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## NSP Carrier Enforcement Honored by Truckers Against Trafficking

"This partnership, with

The Nebraska State Patrol Carrier Enforcement Division received a national honor for tremendous work to educate members of the trucking industry about the signs of human trafficking.

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) honored the NSP Carrier Enforcement on April 15th. TAT Deputy Director Kylla Lanier presented NSP with the 2022 Truckers Against Trafficking Champion Award, in the state agency category.

"We wanted to honor a law enforcement partner who took on the TAT mission, made it their own, and innovated in ways we had not seen done before," said Lanier, "When NSP first decided to partner with Truckers Against Trafficking, you guys did not dip your toe in the water. You went all-in from the very beginning."

the trucking industry and specifically Truckers Against Trafficking, is there to build awareness, to provide intervention, and to rescue victims of human trafficking," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "We are extremely proud of our Carrier Enforcement Division troopers, investigators, and support staff for their relentless work and the valuable partnerships they have developed in this important mission."

Truckers Against Trafficking is an international organization that has brought numerous industries together in the fight against human trafficking, including law enforcement, transportation, and energy partners. The Nebraska State Patrol Carrier



Enforcement Division has partnered with TAT for several years on initiatives including educational programs, public awareness efforts, and investigational operations.

Any business or organization wishing to partner with Truckers Against Trafficking can reach them via email at <u>tat.truckers@gmail.com</u>, by calling

612-888-4828, or by visiting TruckersAgainstTrafficking.org



## Wildfires Rage in Southwest Nebraska

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With extremely dry conditions for an extended period of time, several large fires erupted in southwest Nebraska during the month of April.

The wildfires were fueled by strong winds that also caused dust storms in many areas of the state.

Troopers were tasked with assisting local emergency managers in monitoring the fires and also with helping evacuate multiple communities throughout the situation.

Unfortunately, part of this response included a crash investigation that involved multiple responding vehicles. Elwood Volunteer Fire Chief Darren Krull was killed in the crash and Phelps County Emergency Manager Justin Norris was seriously injured. The crash occurred as the vehicle Krull and Norris were driving got caught in zero-visibility conditions and collided with a water truck.

As the fires continued, NSP deployed several members of the Drone Team to assist. Drone pilots were able to pinpoint hotspots inside the fire area and direct firefighting efforts to those areas, including directing high-volume water drops from National Guard Helicopters. The overall effort lasted weeks, and NSP's efforts were greatly praised by local and national emergency managers.

As one example, a FEMA representatives told NSP that the drone flights saved approximately 2 days of work to help contain the wildfires.

Here are several of the photos taken by NSP Drone Operators throughout the response.







## Law Enforcement Memorial Day



Each May, we pause to honor the law enforcement officers from around the nation who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Throughout Police Week, we honor the 12 Nebraska State Troopers who have fallen in service to Nebraska. Their service and sacrifice is remembered in memorials at NSP offices throughout the state, and each is named on the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Grand Island.

During this year's Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, Denise Wagner, wife of fallen Trooper

Mark Wagner, delivered a message of unity and hope.

We thank Denise for her continued connection to NSP and her constant willingness to help other families dealing with the tragedy of losing a hero. "The support of law enforcement has been amazing to my family. Some of our closest friends are still the law enforcement family that has walked every step of the way, from graduations to weddings, grandchildren, and just listening ears some times."

-Denise Wagner

## NSP Marks 85 Years of Service

For 85 years, the Nebraska State Patrol has served the people of Nebraska with honor. May marked the 85th anniversary of the agency.

Governor Pete Ricketts offered these words in an editorial published in newspapers across the state.

"Their mission to help keep our communities and citizens safe hasn't wavered. But they continue to adapt the ways they carry our that mission to meet the needs of Nebraskans," said Governor Ricketts. "As we celebrate 85 years of the NSP, let's recognize all they do for our state. They keep us safe on the roads, protect us from crime, stop online predators, and take dangerous drugs off our streets."

NSP has marked the anniversary with a decal placed on every marked patrol vehicle throughout the state. NSP Teammates, sworn and civilian, remain dedicated to our ongoing mission. In every position, in every corner of the state, we continue working to keep Nebraska safe!



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Special Operations

## **Aviation Support Division**

The Aviation Support Division kept busy during the 2nd Quarter. Its continues to offer ongoing mission support to DEA and FBI task force operations in the Omaha, Lincoln, and Sioux City. Additionally, the unit has supported operations local to NSP investigations in nearly every troop area. From thermal camera searches, to following subjects on warrants, to speed enforcement efforts or training, the unit has been on the go.

