



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Our Mission

The mission of the North Dakota Highway Patrol is to make a difference every day by providing high-quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure.

Our Vision

Public safety through quality service.

Our Values

LOYALTY: We will show allegiance to ourselves, our department, the state of North Dakota, our community, and to those who came before us and sacrificed so much to ensure the safety of our citizens.

INTEGRITY: We are honest, responsible, and ethical. Citizens place the highest trust in the NDHP. Each member must recognize that they are held to a higher standard of accountability than the public. We must always be mindful to NEVER violate the public trust. Our conduct, both on and off duty, must be beyond reproach.

COMMITMENT: To fulfill the vision of the NDHP each employee must deliberately carry out their duties and responsibilities to the best of their abilities.

RESPECT: Because we are a diverse culture, we value each other and all members of our community regardless of age, race, gender, appearance, individual beliefs or lifestyles. We will always show understanding, respect, and appreciation for our similarities and differences.

PROFESSIONALISM: To be considered professional we must conform to the technical and ethical standards of our profession. Because we are highly trained and dedicated, we are capable of handling the daily demands of law enforcement and devoting our full energy and talents to the department's vision.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Employees at all levels and ranks must accept responsibility for their actions both in their personal life and in their professional life.

LETTER TO GOVERNOR



August 1, 2023

Honorable Doug Burgum
Governor
State of North Dakota
600 E Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Governor Burgum,

On behalf of the North Dakota Highway Patrol, I respectfully submit to you and the citizens of our great state the highway patrol's 2022 Annual Report.

The highway patrol continues to deliver high quality law enforcement services to keep the citizens and motorists who live and travel within our state safe and secure.

Our team of professionals serve with pride and enthusiasm, and their efforts in 2022 reflect the commitment to our mission to preserve human life. Thanks to our past and present employees, the highway patrol's reputation is known for professionalism, integrity, and accountability.

Thank you for your dedicated leadership and continued support for the North Dakota Highway Patrol and all our first responder partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Solberg".

BRANDON J. SOLBERG
Colonel, NDHP
Superintendent



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VISION ZERO
Zero fatalities. Zero excuses.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) is comprised of two components: field operations and administration. Field operations includes four geographic regions and motor carrier operations. Administration includes finance, safety and education, support services, human resources, and the North Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA).

The LETA provides basic and advanced training to law enforcement officers from multiple agencies. 922 employees from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies attended training in 2022, and 113 of those graduated from basic training to become newly licensed peace officers in North Dakota.

A variety of specialized assignments and programs contribute to the highway patrol's success including canine officers, crash technicians and reconstructionists, emergency response team members, criminal interdiction team members, drug recognition experts, an aircraft section, and a motor carrier safety assistance program.

State troopers work diligently to eliminate injuries and fatalities that result from traffic crashes, and the NDHP is a primary sponsor of the Vision Zero initiative. Core areas of enforcement include impaired and distracted driving, right-of-way and speed violations, and occupant protection. Troopers investigate complex crashes, enforce all criminal laws, protect highway infrastructure, and conduct commercial motor vehicle safety inspections.

NDHP employees focus on prevention and education efforts to improve driving behavior. In 2022, the NDHP provided 361 safety presentations to a variety of educational institutions and civic groups.

The NDHP is committed to fulfilling our public safety mission and providing professional law enforcement services to North Dakota citizens and the motoring public. Our employees value and respect the trust and authority that has been placed in us.

Marcellus Red Tomahawk



The North Dakota Highway Patrol's emblem contains a profile of Marcellus Red Tomahawk, a Teton Dakotah (Sioux) Indian who served as a government officer in the early years of North Dakota's statehood.

Red Tomahawk, a sub-chief, encouraged harmony among all Americans. He lived on his land near the Cannon Ball River on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation south of Mandan. He was considered a champion of his people, a noble American, and a just man.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol officially adopted the profile of Red Tomahawk as the department symbol in 1951. Red Tomahawk was inducted into the North Dakota Native American Hall of Honor in 2016, and he was recognized for his efforts in education, law enforcement, and leadership.

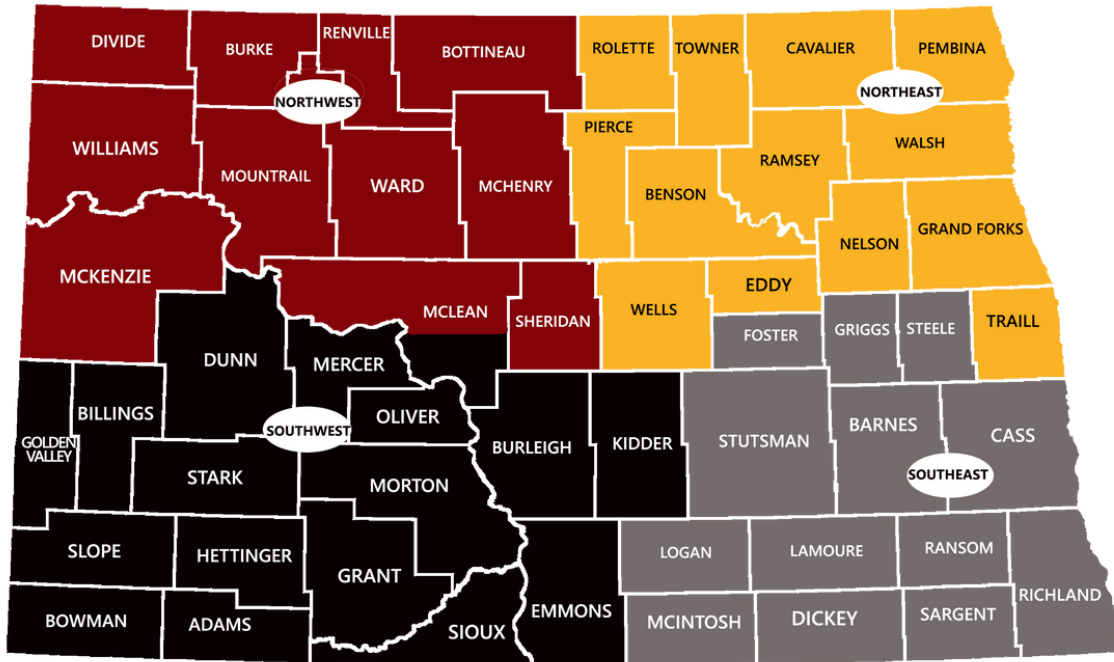


Colonel Brandon Solberg

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REGIONAL SERVICE MAP



OUTPOST LOCATIONS

NORTHEAST

Devils Lake
Grand Forks
Hillsboro
Northwood
Rolla

NORTHWEST

Bottineau
Crosby
Garrison
Mohall
Minot
Stanley
Watford City
Williston

SOUTHEAST

Carrington
Fargo
Jamestown
LaMoure
Lisbon
Oakes
Valley City
Wahpeton

SOUTHWEST

Bowman
Bismarck
Dickinson
Glen Ullin
Hettinger
Linton
New Salem
Steele
Washburn

AUTHORIZED STRENGTH

Sworn:

Authorized: 159 Present: 153 Vacancies: 6

Capitol Security:

Authorized: 6 Present: 6 Vacancies: 0

Motor Carrier Inspectors/Safety Auditors:

Authorized: 4 Present: 4 Vacancies: 0

Support Staff:

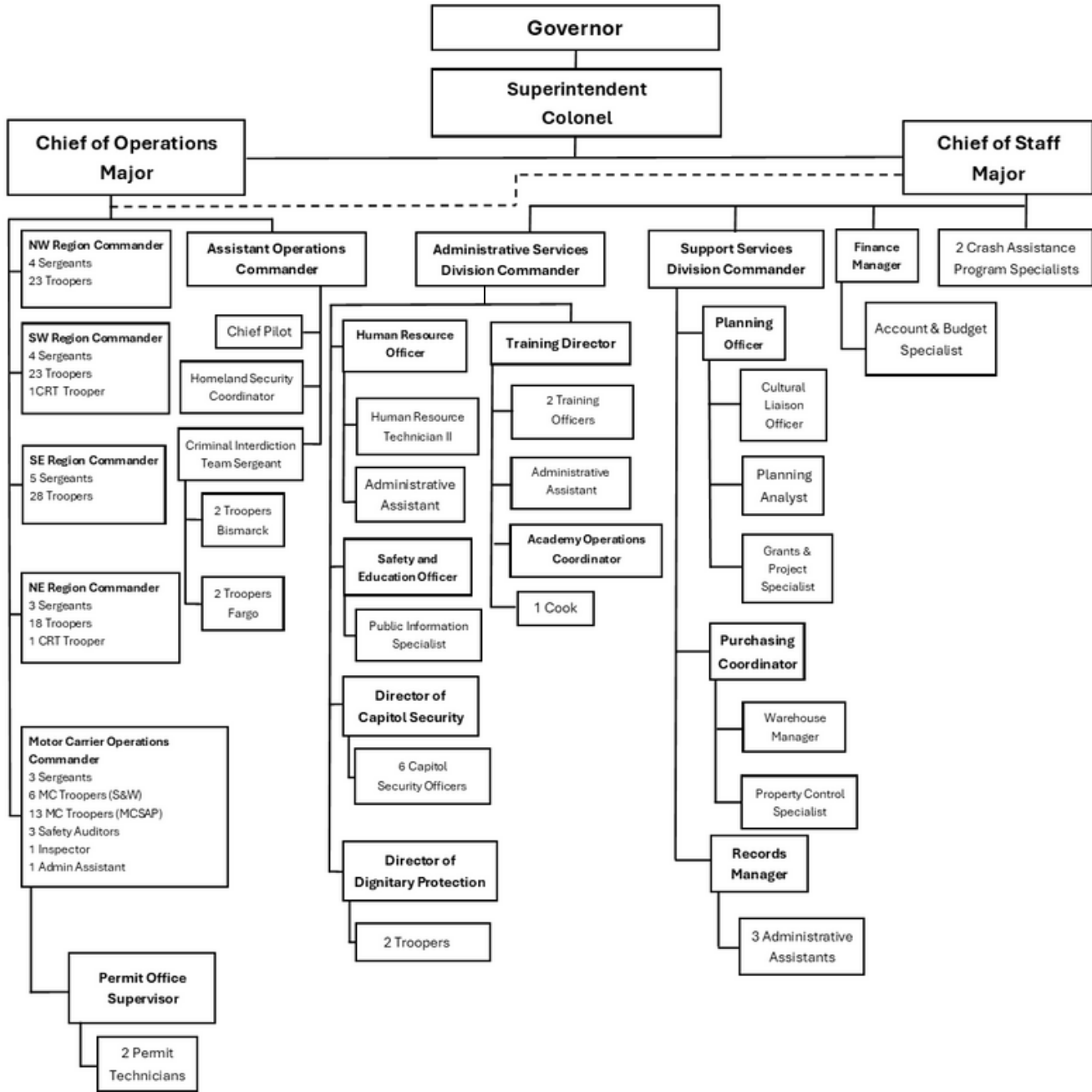
Authorized: 24 Present: 24 Vacancies: 0

TOTALS:

Authorized: 193 Present: 187 Vacancies: 6

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

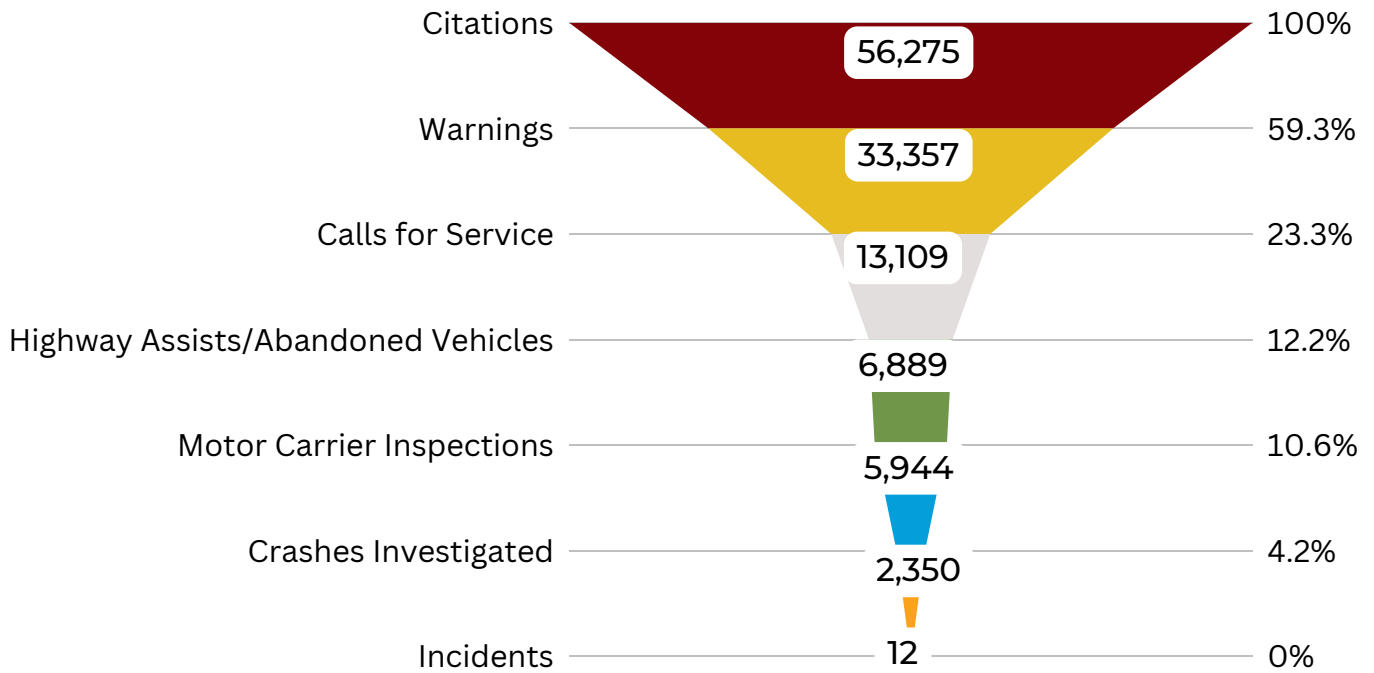
NORTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL ORGANIZATION CHART



