tested their abilities to accurately shoot close targets and targets that are further away; they have begun practicing their aim while taking cover behind a patrol cruiser as well.



National Cruiser Contest



Nebraska State Patrol claimed first place in the 2019 America's Best Looking Trooper Cruiser contest. Trooper Clint Zost (#414) seized the opportunity to snap a photo during some severe weather in Richardson County. The west facing photo was taken just south of the Highway 73 corner on Highway 75, near Dawson, Nebraska.

Each year the American Association of State Troopers (AAST) hosts a friendly nationwide contest for state law enforcement agencies can be part of. Once polls are open, people from across America can vote on their favorite cruiser photo. The top 13 images get created into a wall calendar for purchase on the AAST website (<https://www.statetroopers.org/>). Not only did Nebraska State Patrol seal their place in the top 13 for the first time in history, but the NSP won first overall. This victory secured the NSP the cover photo spot of the calendar, and the January photo spot.

Top 13 Featured Cruisers

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| 1. Nebraska State Patrol | 7. North Carolina State Highway Patrol |
| 2. Michigan State Police | 8. Tennessee Highway Patrol |
| 3. New Hampshire State Police | 9. Florida Highway Patrol |
| 4. Kentucky State Police | 10. Missouri State Highway Patrol |
| 5. West Virginia State Police | 11. Mississippi Highway Patrol |
| 6. Ohio State Highway Patrol | 12. California Highway Patrol |
| | 13. Minnesota State Patrol |

Carrier Enforcement Troopers Win National Awards



Schroper Named NAIC Grand Champion

In August, after winning the Nebraska Inspectors Championship for the fifth time, Sgt. Ben Schropfer #360 traveled to Pittsburgh, PA to represent NSP in the North American Inspectors Championship.

After the competition, Sgt. Schropfer was crowned the winner of the 2019 Jimmy K. Ammons Grand Champion Award. In addition to winning the overall championship, Sgt. Schropfer won the High Points United States Award, placed in the top three in all three inspecting categories, and led his team to victory in the team inspectors competition.

The North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC) includes commercial motor vehicle inspectors from jurisdictions across the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

Mortensen Named Officer of the Year

In July, Trooper Sam Mortensen was named Officer of the Year by the Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Association.

Mortensen was honored during a ceremony in Orlando during the annual MSCI conference. The award recognizes the criminal interdiction work done by Trooper Mortensen in 2018, which included a record-setting 118 pound seizure of fentanyl.

The annual conference also included training for multiple NSP Troopers from across the state.



Troop A/Carrier Enforcement Present Civilian with Award

On Friday, September 20th, Colonel Bolduc and the NSP Command Staff took time to present Pedro Gonzalez Jurado with a Public Service Award for his efforts in saving a woman from hurting herself on September 11th.

Mr. Jurado was driving on Highway 63 when he noticed a female standing on the side of the highway overlooking Interstate 80. Pedro stopped his vehicle and attempted to talk the woman, but she proceeded to position herself atop the cement barricade on the bridge. As Troopers arrived on scene, the woman diverted her attention to their way. Mr. Jurado, at great risk to himself, seized an opportunity to pull the woman to safety. The woman was ultimately transported to a hospital where she could receive appropriate mental health care.

The Nebraska State Patrol Public Service Award recognizes citizens who demonstrate significant accomplishment with regard to public service. Public safety is the responsibility of the entire community and it is clear that Mr. Pedro Gonzalez Jurado takes this obligation seriously.



Interacting with the Public

Right: The Nebraska State Patrol awarded Bryan Murphy with a Public Service Award for stopping and checking on a 3 year old boy who was walking alone along Highway 31 and Schramm Park. The child had wandered away from his house without his parent's knowledge. Murphy's quick actions ensured the child was safely returned to his parents. Good job Bryan!

