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## Safer Summer on Nebraska Roads

After a year of high speeds and an increase in fatal crashes in 2020, troopers have been hard at work across the state to maintain safe roadways.

The summer of 2021, often called the “100 Deadliest Days”, was much safer, thanks in part to the efforts of troopers working throughout Nebraska. The summer of 2021 saw only 45 fatal crashes from June through August. That figure compared to 80 fatal crashes in the summer of 2020.

In fact, 2021's figure (45) is nearly 25% lower than the average of the previous ten years (58). The overall trend of fatalities is also positive for 2021 compared to previous years.

January through October 2021 saw 155 total fatalities on Nebraska roads, compared to 188 in 2020 and a previous five-year average of 177.

“Our Troopers and partners with other law enforcement agencies and the Nebraska Department of Transportation take traffic safety extremely seriously,” said Colonel John Bolduc.

“After a strange year on the roads during the pandemic, with high speeds and an increase in fatality crashes, public safety officials have worked hard to reverse that trend. The statistics of Nebraska's summer are a great indicator of those successful efforts.”

Of course, the goal is to always move toward zero fatalities on Nebraska roadways, but the

downward trend experienced this summer is a credit to the dedication to traffic safety displayed by many stakeholders.

As Nebraska heads toward the winter months, troopers will continue that mission of keeping Nebraska roads safe and work to educate and prepare motorists for the upcoming change in driving conditions.



## Drone Program Takes Flight

Troopers across the state took to the air for the first time this year as certified drone operators. NSP's first venture in the skies with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) comes after months of planning and research.

NSP's first drone pilots are crash reconstructionist who are

able to use this new tool to map an entire crash scene in a fraction of the time previously necessary. The goal of the program is to continue producing a thorough report for the crash investigation, but also be able to open the roadway much sooner.

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# Around the State

## Troop A

Troop A has produced strong results in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021, while rebounding from the pandemic.

Construction work on the I-80 corridor in the Omaha Metro area, was a large undertaking through the summer months. NDOT's 84<sup>th</sup> Street bridge work and lane shifts have put the Traffic Incident Management Systems (TIMS) philosophy of efficient response and quick clearance to the test. With the increased volumes in traffic



in the metro, Troopers employing sound traffic management techniques is more important than ever.

Pursuits were again a hot topic in Troop A. Our troop area has been averaging 2 pursuits per week. The utilization of the Aviation Support Division (ASD) has increased our capture rate for fleeing criminals. Additionally, the resources of NSP's ASD, and OPD's Able-I continuously improve officer safety on the ground, as well as the overall safety of the general public.

Troop A's Investigative Services Office has again seen productive results throughout the year with each and every

Task Force position. The Commercial Interdiction Unit (CIU), Tactical Diversion Squad (TDS), and Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) group have seen record numbers of activity. These efforts are continuing to make communities safer in the Omaha Metro Area. Several operations this year have also had positive impacts on other communities throughout the nation.

Taking weapons, drugs, and violent criminals off of our roadways and troop area streets will continue to be a priority as we head into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

## Troop B

Third quarter has been a productive quarter for Troop B, not only by great work with our team, but also some noteworthy events.

WJAG radio station in Norfolk has one of the oldest radio safety programs in the country. NSP began the broadcast a year after the Patrol formed in 1937. Today, NSP continues the tradition with a monthly radio show called 'Tips with a Trooper' that is aired on the second Tuesday of each month. Various topics are discussed focusing on keeping Nebraska safe.

12 Troop B Troopers were presented Hero Awards by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) during a ceremony

held at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln. They were awarded the Adult DUI Enforcement Team award. Recipients are; Sgt. Ben Brakenhoff, Sgt. John Mobley, Sgt. Jesse Pfeifer, Trp. Ray Johnson, Trp. Kristen McCrea, Trp. Andrew Bestenlehner, Trp. Bryan Wiggins, Trp. Dan Osuna-Salazar, Trp. Madison Reynoldson, Trp. Eric Kloster, Trp. Kayla Reicks, and Trp. Tyler Mann.