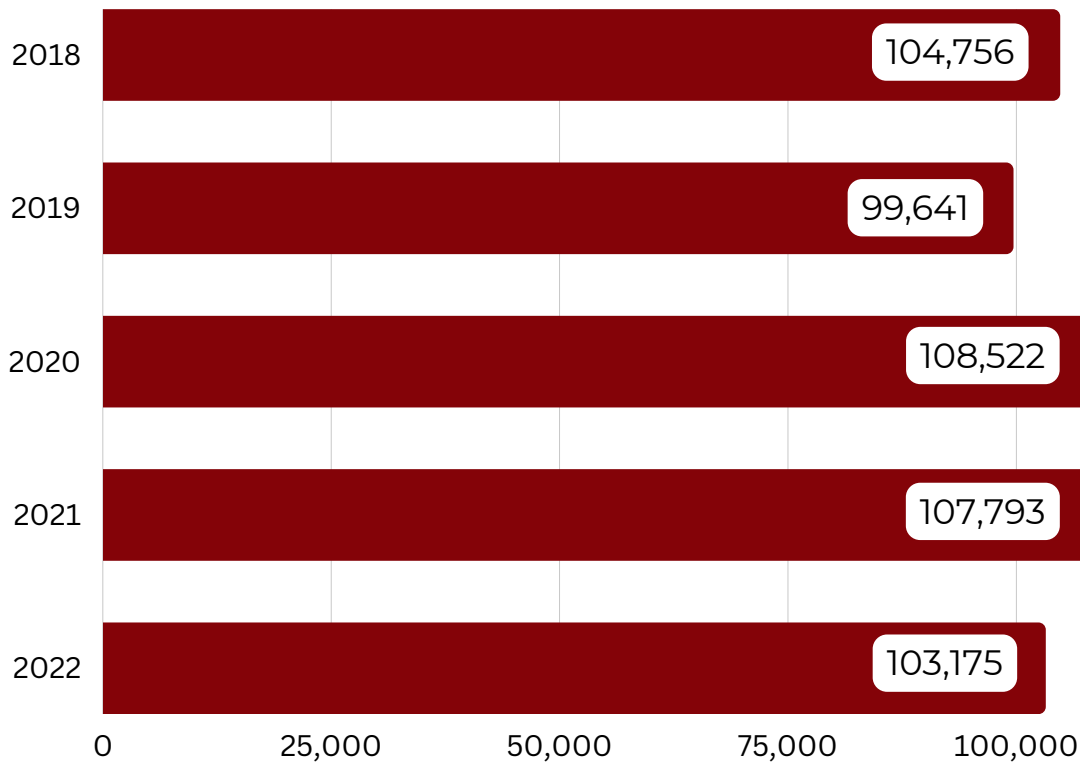
FIELD OPERATIONS

2022 ACTIVITIES

Total Activities: 117,936



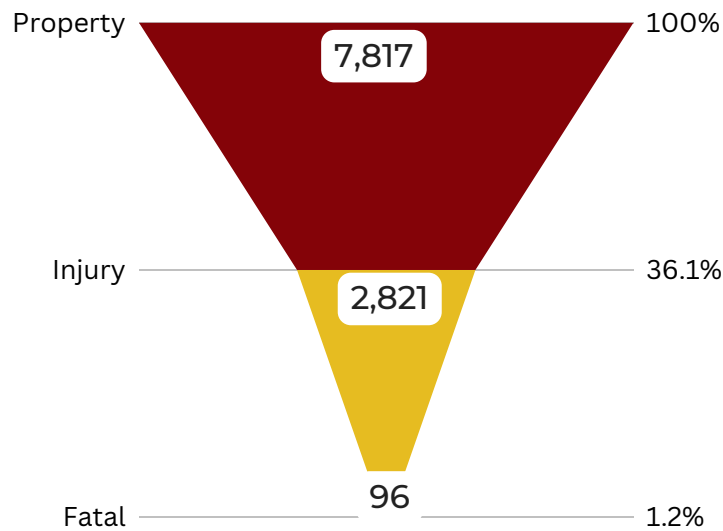
CONTACTS



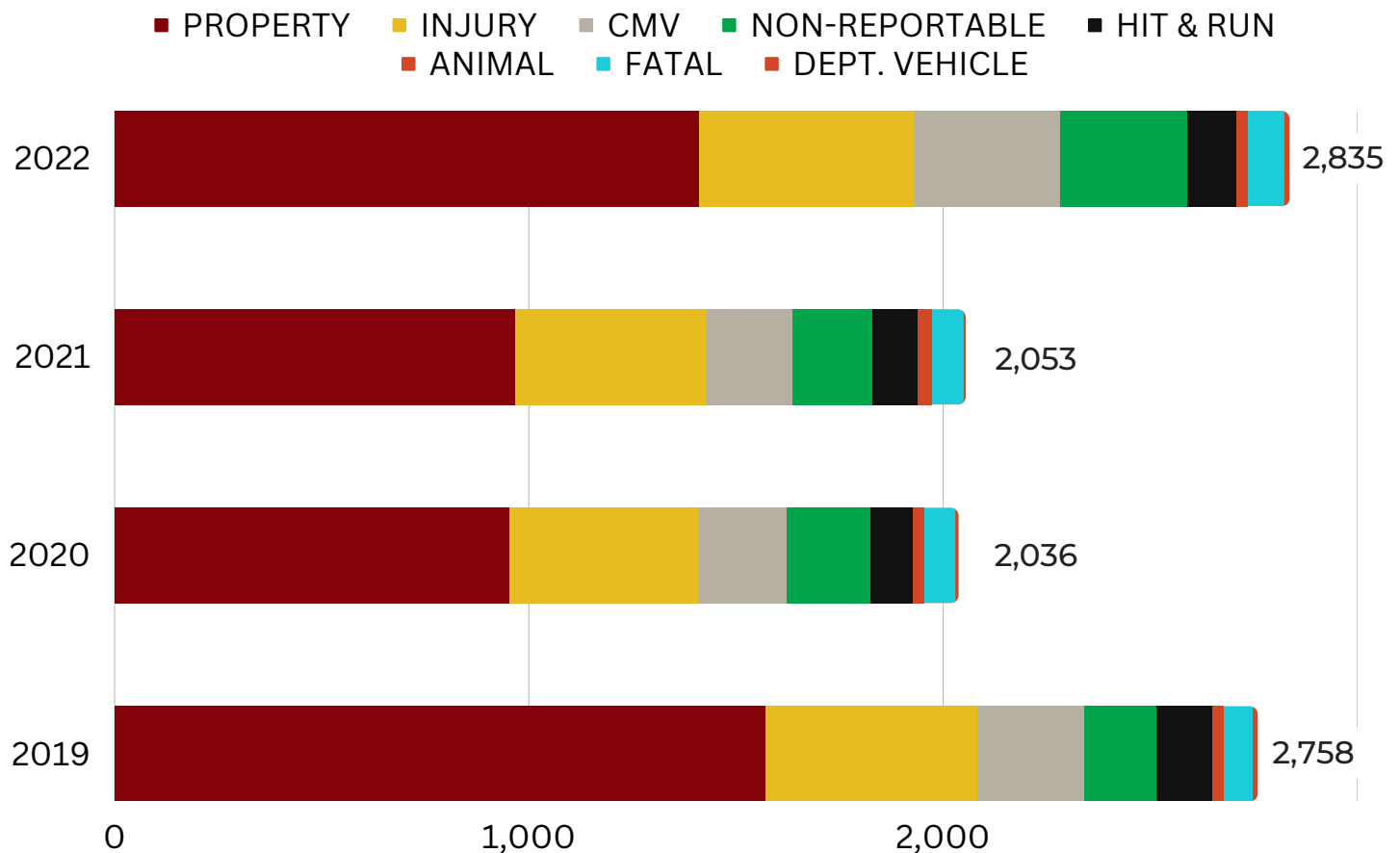
STATEWIDE CRASH STATISTICS

TRAFFIC CRASHES BY TYPE-2022

Total Crashes: 10,734



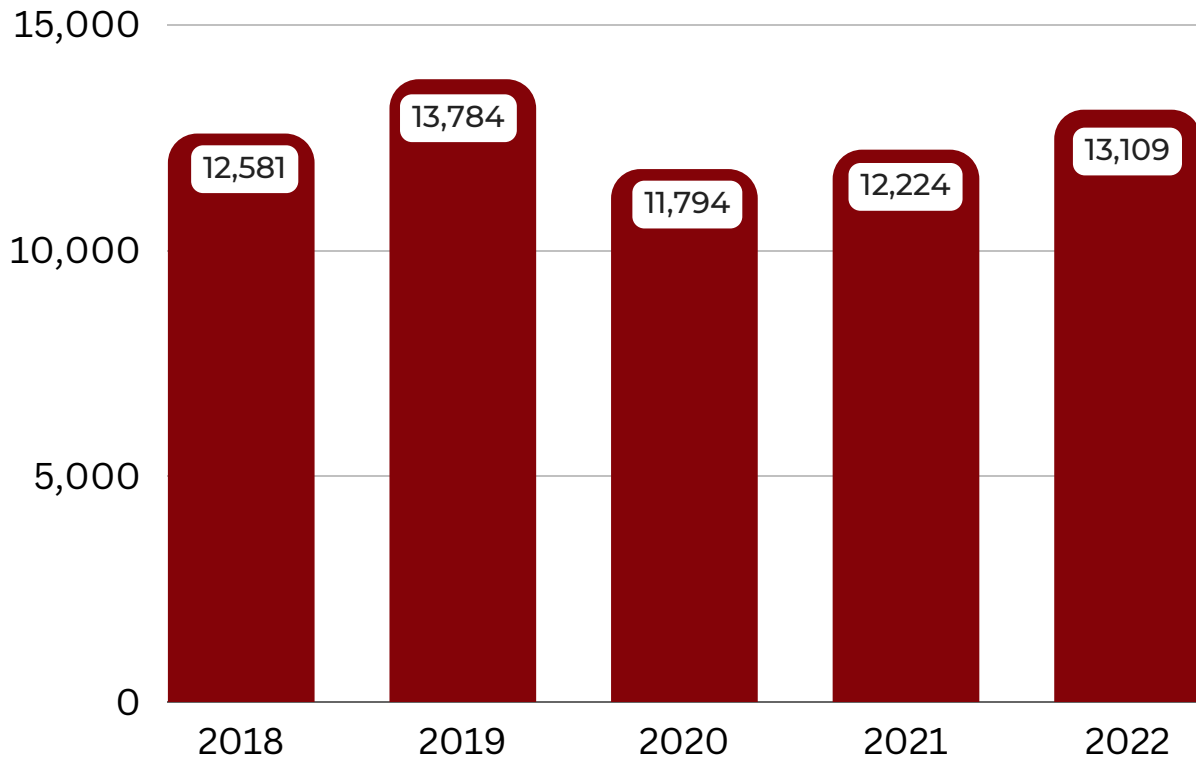
CRASH INVESTIGATION TYPE BY NDHP OFFICER



*Due to a legislative change beginning August 2019, car-deer crashes were no longer required to be reported.

FIELD OPERATIONS

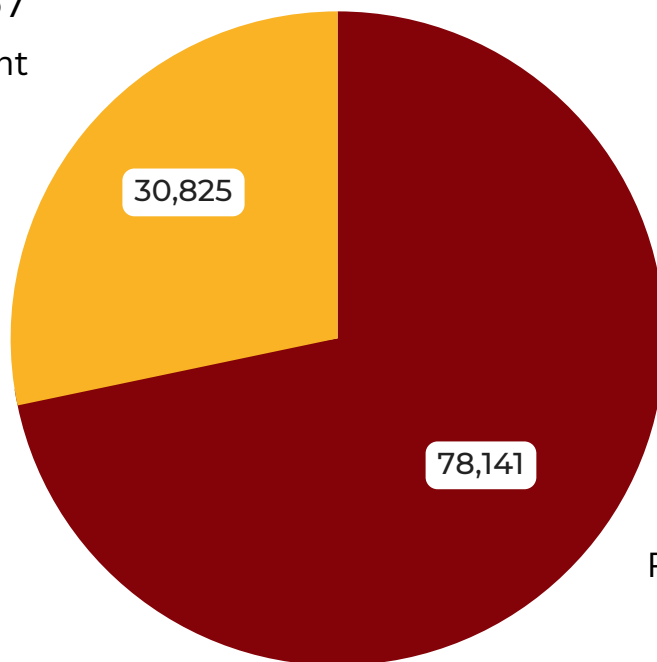
CALLS FOR SERVICE



PATROL HOURS-2022

Total Hours: 108,967

Truck Enforcement
28.3%



Patrol Enforcement
71.7%

STATEWIDE CRASH STATISTICS

NORTH DAKOTA CRASH STATISTICS 2012-2021

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>CRASHES</u> | <u>FATALITIES</u> | <u>INJURIES</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2012 | 18,356 | 170 | 5,311 |
| 2013 | 18,977 | 148 | 5,365 |
| 2014 | 16,134 | 135 | 5,278 |
| 2015 | 15,077 | 131 | 4,917 |
| 2016 | 15,017 | 113 | 4,614 |
| 2017 | 15,280 | 116 | 4,432 |
| 2018 | 15,242 | 105 | 4,230 |
| 2019 | 14,221 | 100 | 4,258 |
| 2020 | 8,820 | 100 | 3,426 |
| 2021 | 9,585 | 101 | 3,947 |

*Data from the 2021 North Dakota Department of Transportation Crash Summary.

www.nd.gov/ndhp/sites/www/files/documents/safetyed/NDDOT2021CrashSummary_Single.pdf

FIELD OPERATIONS

CRASH OVERVIEW-2022

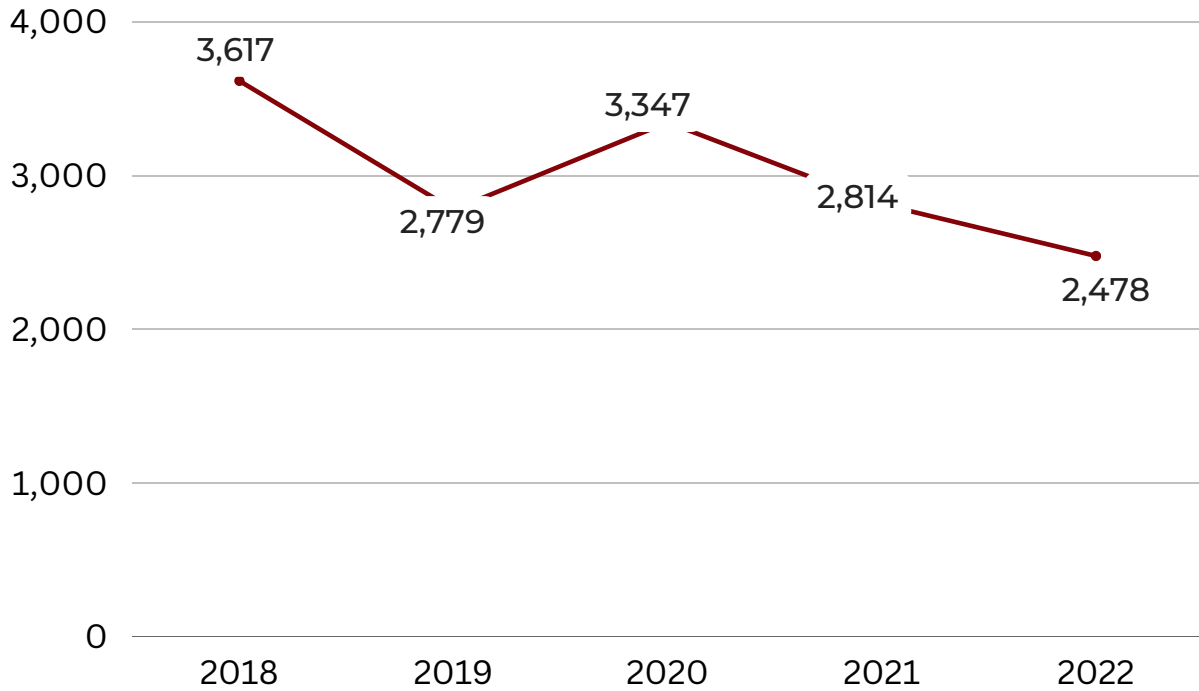
Fatal: 89 Injury: 522 Property: 1408 Non-reportable: 308

CRASH MATRIX BY COUNTY-2022

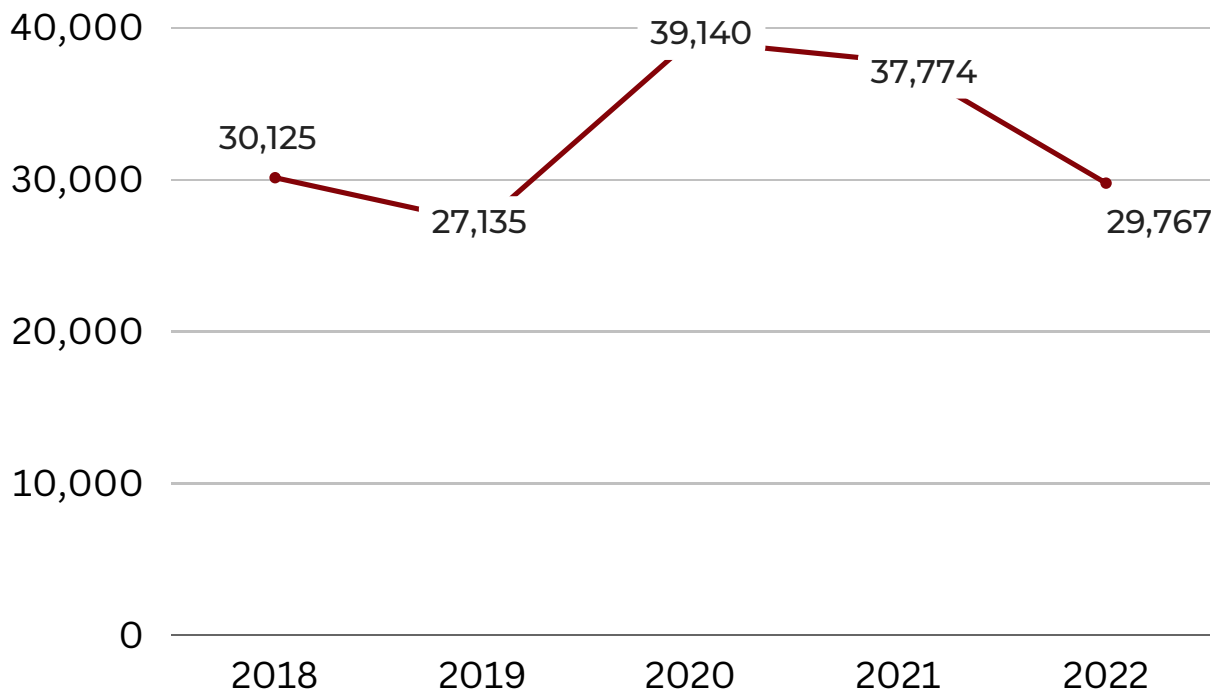
| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>PROPERTY</u> | <u>INJURY</u> | <u>FATAL</u> | <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>PROPERTY</u> | <u>INJURY</u> | <u>FATAL</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Adams | 2 | 1 | 0 | McLean | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Barnes | 68 | 38 | 2 | Mercer | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Benson | 3 | 7 | 0 | Morton | 119 | 37 | 3 |
| Billings | 11 | 2 | 0 | Mountrail | 12 | 9 | 4 |
| Bottineau | 2 | 4 | 2 | Nelson | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| Bowman | 0 | 0 | 1 | Oliver | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burke | 3 | 1 | 0 | Pembina | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Burleigh | 86 | 20 | 3 | Pierce | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cass | 550 | 97 | 11 | Ramsey | 15 | 4 | 2 |
| Cavalier | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ransom | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| Dickey | 4 | 2 | 0 | Renville | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Divide | 3 | 2 | 0 | Richland | 34 | 25 | 3 |
| Dunn | 1 | 3 | 1 | Rolette | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Eddy | 0 | 0 | 1 | Sargent | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Emmons | 2 | 0 | 0 | Sheridan | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Foster | 1 | 0 | 0 | Sioux | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Golden Valley | 3 | 0 | 0 | Slope | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Grand Forks | 94 | 40 | 3 | Stark | 53 | 12 | 2 |
| Grant | 1 | 2 | 1 | Steele | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Griggs | 5 | 5 | 0 | Stutsman | 84 | 22 | 4 |
| Hettinger | 1 | 1 | 0 | Towner | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kidder | 34 | 11 | 4 | Traill | 28 | 22 | 2 |
| LaMoure | 3 | 4 | 0 | Walsh | 9 | 7 | 3 |
| Logan | 1 | 1 | 0 | Ward | 61 | 35 | 5 |
| McHenry | 12 | 14 | 1 | Wells | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| McIntosh | 0 | 1 | 0 | Williams | 28 | 30 | 9 |
| McKenzie | 36 | 24 | 6 | TOTALS: | 1,408 | 522 | 89 |