On the topic of training; the division is furthering it's capabilities with the advancement of pilot qualifications. Trooper Kelli Nichelson has been approved by aeronautics as a state pilot marking her ability to conduct solo operations in the NSP planes. She is now working on the instrument rating to allow operations at night adding further operational safety to the mission. Trooper Michael Schmitt has earned his private pilot license. He now works to obtain the hours for aeronautics approval. Trooper Emhovick has added the helicopter private pilot license on top of his airplane credential. He will continue to build hours towards the commercial helicopter rating and attendance at the Bell Helicopter training academy for the Bell 505/407 initial course. Trooper Barry Hinkle

has obtained his airplane commercial rating. He is airplane instrument/commercial rated and will now prepare for his helicopter private license. Trooper Strack continues to serve as the training officer for the unit which has been instrumental in the preparation of the pilots to advance in their qualifications.

This year has shown an uptick in high speed vehicles on the Nebraska roadways, particularly sport bikes. Enforcement has resulted in several arrests and motorcycle impoundments. Its estimated that nearly 8 out of 10 high performance sport bikes that are clocked for speed or seen operating carelessly will flee when a traffic



stop is initiated. If the air unit is overhead they are apprehended. We hope these efforts will curtail the uptick in fatalities in the Lincoln area alone from high speed vehicles whether they have two or four wheels.

The agency is receiving the new Bell 505 this quarter. After several delays from supply chain issues to installation facility labor deficiencies, the new platform will serve to further the SOD in mission. Routine operations of enforcement become more available keeping the roadways safe and apprehending criminals in its service as the pilots advance for the future.

## **Police Service Dogs**

The Nebraska State Patrol Police Service Dogs (PSD) Unit premiered on National Geographic episode of "Heartland Docs" and is available to stream.



Sgt. Prante has moved from PSD Sergeant to Emergency Preparedness. Sgt. Willkie is the new PSD Sergeant and a new police dog, Ezra, has been added to the team.

Members from the PSD United attended "K9s United Seminar" in Denver Colorado.



To stay updated on the current happenings within the unit, follow us on Twitter (NSP\_DogDivision)

## **Technical Crimes Division**

The Technical Crimes Unit continues to exceed goals and save money!

The Child Exploitation and Prevention Team has received a record 1,072 Cybertip complaints in 2022. This is a 24% increase over last year. The team has already had contact with 54 predators this year, several of which were convicted sex offenders, hands-on molesters and suspects attempting to meet children for sex. The Technical Crimes Unit takes every opportunity to educate law enforcement and the public with online safety presentations and educating them about current trends.

Since January, the Cyber Intrusion Team has responded to I 16 Cyber investigations that have had grave effects on Nebraska's businesses and families. Statistically, businesses never recover from a significant cyber event. The Technical Crimes Unit continues to participate in partnerships with businesses and Federal, State and local government agencies to continue to combat this 70% increase in investigations over last year.

The Technical Response Team strives to keep examinations of digital devices under 30 days. They have already conducted 246 examinations this year and are hovering around two weeks for a turnaround time. The team is in the process of deactivating their evidence storage servers which will result in a cost savings to the agency of \$300K total and \$100K annually.

Investigators and analysts are always willing to give advice, share a template or assist. Don't be shy about reaching out!



## Nebraska Information Analysis Center

The Nebraska Information Analysis Center (NIAC), in cooperation with IT, continues working on the new in-house intelligence database that will replace NFIN. Nebraska Intelligence and Threat Exchange (NITE) will have a user friendly, modern interface that will store intelligence data for Nebraska Law Enforcement. NIAC personnel will be starting the third phase of tests in the coming weeks. These tests and scenarios have been created by NSP IT program developers to eliminate technical glitches (bugs), ease of use, and fast/ accurate search results.

NIAC continues to push for "Real-time" intelligence requests throughout the State of Nebraska. We encourage Road Troopers, Investigators, and our local LE Partners to contact NIAC for urgent intelligence needs. "Real Time" intelligence requests have resulted in drug seizures and have linked suspects to known terrorist organizations. The TLO Threat Liaison Officer Program continues to progress. The TLO program is a key component of "Real Time" intelligence sharing. TLO outreach presentations will be taking place in Troops B, D, E and H before summers end. TLO training is forecasted for the fall of 2022.