Troop B celebrated Inv. Keith Bignell #4 retirement. We commemorated the occasion on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Madison Fire Hall with many NSP members and family in attendance to celebrate his accomplishments. Keith's honorable service to the State of Nebraska was for 27 years, of which he spent 6 years in traffic services, and then transferred into the ISO

Division as a drug investigator for the remainder of his career. Keith spent his entire career in the Columbus duty station. Keith's words of wisdom during his retirement celebration he relayed a story of how a 9-year-old boy (Keith) being influenced by Troopers performing their everyday duties. His reminder to all of us was to represent the agency every day at a high level, because you just do not know who will be influenced to be a future state trooper.



## Troop C

The big headline this quarter was the release of the NSP drone program! There has been a lot of effort from Troop C personnel bringing this program from infancy to its deployment. The drones have been used for several NSP incidents as well as assisting our allied agencies. Clearance times have been significantly reduced which opens roadways faster and allows our troopers to get out of harm's way faster. Troop C saw another busy quarter hosting both the Nebraska State Fair and Husker

Harvest days within weeks of each other. They saw a huge increase in traffic along with the return of normally attended events. Troop C took part in special assignments including Operation Clear Track, You Drink You Drive You Lose and Carrier troopers working MAPS. Traffic stops and Ruse checkpoints continue to lead to significant drug seizures and the arrests of several felons. SWAT was activated several times in our troop area this quarter which ensured our

troopers getting home safe at the end of their shifts. Our Investigative team assisted with the newly formed Special Investigation Team on some of our critical incidents. Our Patrol division continues to relentlessly pursue offenders in the area and work the dreaded crashes, some in a sea of construction cones. We have a few weeks to catch our breath before another wintery season promises its annual curse of cold, treacherous weather.



## Colonel's Corner

Dear Reader,

As we enter the later stages of 2021, I am writing from the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC. This week we will finally have the ceremony where Jerry L. Smith #373, will have his name enshrined on the Memorial Wall. I am here with Jerry's family and a contingent of our teammates from Troop E. The ceremonies this week will undoubtedly be emotional, yet impactful as the thousands of peace officers and their families remember their fallen brothers and sisters from 2019 and 2020.

It is against this backdrop that I am reminded of how fragile life is. Our everyday struggles and normal human drama that come from external as well as internal forces, tend to pale in comparison to the reality that sometimes our loved ones don't come home. This is what we call the ultimate sacrifice. While losing a law en-

forcement officer in the line of duty is actually rare, the fear of it is real enough for us to cope with each and every day. The last few years have seen increases in violence, negative attitudes and actions toward law enforcement, and an increase in burnout and dissatisfaction. I believe this trend will stay with us for a while, but like most trends, they eventually swing back the other way.

We have challenges in our agency among our sworn and civilian ranks. Some of these challenges we create ourselves, and some of them come from external sources that we have limited control or influence over. Some of these challenges can impact us in very personal ways. This is why we have invested in wellness programs that are designed to help you. From peer counselors, to chaplains, to our EAP program, we have resources available to each of our 700+ teammates that are anonymous, effective, and just a phone call away. Please familiarize your-

self with how to access these resources in your area.

Thank you for being part of this team of dedicated public servants who do the challenging work of keeping Nebraska Safe!





## Troop D

Troop D has gone through many improvements in our Communication Center. New consoles and flooring have been upgraded to provide a better working environment. Other features include updated

lighting, lockers, and paint. Soon we will have new video screens for MACH, Airlink, and GeTac. Having a redundant site in North Platte is mission critical for our infrastructure. During the heavy portions of the remodel, dis-

patchers worked seamlessly between North Platte and Lincoln. The excitement of the new site in Lincoln helped identify improvements needed in North Platte.