FIELD OPERATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATIONS

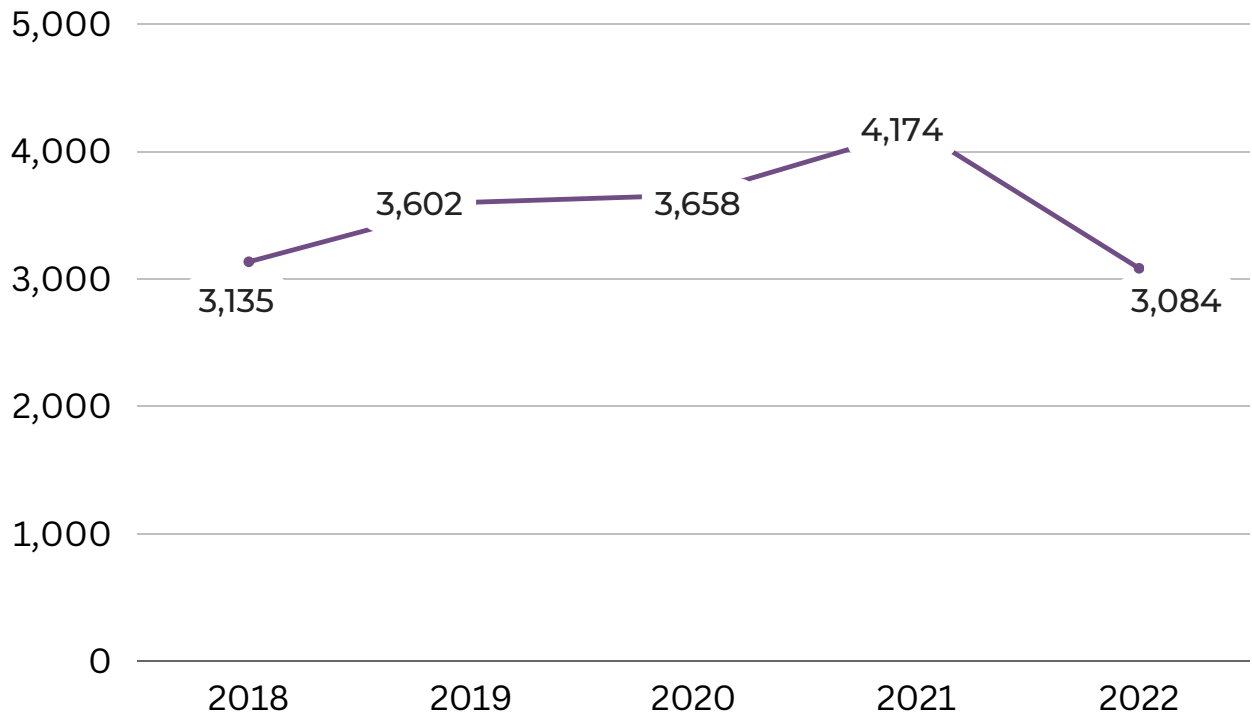


SPEEDING CITATIONS

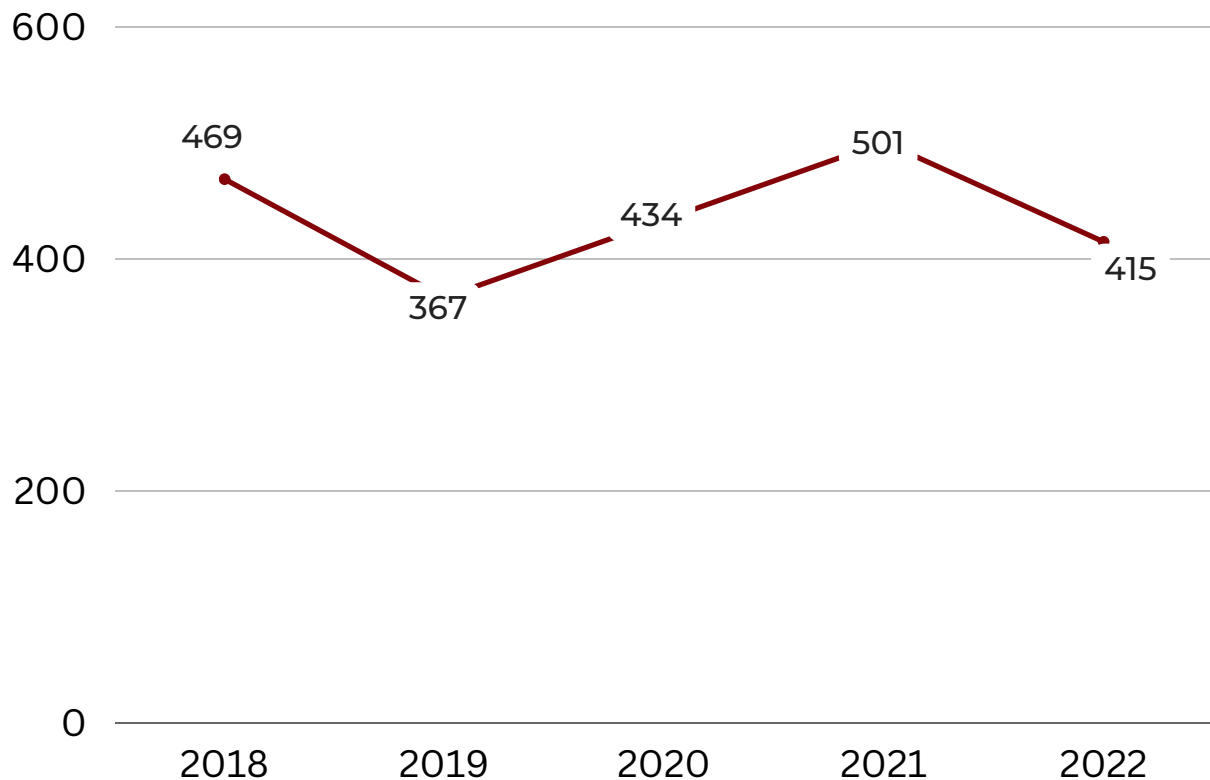


FIELD OPERATIONS

SEATBELT CITATIONS

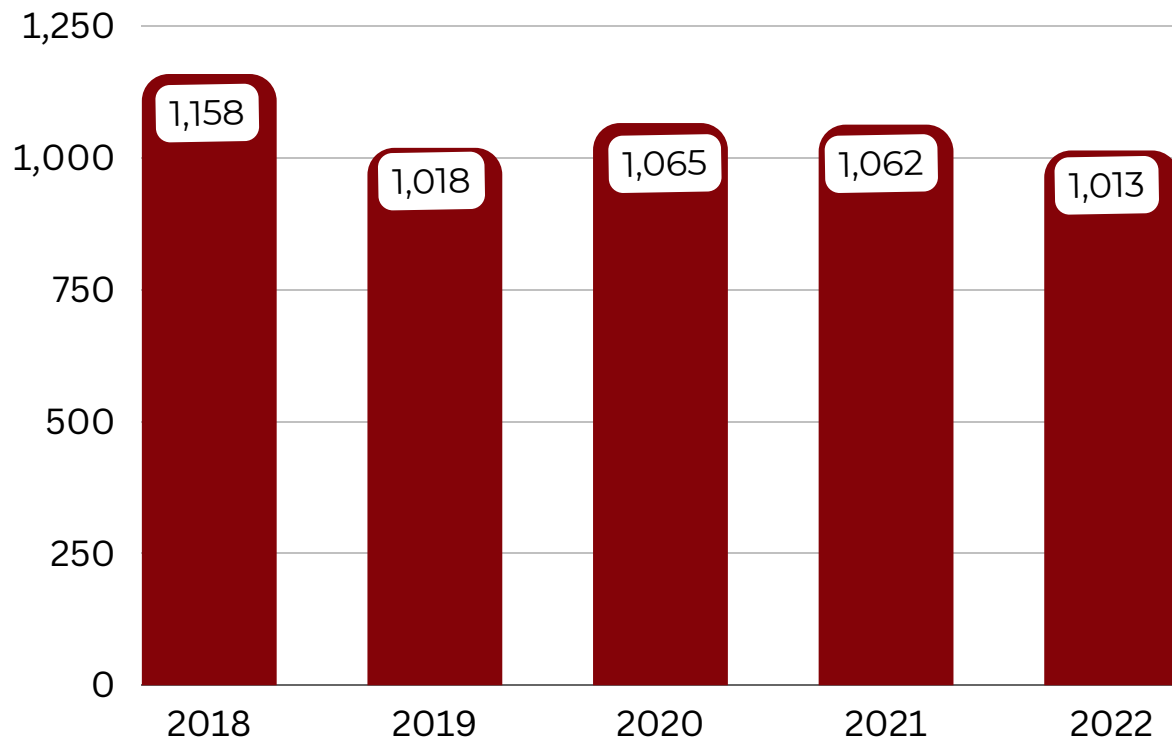


CHILD RESTRAINT CITATIONS

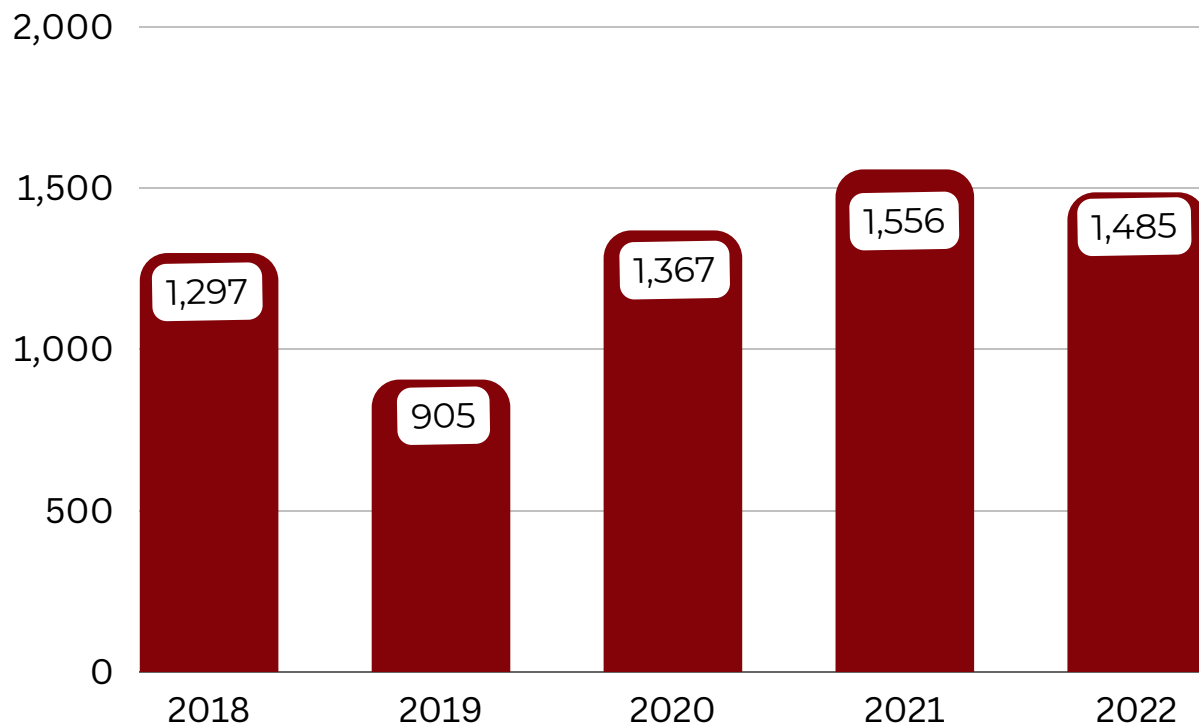


FIELD OPERATIONS

DUI ARRESTS

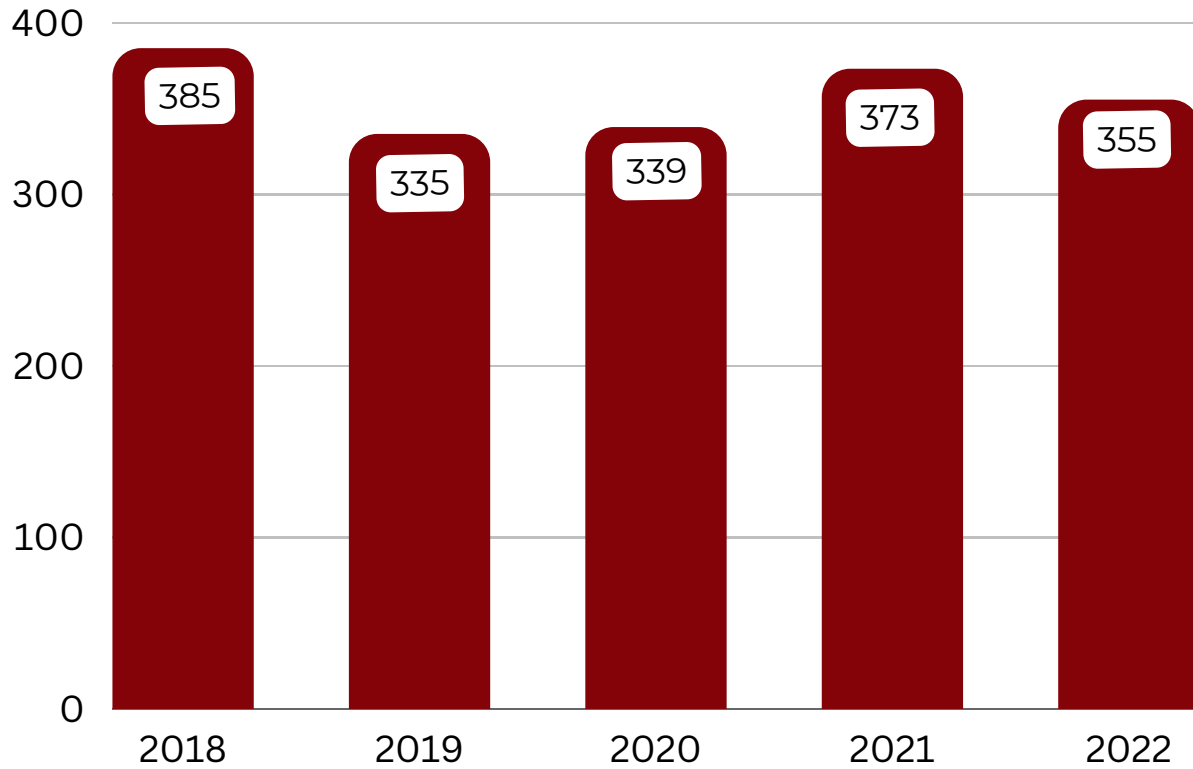


CRIMINAL ARRESTS

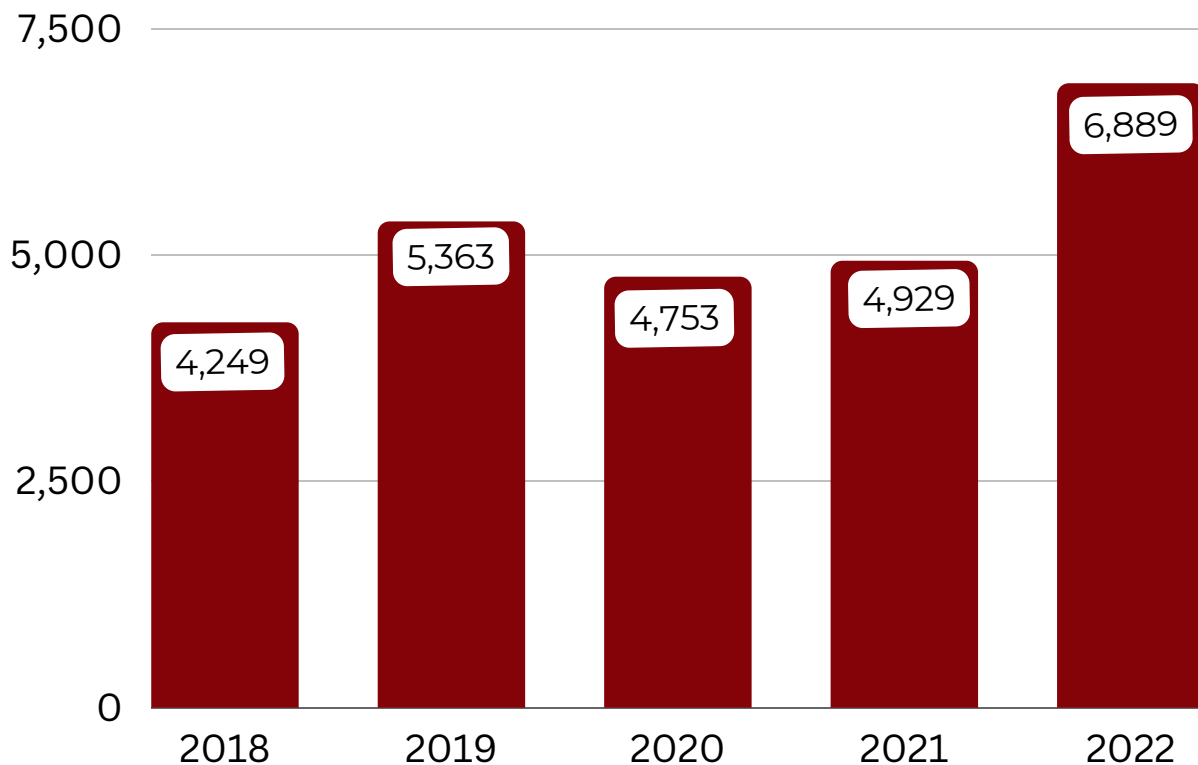


FIELD OPERATIONS

ARRESTS BASED ON WARRANT

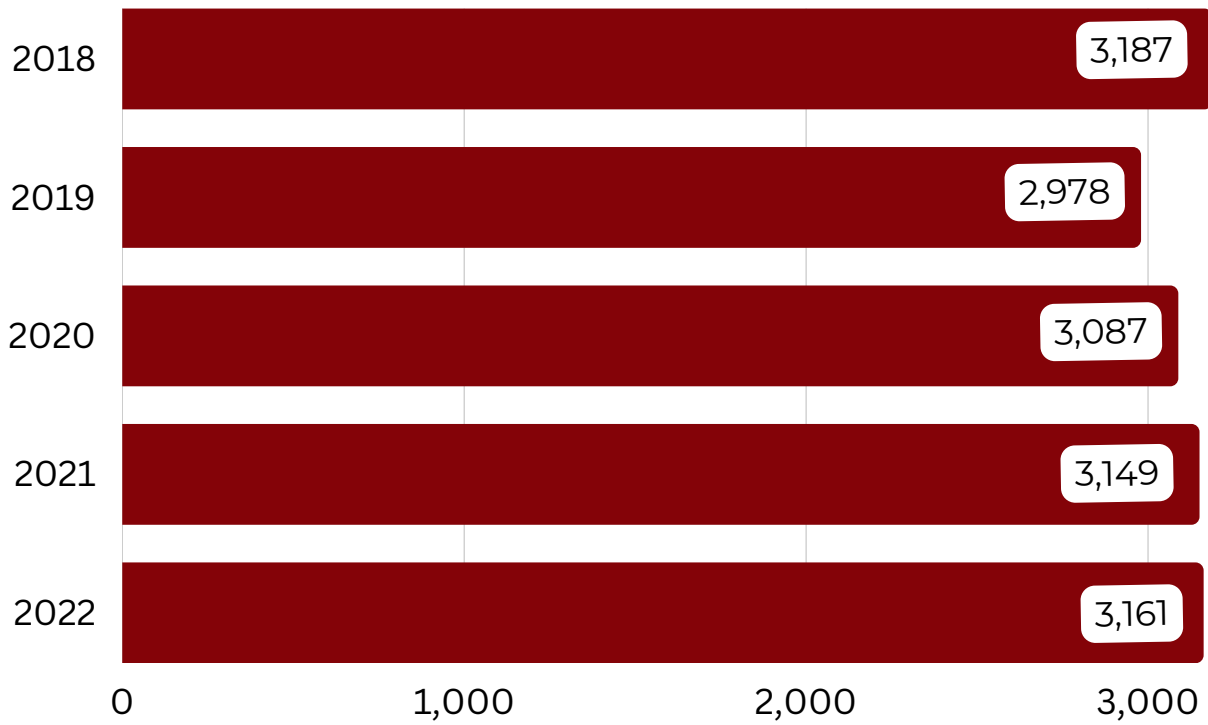


HIGHWAY ASSISTS

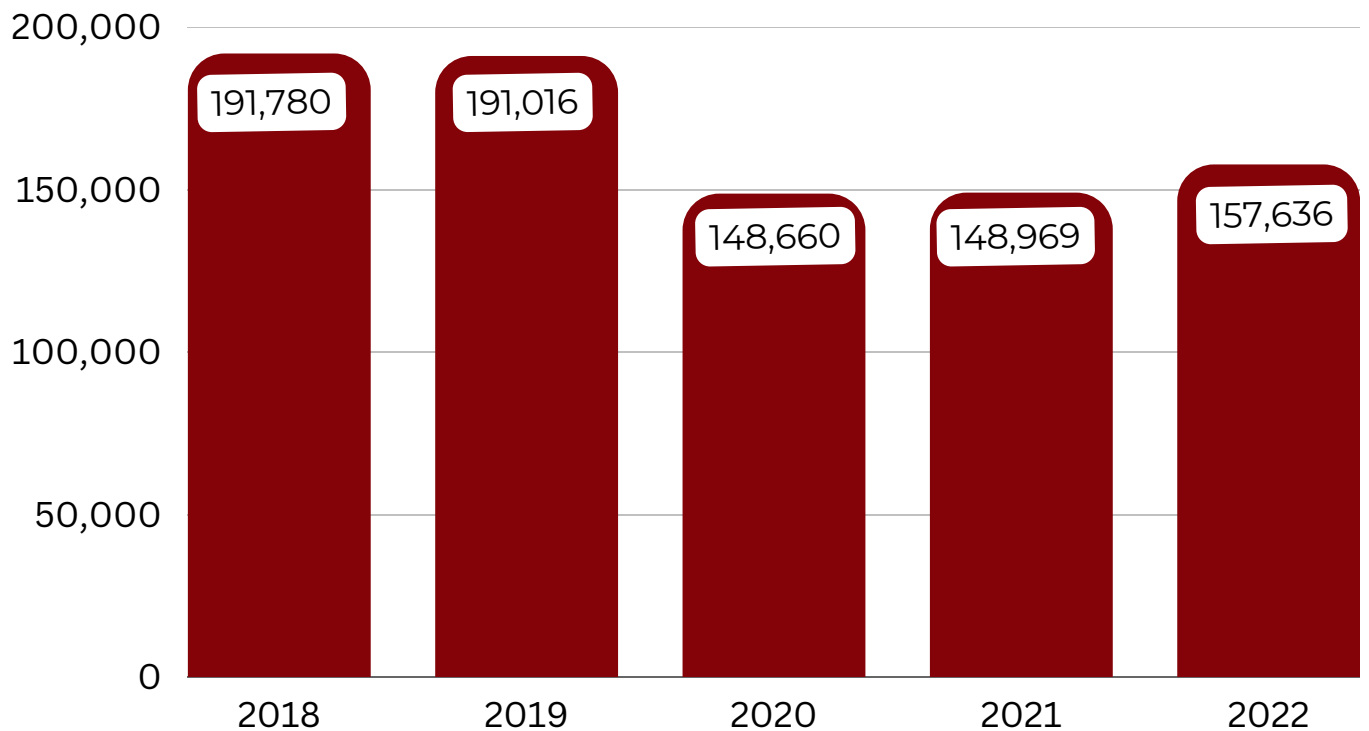


FIELD OPERATIONS

ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES

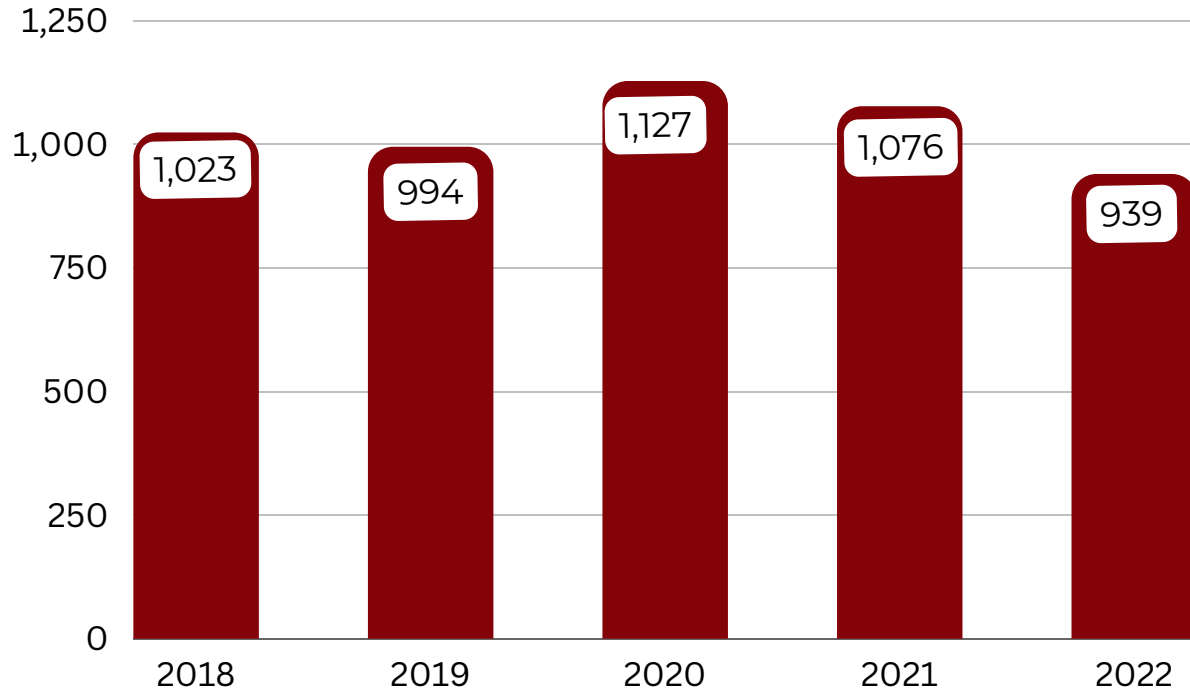


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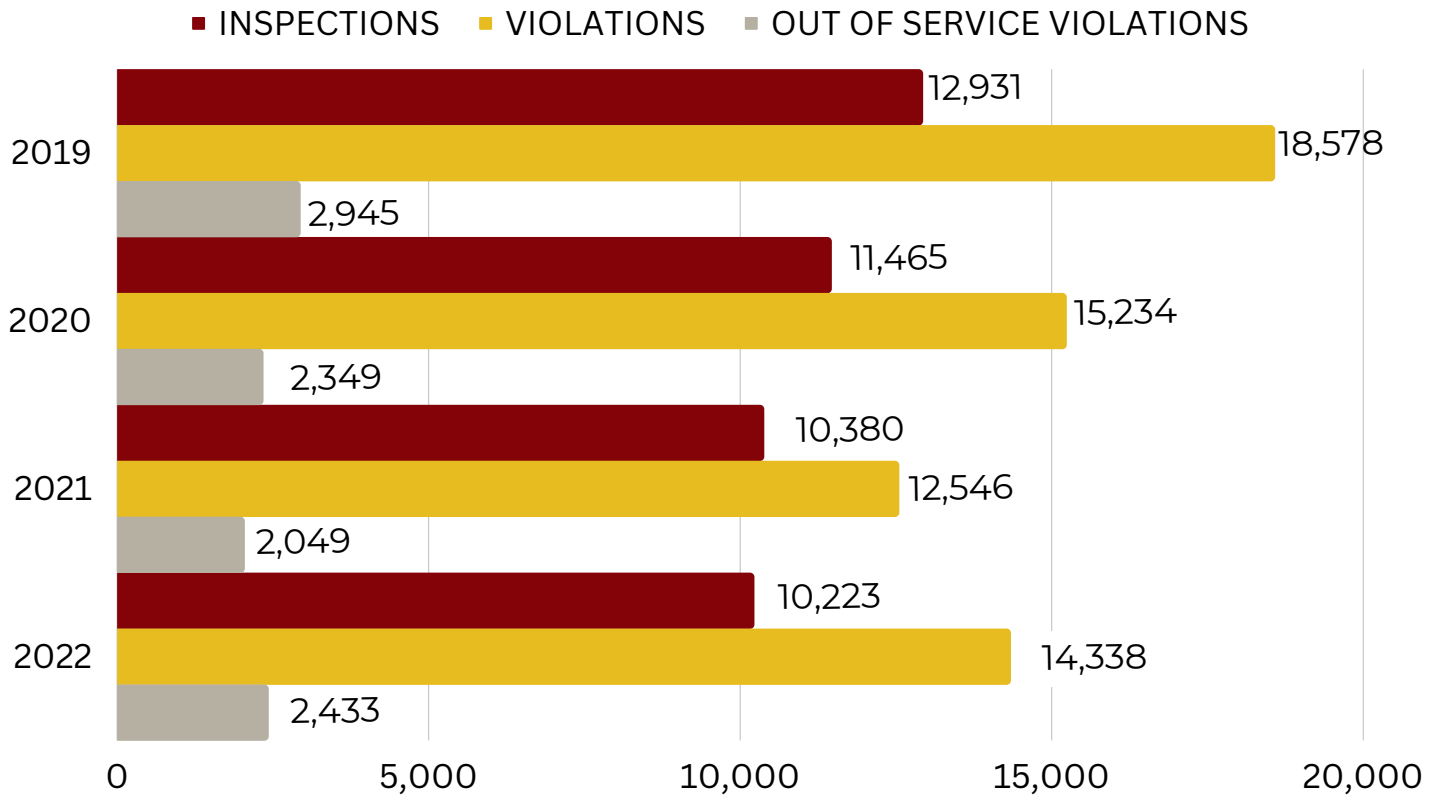


FIELD OPERATIONS

CMV: OVERLOAD ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS



CMV: VIOLATIONS AND INSPECTIONS



REGIONAL REPORTS

NORTHEAST REGION

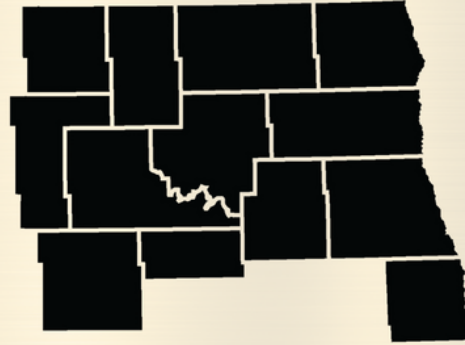
Authorized Sworn Personnel: 23

Counties: Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Rolette, Traill, Towner, Walsh, and Wells.

Commander: Lieutenant Troy Hischer

NE Regional Snapshot 2022

Total Citations: 9,245
Total Warnings: 5,682
DUI Arrests: 121
Drug Related Charges: 331
Criminal Arrests: 850 (+80 arrests based on warrant)
Occupant Protection Contacts: 739
Right of Way Contacts: 1,219
Speed Contacts: 5,906
Safety Talks/Presentations: 39
Commercial Driver/Vehicle Examinations: 1,191
Overloads: 28
Crashes Investigated: Property damage only: 167; Injury: 97; Fatality: 22
Highway Assists: 1,161
Calls for Service: 2,027
Assist Other Governmental: 488



The Northeast Region contains North Dakota's third-largest city, Grand Forks, along with the nearby Grand Forks Air Force Base. Other notable locations include the city of Devils Lake and its namesake lake, which is a popular sport fishing destination throughout the year; the Pembina Port of Entry where Interstate 29 reaches Manitoba, Canada; and the Cavalier Space Force Station near Cavalier, ND. Other population centers include, Rugby, Rolla, Belcourt, Langdon, Walhalla, Cando, Cavalier, Grafton, Park River, Larimore, Northwood, Thompson, Petersburg, Michigan City, Lakota, Mayville, Hillsboro, and New Rockford. The NE Region also shares borders with two Native American nations, the Spirit Lake Nation near Devils Lake, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa near Belcourt, ND.

Interstate 29 is the primary significant highway through the NE Region, carrying north and south traffic. International commercial traffic comprises a large part of vehicles traversing Interstate 29. US Highway 2 crosses the region east-west and is the next most significant highway.

The NE Region is home to three of the NDHP's Canine Teams, two of which are narcotic detectors and one of which is a tracking canine. The NDHP Canine Team's coordinator and assistant coordinator are posted in the region, as is the NDHP's Crash Reconstruction Team's coordinator.

REGIONAL REPORTS

NORTHEAST REGION

Larger events that occurred in the region included the 39th Annual Devils Lake Volunteer Fire Department Ice Fishing Tournament, a Morgan Wallen concert in Grand Forks, the Devils Run Car Show in Devils Lake, the Greater Grand Forks Fair, the Northern Thunder Airshow at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, weekly car races during the summer in Grand Forks, University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks Hockey, and various other events throughout the region, including at the Spirit Lake and Sky Dancer Casinos. UND Hockey routinely draws sold-out crowds of 11,000-12,000 to the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, equating to nearly 20% of the city's population. The Morgan Wallen concert sold out the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, with more than 20,000 fans in attendance.

Northeast Region team members participated in a number of community outreach and education events: NDSU Lake Region Roundup; Grand Forks High School law enforcement forum; Traffic Incident Management training with Thompson Fire Department and area towing companies; the Cavalier Teen Maze; the Northern Valley Law Enforcement Memorial Police Week Memorial; Alive @ 25 and Route 1000 classes in various locations; North Dakota Boys State; North Dakota Special Olympics Torch Run and Polar Plunge; Thompson Community Action Night; Grand Cities Celebration; Michigan Days; Shop with a Cop; an Opioid Roundtable; car seat checks; career fairs; and other safety presentations.

Two new troopers graduated from the LETA and joined the Northeast Region

- Trooper Reece Burckhard
- Trooper Austin Yancy

Transfers in and out of region

- Trooper Jackson Loeffel transferred to Motor Carrier in Dickinson
- Trooper Paul Bakke transferred to Motor Carrier in Grand Forks
- Trooper Austin Yancy transferred to Fargo
- Trooper Tanner Smith transferred to Grand Forks
- Trooper James Myers III transferred to Grand Forks

Promotions

- Sergeant Christopher Schaefer promoted to Northeast Regional Sergeant
- Lieutenant Ryan Panasuk promoted to Northwest Regional Commander

REGIONAL REPORT

NORTHWEST REGION

Authorized Sworn Personnel: 28

Counties: Bottineau, Burke, Divide, McKenzie, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Renville, Sheridan, Ward, and Williams.

Commander: Lieutenant Ryan Panasuk

The Northwest Region contains the larger population centers of Minot, Williston, Watford City, a large portion of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and the Minot Air Force Base. The Northwest Region is home to several oil and gas producing counties with consistent commercial motor vehicle traffic and varying population counts and traffic volume dependent on this industry. The Northwest Region is also home to several ports of entry with Canada. Major traffic routes in the Northwest Region consist of Highway 2 (east/west), Highway 85 and Highway 83 (north/south) and Highway 52 (southeast/northwest).

Northwest Regional Troopers work hard to keep area roadways and communities safe. Here is a snapshot of the work the men and women of the NW Region conducted in 2022:

NW Regional Snapshot 2022

Total Citations: 12,764

Total Warnings: 7,684

DUI Arrests: 260

Drug Related Charges: 327

Criminal Arrests: 955

Occupant Protection Contacts:

Citations: 1,263; Warnings: 23

Right of Way Contacts: Citations: 679; Warnings: 218

Speed Contacts: Citations: 6,757; Warnings: 945

Safety Talks/Presentations: 106

Driver/Vehicle Examinations: 1,263

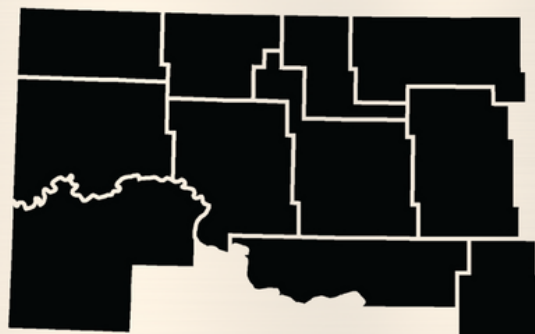
Overloads: 76

Crashes Investigated: Property (*damage only*): 145; Injury: 113; Fatality: 30

Highway Assists: 1,458

Calls for Service: 2,424

Assist Other Governmental: 1,011



Overview of larger events that occurred within the Northwest Region

Larger events that occurred in the region included the North Dakota State Fair which saw attendance of 314,271 people over nine days. Other events included the McKenzie County Fair, the Upper Missouri Valley Fair, and multiple other events that occur at event venues across the region in Minot, Williston, Watford City, Four Bears Casino, and Lake Metigoshe.

REGIONAL REPORT

NORTHWEST REGION

Overview of community engagement events

Community outreach and engagement is a critical piece to traffic safety in the NW Region. Northwest Regional Troopers participated in the following community outreach events:

- Numerous school visits and safety talks
- TIMS training for area Fire Department
- “Coffee with a Cop”
- Car Seat Checkups
- College career fairs
- Back to school drive – Williston Wal-Mart
- National Night Out
- State Fair Booth
- Special Olympics Polar Plunge
- Alive @ 25 classes

Overview of staffing changes

Four new Troopers graduated from the LETA and joined the Northwest Region

- Trooper Mathew Lee
- Trooper Alyson Moses
- Trooper Shea Pulley
- Trooper Anthony Potter

Transfers in and out of region

- Sergeant Andrew Cashin transferred to Fargo.
- Lieutenant Derek Arndt transferred to Bismarck.
- Trooper Tyler Steffen transferred to Dickinson.
- Trooper Shea Pulley transferred from Williston to Minot.
- Sergeant Jeremiah Bohn transferred to Bismarck.

Promotions

- Lieutenant Ryan Panasuk promoted to Northwest Regional Commander
- Sergeant Preston Langer promoted to Northwest Regional Sergeant
- Sergeant Joshua Gudvangen promoted to Northwest Regional Sergeant

REGIONAL REPORT

SOUTHWEST REGION

Authorized Sworn Personnel: 29