NIAC is here for you. Get to know your Troop Area Analyst. The intelligence we locate could lend to the success or your investigation. The NIAC provides analyst access 24/7 – 365.



Special Operations

## NSP Suas (Small Unmanned Aircraft System)

The Nebraska State Patrol sUAS (Small Unmanned Aircraft System) program currently has 32 pilots with 36 drones in operation, three of which are equipped with a thermal camera (FLIR). The sUAS Team has spent the first quarter of 2022 training the pilots for Attempt to Locate Missions. Since January, the sUAS team has conducted over 100 missions. The vast majority of the missions are in support of the primary function of the program, crash investigation forensic mapping. But, with the addition of the thermal drones and the additional training, the sUAS Team has seen an increase in support missions for SOD (Special Operations Division) and attempt to locate operations. The sUAS Team has also flown in support of several wildfire suppression efforts across Nebraska, assisting the State Fire Marshalls Office and NEMA. The feedback from those agencies have been all positive and resulted in a significant cost savings to them in manpower and manned fight applications.

The sUAS Team has started training advanced drone operators for applications with SOD functions. By leveraging this technology, SOD Team members are safer by deploying drones into a location to identify areas of concern. Funding has been identified and approved for additional sUAS equipment. In the next six months, the team hopes to observe an increase in our thermal drone numbers, training certifications for the remaining PSD pilots and acquiring smaller sUAS systems for advanced SOD operations. The Crash Reconstruction Management Team is in the final stages of processing through the awarding of a Highway Safety Grant to also fully equip and standardize the Crash Reconstruction unit with

3D Scanners and GNSS (GPS) Total Stations. This equipment will be acquired and deployed to the field before the end of this summer! In just the first six months of operation, the sUAS Team has seen their on-scene crash reconstruction investigation time go from an average 2.5 hours to just 53 minutes. The Crash Reconstruction management team has processed 40 sUAS mapped scenes through the Pix4D photogrammetry software maintained at the Grand Island NSP office which ultimately renders a 3D scene diagram for analysis by our Crash Reconstruction team members across the state. This decrease in road closure time and the mission of guick roadway clearance reduces secondary collisions and keeps our officers and the public safer.



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NSP traffic/SWAT assisted with

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assisted in traffic control and

rescue the hostage. The sus-

pect was taken into custody

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## SWAT

Everyone has had a busy year thus far, and NSP SWAT is no exception. There have been a total of 19 activations across the state. The team has added 8 new members in January, and the current roster has 28 members.

On January 11th, near MM314 180, a ruse was conducted to have a vehicle exit 180, but the suspect turned around before the interchange. TVI was utilized to immobilize vehicle. A hostage was rescued without injury. On March 25th, a subject escaped the hospital while in corrections custody. The subject broke into a residence with a screw driver and took a single occupant hostage in his bedroom. Grand Island Police Department (GIPD) initiated the call and had NSP negotiators assisting. GIPD requested NSP SWAT take over early morning. NSP SWAT was able

#### Calls by Troop Area

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## Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) for the Nebraska State Patrol has had a busy first half of 2022. So far, our negotiators have been activated for more than 15 crisis situations statewide. CNT members are activated for agency SWAT calls, as well as allied agency assists. Our members also assist with inter-agency trainings and presentations. In addition to the numerous CNT activations throughout the State, the current CNT members were tasked with planning and formulating curriculum for the agency's first ever Crisis Negotiation Basic Academy. Several hours were spent by many of the team members to make this happen, and in May, a 40-hour basic class was presented to the current team

members. This class consisted of classroom instruction, practical exercises and a full day of scenario-based training. During the scenario-based training, CNT members were also able to work first hand with NSP Command Staff, Tactical Personnel, including agency Drone pilots, all in an effort to mimic a "real-world" negotiation setting. The Basic Negotiation curriculum will be presented again in 2023 to Nebraska State Patrol personnel wanting to get a better understanding of crisis negotiations, or even wishing to be part of the CNT team in their Troop Area.

As we continue our mission for the second half of the year, CNT members look forward to continuing their training with NSP SWAT and allied agencies. Nebraska State Patrol CNT is continually utilizing new technology and equipment to safely resolve the situations they get called to. Several

members are also looking forward to attending some out of state trainings to increase their skill level and be more of an asset to the citizens we serve. The Nebraska State Patrol Crisis Negotiation Team is always looking to add qualified members to their team. If sworn personnel are interested in being part of the CNT Team, please reach out to any current CNT member.