Trooper Goodschmidt has been working with the Dawson County Drug Board to secure an X-RAY backscatter machine. The device is used with either probable cause or consent searches for contraband in vehicles. One of the benefits is this device will help minimize

the risk of puncturing drug packages.

Included in the training will be NSP personnel, Dawson County Deputies, and Police Officers. The device will be housed at our Lexington Office and available when requested by surrounding agencies.

## Troop E

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Investigative Services assisted Chadron PD with a Murder Investigation, of a 72 year old man. The 20 year old suspect was sought and later arrested on the Oglala Sioux Reservation. NSP patrol, drug, criminal, SWAT, Chadron PD, SD DCI, OST assisted with locating the suspect.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> Troop E Investigators from Criminal, Drug, and the WING task force as-

sisted Troop D with a homicide in Kilgore. The suspect was located in Kilgore and taken into custody with the assistance of Troop E ISO, Troop D patrol, Airwing, SWAT, and the Cherry County Sheriff's Office. NSP Dispatch, and Cherry County Dispatch all assisted in the investigation as well.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> Investigators assisted Cheyenne County

Sheriff's office in searching a field for a possible deceased individual after a cyber tip was placed online. The cyber tip stated a specific location a body was buried in Nebraska. After a square mile was searched on foot extensively by search and rescue, cadaver dogs, ISO, and Sheriff's office personnel it was determined to be a false report.

## Troop H



The HDQ Troop Investigative Unit is responsible for a variety of criminal and drug investigations across 14 counties in SE Nebraska. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021, the HDQ Troop Investigative Unit started/conducted 72 new investigations. A large part of their regular workload is not only conducting their own investigations, but also assisting allied agencies. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, this

unit performed 80 agency assists. This was accomplished through building and maintaining trust-based relationships and through teamwork.

What sets them apart from other troop areas is that within HDQ Troop's 14 counties, there are five state correctional institutions and two state behavioral/mental health facilities, which consume a large portion of the Investigative Unit's resources. In fact, during the 3<sup>rd</sup>

quarter of 2021, 46% of all new criminal investigations originated inside one of these institutions or facilities, including investigating six inmate deaths.

The HDQ Troop Investigative Unit, with help from several divisions/units, continues its investigation into the disappearance of Linda Dillard. Dillard, 55, was last seen on June 16, 2021 in the rural Table Rock area. Dillard is believed to be missing under suspicious

circumstances. The HDQ Troop Patrol Division remains committed and dedicated to public safety. The Troopers continue to remain vigilant in making the roadways safer in Southeast Nebraska. Collaborative efforts with various agency divisions such as Carrier Enforcement, Police Service Dog, Air Support, Investigative Services, Fusion Center and the Communications Division help to make it possible for Troopers to patrol more effectively. The HDQ Troop command staff routinely meets with allied agencies on areas of high traffic volume along with accidents, with the

overall goal to reduce fatal accidents.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter alone, the HDQ Troop Patrol Division continued to keep our roadways safe by removing 94 impaired drivers from the road. Sgt. Mike Thorson #394, Trp. Ben Nguyen #64, Trp. Jamieson Brown #119, Trp. Nate Knudson #367, and Trp. Ethan Schroeder #86 were recognized for their excellent work with a 2021 MADD Team Award. Nguyen and Schroeder also received MADD Awards for their individual efforts.

HDQ Troopers also accounted

for 230 Drug and Alcohol related citations, made 45 Felony Arrests, and arrested 65 suspects with warrants in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Also, during the month of July several HDQ Troopers volunteered for a deployment to Texas to support the Texas Department of Public safety.

Currently Troopers are busy keeping the roadways safe for travel, conducting background investigations for NSP Academy Class 66 and assisting the University of Nebraska with security measures at the Husker home football games.



## Carrier Enforcement

The Carrier Enforcement Division welcomed Captain Martin Denton in July after Captain Dan Doggett's retirement.

On September 10 Trp. Kris Hunzeker #32 was honored with the 2021 Woman of Distinction Award by the Nebraska Trucking Association for her constant efforts to keep Nebraska roadways safe.