Counties: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Burleigh, Dunn, Emmons, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sioux, Slope, and Stark.

Commander: Lieutenant Derek Arndt

The Southwest Region contains the capital city and the second largest population center in North Dakota, Bismarck-Mandan. Interstate 94 and US Highway 83 intersect in Bismarck, and the CanAm Highway, US Highway 85, linking Texas and Canada crosses the region in the west. With high levels of traffic, regional troopers remain vigilant to keep our roadways and communities safe. Below is a snapshot of the work the officers in the SW Region conducted in 2022:

SW Regional Snapshot 2022

Total Citations: 10,359

Total Warnings: 7,216

DUI Arrests: 293

Drug Related Charges: 146

Criminal Arrests: 526

Occupant Protection Contacts: 1208 citations and 28 warnings

Right of Way Contacts: 647 citations and 876 warnings

Speed Contacts: 7,256 citations and 1,526 warnings

Safety Talks/Presentations: 90

Commercial Driver/Vehicle Examinations: 933

Overloads: 31

Crashes Investigated: Property damage only: 291; Injury: 91; Fatality: 16

Highway Assists: 1,619

Calls for Service: 4,477

Assist Other Governmental: 1,155

Miles driven: 826,809



Larger events that occurred in the region included the Medora musicals, Country Fest in New Salem, McQuade's softball tournament, the state track meet, events at Prairie Knight's casino, Roughrider Days in Dickinson, and Morton – Hettinger – Bowman County fairs. The region led multiple aircraft details for speeders and pursuits and is home to the plane's F.L.I.R. (forward looking infrared) operators. We also are the base to the state's premier man trailing bloodhound that many agencies rely upon.

Community outreach remains a high priority for SW Region members. The NDHP participated in car seat installation and checks, Route 1000 presentations, Alive at 25, three internships, health classes at the middle schools, bike rodeos, bus driver workshops, touch a truck in Dickinson, and National night out.

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Transfers in and out of region

- Lieutenant Derek Arndt transferred in as Regional Commander
- Sergeant Darcy Aberle transferred out to Capitol Security
- Sergeant Ryan Duletski transferred out to Dignitary Protection
- Trooper Sean Trentman transferred out to the Northeast Region
- Sergeant Jeremiah Bohn transferred in from the Northwest Region

Promotions

- Lieutenant Luke Hendrickson promoted to Captain in Administrative Services
- Trooper Brian Mehlhoff was promoted to Sergeant in the Southwest Region

REGIONAL REPORT

SOUTHEAST REGION

Authorized Sworn Personnel: 34

Counties: Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Stutsman.

Commander: Captain Bryan Niewind

Regional Efforts

The Southeast Region continues as the busiest region for nearly all NDHP related job duties because of North Dakota's largest population center, Fargo, and the highest concentration of population across the state. Several major roadways bisect and intersect within the southeast quarter of North Dakota. The area includes hubs for manufacturing, higher education, and medical facilities. The result of the high population and industry is denser levels of personal and commercial motor vehicle traffic. These higher levels of traffic require dedicated enforcement of traffic, criminal, and commercial motor vehicle laws, but also daily crash and calls for service response. NDHP SE Region personnel remain vigilant keeping our roadways and communities safe.

SE Regional Snapshot 2022

Total Citations: 19,010
Total Warnings: 10,619 with 13,913 violations listed
DUI Arrests: 348
Drug Related Charges: 528
Criminal Arrests: 811
Occupant Protection Contacts: 1,788
Right of Way Contacts: 2,980
Speed Contacts: 12,450
Safety Talks/Presentations: 98
Driver/Vehicle Examinations: 1,475
Overloads: 106
Crashes Investigated: Non-reportable: 198; Property damage only: 710; Injury: 201; Fatality: 20
Highway Assists: 3,244
Calls for Service: 4,845
Assist Other Governmental: 696



Regional Events

Larger events that occur in the region include NDSU Bison Football, the Red River Valley Fair, Ribfest (Fargo), the ND Winter Show (Valley City), Big Iron (West Fargo), and the Stutsman County Fair. Countless other events occur across the region in communities big and small. The FargoDome, Scheels Arena, Red River Valley Fairgrounds, The Lights and several other event centers bring major concert events to the Fargo/West Fargo area throughout the year as well. Governor Burgum hosted the ND State of the State Address at the Fargo Theater in February. The FM Diversion construction project is in full swing and has caused traffic disruptions in the Cass County area.

REGIONAL REPORT

SOUTHEAST REGION

Community Engagement Events

Community outreach and education efforts are a high priority for SE Region members with nearly 2,000 hours spent on community policing efforts during the year. The NDHP participated in National Night to Unite events in August in West Fargo, Jamestown, Finley and Buffalo. Other events included a Sanford Kid's Safety Safari at the Red River Zoo, Sanford Ambulance 1st Responder Appreciation Event in Fargo, Jamestown Park & Rec Kid's Safety Day at the Jamestown Civic Center and Cops N Kids Christmas shopping programs in Fargo, Jamestown, and Carrington. SE Region members participated in the NDHP Toy Drive in Fargo outside Wal-Mart with the Cass County Sheriff's Office, collecting 100's of toys that were donated to a local school program to be donated to local children for Christmas. Additional safety talks occurred regionwide at driver's education programs, Route 1000 classes, Alive @ 25 classes and to a wide variety of school and civic groups. The SE Region provided numerous ride-a-long opportunities for interested high school and college students. Local news organizations (print, radio and TV) are strategic partners, and we maximize our time with them to spread educational messages.

One Trooper graduated from the LETA and joined the southeast region

- Trooper Joshua Dura graduated from the LETA and was assigned to Wahpeton

Transfers in and out of the region

- Trooper James Myers III transferred from Fargo to the Northeast Region
- Trooper Benjamin Hixson transferred from Fargo to Headquarters
- Trooper Austin Yancy transferred from the Northeast Region to Fargo
- Trooper Daniel Andersen transferred from the Northwest Region to Jamestown
- Trooper Charles Kelly transferred from Jamestown to the Southwest Region
- Trooper Pete Minwegen resigned
- Sergeant Andrew Cashin transferred from the Northwest Region to Fargo
- Sergeant Matthew Denault transferred from Fargo to the Criminal Interdiction Team
- Sergeant Jed Dahnke transferred from Fargo to the Motor Carrier Division

Promotions

- Sergeant Kristjan Helgoe promoted to regional sergeant in Fargo

REGIONAL REPORT

MOTOR CARRIER OPERATIONS

Authorized Sworn Personnel: 22

Civilian Staff: Three New Entrant Auditors, One Civilian Inspector, One Permit Supervisor, Two Permit Technicians, and One Administrative Assistant

Counties: statewide jurisdiction

Commander: Lieutenant David Wolf

MCO Regional Snapshot 2022

Total Citations: 1,708

Total Warnings: 855

DUI Arrests: 10

Drug Related Charges: 18

Criminal Arrests: 77 (*includes DUI and Drug Arrests*)

Occupant Protection Contacts: 86 citations, 1 warning

**68 CMV seatbelt violations document on DVE Report*

Right of Way Contacts: 148 citations, 133 warnings

Speed Contacts: 631 citations, 140 warnings

Safety Talks/Presentations: 44

Commercial Driver/Vehicle Examinations:

Level I: 2,630; Level II: 2,080; Level III: 1,227; Level IV (radioactive): 7

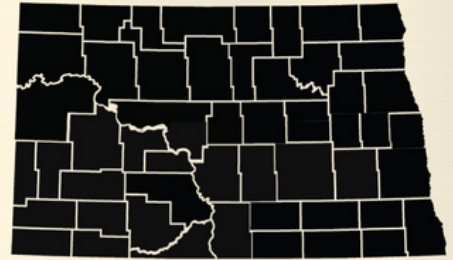
Overloads: 759

Crashes Investigated: Property damage only: 53; Injury: 13; Fatality: 0

Highway Assists: 744

Calls for Service: 1,274

Assist Other Governmental: 178



Motor Carrier Operations continued to support the overall mission of the North Dakota Highway Patrol and the MCSAP Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan to reduce the injury and fatal crash rate with commercial motor vehicles in North Dakota. Motor Carrier Operations was busy with mobile enforcement of traffic laws, size and weight laws, education and outreach, roadside and fixed site inspections, new entrant audits, safety investigations and permitting needs of the active commercial motor carrier industry in North Dakota. Every quarter Motor Carrier Operations scheduled an oil field blitz, a border enforcement day, seatbelt week, and a mobile traffic enforcement day.