## Nebraska Inspector Championships Return to Grand Island

Trooper John Hadaway captured first place honors and Trooper Tim Baumann finished as runner-up in the Nebraska Inspector Championships held in Grand Island in early June.

The Nebraska Inspector Championships are an annual event as part of the Nebraska Truck Driving Championships. Each participant goes through a table -top exercise, various hands-on inspections, and a personal interview. The event hasn't been held since 2019 because of COVID-19 concerns in 2020 and 2021.

Trooper Hadaway will now represent Nebraska at the North American Inspector Championships (NAIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana, from August 15-19. During the NAIC, inspectors from across North America are tested in a series of timed events, in which they demonstrate their knowledge of the North American Standard Inspection Program.

In addition to the competition, each inspector receives training on the latest safety information, technology, standards, and inspection procedures. The NAIC is held in conjunction with the American Trucking Association National Truck Driving Championships.



Featured Divisions: Process Improvement & HR

## **Process Improvement**

While the Process Improvement Team continues to work with or assist other members of the NSP Team to identify/ report cost savings, eliminate waste and institute efficiencies, another of the many functions it performs is the facilitation of the Continuous Improvement Committee (CIC) which was implemented by the Superintendent's Office. This Committee is made up of personnel from across multiple divisions with it's focus on gathering concerns/ideas from the entire NSP Team and then addressing them through the appropriate processes. The improvement ideas presented in committee meeting are accomplished through Executive Decisions, Lean Leader projects, DMAIC projects or other operational excellence methodologies.

In the spirit of constantly improving, Mark Watson, Process Improvement Coordinator II, improved himself by completing a rigorous training process in 2021 to become a State of Nebraska certified Black Belt. Training included mastery of Lean Six Sigma tools, deeper awareness of proven leadership models and in-depth understanding of Statistical Process Controls. A conclusion of the training was marked with a formal graduation ceremony and presentation of the Black Belt by Governor Pete Ricketts

and COE Director Matt Singh.



The agency's Standard Work Process (SWP) initiative launched in 2022 was driven by concerns, from multiple fronts, and was developed to assist in multiple areas, such as: recruiting, onboarding, training, personnel development, retention, succession planning and continuity of operations. While not ALL work lends itself to standardization, most processes and teammates benefit from consistency and documentation. Standardizing work includes: detailed instructions for the best proven method to produce a product or service, clearly-defined sequential work elements, eliminate variations when appropriate, developing a baseline upon which to improve. If the current process can and is improved, the standard work process should be revised so that everyone does

it the new, improved way. The implementation of the agency's SWP is separated into three phases for the 2022 calendar year; Phase 1: January – March (list job duties), Phase 2: April – September (complete

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job aides), Phase 3: October – December (supervisor approval and part of each individual's annual performance review)

Ongoing and upcoming division's endeavors include: Offices of Risk Management form processing, Patrol phone bill accuracy, 2022 Center of Operational Excellence Summit, evidence collection & submittal process, Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant process, eTrace request processing, SHQ Pool vehicle management, Belt Certification training and meeting Patrol hard savings goals.

## Human Resources

Just like most everyone else in the agency the Human Resource Division has been very busy the last few months.

Our biggest challenge has been filling our vacant positions in today's job market. We currently have a record seven positions in "Open until filled" status. To address these problems we have expanded our recruiting tools such as branching into civilian internships, active candidate sourcing, and adding phases to officer recruitment process.

We can celebrate nineteen Officer Candidates starting Camp 66 and Capital Security being fully staffed.



## **Intern Spotlight**

The NSP welcomed three new interns to the team during the second quarter of 2022. Interns get the opportunity to visit and learn from several different Divisions throughout their time with the Agency. They get a close-up look at what it means to be a Trooper patrolling the roadways, a pilot with our Aviation Support Division, a Forensic Scientist with our Crime Lab, or even a Trooper assigned to the Executive Protection Division.

One of our new interns is Matthew Brichacek. He will begin his summer internship in Troop A. He will be a senior this fall at the University of Nebraska-Omaha where he is studying Criminal Justice with a minor in English. Upon graduating from UNO, he hopes to join NSP as a Trooper. He is looking forward to learning more about

the daily life of a Trooper and the inner workings of the agency. Our sec-



ond intern, Tyson Guzman, comes to us from University of Nebraska- Lincoln. Tyson is majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. He chose this major because he enjoys helping people and wants to make a positive impact in the world. He thinks the Nebraska State Patrol is best at what they do with topnotch teams and individuals who strive to be the best law enforcement agency in the State of Nebraska and that is why he chose to be part of this agency.