Sgt. Jason Stahl nominated

Frank Axiotes for the Citizen Public Service Award for Heroic Actions. His heroism saved two people from a burning vehicle on I-80 near Lincoln on September 25, 2020. Read more on this story on Page 11!

Nebraska Trucking Association 2021 Fall Conference. Presented the Nebraska Driver of the year award to Joe "Animal" Brooks on September 10, 2021.

Carrier enforcement has also spent a couple weeks helping to train Troopers and Officers from 15 states on post-crash commercial vehicle inspections. It was a great training session to highlight NSP Carrier Enforcement expertise.



Featured Divisions: Crime Lab and Accounting

### Crime Lab

The NSP Crime Laboratory hired three new people during the third quarter of 2021, all coming to Nebraska from other parts of the country. Since relocating to a different facility late in 2015, the staffing level at the lab has grown from 25 to 41. Over 50% of our current lab staff have relocated from other states to accept their

positions here at the NSP Crime Laboratory.

September 20<sup>th</sup> was the start to National Forensic Sciences Week. To honor our dedicated and hardworking staff, treats were provided each day, as well as a team trivia competition that took place throughout the week.

The forensic science services provided by the NSP Crime Laboratory include, Biology/DNA, Latent Prints, Firearms/Toolmarks, Footwear/Tire Tread, Controlled Substances, Toxicology and Trace Evidence to include fire debris, explosives and primer gunshot residue testing. The laboratory analyzes over 5,000 cases per year.



### Texas Deployment



In late June and throughout the month of July, a group of Nebraska State Troopers deployed to Texas in response to a request for assistance from the Texas Department of Public Safety. The request was made through the Emergency Management Agency Compact and cited public safety concerns in Texas communities along the southern border.

Troopers partnered with Texas DPS Troopers and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to

patrol communities in the Del Rio Sector of the United States-Mexico border. Nebraska was also joined by troopers from Florida, and later troopers from Iowa and Ohio.

The team worked hard throughout the deployment and had great connections with members of the community in Texas.

In total, Nebraska State Troopers assisted in more than 500 traffic stops and 25 commercial vehicle inspections while in Texas. Troopers also assisted in the arrest of more than 15 people for human smuggling, located at least six known gang or cartel members, recovered stolen vehicles, and assisted in multiple

arrests for sexual assault of a minor.

Troopers also assisted Texas DPS in referring more than 1,600 migrants to CBP. Captain Jason Scott described the situation as desperate. "In the 23 years I've been in law enforcement, I've not seen a humanitarian situation of that nature," said Captain Scott.

Troopers deployed in two waves, for a total of 24 days of service in Texas.



## Accounting

Two important dates mark significant annual milestones for the Accounting and Grants Division. June 30<sup>th</sup> was the fiscal year-end for all State of Nebraska Agencies. Additionally, September 30<sup>th</sup> marks the U.S. Federal Government's fiscal year-end. These are significant, as both sectors have a large number of deadlines tied to these dates.

The last quarter has been a very busy one for the Accounting and Grants team. Some task that this division has been working on over the past quar-

ter have been comprehensive desk reviews/audits that were completed for three grants which required a significant amount of documentation to be gathered by the grants team. Several grant applications for the new fiscal year were required to be completed during this last quarter as well.

Additionally, the Accounting team completed many year-end entries, as well as required reporting requirements related to the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and several annual certifications

that needed to be completed. An exciting new project is also in the works for the Grants team. This is the upcoming conversion to a new grants management system called Amplifund. This new system will eventually replace the current access-based grants management system which has been in use for many years. The new system will provide a much more automated approach to maintaining grant related information.



## Camp 65

Sixteen recruits began the journey to being a Nebraska State Trooper in July at the NSP Training Academy. Thirteen of those recruits remain at the TA and are more than halfway through the program.