Larger events that occurred in the region included Touch a Truck in Mandan, Special Olympics Truck Convoy in Fargo, North Dakota Motor Carrier Association Conference, North Dakota Motor Carrier Association Truck Driving Championship, Driving Skills for Life in Bismarck, Truck Driver Appreciation Week, CVSA International Road Check, CVSA Human Trafficking Prevention, Operation Airbrake, Operation Safe Driver, and our annual weeklong Oil Field / Hazmat Blitz in the Bakken.

REGIONAL REPORT

MOTOR CARRIER OPERATIONS

Community outreach remains a high priority for Motor Carrier Operations. Community engagement events we participated in include No Shave November, Trunk or Treat, No Zone Presentations, ND Motor Carrier Association events throughout the year, ND Highway Patrol Youth Academy, and the North Dakota State Fair. We completed 44 Safety Talks to various organizations, some of these organizations include ND Rural Electrical Cooperative Association, BSC Ag Students, ND Safety Council, Candeska Cikana Community College, Butler, M Bar D, Western Area Power Administration, Mandan Public Works, DOT Districts throughout the state, NDSCS Engineering, and Northern Improvement.

Transfers in and out of region

- Trooper Megan Christopher resigned from the NDHP
- Trooper Jackson Loeffel transferred from NE Region Grand Forks
- Trooper Paul Bakke transferred from NE Region Grand Forks
- Trooper Aaron Enzminger retired from the NDHP
- Sgt. Thomas Herzig retired from the NDHP
- Sgt. Jed Dahnke transferred from SE Region Fargo

Promotions

- Trooper Christopher Schaefer promoted to Northeast Sergeant

New Entrant Program

The New Entrant Program experienced a high volume of North Dakota-based companies requiring a safety audit within 12 months of interstate operation. The New Entrant carrier pool remained steady at approximately 459 carriers, averaging 38 new carriers per month. The program consists of a coordinator and two auditors working in cooperation with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, providing guidance to new carriers on proper operating procedures to comply with federal motor carrier and hazardous material regulations. The auditors conducted 238 safety audits on North Dakota based carriers with 18 (7 percent) failing the audit. The New Entrant Auditors must complete 32 Level I truck inspections per auditor to retain their certification. A total of 119 CMV Inspections were completed by the three auditors.

Permits

In 2022, 157,636 permits were issued for vehicle and load movements traveling through and into North Dakota.

Permits were issued through the permit system and by personnel at the permit office, regions and in the field. We continue to offer guidance and training to the citizens and

REGIONAL REPORT

MOTOR CARRIER OPERATIONS

motor carrier industry on the automated system to support its continued use as the method for obtaining oversize and overweight permits in ND.

In 2022, the NDHP issued 126,948 receipt-issued single-trip permits for oversize and overweight movements. This was an increase of 8,544 receipt-issued single-trip permits from 2021. The largest increase was on the actual oversize permit an increase of 6,654.

A total of 15,550 multiple-trip permits were issued in 2022 an increase from 15,123 in 2021 a difference of 427 permits. The number of 10% Durational, Custom Combine and Seasonal permits all increased.

In 2022, 157,636 permits were issued by the NDHP, up from 148,969 in 2021. It is an increase of 8,667 permits. Single trip permits increased by 6,654; multi-trip permits increased by 427; and miscellaneous permits (trip, fuel & temporary registration) increased by 15.

Total revenues collected for oversize/overweight permits in 2022 was \$12,494,508 compared to \$10,874,927 in 2021. This was an increase of \$1,619,581 or 15%. Extraordinary road use fee revenues increased from \$944,715 in 2021 to \$985,610 in 2022. The total number of overloads in 2021 was 1,087 compared to 943 in 2022. A \$10 service fee was assessed on routable single-trip permits. These fees totaled \$1,180,270 in 2021 compared to \$1,265,510 in 2022.

PERMITS ISSUED

Single Trip Permits

- Oversize and Overweight: 77,590
- Mobile Home: 2,224
- Over Dimensional Only: 20,327
- Interstate: 681
- 129,000 Primary Network: 392
- Bridge Length Permit: 0
- Building/Trunnion: 627
- Special Mobile Equipment: 16,283
- Work Over Rig: 8,813
- Work Over Rig with Weight Increase: 0
- LCV: 11

Subtotal: 126,948

Multi-Trip Permits

- Ten Percent Harvest/Winter Permits
 - 30-Day: 3,174
 - 7-month (July 15 - March 7): 1,382
- Longer Combination Vehicle
 - 30-day: 173
- Annual Overwidth: 2,911
- Annual Fish House: 3
- Annual Overlength: 528
- 129,000 Primary Network 30 Day: 360
- Bridge Length: 82
- Custom Combine Permit: 264
- Seasonal Permits: 788
- Equipment Approval Certificates: 351

Subtotal: 15,550

Miscellaneous

- Trip: 9,781
- Fuel: 5,353
- Temporary Registration: 4

Subtotal – 15,138

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

Training Director: Lt. Daniel Haugen

Training Sergeants: Sgt. Chad Hermanson and Sgt. Adrian Martinez

Operations Coordinator: Mark Oster

Administrative Assistant: Peggy Dietz

Cook: Lisa Seefeld

The Law Enforcement Training Academy completed another year of successful and diverse training and activities. The Academy held 29 sessions featuring the following law enforcement topics:

- BCI Advanced Interview Training
- Crash Reconstruction Team In-Service
- Criminal Investigation
- Emergency Response Team Training
- First Responder Trunk or Treat
- FLETC Use of Force
- North Dakota Game & Fish In-Service
- Leadership of Police Organizations (LPO)
- Methods of Instruction (4x)
- NAS Part A
- NAS Part B
- NCIC
- North Dakota Highway Patrol Academy
- NDHP In-Service EVOC, Pursuit Policy, Spike, Simulator
- NDHP In-Service Administrative Session
- North Dakota Basic (3)
- North Dakota Game & Fish In-Service
- International Conference of Police Chaplains
- SFST & ARIDE
- SFST Instructor Development
- Technical Crash
- Use of Force Instructor (2x)
- Youth Academy

Various agencies used the Academy for training, meetings, and events. The agencies that attended training at the Law Enforcement Training Academy included the North Dakota Highway Patrol, 25 police departments, 33 sheriff offices, and 16 other agencies as follows:

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

Sheriff Offices:

- Adams County
- Bottineau County
- Bowman County
- Burleigh County
- Cass County
- Dickey County
- Dunn County
- Eddy County
- Emmons County
- Grand Forks County
- Grant County
- Griggs County
- Hettinger Office
- Kidder County
- Logan County
- McHenry County
- McIntosh County
- McKenzie County
- McLean County
- Mercer County
- Morton County
- Mountrail County
- Pierce County
- Ramsey County
- Renville County
- Richland County
- Rolette County
- Sioux County
- Stark County
- Stutsman County
- Traill County
- Ward County
- Williams County

Police Agencies:

- Beulah PD
- Bismarck PD
- Devils Lake PD
- Dickinson PD
- Dunseith PD
- Fargo PD
- Garrison PD
- Grand Forks PD
- Harvey PD
- Jamestown PD
- Kenmare PD
- Killdeer PD
- Lincoln PD
- Lincoln PD
- Mandan PD
- Minot PD
- New Town PD
- Oakes PD
- Powers Lake PD
- Stanley PD
- Surrey PD
- Valley City PD
- Wahpeton PD
- Watford City PD
- West Fargo PD
- Williston PD

Other:

- North Dakota State College of Science Police Department
- University of North Dakota Police Department
- North Dakota Parks & Recreation
- North Dakota Game & Fish
- North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Youth in North Dakota
- Clearwater, MN
- North Dakota State Radio
- North Dakota Department of Corrections
- Three Affiliated Tribes
- Dakota Women's Corrections & Rehabilitation
- North Dakota Stockmen's Association
- Chaplains (tri-state area)
- ND Association of Counties

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The Law Enforcement Training Academy held various miscellaneous activities during 2022. These activities include but are not limited to meetings, testing, trainings, etc. The following list includes the activity or person in-charge of the miscellaneous activity that took place at the LETA:

- POST Board (7x)
- Leadership North Dakota
- NDHP Commanders Meeting
- ND Parole & Probation (4x)
- NDPOA Planning Meeting (7x)
- NDHP Recruitment Event
- CALEA Public Hearing
- Part A Re-Test
- LETA Interviews
- IT Meeting
- Sergeant Jenna Clawson-Huibregtse
- Balco & Streichers
- NDHP Promotional Testing
- NDHP ERT Team
- Captain Pederson
- NDHP HQ Interviews
- NDHP HR
- NDHP HQ Staff

The multi-purpose room at the LETA was utilized by many agencies for various activities in 2022 including:

- ND Basic PT (36 weeks X 2 classes)
- ND Basic CTA Testing/DT/Traffic Stops/Practicals/OC/Taser/Ground Fight/SFST/Handcuffs, etc. (2 classes)
- ND Basic Graduation
- NDHP Academy PT/DT/Practicals/Etc.
- Bismarck PD CTA (13x)
- NDHP Recruitment Event
- Leadership of Police Organizations
- FLETC Practicals (5x)
- NDHP CTA (5x)
- Parole & Probation CTA (5x)
- International Conference of Police Chaplains
- NDHP Capitol Security
- LETA Community Wings Project (3x)

Three North Dakota Basic Training classes and one North Dakota Highway Patrol recruit class graduated in 2022. 113 peace officers completed their North Dakota Peace Officer Standard and Training Board licensure certification through attendance at the Academy. A total of 922 law enforcement personnel received training in 2022.

The Law Enforcement Training Academy continues to offer annual Methods of Instruction, Use of Force, and Emergency Driving trainings. Student numbers increased in 2022 compared to 2021. Online class options were offered during 2022. The third Basic academy incorporated one full week of fully online classwork for the first time in LETA history.

SUPPORT SERVICES

In addition to the support services division commander, ten full-time and one part-time employees are assigned to the Support Services Division. The division is responsible for property, procurement, planning, project management, research, grant coordination, fleet management, policy development and accreditation. To support this division, the NDHP is assigned two full-time NDITD employees to assist with information technology needs.

Procurement and Property

Major accomplishments made by procurement and property in 2022 are as follows:

- Selected a new uniform vendor that better meets the needs of officers. Have women's uniforms for the first time. Cost savings overall with new uniforms.
- Installed new in car video and body cameras in all squad cars and with Capitol Security. Body cameras being a benefit to officers and the public.
- Purchased all SIRN radio equipment
- Radars and LIDARS purchased with available grant funding.
- Major revamping of our fleet management strategy was ongoing in 2022 with concentration on following patrol vehicle types: Ford SUV Interceptor, Chevy Tahoe Police, Ford F-250 SuperDuty, and Ford Expedition Dignitary Protection.
- Added a Project and Grants Specialist to the Support Services team.
- Began renovations of the Law Enforcement Training Academy to better serve all agencies training at the LETA. Contractor and plan solidified for LETA remodel.

Information Technology

Major accomplishments made by information technology in 2022 are as follows:

- Prior implementation of a new CAD system by NDDES (Hexagon) required continuous attention by the NDHP's assigned NDITD employees throughout 2022.
- Due to the implementation of new in-car and body worn cameras, major changes were made to the NDHP's video storage systems and framework.
- NDHP remained an active member of the of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) committee.

Policy Development and Accreditation

Major accomplishments made by policy and accreditation in 2022 are as follows:

- Completed a site-based CALEA assessment in January 14-22, 2022
- Completed an on-site CALEA assessment February 28-March 3, 2022.
- Received the NDHP's 11th re-accreditation award at the CALEA conference in St. Louis, MO, on November 19, 2022.
- Completed the following annual assessments: 2022 Use of Force & Pursuit Analysis, 2022 Traffic Enforcement & Crash Analysis, and the 2022-2026 Multi-Year Plan.
- Revised thirteen NDHP policies.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Cultural Liaison Officer (CLO)

Major accomplishments made by the CLO program in 2022 are as follows:

- Signed a law enforcement agreement with the Spirit Lake reservation, allowing police powers to NDHP officers on tribal lands in emergent situations.
- Created new driver classes for New Americans in the Fargo area. These classes were translated into 11 different languages.
- Coordinated and put on the first Critical Task Assessment Recruitment Event at the Law Enforcement Training Academy.
- Created and instructed Cultural Awareness Training to NDHP employees with MHA Nation and Spirit Lake Tribe.

SAFETY & EDUCATION

The North Dakota Highway Patrol focuses on public outreach in several different ways. The first way is to educate the public about traffic safety issues. This is obtained through numerous outreach events across the state during the year that involve various public and private organizations. The agency also actively supports the state's Vision Zero Coordinators who focus on events and programs intended to increase public education about the Vision Zero goal of zero motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

Agency participation in outreach events is intended to educate the public about law enforcement in general and the work of the patrol specifically and provide opportunities to the public to get to know the men and women of the NDHP. The agency participates in highly publicized enforcement events to highlight various traffic safety issues. During 2022, troopers were involved in over 350 outreach events across the state.

Troopers attended various outreach events throughout the state to promote Vision Zero and the patrol's traffic safety mission.

These events included the following:

- North Dakota State Fair
- Rollover Simulator presentations
- Alive at 25 presentations
- Route 100
- Driver's education
- Vision Zero designated schools
- No Zone presentations
- Child Passenger Safety Checks
- Impact Teen Drivers program
- Simulated Impaired Driving Experience (SIDNE) presentations.
- Driving Skills for Success program
- Click-It for Coffee
- Saved by the Belt Award presentations
- Saved by the Helmet Award presentations

Troopers also participated in several enforcement events during the year. These events are planned and held in conjunction with media campaigns explaining the importance of the enforcement.

These events included:

- Click it or Ticket
- Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine (speeding)
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
- U Drive. U Text. U Pay (distracted driving)
- Underage Drinking
- Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.)
- International Road Check
- Operation Safe Driver
- Operation Airbrake

SAFETY & EDUCATION

The agency educates the public about law enforcement and the work of the NDHP through events and activities such as:

- North Dakota State Fair
- National Night Out events
- Public and private school events
- Career fairs
- North Dakota Boys State
- North Dakota Highway Patrol Youth Academy
- Job shadowing (Ride Along Program)

Trooper Kristjan Helgoe was named as Vision Zero's 2022 Traffic Safety Officer of the Year. This award is given to one law enforcement officer each year who has displayed a well-rounded effort for traffic safety through enforcement, community education and training.

Safety and Education coordinates the agency's school bus inspection program. The program is a service provided to schools, upon request, if they are unable to have their buses inspected annually by a qualified individual. During the 2021-2022 school year the patrol received 68 requests and inspected over 500 buses.

The Safety and Education Officer serves as North Dakota's AMBER alert coordinator who oversees the AMBER alert request process in the state. These duties also include working with North Dakota Bureau of Investigation and Department of Emergency Services to approve alert requests and send them out to the public. The past year there was one AMBER Alert request and ten Silver Alert requests.

The Loss Control Committee is chaired by the Safety and Education Officer. This committee reviews department crashes and incidents and looks for ways the agency can make improvements to reduce liability. Safe Driving Awards are given to officers who have 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of driving without a preventable crash.

Traffic Incident Management (TIMS) focuses on a common approach for all first responders to use when dealing with incidents that affect traffic on our roadways. This common approach is meant to reduce secondary crashes and increase safety for the motoring public and first responders. The Safety and Education Officer coordinates training across the state by working with local officials to bring the training to their areas. In 2022 TIMS was taught in several locations to include at the law enforcement training academy and at the North Dakota Fire School in February.

Safety and Education continues to be active on social media to expand our reach and educate the public about the agency and traffic safety related topics. In April, November, and December of 2022 the state experienced severe snowstorms creating blizzard conditions. Safety and Education worked with NDDOT Communications to help inform the public about the severe road conditions and road closures.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

On April 1, 2019, Lt. Adam Dvorak was assigned command of the North Dakota Highway Patrol's ERT (Emergency Response Team). Prior to that assignment, the NDHP ERT had an almost 2-year period of inactivity since the pipeline protests ended in March of 2017.

The following is a timeline of the actions taken by the team in 2022:

February 2022

- Additional "Project Find Safe" equipment delivered to and stored in the SW regional office, available to ERT.
- Research into "high cut" ballistic helmets for all members of ERT for tactical tracking.

March 2022

- SW squad met and trained in the Badlands near Medora utilizing bloodhound and sUAS as well as tactical tracking.
- Decision made to change structure of ERT from "East and West" to the four geographical regions with a squad leader assigned to each of the four teams.
- Two assistant ERT commander positions removed from structure.
- New "high cut" ballistic helmets shipped/delivered to NDHP ERT.

April 2022

- Physical fitness testing and shooting for ERT held in Bismarck.
- Tucker Snow Machines, ERT UTV, and Parks and Rec snowmobiles placed for impending large winter storm.

May 2022

- On May 27, the southwest ERT was activated to search for 2 inmates who had escaped from MRCC and fled along the Missouri River; ERT bloodhound utilized.

June 2022

- Southeast squad put on alert for activation of murder suspect being surveilled by Fargo Narcotics Task Force.
- On June 18, all ERT were put on alert for possible activation at Capitol for protests for Roe v. Wade decision.
- On June 24, all ERT were put on alert for possible activation for nationwide "Night of Rage".

July 2022

- All ERT were put on alert for possible activation for Capitol protests on both July 4 and July 9.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

- All ERT were put on alert for possible activation for protests in Fargo on July 11 following a Fargo Police Department officer-involved shooting.
- Night vision proposal completed for NDHP ERT by Lt. Dvorak as Northwest Staff and Command staff study.

September 2022

- Four members of NDHP ERT attended tactical tracking school at Camp Grafton, Devils Lake.

October 2022

- All members attended Special Operations Conference in Bismarck for fall training.
- Southwest squad activated to tactically track fleeing suspect in Mandan.

November 2022

- Five additional ERT members trained and issued 40mm launchers and less lethal rounds to be kept in their respective regions.
- Northeast ERT squad trains in Grand Forks in conjunction with the Northeast regional SWAT team.
- Southeast squad conducts tactical tracking training in Fort Ransom State Park.
- Colonel Solberg addresses "ND Chiefs and Sheriffs" group in Bismarck and details ERT capabilities and services.
- Southwest squad conducts tactical tracking training at Fort Lincoln State Park utilizing tracking, bloodhound, and sUAS.

December 2022

- ERT UTV staged and utilized at Bismarck regional office during severe winter storm.

ERT Commander: Lt. Adam Dvorak

NORTHEASTERN SQUAD

- Trooper Paul Bakke (Squad leader)
- Trooper Grant Wosick (Medic)
- Trooper Tanner Smith
- Sergeant Matt Johnson

SOUTHWESTERN SQUAD

- Trooper Jed Reile
- Trooper Troy Roth (Squad leader)
- Sgt. Ben Kennelly
- Trooper Steve Mayer and K9 Bleu
- Trooper Jackson Loeffel
- Trooper Josh Page (Grenadier)
- Trooper Shawn Fulwider
- Trooper Mike Wald

NORTHWESTERN SQUAD

- Trooper Anthony Hoaby (Squad leader)
- Trooper Major Hopp
- Trooper Ethan Rostvedt
- Trooper Dan Hanson (Medic)
- Sergeant Josh Gudvangen

SOUTHEASTERN SQUAD

- Sergeant Adam Malafa
- Sergeant Andrew Cashin (Squad leader)
- Trooper Michael Arndt
- Trooper Darin Malafa
- Trooper Alex Breitbach

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

2023-2024 GOALS

- Addition of two new members (Northeast, Southeast or Northwest)
- Secure robust downlink capability from both aircraft and sUAS.
- Trooper Wald and Trooper Fulwider attend CDP MFF training in January and Trooper Smith and Trooper Reile attend in March.
- Lt. Dvorak, Sgt. Johnson, Trooper Reile, and Trooper Smith to attend tactical tracking training in March at Camp Grafton.
- Introduce Staff and Command study about night vision to NDHP command staff.
- Replace battery and fix battery charger system in ERT trailer.
- Find storage option for riot shields at Lee Ave.
- Service ERT UTV at Moritz Marine.
- Explore emergency lighting options for ERT UTV.
- All squads complete three half-day training sessions in 2023.
- Explore options for subdued equipment on M4 carbines to make less conspicuous (\$175 per).
- Explore advanced tracking training at Camp Grafton for team members.
- Send squad leaders and Bismarck ERT members to "Suspect Tactics" class in March.
- Explore sending Trooper Hanson and Trooper Wosick to Advanced EMT training.
- Send Trooper Breitbach to both tactical tracking training and CDP MFF in 2023.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

K9 PROGRAM

The ND Highway Patrol K-9 program continues to see success due in large part to the cooperation and support between handlers, troopers, supervisors, and headquarters.