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Last but not least, the NSP welcomed intern Grant Schafer. Grant graduated from North Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Military Science. Grant will be interning the NSP Emergency Preparedness department. He looks forward to meeting all the teams and stakeholders who strive to make the NSP the best agency in the State of Nebraska.



The Nebraska State Patrol has enjoyed their time with these students and is excited to work with others who are interested in the law enforcement profession.

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## **Troopers Honored as MADD Heroes**



" Enforcement and education are two keys to keeping Nebraska roads safe for all.

We're tremendously proud of our troopers and our public safety partners for their efforts to combat impaired driving. MADD is a fantastic partner in that mission, and we salute their work across the state to highlight the critical importance of always have a sober driver"

-Colonel John Bolduc A dozen Nebraska State Troopers have been recognized for their efforts to keep Nebraska roads safe through impaired driving enforcement and education.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) presented Hero Awards to 12 troopers, as well as officers, deputies, and advocates from several other agencies and organizations around the state. The annual MADD Heroes Award ceremony was held Tuesday, May 24 at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln.

MADD honors law enforcement and public safety advocates for their work to keep drunk or drugged drivers of Nebraska off roadways.

## Troopers Honored by MADD

**Troop C** Trp. Ryan Stirn Trp. Zach Lorang Trp. Jordan Girardi Trp. Travis Bauer Sgt. Andrew Hewitt

Trp. Ryan Stirn Trp. Nicole Saathoff Trp. Jordan Girardi

Trp. Timothy Flick

**Troop E** 

<u>Troop H</u>

Drug Recognition Expert

Adult DUI Enforcement Individual

Adult DUI Enforcement Team

Education and Awareness

Adult DUI Enforcement Team

Sgt. Michael Thorson Trp. Ben Nguyen Trp. Ty Schoenefeld Trp. Nathan Knudson Trp. Ethan Schroeder

Trp. Ben Nguyen Trp. Nathan Knudson Trp. Ethan Schroeder Adult DUI Enforcement



## NSP Trooper Honored for Stop Stick "Hit of the Year"

The Nebraska State Patrol has been honored by Stop Stick Ltd. for the 2021 "Hit of the Year". The award is presented annually for an exceptional stop stick deployment that results in the safe conclusion of a pursuit.

On June 20th, Stop Stick representatives presented the award to Trooper John Lewis for his successful deployment of stop sticks during a pursuit with a man suspect hadn't hit the spikes, he suspected of shooting Omaha Police Officer Jeffrey Wittstruck on March 21, 2021. Trooper Lewis' deployment was chosen out of more than 4,000 stop

stick deployments in 2021.

"The apprehension of this suspect was imperative, and it took exceptional teamwork from many troopers, officers, and deputies," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "Part of that team effort was an unbelievable stop stick deployment by Trooper Lewis. If the could very well have entered Lincoln and put even more members of the public in danger."

Earlier this year, NSP presented the actual stop stick used in the pursuit to Officer Wittstruck as he returned to work for the **Omaha Police Department** 



## **NSP** Junior Law Academy

Cadets from across Nebraska trained for a whole week to get a glimpse of what it takes from be a trooper with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). 44 cadets have completed the 52<sup>nd</sup> Junior Law Academy.

Junior Law is an annual program organized by the American Legion Department of Nebraska and hosted by the NSP Training Academy in Grand Island. Troopers from across Nebraska come together to teach the cadets and make presentations related to many aspects of NSP operations.

"This has been a week filled with exciting and eye-opening experiences for this class of cadets," said Captain Greg Miller, Commander of the NSP Training Academy. "The cadets have demonstrated discipline, determination, and skill. Those attributes will serve them well as they move toward completing high school and into their future careers. We'd love to see many of them back here at

the Training Academy in a few years, ready to join the ranks as Nebraska State Troopers."

Cadets at Junior Law have recently completed their junior year of high school. 18 girls and 26 boys graduated from the 52nd Junior Law Academy during a ceremony in Grand Island. NSP and the American Legion honored several of the top performers during the weeklong academy.

Applications for the 53rd Junior Law Academy, scheduled for June 2023, will be made available in the coming months. The

academy is open to boys and girls who are preparing for their senior year in high school.