The recruits have spent their time learning the culture of the Nebraska State Patrol, gaining academic knowledge and skills,

and starting to train on the work that will be required of them once they graduate and hit the road on patrol.

Although COVID has been an continuing issue, the group is still staying busy and working hard to stay healthy and complete the training.

Some examples of the training that the recruits go through are Building Search/Active Threat, Patrolling, Practicing Drug Recognition, Accident Investigation and many other training courses as their training goes on.

Camp 65 is scheduled to graduate on December 17, 2021.

*The gained skills and knowledge coupled with the relationships built really prepare recruits for a successful career with the Nebraska State Patrol.*



Here's what else was going on!

### Drone Program Takes Flight



By the end of 2021, NSP will have more than 30 certified drone operators. The drone pilots are FAA certified and have additional training specific to accident reconstruction.

The goal of the drone program is to use the enhanced technology to clear crash scenes faster, while still producing the

detailed report necessary for a crash investigation. NSP drones operate on a specially designed scene mapping program that allows the investigator to map the scene from the air with a high-resolution photo.

So far, drones have been used in dozens of crash investigations, including some scenes that have stretched for nearly a mile in length.

Based on crash investigation figures from previous years, the drone program is expected to be a major time and money-saver for the commercial trucking industry.

By clearing scenes faster and getting traffic moving again, NSP estimates the savings to commercial operators could be in the millions of dollars.



### NSP Featured in AAST National Cruiser Calendar

For the third year in a row, the Nebraska State Patrol will be featured in the National Cruiser Calendar!

The photo, taken by Scottsbluff-based photographer Andrew Smith, shows Trooper Isaiah Jaramillo's patrol unit basking under the Milky Way.

The photo went up against submissions from other state agencies around the country and finished 5th in the voting, meaning NSP will be featured in the month of May 2022!

The contest is an annual online vote held by the American Association of State Troopers. The AAST is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to the families of troopers killed in the line of duty, among other missions.



Sworn troopers are eligible to join the American Association of State Troopers, which is the only national association organized exclusively for individual troopers.

To learn more about AAST or to find out about membership and benefits of being a mem-

ber, contact Lt. Eric Jones of Troop H Investigative Services.

You can purchase the AAST cruiser calendars here: [Available Now! Order Your 2019 America's Best Looking Trooper Cruisers Calendar Now \\$10.00](#)



## National Award for Trooper Goodschmidt



In late August, Trooper Troy Goodschmidt attended the annual El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) Motor Vehicle Crim-

inal Interdiction Conference and was honored for his work in interdictions in 2020.

Trooper Goodschmidt was presented an award for having the largest marijuana interdiction in the United States for all of 2020.

That case stemmed from a motorist assist Trooper

Goodschmidt performed on a large truck in August 2020. Upon further investigation, he noted criminal indicators and eventually located nearly 2,300 pounds of marijuana contained inside television boxes inside the truck.



## State Headquarters Open House

After years of planning and preparations, NSP's new headquarters facility in Lincoln became a reality in 2021. The vast majority of the move-in process occurred between April and June 2021, but in August, NSP was able to unveil the new headquarters to the public with a media open house and ribbon cutting event.

We were also able to hold open houses for NSP families and other law enforcement officers to come view the new facility, which is now fully operational and will be home for Lincoln-based NSP operations for decades to come!



Trooper  
Jerry L. Smith  
Badge #373  
End of Watch  
06/20/2019

### Troopers Honored as MADD Heroes



*“These honors from MADD are a great recognition for the constant work it takes to keep roads safe, but they also serve as a reminder that the job is ongoing.*

*We salute MADD for their invaluable work to keep the topic of impaired driving at the forefront of the safe-driving conversation.”*

*- Colonel John Bolduc*

More than 25 Nebraska State Troopers have been honored for their efforts to remove impaired drivers from the road, as well as educate the public about the dangers of drunk driving.

27 troopers were presented Hero Awards by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) during a ceremony held at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln. MADD honors law enforcement across the state for their daily work to keep drunk or drugged drivers off Nebraska roadways.