2022 Canine Personnel

The ND Highway Patrol K-9 program saw one personnel change in 2022. Trooper Kristjan Helgoe decided to “hang up” his leash and Trooper Gabe Irvis was selected as the new handler for the Southeast Region. Three of the NDHP K-9s also retired in 2022.

In May 2022, K-9 Boudreaux was retired from service after nearly 10 years of service. K-9 Fia retired in May, and K-9 Castor retired in June. K-9 Fia served for approximately 8 years and K-9 Castor served for approximately 7 years. These retired canines were permanently homed with their respective handlers.

Two new canines to added to the program. Trooper Irvis was assigned K-9 Lasta, and Trooper Mlynar was assigned K-9 Huck.

2022 Canine Teams and Locations

There are nine canine teams in the ND Highway Patrol:

Bloodhound/Man-Trailing Teams

- Trooper Steve Mayer and K9 Bleu, 3 1/2, Bismarck
- Trooper Cody Harstad and K9 Tank, 8 1/2, Hillsboro

Narcotic Detector Teams

- Trooper Brett Mlynar and K9 Huck, 2, Devils Lake
- Trooper Gabe Irvis and K9 Lasta, 2 1/2, Fargo
- Trooper Steven Clark and K9 Kota, 4 1/2, New Salem
- Trooper Chelsey Schatz and K9 Tara, 5 1/2, Watford City
- Trooper Nathan Boll and K9 Casey, 7 1/2 Fargo
- Trooper Troy Roth and K9 Bodo, 8 1/2, Bismarck
- Trooper Kyle Stern and K9 Draco, 8 1/2, Hillsboro

Training and Certification

As a collective group, handlers maintain sixteen hours of training per month, the industry standard. Regional sergeants and commanders are provided the yearly training schedule at the beginning of the year. Sergeants, commanders and administrative assistants do an outstanding job of placing these dates on schedules. Sergeants have also been doing a good job of adjusting to changes in dates of training as they occur. One east training day and one west training day occur each month.

The departure of Trooper Helgoe from the K-9 program created an open trainer’s position. Interviews were conducted and Trooper Mlynar was selected to attend the narcotic detector instructor class provided by Kasseburg Canine Training Center.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

K9 PROGRAM

In March 2022, Trooper Mlynar traveled to New Market, Alabama, to begin training instruction. During the instructor course, Trooper Mlynar trained with his new K-9 Huck, and K-9 Lasta. Trooper Mlynar also had the opportunity to assist with the training of other teams at that time. Trooper Stern accompanied Trooper Mlynar to Alabama and assisted with his instruction for the first three weeks of the eight-week course.

In May 2022, Trooper Mlynar returned to the state in time for annual spring in-service at Camp Grafton in Devils Lake. Training started at noon on a Monday and ended at noon on Friday that same week. It gets to be a long week, but all teams seem to enjoy being able to concentrate on training for the week. During in-service, scenarios were conducted along with problem solving and proficiencies. Teams from Watford City PD and the BIA were also in attendance at the in-service.

In late May 2022, Trooper Irvis began his handler training with K-9 Lasta. Trooper Mlynar conducted the 5-week training, mostly in Devils Lake. In late June 2022, Trooper Irvis and K-9 Lasta successfully completed their initial certification.

In early August 2022, Trooper Boll and Trooper Stern attended the HITS Canine Conference in Orlando, Florida. There were 3 full days of classroom instruction taught by numerous instructors. The conference is held at a different location each year and the 2023 conference will be in Scottsdale, Arizona.

In August 2022, a training session with all teams was held in Bismarck with a purpose to prepare all teams for upcoming certifications in September.

In September 2022, all narcotic teams traveled to Gillette, Wyoming for annual certification. The certifying official was Retired Gillette Police Department Sgt. Greg Brothers. During the certification process, Trooper Schatz began the process of becoming a certifying official. She will need to assist in the judging of 15 teams during certification. All NDHP teams successfully completed annual certification and were awarded the NDHP-N Certificate. Teams from the Watford City PD and Beulah PD also attended the certification.

In December 2022, the man-trailing teams traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for annual certification. This had originally been planned for September but was rescheduled. The certifying official for the certification was Ret. South Dakota DCI Agent Chad Carpenter. A recent snowstorm made the certification challenging, but both teams successfully completed the certification and were awarded the NDHP-M certificate. In conjunction with the NDHP certification standards, both teams were able to regain certification with INBTI.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

K9 PROGRAM

During 2022, the narcotic detector training relationship with the Watford City PD continued and a training relationship with the BIA and the Beulah PD began. The man-trailing teams continue to train with the Fargo area K-9 group and a training relationship with the Badlands Search and Rescue team began.

Bloodhound/Man-Trailing Teams Highlights

The bloodhound/man-trailing teams continue to be available to any agency that needs their services. Many calls are from other agencies who are learning of the bloodhounds' capabilities. This is in large part due to the handlers discussing the program with other agencies. Both teams are valuable resources for the NDHP and for other agencies statewide.

K-9 Boudreaux retired in May 2022 and subsequently Trooper Mayer was able to devote more training time with K-9 Bleu.

Notable case trails for the man-trailing teams in 2022 include:

- Located a suicidal subject.
- Tracked a homicide suspect and helped locate evidence.
- Tracked a suspect who fled from a scene and located evidence to identify the driver.
- Tracked a burglary suspect and located evidence.
- Tracked an attempted murder suspect to an apartment.
- Located a domestic violence victim who left a residence.
- Tracked a missing person to a location where the individual was picked up.
- Tracked a missing person to a river along a 3-day old trail.
- Tracked an escapee from the Youth Correctional Center to where a vehicle was stolen.
- Tracked a subject who fled a vehicle crash and broke into a business.
- Tracked a missing person from a bar and located the deceased subject.
- Tracked a missing person from a rural area and located the deceased subject.

Trooper Mayer and K-9 Bleu attended and completed the FBI's Level 3 HSET training school in Fredericksburg, PA in August 2022. Trooper Mayer has been involved with INBTI and taught a 3-day man-trailing seminar in Wales, UK, in November 2022.

Narcotic Detector Team Highlights

The narcotic detector teams spent most of 2022 working the road; assisting other agencies; and training. While replacing and training K-9s, the NDHP was short for the first half of 2022.

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K9 PROGRAM

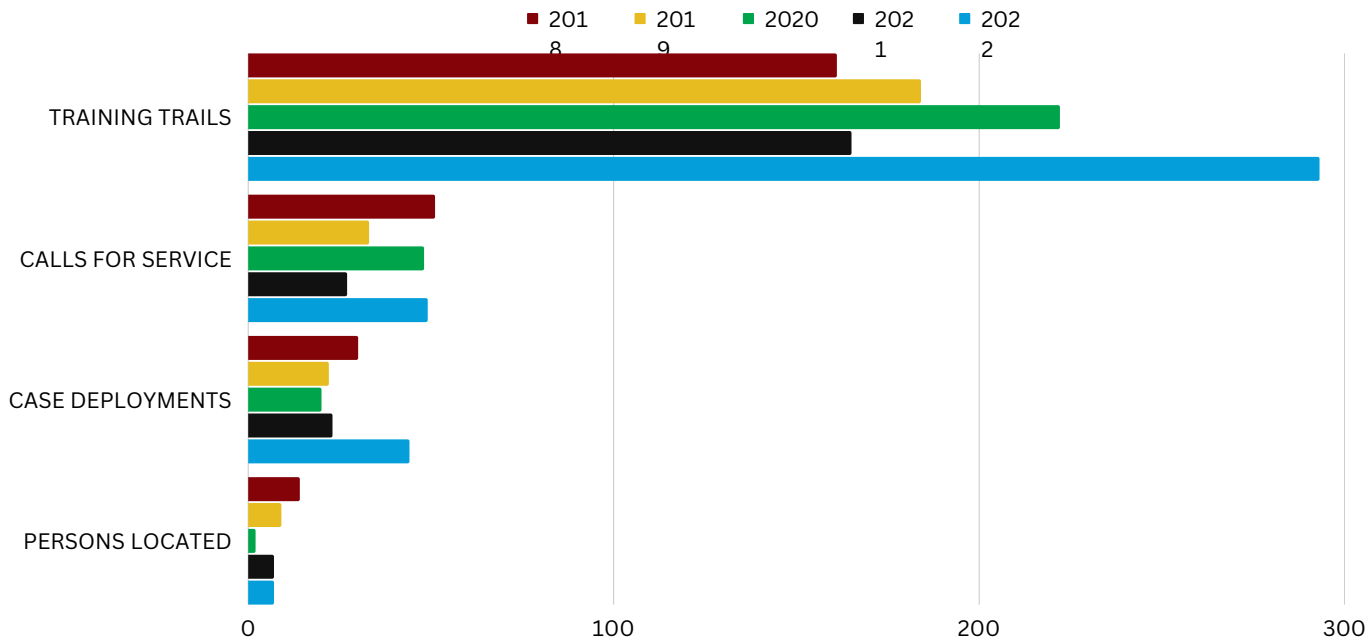
2022 K-9 Equipment

The transition from Chevrolet Tahoes to Ford Explorers began in May 2022. In addition to vehicles, a new kennel system and heat alarm system were installed in the vehicles. Handlers are able to sync their phone to the heat alarm and are given timely updates of temperature and alarms, allowing for a much safer environment for the K-9s.

2022 K-9 Activities

The K-9 teams continue to produce results for the department.

Bloodhound/Man-Trailing Teams Activities 2018-2022



*There were eight occasions where assistance was provided to other agencies that, based on the work of the K-9, the subject was located or evidence was obtained that led to search warrants, etc.

Narcotic Teams Activities 2018-2022

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019*</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Deployments | 248 | 150 | 249 | 213 | 152 |
| Calls for Service | 103 | 82 | 150 | 190 | 120 |
| Assisting other Agencies | 66 | 66 | 68 | 89 | 57 |
| School Searches | 19 | 27 | 10 | 23 | 16 |
| Infractions | N/A | N/A | 174 | 282 | 145 |
| Misdemeanors | 275 | 185 | 126 | 129 | 63 |
| Felonies | 79 | 34 | 92 | 85 | 37 |
| Cash Seized | \$65,426 | \$10,000 | \$6,785 | \$6,415 | \$74,111 |

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Narcotic Teams Activities 2018-2022 (cont.)

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019*</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Marijuana (grams) | 36,273 | 17,725 | 2,095.74 | 2,088.45 | 310,549.51 |
| Methamphetamine (grams) | 16.272 | 38.41 | 124.04 | 2,120.42 | 6,080.4 |
| Heroin (grams) | UNK | 2.36 | 62.37 | 31.93 | 3.46 |
| Cocaine (grams) | 72.0 | 1.69 | .5 | .82 | 3.0 |
| THC (Oil/Wax, etc.)(grams) | 824.0 | 9,219.61 | 5096.7 | 78.1 | 4,694.43 |
| Fentanyl Specific (grams) | UNK | UNK | UNK | 282.25 | 10.1 |

***2019 was the year that infractions were introduced for drug offenses. 2019, and years prior, stats were not broken down into infractions/misdemeanors.*

Other Notable Seizures-2022

- 125 various pills (Xanax, Adderall, Fentanyl, etc.)
- 3.0g Ketamine
- 4 firearms: 2 illegally modified.

The NDHP K-9 teams continue to work diligently to improve. The handlers continue to take on extra duties and to maintain their regular duties. The handlers enjoy the challenge of the K-9 program and are always looking for ways to improve themselves and the program. The teams continue to provide valuable assistance to any agency as needed and are willing to provide assistance when asked. The man-trailing teams and narcotic teams are a great asset to the state of North Dakota. The support of the first line supervisors, commanders, and headquarters is essential to our success. The program strives to continue to improve and bring positive feedback to the entire NDHP organization.

2023 Canine Program Goals

- Maintain 16 hours of training per month, per team, and complete annual certifications.
- Continue to build relationships with other agencies and their K-9 teams.
- Invite other agencies to training sessions and attend other agencies' training sessions.
- Plan and coordinate the annual spring in-service.
- Attend available training seminars for man-trailing and narcotic handlers.
- Host a man-trailing seminar to assist other agencies and organizations.
- Plan additional joint training days with east and west handlers.
- Plan and coordinate K-9 specific interdiction details.
- Continue to evaluate and update K-9 Operations Manual as needed.
- Select and train a new narcotic K-9 for the Southwest Region.
- Select and begin training of a man-trailing puppy.
- Select and begin training of a new man-trailing handler for the puppy.
- Develop a narcotic detector instructor course for future development.
- Add a second narcotic detector team to Northwest Region.
- Add a third man-trailing team to Northwest Region.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CRASH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (CRT)

Every year multiple lives are lost in fatal traffic crashes across the state of North Dakota. Each of these cases must initially be treated as a homicide investigation. The North Dakota Highway Patrol Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT) is comprised of officers specifically trained and certified to gather and analyze critical evidence at a crash scene. The services of this team include crash scene response, the recognition and gathering of critical evidence, scientific analysis, professional report writing, and expert court testimony. These services are necessary to secure criminal convictions in cases where such charges are appropriate. The statistical information included in this report supports the effectiveness and need for this team.

2022 Yearly Statistics:

A summary of the crash reconstruction activities conducted by the NDHP Crash Reconstruction Team in 2022 follows:

| <u>CRT Statistical Summary-2022</u> | <u>NW</u> | <u>NE</u> | <u>SW</u> | <u>SE</u> | <u>2022 Total</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| Mapping Only | 26 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 68 | 79 |
| Supplemental Reports | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 18 | -- |
| Analysis Required | 9 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 31 | 52 |
| Total CRT Cases | 39 | 27 | 23 | 28 | 117 | 131 |
| Passenger Vehicle Downloads | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 62 | 69 |
| Heavy Vehicle Downloads | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Assist Other Government | 10 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 30 | 25 |
| Misdemeanor Charges | 14 | 11 | 8 | 22 | 55 | 53 |
| Felony Charges | 15 | 10 | 12 | 21 | 58 | 57 |
| Total Criminal Charges | 29 | 21 | 20 | 43 | 113 | 110 |

Personnel:

The following personnel changes occurred on the CRT in 2022:

- Trooper Brandon Dalzell left the CRT.
- November 2022 – Trooper Daniel Andersen, Trooper Andrew Skogen, and Trooper Coby Hubble were trained as crash technicians.

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CRASH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (CRT)

| NDHP CRT Personnel Roster - March 2023 | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Region | Personnel | Current Assignment | Level of Training |
| NW | Darby Kessner | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| NW | Coby Hubble | Technician | Technician |
| NW | Austin Hilzendeger | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| NW | Christa Kovarik | Technician - Part-time Analyst | Reconstruction, CDR T/A, Part 107 |
| NE | Eric Rumple | Technician - Part-time Analyst | Reconstruction, CDR T/A, Part 107 |
| NE | Jeremy Buehre | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| NE | Nevon Heisler | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| NE | Travis Nelson | Coordinator, Primary Analyst | Reconstruction, CDR T/A, EDR, Part 107 |
| NE | Andrew Birkholz | Technician - Part-time Analyst | Reconstruction, CDR T/A, Part 107 |
| SW | Jacob Jones | Technician - Primary Analyst | Reconstruction, CDR T/A, Part 107 |
| SW | Bennett Bitz | Technician | Technician, EDR, CDR Tech, Part 107 |
| SW | Josh Rode | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| SW | Adam Gebhardt | Technician | Technician, CDR Tech, Part 107 |
| SE | Chris Allen | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| SE | Daniel Andersen | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| SE | Thomas Steenstrup | Technician | Technician, Part 107 |
| SE | Andrew Skogen | Technician | Technician |

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CRASH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (CRT)

Below is a condensed list of the crash reconstruction equipment and software currently in use by each member. In addition, there are many smaller pieces of equipment utilized by the team that are not listed here.

| Equipment/Trooper | Kovarik | Hilzendege | Kessner | Hubble | Gebhardt | Jones | Blitz | Rode | Allen | Andersen | Steenstrup | Skogen | Nelson | Rumple | Buehre | N. Heister | Bir-kholz | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|------------------------|------|----------------|----------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|--|--|--|---|
| Office Locations | Minot | Williston | | | | Bismarck | | | Jamestown | Fargo | | | GF | | | | DL | | | | |
| Alienware Tower w/ Pix 4D | NW - Minot | | | | SW - Bismarck | | | | SE - Jamestown | | | | NE - Grand Forks | | | | | | | | |
| DJI Mavic 2 Pro with Controller/Rapid Charge System | X | X | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| Leica TS02 Total Station w/ tripod and prism | X | X | X | Equip. shared w/ Kessner | | X | Equip. shared w/ Jones | | X | | X | Equip. shared w/ Steenstrup | X | Equip. shared w/ Nelson | | | X | | | | |
| Trimble Nomad data collector w/ EVR 11 software | X | X | X | | | X | | | X | X | | | X | | | X | | | | | X |
| Leica TS12/TS13 Robotics total station w/ tripod and prism | | | X | | | X | | | | X | X | | | | | | X | | | | |
| Leica CS15/CS20 data collector w/ EVR 11 software | | | X | | | X | | | | | X | | | | | | X | | | | |
| Canon Rebel T5i SLR digital camera | X | X | X | | | X | | X | | | X | | X | | X | | X | | | | X |
| Vericom 3000 accelerometer | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | |
| Vericom 4000 accelerometer | | X | | | X | X | | | X | | | | X | | | | X | | | | |
| Map360 4.1 mapping software | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| ARPro 12 Recon calculation software | | | | | | X | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Auto Stats Vehicle Information software | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Bosch CDR + 900 upgrade vehicle equip. and software | X | | | | X | | X | | | | X | | X | | | | X | | | | |
| Bosch Cable Kit | X | | | | | | X | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Hyundai vehicle imaging kit | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Synercon Heavy Vehicle EDR equip. and software | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Training:

The field of crash reconstruction is constantly changing with new equipment/software becoming available to measure and analyze crash scenes. It is important that all members of the CRT utilize training they have received and work with the equipment they are issued to keep their skills/knowledge sharp. Trainings take place all over the country and are a good way for members who attend to network and get to know others in the field and learn about different completed reconstructions.

In February, Trooper Thomas Steenstrup passed Part 107 certification through the FAA. Trooper Steenstrup can now operate sUAS at crash scenes for assistance in scene diagramming.

In March, Trooper Jacob Jones and Trooper Travis Nelson attended the IDRR forum training in San Diego, CA. The training focused on human factors and provided information on the 2023 version of the IDRR program.

In May, Trooper Thomas Steenstrup attended online training through IPTM and became certified as a CDR Technician. Trooper Steenstrup can now conduct CDR images for vehicles involved in crashes that the CRT is investigating.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CRASH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (CRT)

In July, CRT members met in Bismarck for the annual in-service. Members of the team flew a course with the drone to build proficiency. The course was taken from a training course Trooper Jones and Trooper Nelson attended in 2021 created by NIST.

In July, Trooper Jacob Jones and Trooper Travis Nelson attended a drone demonstration in Sioux Falls, SD. Several drones were on-hand to test and experts were available to talk about each drone as the team may be purchasing new drones in the near future.

In September, Trooper Jacob Jones and Trooper Travis Nelson attended the MATAI annual conference in Des Moines, IA. The conference focused on heavy vehicles and live crashes were conducted at the Iowa Speedway.

In November, Trooper Coby Hubble, Trooper Dan Andersen, and Trooper Andrew Skogen attended CRT technician training in Bismarck where Trooper Jacob Jones and Trooper Travis Nelson were instructors.

Training Goals for 2023 include:

- New members added to the CRT team must pass and become certified under Part 107 to operate sUAS.
- There are currently no CRT members trained in the following courses:
 - CMV Crash Reconstruction
 - Occupant Kinematics
 - Energy Methods and Damage Analysis (Crush)
 - Event Data Recorder Analyst (Level 2)
- CRT In-Service training for all members on the team.
- Send primary/part-time analysts of the team to the annual MATAI conference.
- All CRT techs trained to the level of CDR technician for vehicle imaging.
- Send the CRT Supervisor and CRT Coordinator to the reconstruction managers meeting.
- Send crash technicians expressing interest to crash reconstruction training.
- Continue to send members of the team trained to the level of reconstruction to continuing education courses to maintain and enhance skills.