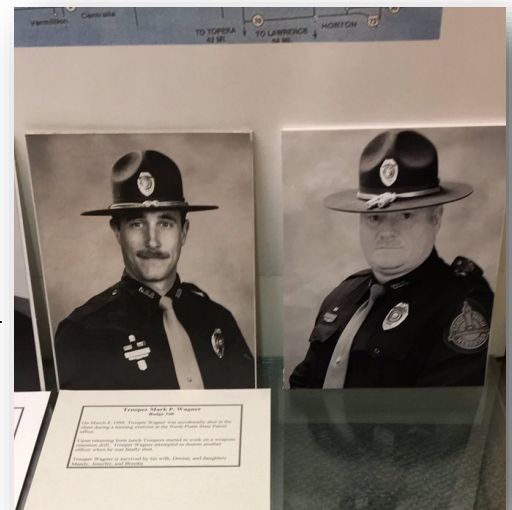


Left: Some of our Troopers got the privilege of meeting 15 year old Gustavo who aspires to be a Trooper someday. After losing his 12 year old sister Daisy to cancer, Gustavo plans to keep his promise made to her of making her proud. It was great meeting Gustavo and his family!

Trooper Jerry L. Smith Remembered

On July 24th, a black and white photo of Trooper Jerry L. Smith (#373) was officially added to the fallen officers memorial showcase displayed at the Training Academy. Smith's photo is displayed beside fallen Trooper Mark F. Wagner's (#168) photo. Times like these are sobering and humbling for everyone who was impacted by the servant leadership lifestyle those like Trooper Smith lived. The Nebraska State Patrol is blessed to have had the opportunity to call Smith a brother in blue.

Trooper Jerry L. Smith (#373) will be honored at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. in May 2020.





Personnel Actions

Nebraska State Patrol Personnel Actions July-2019

New Hires

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Merrell	Diane	IT Business Analyst - CID	IT - SHQ	7/1/2019
Little	Tina	Personnel Admin I	SHQ	7/8/2019
Arbogast	Ryan	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Bacon	Travis	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Brown	Nathan	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Jackson	Tristen	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Knudson	Nathan	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Moore	Christopher	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Sauser	Schuyler	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Schoenefeld	Ty	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Sosnowski	Steven	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Thompson	Jamie	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Thompson	Amy	Officer Recruit	TA - Grand Island	7/8/2019
Mosel	Hayleigh	Staff Asst I - NFIN	NIAC - Lincoln	7/15/2019
Holst	Steven	CID Record Tech	CID - Lincoln	7/23/2019
Otte	Kyle	NIAC Director	NIAC - Lincoln	7/29/2019

Resignations

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Rohleder	Terry	Sec Comm Shift Supv	Capital Security - Lincoln	7/4/2019
Thomas	Carl	IT Infra Support Analyst/Sr	Tech Crimes Div - NIAC	7/5/2019
Brown	Nathan	Officer Candidate - Camp 61	Training Academy - GI	7/10/2019
Parsons	Trina	Staff Asst I - Permits	CID - Lincoln	7/19/2019
Kleinschmit	April	Admin. Asst. II	CE - Lincoln	7/21/2019

Retirements

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Johansen	Kyle	Trooper - TA	TA - Grand Island	7/5/2019
Gibson	Warren	Trooper - Patrol Division	Troop C - Aurora	7/31/2019
Grossoehme	Eric	Trooper - Patrol Division	Troop A - Blair	7/31/2019

Transfers

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Goodschmidt	Troy	Trp - Patrol - Holdrege	Trp - Patrol - Lexington	7/1/2019
Wamsley	Matthew	Trp - CE - Fremont	Trp - CE - Waverly	7/3/2019
Fellin	Dail	Trp - PSD - S Sioux City	Inv - IS - VOTF - S Sioux City	7/7/2019
Hatcher	Shannon	Comm Spec - Lincoln	Comm Spec - Omaha	7/8/2019
Malicky	Nathan	Inv - Drug/DEA - Omaha	Inv. - Tech Crimes - Omaha	7/10/2019
White	Mark	Trp - Patrol - Lincoln	Inv - IS - Crim - Lincoln	7/28/2019
Fauver	Melissa	Staff Asst I - CID	Staff Asst I - NRAMS - SHQ	7/30/2019
Anderson-Trumble	Antonina	Records Analysis Supv	Admin Asst II - Lab	7/30/2019