In 2020, NSP troopers arrested nearly 1,000 drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. They also conduct hundreds of events across the state each year to educate Nebraska’s youth about the dangers of drinking and driving.

So far in 2021, troopers have made more than 850 DUI arrests.

### Troopers Honored by MADD

**Troop B**

- Sgt. Ben Brakenhoff Adult DUI Enforcement Team
- Sgt. John Mobley
- Sgt. Jesse Pfeifer
- Trp. Ray Johnson
- Trp. Kristen McCrea
- Trp. Andrew Bestenlehner
- Trp. Bryan Wiggins
- Trp. Dan Osuna-Salazar
- Trp. Madison Reynoldson
- Trp. Eric Kloster
- Trp. Kayla Reicks
- Trp. Tyler Mann

**Troop C**

- Trp. Ryan Stirn Adult DUI Enforcement Team
- Trp. Luke Kelley
- Trp. Brandon Sutton
- Trp. Zach Lorang
- Trp. Cody Cassidy
- Trp. Matthew Richardson
- Trp. Jordan Girardi
- Trp. Kyle Gaudreault

- Trp. Ryan Stirn Adult DUI Enforcement Individual

**Troop E**

- Trp. Isaiah Jaramillo Adult DUI Enforcement Individual
- Trp. Timothy Flick Education and Awareness

**Troop H**

- Sgt. Michael Thorson Adult DUI Enforcement Team
- Trp. Ben Nguyen
- Trp. Jamieson Brown
- Trp. Nathan Knudson
- Trp. Ethan Schroeder

- Trp. Ben Nguyen Adult DUI Enforcement Individual
- Trp. Ethan Schroeder Adult DUI Enforcement Individual



## NSP Honors Civilian Life-Saver

Carrier Enforcement Commanders presented a Public Service Award to an Omaha man for his heroic actions in response to a fiery crash last year.

The crash occurred on September 25, 2020, when an SUV became trapped between a semi and the inside jersey barrier on I-80 in Lincoln. The SUV, which was occupied by 21-year-old Maddie Daly and her 9-year-old brother, caught fire and Maddie was trapped. Frank

Axiotes was eastbound on I-80 at the time and witnessed the crash. He parked his vehicle on the shoulder, ran across the eastbound lanes, and assisted both Maddie and her brother get out of the vehicle.

“Frank stepped in and it was like a superhero movie,” Maddie said. “He jumped on top of the car and started punching in the windshield. I don’t want to think about what would happen if he wasn’t there to help.”



Captain Marty Denton and Sergeant Jason Stahl presented the award to Mr. Axiotes at his place of business in Omaha. Maddie and her family were able to attend.

## Two NSP Pilots Earn Their Wings

In August, NSP started a new tradition as two of our newest pilots officially earned their wings.

Colonel Bolduc gathered the entire Aviation Support Division at the hangar in Lincoln and presented Troopers Josh Emhovick and Kelli Nichelson their NSP Pilot Pin.

Both Emhovick and Nichelson have recently completed the necessary training and certification to operate as solo pilots in fixed-wing aircraft. Passing the Checkride is a major milestone for any pilot.

Additionally, Trooper Nichelson’s wings represent another milestone as she becomes the first female pilot in NSP history. Congratulations to both new pilots!



## New Hires

### July 2021

- Dillon Armour, Trp. Cand.
- Michael Blazek, Trp. Cand.
- Dylan Duhsmann, Trp. Cand.
- Tyson Dunbarr, Trp. Cand.
- Ryan Edmondson, Trp. Cand.
- Sarah Evans, Trp. Cand.
- Regan Holst, Trp. Cand.
- Colton Kirkendall, Trp. Cand.
- Logan Miller, Trp. Cand.
- Philip Parish, Trp. Cand.
- Jose Ramirez Morales, Trp. Cand.
- Jaquelline Rivas, Trp.

Cand.