Newer CRT members are encouraged to seek more advanced training to prepare to fill primary CRT slots as they are vacated through retirements or unforeseen circumstances. It is important to continually encourage, train, and mentor these newer members so the program continues to grow and operate smoothly.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION TEAM

Targeting of drug trafficking, specifically criminal highway interdiction efforts, is a main component of successful crime reduction in the United States. Mexican transnational criminal organizations and criminal street gangs are responsible for a vast majority of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin trafficked in the United States and into North Dakota. These deadly drugs kill our state's citizens and plague our communities.

From extended research, and closely communicating with our surrounding state's highway patrols (MN, SD, MT, WY), the most effective method to interdict traffickers is with officers specifically dedicated and trained for this mission. In response, the North Dakota Highway Patrol formed a dedicated five-officer criminal interdiction team in August of 2021.

This is a summary of some of the items/quantities seized by the Criminal Interdiction Team in 2022:

- 2.93 pounds of fentanyl
- 726.12 pounds of marijuana
- 23.96 pounds of THC
- 25.70 pounds of methamphetamine
- 1.56 grams of cocaine
- 4.59 grams of psilocybin
- 13 illicit prescription pills
- 4 pistols
- 1 pipe bomb
- 2 vehicles
- \$93,889 cash

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (CIRT)

The NDHP Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) was formed in January 2022 due to a need for the NDHP to respond to agency personnel needing support due to the stressors encountered through the inherent work of law enforcement. The CIRT team values the mental well-being, psychological resilience, right to confidentiality and respect for everyone receiving services.

Sgt. Matt Johnson serves as the Coordinator of the CIRT team and Trooper Chris Pulver serves as the Assistant Coordinator.

All CIRT members have been trained in peer to-peer, defusals, and debriefs. These critical incidents have been defined per NDHP Policy 6-30. The team responds to sworn and non-sworn personnel who contact a team member to request assistance for an issue of concern, whether it is work-related or personal.

Coordinator Sgt. Matt Johnson contacted the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC) through the US DOJ Community Policing in Action program to request information or assistance in enhancing the CIRT program. These discussions include reformulating Policy 6-30; updating the NDHP wellness manual; resources and trainings that should be available to CIRT members; and policies that can be put in place to determine team personnel issues such as joining or leaving the team.

Fifteen debriefs with 53 hours of dedicated time were logged in 2022. Dedicated time included travel time to some of the debriefs. The CIRT assisted the ND State CISM team as well as the Minot PD, Trenton Rural Fire, Tolna First Responders, Hettinger County Sheriff's Office, Watford City PD, and Bismarck PD.

The goal of the program is to have active, engaged members who are willing to assist their peers. The assistance from CRI-TAC is promising and should help fill in the gaps and aid in constructing an effective team that provides high quality critical incident services with adequately trained members. Policies regarding the operation of the CIRT will be created and implemented.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

The North Dakota Highway Patrol flight section assists the department in providing effective and efficient services to the citizens of North Dakota. This is accomplished by providing emergency response and continuing to provide the North Dakota Highway Patrol aircraft to support all North Dakota law enforcement agencies.

Throughout 2022, most emergency requests were to assist other law enforcement agencies. Whether providing aerial support to free up resources on the ground, or providing information for officer and public safety, each mission was critical. The aircraft is also beneficial in helping to provide information that could potentially rule out larger areas of land to concentrate efforts in a more precise location.

The NDHP aircraft flew approximately 52 missions during 2022. These missions involved such things as pursuits, search for suicidal persons, blood transfers, criminal interdiction assistance, search for missing people/children, search for murder suspect, search for wanted suspects, and several traffic details.

2022 Aviation Personnel

- Trooper Tarek Chase, FLIR Operator/Tactical Flight Officer
- Trooper Bennett Bitz, FLIR Operator/Tactical Flight Officer
- Trooper Michael Wald, Training for FLIR Operator/Tactical Flight Officer
- Shannon Henke, Pilot
- Trooper Steven Iden, Pilot
- Trooper Dennis Gallagher, Chief Pilot

Trooper Charles Kelly, Trooper William Brown, and Trooper Michael Hayen also joined the team and began FLIR Operator/Tactical Flight Officer training in late 2022.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

HOMELAND SECURITY

Sergeant Timothy Coughlin serves as the NDHP's Homeland Security Coordinator. The homeland security coordinator's primary duty is the active participation in the North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center (NDSLIC). NDSLIC is a multidisciplinary, multiagency organization dedicated to gathering, processing, analyzing, and sharing critical information with federal, state, local, and private sector partners. The homeland security coordinator also serves as the Intelligence Liaison Officer.

The homeland security coordinator is tasked with tracking active NDHP asset forfeitures. Six asset forfeitures were added in 2022, for a total of 40 open asset forfeiture cases.

Below is a listing of some of the activities during 2022:

- 10 E-Check background checks for weapon returns from NDHP weapon violation cases
- 1 AMBER Alert request resulting in a successful recovery
- 10 Silver Alert requests
 - Five of the requests were activated with four having successful recoveries. Three of the requests did not meet established criteria, and two of the requests were not issued due to the subject being located prior to the alert being activated.
- 35 Daily Hot Sheets submitted
- 103 Intel Briefing Summaries
- 26 Bulk Cash Smuggling Reports
- 61 DHE/HSIN Intel Alerts

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CAPITOL SECURITY/DIGNITARY PROTECTION

Sergeant Darcy Aberle serves as the NDHP director of security, and is responsible for security at the Capitol complex. NDHP Capitol Security is comprised of one sworn sergeant, five full-time security officers, and five part-time security officers. Security is also provided for the North Dakota Supreme Court as well as members of the legislative assembly. Security training is held throughout the year for state employees that work at the State Capitol complex.

Sergeant Ryan Duletski serves as the NDHP director of dignitary protection, and is responsible for providing security and protection for the governor, the governor's immediate family, and other officers next in order of succession to the office of governor. The Dignitary Protection Team is comprised of one sergeant and two troopers.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CULTURAL LIAISON OFFICER

The Cultural Liaison Officer (CLO) program provides support to indigenous and ethnic groups in North Dakota, the NDHP as a department, individual law enforcement officers, and the governmental staff of North Dakota. Having an individual contact point within the agency has helped simplify, expand, and diversify relationships that benefit all aforementioned groups.

The CLO program provides a basis for the cultivation of relationships and discourse between cultural groups and the NDHP. This has created new working relationships between indigenous and ethnic groups and the NDHP and strengthened existing relationships built by the CLO program.

The CLO program continues to work with tribal nations on law enforcement agreements to enhance public safety for all citizens in North Dakota. These mutual aid agreements simplify and define law enforcement authority and jurisdiction in and around tribal land. The CLO program will work to maintain tribal partnerships to ensure agreements remain in place for all affected parties.

This is an overview of significant items fulfilled during the 2022 calendar year:

- Attended the CLD Fundamentals class that was put on at the Four Bears Casino at MHA by NDLTAP/UGPTI with the assistance of Trooper Anthony Hoaby and Doug Hoopman.
- Attended multiple MHA Transportation Directors meetings to help answer questions and concerns and to help facilitate better communication with ND DOT.
- Coordinated and put on the first NDHP CTA Fitness Recruitment event in January.
- Visited the Fargo PD, Grand Forks PD, Grand Forks SO CLOs on multiple occasions, as well as the Bismarck PD CEOs.
- Daily or weekly communication inter-agency, with tribal nations, and Indian Affairs Commission.
- Hosted or attended meetings with each tribal nation at tribal headquarters and in Bismarck.
- Met with sheriffs that overlap MHA Nation multiple times and conducted meetings with all parties at MHA Judicial Chambers to facilitate agreements.
- One year anniversary of the MHA Law Enforcement Agreement. Held meeting with MHA Chairman Fox, Councilwoman Brugh, Governor Burgum, Attorney General Wrigley, and Colonel Solberg to discuss the first year and continuing use of the agreement.
- Attended multiple powwows throughout the state, including the Standing Rock Powwow where multiple NDHP employees were honored.
- Continued to work with all tribal nations on law enforcement agreements and had meetings with all tribes.

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CULTURAL LIAISON OFFICER

- Successfully signed and implemented a law enforcement agreement with Spirit Lake Nation at the Strengthening Government to Government Relations Summit.
- Presented at the Strengthening Government to Government Relations Summit.
- Created and conducted a jurisdiction agreement training for the agency, specifically the NE Region.
- Instructed Cultural Awareness at the LETA. Created and instructed LGBTQ Community Considerations for Law Enforcement at the LETA.
- Instructed Cultural Awareness for Minot PD and Bismarck PD.
- Attended the ND LGBTQ+ Summit in Mandan.
- Attended multiple career fairs throughout North Dakota.
- Educated tribal entities on the alerts system. Coordinated communication with tribal entities and Amber Alerts in Indian Country representatives.
- Provided safety talks at multiple tribal schools throughout the state.
- Created Winter Driving course for New Americans and coordinated with Adult Learning Center in Fargo for classes first part of January 2023.
- Worked with Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal nations on missing person cases, had one Amber Alert with MHA Nation that was activated and one Silver Alert with Turtle Mountain that was activated.
- Facilitated a ND Crime Trends meeting on behalf of the Governor's Office including tribes.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

HONOR GUARD

Training: The Honor Guard trains a minimum of four times each year in accordance with the honor guard operations manual. This was surpassed in 2022 as training occurred before each detail.

Two new members required formal training at Camp Ripley, MN in 2022: Sgt. Wade Kadrmas and Trooper William Brown.

Details: The team participated in the following details:

- Minot Police Department officer funeral
- Midwest Chaplain's Conference
- VISON ZERO Traffic Safety Summit
- Retiree funeral
- NDHP Graduation
- North Dakota state wrestling tournament
- Midwest Summit for Women in Law Enforcement
- Trooper Beryl McLane headstone dedication
- North Dakota Safety Council conference

Management: The team currently has a standardized matrix for guidance for participation which was modeled off the matrix used in Minnesota. The sergeants on the team each lead a detail and are in charge of the training block. Sgt. Tim Coughlin is the head of the firing detail, Sgt. Chris Messer is in charge of the flag detail, and Sgt. Adam Malafa is in charge of the casket detail.

Staffing: The ideal strength of the NDHP Honor Guard team is 16 members plus the commander. Three vacancies occurred on the team in 2022 and two were filled. Two staff have requested to be on the team and will be added in 2023: Trooper Reece Burckhard and Security Officer Jodene Suko. Uniforms for the new members have been difficult to obtain and formal training is scheduled in Minnesota in September 2023.

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

2022 NDHP CHAPLAINS

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|  <p>Head Chaplain Pastor Lester Wolfgram Southwest-Bismarck pastor.wolfgram@gmail.com 701-400-0646</p> |  <p>Father Kenneth Phillips Northwest-Minot priest4ever@yahoo.com 701-880-2104</p> |  <p>Pastor Christopher Waldvogel Southeast-Fargo pastorchrisbslc@gmail.com 701-893-6995</p> |
|  <p>Pastor Erin Gullickson Northwest-Max eringullick@live.com 701-240-5344</p> |  <p>Pastor Jonathan Pust Northwest-Williston pastorpust@icloud.com 779-772-3579</p> |  <p>Father Chad Wilhelm Northeast-Devils Lake chad.wilhelm@fargodiocese.org 701-799-6740</p> |
|  <p>Pastor Dennis Huenefeld Southwest-Lincoln outdoorparson@hotmail.com 701-535-0591</p> |  <p>Father Roger Synek Northwest-New Town fr.roger.a.synek.15@gmail.com 701-898-5462</p> |  <p>Pastor Michael Wolters Southwest-Dickinson rlcrev@ndsupernet.com 701-495-1129</p> |
|  <p>Pastor Wayne Hutchins Southeast-Lisbon onewithchrist137@yahoo.com 701-301-2383</p> |  <p>Pastor Michael Temple Northeast-Grand Forks pastormiketemple@gmail.com 701-289-2016</p> | |

2022 CHAPLAIN RETIREES

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|  <p>Pastor David Fix Northeast-Devils Lake</p> |  <p>Pastor Jim Hessler Southwest-Dickinson</p> |
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Current NDHP chaplains include Dennis Huenefeld, Lincoln; Wayne Hutchins, Lisbon; Father Kenneth Phillips, Minot; Jonathan Pust, Williston; Father Roger Synek, New Town; Mike Temple, Grand Forks; Chris Waldvogel, Fargo; Father Chad Wilhelm, Devils Lake; Michael Wolters, Dickinson; Erin Gullickson, Max; and Les Wolfgram, Bismarck.

- Rev. Dave Fix and Rev. James Hessler retired in 2022.
- Rev. Michael Wolters, Rev. Jonathan Pust, and Rev. Christopher Waldvogel were approved to serve as chaplains for the department in 2022.
- Five chaplains participated in the three-day training with the Regional International Conference of Police Chaplains event in Bismarck in September.
- Monthly training opportunities were offered to chaplains via Zoom with the Crisis Care Chaplaincy in Bismarck. These were typically led by Chaplain Greg Carr.
- NDHP Chaplains participated in eight ride-alongs with troopers in 2022.
- NDHP Chaplains assisted with three Critical Incident Debriefings in 2022.
- Chaplains submitted articles for each of the monthly Bear Facts newsletters.
- Chaplains assisted with three death notifications.
- Chaplains led training at the Law Enforcement Training Academy dealing with “Stress in Law Enforcement” and “Marriage” with recruits and also led prayer at graduation ceremonies.
- Chaplains participated in the requested department finger printing process for additional security.
- NDHP Chaplains made twelve station visits to regional headquarters.

AWARDS

2022 TROOPER OF THE YEAR



TROOPER KRISTJAN HELGOE



2022 NOMINEES



**TROOPER
JACOB JONES**



**TROOPER
PRESTON LANGER**



**TROOPER
GRANT LONSKI**



**TROOPER
JONATHAN SKALICKY**



**TROOPER
BRANDON WADE**

AWARDS

TROOPER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

- 1989 - Trooper Wayne French, Grafton, Grand Forks District
- 1990 - Trooper Kyle Kirchmeier, Watford City, Williston District
- 1991 - Trooper Richard Geiss, Lisbon, Fargo District
- 1992 - Trooper Alan Billehus, Williston, Williston District
- 1993 - Trooper Joel Liebl, Fargo, Fargo District
- 1994 - Trooper Darryl Bulzomi, Carrington, Bismarck District
- 1995 - Trooper Norman Ruud, Watford City, Dickinson District
- 1996 - Trooper Richard Kuppich, Fargo, Fargo District
- 1997 - Trooper Robert Kennedy, Cando, Minot District
- 1998 - Trooper Keith Ogden, Cavalier, Grand Forks District
- 1999 - Trooper Richard Weigelt, Linton, Bismarck District
- 2000 - Trooper Wesley Meidinger, Wishek, Jamestown District
- 2001 - Trooper Rick Richard, Washburn, Bismarck District
- 2002 - Trooper Roger Clemens, Dickinson, Dickinson District
- 2003 - Trooper Joseph Bryan Knight, Minot, Minot District
- 2004 - Trooper Robert Arman, Bismarck, Bismarck District
- 2005 - Trooper William Vance, Dickinson, Dickinson District
- 2006 - Trooper Raynard Trochmann, Grand Forks, Grand Forks District
- 2007 - Trooper Rick Michels, Elgin, SW Region
- 2008 - Trooper Steven Fischer, Rolla, NE Region
- 2009 - Trooper John Sova, Jamestown, Motor Carrier Division
- 2010 - Trooper Kyle Stern, Hillsboro, SE Region
- 2011 - Trooper Ryan Panasuk, Grand Forks, NE Region
- 2012 - Trooper Shannon Henke, Bismarck, SW Region
- 2013 - Trooper Wesley Maley, Oakes, SE Region
- 2014 - Trooper Jamey Jahner, Fargo, SE Region
- 2015 - Trooper Rodney Torgeson, Minot, NW Region
- 2016 - Trooper Christopher Pulver, Stanley, NW Region
- 2017 - Trooper David Kamp, Garrison, NW Region
- 2018 - Trooper Brian Mehlhoff, Bismarck, SW Region
- 2019 - Trooper Brett Mlynar, Devils Lake, NE Region
- 2020 - Trooper Andrew Cashin, Grand Forks, NE Region
- 2021 - Trooper Kristjan Helgoe, Fargo, SE Region

AWARDS

CRITICAL TASK ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION

Regional Results (average time)

Southeast Region: 4:44

Headquarters: 4:55

Northeast Region: 4:51

Northwest Region: 5:22

Southwest Region: 4:54

Motor Carrier Operations: 5:23

NDHP Officers meeting the time limit within their age grouping and receiving the CTA individual award:

Lt. Derek Arndt
Trooper Paul Bakke
Trooper Bennett Bitz
Trooper Nathan Boll
Trooper Alex Breitbach
Trooper Michael Brown
Trooper Jeremy Buehre
Trooper Andrew Cashin
Trooper Steven Clark
Sgt. Tim Coughlin
Sgt. Matt Denault
Sgt. Ryan Duletski
Trooper Josh Dura
Lt. Adam Dvorak
Trooper Tim Frank
Trooper Shawn Fulwider
Trooper Nevon Heisler
Trooper Kristjan Helgoe
Capt. Luke Hendrickson
Sgt. Chad Hermanson
Sgt. Thomas Herzig
Trooper Mike Hinrichs
Trooper Ben Hixson
Trooper Anthony Hoaby
Sgt. Patrick Hudson
Sgt. Kevin Huston
Trooper Steve Iden
Major Tom Iverson
Trooper Isaiah Jackson
Trooper Jamey Jahner
Trooper Jacob Jones
Trooper Nathaniel King
Trooper Preston Langer
Trooper Mathew Lee
Trooper Grant Lonski
Trooper Tyler Loven

Sgt. Adam Malafa
Trooper Darin Malafa
Trooper Ves Marinov
Trooper Cameron McCann
Sgt. Brian Mehlhoff
Trooper Brett Mlynar
Trooper Dan Moore
Trooper Ryan Mugan
Trooper James Myers
Trooper Travis Nelson
Trooper Don Neumann
Capt. Bryan Niewind
Trooper Cody Nuenthel
Trooper Joshua Page
Lt. Ryan Panasuk
Trooper Dustin Pattengale
Trooper Tim Peterson
Trooper A.J. Potter
Trooper Jed Reile
Trooper Miles Rhonemus
Sgt. Jeremy Rost
Trooper Ethan Rostvedt
Trooper Troy Roth
Sgt. Evan Savageau
Trooper Christopher Schaefer
Sgt. Shawn Skogen
Trooper Tanner Smith
Colonel Brandon Solberg
Trooper John Sova
Trooper Thomas Steenstrup
Trooper Kyle Stern
Trooper Sean Trentman
Trooper Craig Tuhy
Trooper Michael Wald
Lt. David Wolf
Trooper Grant Wosick

AWARDS

IN-SERVICE AWARDS

CRIMINAL ARRESTS

Trooper James Myers

Trooper Thomas Steenstrup

Trooper Kristjan Helgoe

Trooper Nevon Heisler

Trooper Brian Mehlhoff

Trooper Coby Hubble

Trooper Miles Rhonemus

Trooper Preston Langer

Trooper Dan Hanson

Trooper Nathan Boll

DRIVER/VEHICLE EXAMINATIONS

Inspector Trent Scott

Trooper Ryan Hoffner

Trooper Cody Nuenthel

Trooper Rodney Torgeson

Trooper Brandon Wade

Trooper Mike Hinrichs

Trooper Don Neumann

Trooper Josh Wold

Trooper Aaron Enzminger

Trooper Anthony Hoaby

Sgt Tom Herzig

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Trooper Nathan Boll

Trooper James Myers

Trooper Nevon Heisler

Trooper Kristjan Helgoe

Trooper Gabe Irvis

Trooper Preston Langer

Trooper Brett Mlynar

Trooper Coby Hubble

Trooper Thomas Steenstrup

Trooper Steven Mayer

DUI ENFORCEMENT

Trooper Nate King

Trooper Thomas Steenstrup

Trooper Dan Hanson

Trooper Coby Hubble

Trooper Miles Rhonemus

Trooper James Myers

Trooper Kristjan Helgoe

Trooper Jonathan Skalicky

Trooper Preston Langer

Trooper Brian Mehlhoff

Trooper Darin Malafa

AWARDS

IN-SERVICE AWARDS

OCCUPANT PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT

Trooper Chris Pulver

Trooper Christopher Olson

Trooper Denver Oase

Trooper Kristjan Helgoe

Trooper Jamey Jahner

Trooper Grant Lonski

Trooper Miles Rhonemus

Trooper Cameron McCann

Trooper James Myers

Trooper Brett Mlynar

OVERLOAD ENFORCEMENT

Trooper Myles Sundby

Trooper Stephen Horn

Trooper Tim Peterson

Trooper Dan Moore

Trooper Scott Guenthner

Trooper Robert Moyle

Trooper Dan Andersen

Trooper Anthony Hoaby

Trooper Darby Kessner

RIGHT OF WAY ENFORCEMENT

Trooper Miles Rhonemus

Trooper Chris Pulver

Trooper Andrew Skogen

Trooper Bennett Strege

Trooper Sean Trentman

Trooper James Myers

Trooper Thomas Steenstrup

Trooper Isaiah Jackson

Trooper Mike Schott

Trooper Jon Skalicky

SPEED ENFORCEMENT

Trooper Jamey Jahner

Trooper Isaiah Jackson

Trooper Christopher Olson

Trooper Grant Lonski

Trooper Miles Rhonemus

Trooper Michael Schott

Trooper Coby Hubble

Trooper Andrew Skogen

Trooper Ryan Mugan

Trooper Johnathan Stanley

SAFETY TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

Trooper Christopher Pulver

Trooper Matthew Peschong

Trooper Craig Tuhy

Trooper Michael Schott

Trooper Bennett Bitz

AWARDS

YEARS OF SERVICE

30 YEARS -----

Sgt. Thomas Herzig

Susan Wood

25 YEARS -----

Trooper Scott Guenthner

Kathy Nelson

Lt. Troy Hischer

Capt. Eric Pederson

Trooper Steve Mayer

Lt. Dave Wolf

20 YEARS -----

Trooper Don Neumann

Trooper Kyle Stern

Sgt. Jeremy Rost

Trooper Craig Tuhy

Trooper John Sova

Lori Tietz

15 YEARS -----

Sgt. Jeremiah Bohn

Trooper Travis Nelson

Trooper Bill Brown

Trooper Ryan Mungan

Sgt. Tim Coughlin

Sgt. Ryan Panasuk

Sgt. Ryan Duletski

Trooper Josh Rode

Trooper Mike Hinrichs

Trooper Troy Roth

Sgt. Brian Mehlhoff

Trooper Paul Sova

Trooper Chris Vigness

10 YEARS -----

Trooper Mike Hayen

Mark Oster

Sgt. Dave Kolness

Trooper Dan Moore

Trooper Mike Wald

5 YEARS -----

Trooper Shawn Fulwider

Cindy Solberg

3 YEARS -----

Security Officer Stephanie Hicks

Kristin Krahler

Security Officer Preston Zander

AWARDS

SAFE DRIVING

The Loss Control Committee meets quarterly to review crashes, incidents, and injuries. When Officers reach a 5-year increment in which they have not had a preventable crash, the officer is recognized with a Safe Driving Award.