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New Hires

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Mize	Kimberly	IT Bus Syst Analyst -MCSAP	SHQ - Lincoln	8/12/2019

Resignations

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Bunstock	Kerin	Reseach Analyst II	CE - Lincoln	8/2/2019
Loshbaugh	Robert	Security Guard	Capitol Security - Lincoln	8/4/2019
Weir	Patricia	Communications Specialist	Troop D - North Platte	8/8/2019
Frazier	Jeff	Elec Design Specialist	Radio Engineering - Lincoln	8/16/2019
Blum	Mitchell	Trooper - Patrol Division	Troop B - Columbus	8/20/2019
Schoenleber	Emily	DVSA Program Manager	CID - Lincoln	8/21/2019
Al-helfi	Rawa	CID Records Technician	CID - Lincoln	8/30/2019
Hall	Marcus	CID Records Technician	CID - Lincoln	8/30/2019

Retirements

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Jensen	Duff	Trooper - Patrol Division	Troop A - Blair	8/2/2019

Transfers

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Cockle	Levi	Trp. - Patrol Div - Ogallala	Trp. - PSD - Columbus	8/25/2019

Promotions

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Jimenez	Manuel	Trp - Patrol Div - Scottsbluff	Sgt. - Patrol Div - Scottsbluff	8/8/2019

Nebraska State Patrol Personnel Actions

September-2019

New Hires

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Barnes	Matthew	Security Guard	Capitol Security - Lincoln	9/1/2019
Gynan	Kristy	Staff Asst I	SOR - CID - Lincoln	9/3/2019
Wunderlich	Lee	Electronics Tech/Sr	Engineering and Supply	9/3/2019
Brothers	Michael	Fingerprint Tech	CID - Lincoln	9/9/2019
Shields	Krisandra	Records Analysis Supv.	CID - Lincoln	9/17/2019

Resignations

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Gynan	Kristy	Staff Asst I	SOR - CID - Lincoln	9/6/2019
Lawson	Colleen	Communications Spec Supv	HDQ - Lincoln	9/11/2019
Borges	Rachel	Communications Spec	HDQ - Lincoln	9/12/2019
Johnson	Takako	Process Impr Coord II	SHQ - Lincoln	9/13/2019
Bramhall	Doug	Electronics Tech/Sr	VIB - Lincoln	9/13/2019
Hindsley	Gailanne	Security Guard	Capitol Security - Lincoln	9/14/2019

Retirements

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Johnson	Janet	Administrative Asst. II	Crime Lab - Lincoln	9/6/2019
Folkers	Roger	Lieutenant - Inv. Services	Troop B - Norfolk	9/14/2019

Transfers

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Lukesh	John	Trp. - Patrol Div - Lincoln	Inv - Drug/Pharma - Omaha	9/22/2019
Neumiller	Dion	Trp. - Patrol Div - Broken Bow	Inv - Criminal - Broken Bow	9/22/2019

Promotions

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Old Position</i>	<i>New Position</i>	<i>Eff. Date</i>
Kroenke	Tyler	Sgt. - Patrol Div - Fremont	Lieutenant - ISO - Norfolk	9/9/2019
Maytum	Michael	Sgt. - CE - Lincoln	Lieutenant/MCSAP - Lincoln	9/16/2019

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In memory of the 12 Nebraska State Troopers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving the State of Nebraska.



Loyal M. Zink #43

Marvin L. Hansen #98

George W. Amos Jr. #9

Donald Matejka #192

John T. Meistrell #67

Duane F. Nichols #133

Michael D. Farber #427

Mark P. Wagner #168

Vernon C. Rolfs #129

Raymond M. Koerber #108

Robert J. Chab #221

Jerry L. Smith #373