- Mara Tighe, Trp. Cand.
- Griffen Vater, Trp. Cand.
- Brady Wallace, Trp. Cand.
- Emily Anderson, Forensic Scientist I
- Laura Sanchez, Security Guard
- Claudia Torres, Office Specialist

### August 2021

- Brandon VanDeMortel, Comm. Specialist
- Billijo Gressley, Patrol Div. Office Specialist
- Courtney Maleport, Forensic Tech.
- Desiree Wordlaw, QAIP Admin Programs Officer I

- Tyler Ford, IT Bus Syst. Analyst (AFIS)
- Kari Day, Intell Crime Analyst
- Daniel Mlinar, Counter Threat Crime Analyst

### September 2021

- Kelsey Baldwin, Sr Payroll Accountant II
- Andre Phillippon, Security Guard
- Sky Brumm, Security Guard
- Patricia Olson, Supply Tech. II
- Sara Hulac, Attorney III
- Shawn Scheffe, Forensic Scientist I

## Transfers

### July 2021

- Martin Denton, SHQ Admin Cap. To North Platte Carrier Capt.
- Moamal Ali, Capitol Security Guard to Trp. Cand.
- Ashley Elrod, IT Infr. Support Analyst to Tech Crimes
- Ryan Henrichs, Omaha Patrol Sgt. to Lincoln Patrol Sgt.
- Kristen McCrea, S Sioux City Patrol Trp. To Waverly Scales Carrier Trp.
- Isaac Banks, Valentine Drug Inv. To Valentine Patrol Trp.

### September 2021

- Courtney Cool, Fremont Carrier Trp. to SHQ Professional Standards Trp.
- Miguel Del Toral, Omaha Inv/Fin Task Force to Omaha Patrol Trp.
- Kristen Unterseher, Research Team Office Tech. to Backgrounds Team Office Tech.
- Madison Norrie, North Platte Carrier Port Trp. To North Platte Carrier Scales Trp.
- Luke Kelley, St. Paul Patrol Trp. To Ord Patrol Trp.
- Kent Kavan, Hebron Carrier Trp. To Auburn Patrol Trp.

- Christopher Lutes, Lincoln Tech Crimes Inv. To Lincoln Patrol Trp.

## Promotions

### August 2021

- Kimberly Skala, Admin Programs Officer I to NIAC Crime Analyst
- Katelyn Harshman, CID Office Specialist to Admin Programs Officer I

### September 2021

- Kevin Finn, Omaha Trp. A Drug Inv. To Omaha Trp, A Patrol Sgt
- Rachel Rial, Backgrounds Office Tech to CID/CHP Office Specialist



## Resignations

### July 2021

- Jareth Kaup, Accountant II
- William Richards, Comm. Specialist
- Dillon Armour, Trp. Cand.
- Qian Cheng, IT Appl. Developer (TRACS)

- Gabriella Mares, Comm. Specialist
- Jessica Rogers, Comm. Specialist

- Tyson Dunbarr, Trp. Cand.

### September 2021

- Kara Simpson, CID/CHP Office Specialist
- Christine Garcia, SOR Admin. Specialist
- Brayan Moreno, Security Guard

### August 2021

- Hayleigh Mosel, Intell Crime Analyst

## Retirements

### August 2021

- Keith Bignell, Drug Division Inv.



## Deceased

### August 2021

- Nicholas Goodwin, Carrier Enforcement Trp.