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## **New Hires**

#### April 2022

Brenton Watson, Communications Specialist

June 2022

Elizabeth Mayfield, Patrol

**Division Office Specialist** 

Brianna Villa, Communica-

Rafael Alarcon Bangura,

Communications Specialist

Connor McNeil, Security

Deborah Sweazy, CID

Jarred Rogers, Security

tions Specialist

Guard

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#### May 2022

- Jill Hilkemann, Front Desk • Office Specialist
- Tanya Frey, Security Comm. Specialist
- Katelyn Schmid, Communications Specialist
- Courtney Larson, Office Specialist

## **Rehires**

#### June 2022

Jamie Thompson, Carrier Enforcement Trooper

## **Transfers**

#### April 2022

- Tyler Mann, Neligh Patrol Trooper to Norfolk Criminal Inv.
- Timothy Doggett, West Point Patrol Trooper to West Point Criminal Inv.
- Travis Bacon, Lexington Patrol Trooper to Lexington Drug Inv.
- Russell Dostal, Norfolk Patrol Trooper to Burwell Patrol Trooper

#### May 2022

Moamal Ali, Kearney Patrol Trooper to Lincoln Patrol Trooper

- Mara Tighe, Columbus Patrol Trooper to Norfolk Patrol Trooper
- Rob Jackson, Scottsbluff Liquor Inv. To Scottsbluff **CE** Trooper
- Dee Lang, Intell IT Infr SuppAn/SR to Intell Research Manger
- Clint Bruhn, Chadron Criminal Inv. To Chadron Liquor Inv.
- Joshua Beckwith, Waverly CE Trooper to Omaha CE Trooper

#### June 2022

Isaac Banks, Valentine •

#### Guard

- Madison Swenson, Security Guard
- Melissa Love, CID Front Desk Office Specialist



Patrol Trooper to Neligh Patrol Trooper

- Jeffrey Van Stelton, McCook Criminal Inv. To McCook Drug Inv.
- Kevin Finn, Omaha Patrol Sgt. To Omaha DEA Liaison Inv. Sergeant
- Clint Zost, Omaha Liquor Inv. To Wavery CE Trp.



## Resignations

#### <u>April 2022</u>

- Dylan Leslie, Crime Analyst
- Casey DunnGossin, Research Manager
- Sarah Evans, Patrol Division Trooper
- Brandon VanDeMortel, Communications Specialist
- Cheryl Nickerson, Office
  Specialist

Tim Weldon, Security Guard

## <u>May 2022</u>

 Hannah Sampson, Communications Specialist

#### <u>June 2022</u>

- Lloyd Cornell, Backgrounds Office Tech
- Chelsea McAlevy, Patrol Division Office Specialist

- Jill Hilkemann, CID Front Desk Office Specialist
- William Cassell, Communications Specialist

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## **Promotions**

#### <u>April 2022</u>

- Brandon Wilkie, Lincoln PSD Trooper to Lincoln PSD Sgt.
- Cassandra Wegelin, Scottsbluff Criminal Inv. To Scottsbluff Criminal Inv. Sergeant

#### <u>May 2022</u>

- Kayla Reicks, Columbus Patrol Trp., Norfolk Patrol Sgt.
- Morgan Kahler, CID Front

Desk Office Specialist to CID CPO Crime Analyst

 Caleb Homolka, CID Backgrounds Office Tech. to CID Forensic Tech (AFIS)

#### <u>June 2022</u>

- Crystal Tinajera-Reynolds, IT Bus Systems Analyst/ Coord to SHQ IT Supervisor
- Erin Robins, Communications Specialist to HDQ

Communications Specialist Supervisor

• Brenda Laflin, Accounting Accountant I to Accounting Accountant II



## Retirements

#### <u>April 2022</u>

• Scott Lackas, Patrol Division Sergeant

#### <u>May 2022</u>

- Matthew Nicholas, Patrol Division Trooper
- Steve Carey, IT Infra Support Analyst

#### <u>June 2022</u>

- Bruce Luhr, IT Infra Support Analyst– AFIS
- Richard Aldag IV, Special Ops Inv. Sergeant
- Carolyn O'Brien, Patrol Division Trooper
- Michael Dye, Communications Specialist





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All images were taken by various NSP personnel and friends around the State during the second quarter of 2022!





















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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. Chab (#221) Donald Matejka (#192) Mark P. Wagner (#168) Jerry L. Smith (#373)



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