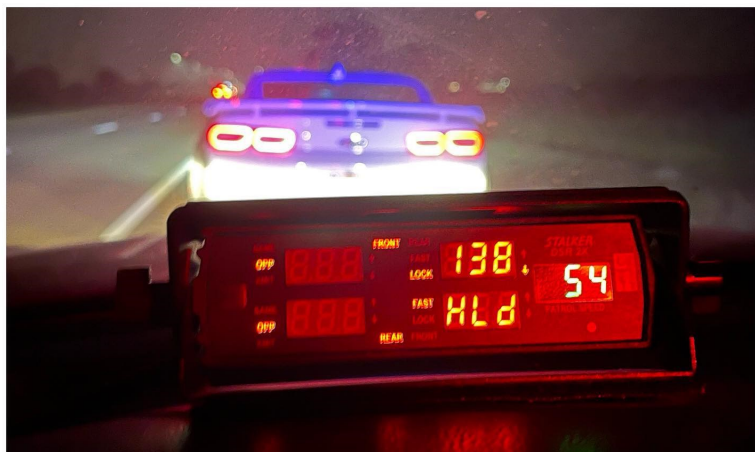
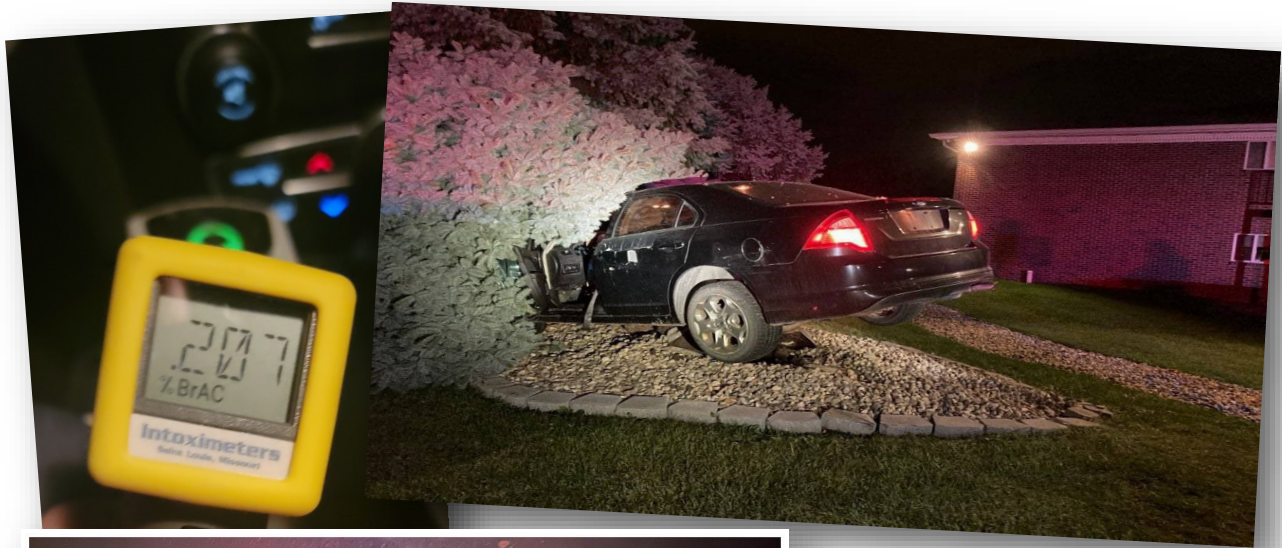




*All images were taken by various NSP personnel and friends around the State during the third quarter of 2021!*









## Remembering Trooper Nick Goodwin #73

NSP personnel surrounded the family of Trooper Nick Goodwin #73, who passed away suddenly on August 5.

Many members of NSP Troop E, Carrier Enforcement, and State Headquarters, along with members of the NSP Honor Guard travelled to Ottumwa, Iowa to be with the Goodwin family and remember Trooper Goodwin.

The Iowa State Patrol also sent more than a dozen troopers to attend the funeral.



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**In memory of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice  
while serving the State of Nebraska**

Loyal M. Zink (#43)

John T. Meistrell (#67)

Vernon C. Rolfs (#129)

Marvin L. Hansen (#98)

Duane F. Nichols (#133)

Raymond M. Koerber (#108)

George W. Amos Jr. (#9)

Michael D. Farber (#427)

Robert J. Chad (#221)

Donald Matejka (#192)

Mark P. Wagner (#168)

Jerry L. Smith (#373)



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