25-Year Award Recognition

Sergeant Tom Herzig (March)
Sgt. Kevin Huston (March)
Capt. Eric Pederson (March)

20-Year Award Recognition

Sgt. Jeremy Rost (March)
Trooper John Sova (March)
Trooper Kyle Stern (March)
Sgt. Chad Hermanson (Dec.)

15-Year Award Recognition

Lieutenant Derek Arndt (March)
Sgt. Jeremiah Bohn (March)
Sgt. Ben Kennelly (March)
Trooper Josh Rode (March)
Trooper Chris Vigness (March)
Sgt. Ryan Duletski (Oct.)
Trooper Travis Nelson (Oct.)

10-Year Award Recognition

Trooper Michael Hayen (March)
Trooper Michael Wald (March)

5-Year Award Recognition

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| Trooper Jeremy Buehre (March) | Trooper Erin Quinn (June) |
| Sgt. Dave Kolness (March) | Sgt Christopher Schaefer (Oct.) |
| Trooper Brian Larson (March) | Trooper Johnathan Stanley (Oct.) |
| Trooper Christa Kovarik (March) | Sgt. Adrian Martinez (Dec.) |
| Trooper Paul Sova (March) | |

AWARDS

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

The Governor's Awards for Excellence in Public Service recognizes team members for making a positive difference in the lives of North Dakota citizens through their dedicated work in state government.

Roaming Bison Award (Team Award): The NDHP was a recipient of the award as part of the 2022 Spring Storms Response team for their efficient and collaborative response to two major weather events this past spring and going above and beyond to implement solutions, provide critical assistance and save lives.

STATE RADIO MOBILE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

The North Dakota State Radio Mobile Operator of the Year Award is given each year to an emergency response partner who uses proper radio etiquette while coordinating with dispatchers and other units and for maintaining professionalism during radio calls.

Trooper Shawn Fulwider was named the 2022 Operator of the Year. The nominators for the award said, *"Shawn is always so helpful in the field. He is always calm and clear on the radio no matter what situation may be going on. We all really appreciate him. We had some great nominees this year again and, as always, the votes are close. We appreciate all our law enforcement."*

Trooper Tarek Chase, Trooper Steve Clark, Trooper Grant Lonski, Trooper Kristina Luhman and **Sgt. Brian Mehlhoff** were all nominated for the 2022 award.

SAVED BY THE BELT

Abrielle Schnurr, Fargo, ND, received the Saved by the Belt award for a crash she survived on Jan. 10, 2022, in Cass County. Schnurr was driving in the left lane of two lanes on northbound I-29 and was in the process of passing a semi when a wrong way driver (southbound in the northbound lane) appeared. The semi moved to the east shoulder and Schnurr swerved to the right and lost control. She steered to the left and over corrected and slid into the median and halfway through the median, the vehicle went into a roll making one complete rotation and landing on its tires. The front driver window shattered completely; the side curtain airbags all the way around went off. The steering wheel airbag went off and the airbag in the left side of the driver seat went off. Driver one was seat belted during the crash and due to wearing a seatbelt only suffered a bump on the head. *Abrielle was nominated for the award by Trooper Kristjan Helgoe.*

AWARDS

COLONEL'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The Colonel's Award for Excellence is an avenue for the superintendent to award personnel and citizens who are deserving of special recognition. Nominations may be submitted by NDHP employees, and citizens may nominate an employee. The following individuals were presented with an award in 2022.

Recipient: Pastor James P. Hessler, Dickinson, ND, for his 28 years of service to the North Dakota Highway Patrol as a department Chaplain. In March 1994, Pastor Hessler, was appointed as an NDHP Chaplain in Dickinson and served the NDHP and citizens of Southwestern North Dakota with distinction and compassion. He provided emotional, moral, and spiritual support to NDHP members and numerous crash victim family members over the years. *Nominated by Sgt. Wade Kadrmaz.*

Recipient: Kathy Nelson, Bismarck ND, who showed utmost dedication towards the agency and the citizens of North Dakota. Kathy served the agency as an exemplary steward of NDHP's records, invoices, and grants and kept a watchful and vigilant eye on the administrative paperwork completed by NDHP employees to keep things running smoothly and in accordance with rules and regulations. *Nominated by Lt. Adam Dvorak and Judy Rosendahl.*

Recipients: Dave and Dayson Dannewitz, Minot, ND. The father-son team assisted Sgt. Jeremiah Bohn and Trooper Austin Hilzendeger who became stranded near the US-83 snow gate south of Minot on April 13, 2022. Weather conditions were causing near zero visibility and covering the road with large snow drifts as high as the road closure gate, making it impossible for vehicles to get through. Dave and Dayson helped both Bohn and Hilzendeger dig out their squads, but the conditions made those efforts futile. Ultimately the two gave Sgt. Bohn and Trooper Hilzendeger rides on their snowmobiles. *Nominated by Sgt. Jeremiah Bohn.*

Recipient: Michael Mellmer, Reeder ND. On the evening of April 23, 2022, Trooper Tuhy took a call of a CMV in the ditch on Highway 12 which was blocking both lanes of the highway and the region was in the middle of an extreme blizzard with zero visibility, 40+ mph winds, heavy snow, and ice-covered roads. Trooper Tuhy called Mike Mellmer, who lived nearby for assistance. Mike did not hesitate and within 20 minutes was on scene with a tractor and hooking up to the CMV to clear the traffic hazard and escort the driver to safety. *Nominated by Trooper Craig Tuhy.*

Recipients: Richard Reidhammer and Wesley Kern, Fargo, ND. On June 5, 2022, a motorist suffering a medical emergency lost control of the vehicle which crossed the median, then the eastbound lanes of I-94 and then entered Hobart Lake. Kern and Reidhammer both stopped at the crash scene, entered the water and swam out to the vehicle and pulled the driver from the passenger side door. Kern stayed with the driver and helped him swim to shore. Reidhammer learned there was a dog in the truck and went underwater and retrieved the dog, helping her to shore. *Nominated by Trooper Daniel Andersen.*

AWARDS

COLONEL'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Recipients: Trooper Dan Hanson, Kayla Williams, Elie Williams, Williston, ND **and Tayla Dean, Cory Landsverk,** Tioga, ND. On July 28, 2022, a single-vehicle crash involving an ATV occurred in rural Williams County in which a male was severely injured. Several people stopped and came to aid the crash victim, contacted 911, and began CPR. Due to the location of the crash, it took a significant amount of time for emergency responders to arrive. The individuals continued to provide life-saving CPR until responders arrived and took over treatment. *Trooper Dan Hanson nominated the citizens involved; Williams County Deputy Tanner Tougas and NDHP Sgt. Michelle Romans nominated Trooper Hanson.*

Recipients: Trooper Cameron McCann, Deputy Ross Krause, Nash Heminger, Alyssa Redday, Fargo, ND. On August 21, Nash Heminger and Alyssa Redday were traveling south on I-29 and exiting at MM 48, while on the ramp, they observed a male pedestrian that appeared in distress. They pulled over and asked the male if he needed assistance when he collapsed on the shoulder of the exit ramp. Alyssa immediately called 911 and Nash began, and continued CPR until Trooper McCann arrived. At one point the male began to breath on his own and was placed into a recovery position, but he stopped breathing a second time. Nash took over CPR while Trooper McCann retrieved his AED. Cass County Sheriff's Deputy Ross Krause arrived and both he and Trooper McCann continued CPR until the Kindred Ambulance Service took over. *Nominated by Captain Bryan Niewind.*

Recipients: Trooper Andrew Cashin and Fargo Police Officer Joshua Persson, Fargo, ND. On August 29, 2022, a woman was experiencing a mental health crisis, and was running through traffic and jumping over barriers on the I-29 and 13th Ave. South overpass. She then sat on the guardrail, threatening to jump. Persson and Cashin both provided compassionate assistance and convinced her that her life was worth saving; and then assisted her in coming down from the barrier where she was transported for care by the two officers. *Nominated by Captain Bryan Niewind.* Cashin and Persson also received the NDPOA lifesaving award.

Recipients: Richland County Sheriff's Deputy Steven Nelk and Shelby Tschakert, Wahpeton, ND. On October 22, 2022, Shelby stopped and rendered aid to a motorcycle crash victim on Richland County Road 8, the motorcycle was burning, and Shelby pulled him from the fire and began CPR. Deputy Nelk arrived shortly afterward and assisted with CPR. The driver of the motorcycle had no pulse and their life saving CPR efforts revived the driver. *Nominated by Trooper Cody Nuenthel.* Nelk and Tschakert also received the NDPOA lifesaving award.

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COLONEL'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Recipients: Sgt. Matt Denault, Trooper Gabe Irvis, Ryan Jamieson, Scott Kaufman, Jake Morton, Willie Walski, and Tygr Palmer, Fargo, ND. On November 23, 2022, five Fargo District NDDOT employees were repairing the cable median barrier along westbound I-94 near MM 334 in Cass County. A vehicle approached the lane closure at approximately 75 mph and struck the impact attenuator, and striking one worker, Ryan Jamieson, who became pinned against the cable median barrier. Ryan told the others to use a chop saw to cut the cable. Jake Morton called 911 and Tygr Palmer and Willie Walski worked on trying to use a chop saw which wouldn't start. Scott Kaufman got in the other NDDOT pickup and drove it into the median and used the bumper to push on the cable barrier which released enough tension so that Ryan could be moved. Trooper Gabriel Irvis and Sergeant Matthew Denault were the first NDHP personnel and emergency responders on scene. They treated Ryan's leg wound and keeping him awake and talking and continued to monitor Ryan until the Casselton Ambulance arrived. *Nominated by Captain Bryan Niewind.* Denault, Irvis, Jamieson, Kaufman, Morton, Walski, and Palmer also received the NDPOA lifesaving award.

Recipients: Trooper Jacob Jones and Trooper Rob Moyle, Bismarck, ND. On December 14, 2022, an 18-year-old male at the Apple Creek rest area near Bismarck had been Face Timing his mother concerned that he had overdosed; the mother called State Radio. Trooper Rob Moyle arrived on scene first and found the male unresponsive, he contacted the mother to get more information. An ambulance was enroute, but due to road conditions, couldn't arrive for 40 minutes. Trooper Jacob Jones arrived on scene and, along with Trooper Moyle, made the decision to transport the male themselves in a squad car, Trooper Jones drove while Trooper Moyle administered Narcan. *Nominated by Sgt. Brian Mehlhoff.*

Recipients: Greg Corcoran, Eric Sperling, and Shawn Sperling, Garrison, ND. On December 25, 2022, the McLean County area was experiencing extreme winter weather: low wind chill temperatures, heavy snow, and high winds were creating zero visibility. McLean County dispatch requested assistance for two stranded motorists on the Garrison Dam. Due to the zero visibility, the roadway was blocked, and the stranded motorists had to wait until conditions improved. Once visibility improved, Trooper Christa Kovarik made her way toward the stranded motorists. Upon arriving, she realized ND Parks and Recreation employees, Park Manager Greg Corcoran and Ranger Eric Sperling, along with Shawn Sperling had plowed a path and located the stranded motorists. *Nominated by Trooper Christa Kovarik.*

HUMAN RESOURCES

PROMOTIONS

- Jan. 24, 2022 **Trooper Joshua Gudvangen**, Northwest Region-Stanley
Promoted to Sergeant, Northwest Region-Williston
- June 1, 2022 **Lieutenant Luke Hendrickson**, Southwest Region-Bismarck
Promoted to Captain, Administrative Services Division Commander
- June 1, 2022 **Sergeant Ryan Panasuk**, Northeast Region-Grand Forks
Promoted to Lieutenant, Northwest Region-Minot
- June 1, 2022 **Trooper Christopher Schaefer**, MCO-Grand Forks
Promoted to Sergeant, Northeast Region-Grand Forks
- Sept. 13, 2022 **Trooper Brian Mehlhoff**, Southwest Region-Bismarck
Promoted to Sergeant, Southwest Region-Bismarck
- Nov. 14, 2022 **Trooper Kristjan Helgoe**, Southeast Region-Fargo
Promoted to Sergeant, Southeast Region-Fargo

TRANSFERS

- June 1, 2022 **Lieutenant Derek Arndt**, Northwest Region-Minot
Transferred to Southwest Region-Bismarck
- June 20, 2022 **Melanie Frieson**, HQ-Security Officer (Part-time/Temporary)
Accepted HQ-Security Officer (Full-time)
- Sept. 19, 2022 **Sergeant Timothy Coughlin**, HQ-Capitol Security Director
Transferred to HQ-Homeland Security Coordinator
- Sept. 19, 2022 **Sergeant Darcy Aberle**, Southwest Region-Bismarck
Transferred to HQ-Capitol Security Director

NEW HIRES

- April 11, 2022 **Dawsyn Rusch**, HQ-Security Officer (Part-time/Temporary)
- Oct. 17, 2022 **Riley Cronin**, HQ-Security Officer (Part-time/Temporary)
- Oct. 17, 2022 **Jarod Biberdorf**, HQ-Security Officer (Part-time/Temporary)
- Dec. 12, 2022 **Jennifer Dahl**, HQ-Grants and Projects Specialist

HUMAN RESOURCES

2022 LETA GRADUATING CLASS



Pictured (l-r): Trp. Mathew Lee, Trp. Shea Pulley, Trp. AJ Potter, Trp. Alyson Moses, Trp. Joshua Dura, Trp. Reece Burkhard, and Trp. Austin Yancy

Seven recruits graduated from the highway patrol academy on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. Following completion of field training at various location throughout the state, the troopers were assigned duty locations and serve as North Dakota Highway Patrol troopers.

Trooper Reece Burkhard, Bismarck, ND, graduated from Minot State University and studied Criminal Justice. Prior to being sworn in to the NDHP, he worked as a Capitol Security Officer. Burkhard's assigned duty station was Rolla.

Trooper Joshua Dura, Kindred, ND, graduated from NDSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. He enlisted in the ND Air National Guard in January 2017 and is a Geospatial Intelligence Analyst and serves in Fargo. Dura's assigned duty station was Wahpeton.

Trooper Mathew Lee, Gary, MN, graduated from Norman County East High School and then attended Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, graduating with a degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to joining NDHP, he was a police officer for the Crookston Police Department. Lee's assigned station was Watford City.

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Trooper Alyson Moses, Bismarck, ND, graduated from Minot State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. She was a police officer with the Valley City Police Department prior to joining NDHP. Trooper Moses' assigned duty station was Williston.

Trooper AJ Potter, Monticello, MN, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries/Wildlife Science from Valley City State University. Prior to joining NDHP, he was a Patrol Deputy for the Dunn County Sheriff's Office and a Wildlife Conservation Officer in South Dakota. Trooper Potter's assigned duty station was Williston.

Trooper Shea Pulley, Columbus, MO, studied Munitions Systems Technology at the Community College of the Air Force. Prior to joining NDHP, he was a Patrol Deputy with the Ward County Sheriff's Office and served in the US Air Force for six years. Trooper Pulley's assigned duty station was Williston.

Trooper Austin Yancy, Chowchilla, CA, studied Paramedicine at Fresno City College and graduated in 2013. He worked at the Fargo Police Department prior to joining NDHP and spent seven years in the Army National Guard as an Armor Crewmember. Trooper Yancy's assigned duty station was Rugby.

2022 RECRUIT CLASS

- **Brady Aberle**; hometown: Williston, ND
- **John Bartlette**; hometown: Grand Forks, ND
- **Justin Cote-Kanning**; hometown: Bottineau, ND
- **Austin Erickson**; hometown: Devils Lake, ND
- **Abe Johannes**; hometown: Vergas, MN
- **Jonathan Kramer**; hometown: Bismarck, ND
- **Tanner Lembke**; hometown: Mohall, ND
- **Camron McFarland**; hometown: Donnybrook, ND
- **Benjamin Wenger**; hometown: Fargo, ND

HUMAN RESOURCES

RETIREMENTS/SEPARATION

Trooper Megan Christopher, Southwest Region-Beach
Aug. 25, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2022

Recruit Trooper Joel Porter, LETA-Bismarck
Sept. 21, 2021 - Jan. 6, 2022

Megan Dekker, HQ-IT Intern
July 8, 2019 - Feb. 7, 2022

Lisa Wilson, HQ-Security Officer
Jan. 25, 2021 - April 27, 2022

Kathy Nelson, HQ-Account Technician
April 13, 1998 - May 31, 2022

Captain Jody Skogen, HQ-Administrative Services Division Commander
Oct. 1, 1995 - June 30, 2022

Trooper Peter Minwegen, Southeast Region-Jamestown
Jan. 8, 2018 - July 11, 2022

Trooper Michael Schott, Northwest Region-Minot
Aug. 29, 2005 - Aug. 31, 2022

Trooper Nicholas Althoff, HQ-Dignitary Protection
May 18, 2015 - Sept. 2, 2022

Trooper Aaron Enzminger, Motor Carrier Operations-Fargo
Jan. 1, 1999 - Sept. 30, 2022

Sergeant Patrick Hudson, HQ-Homeland Security Coordinator
Jan. 5, 1995 - Oct. 31, 2022

Sergeant Thomas Herzig, Motor Carrier Operations-Jamestown
Sept. 28, 1992 - Oct. 31, 2022

Melanie Frieson, HQ-Security Officer
Oct. 11, 2018 - Dec. 20, 2022

Sergeant Kevin Huston, Northwest Region-Minot
June 1, 1995 - Dec. 31, 2022

K9 Boudreaux, Man-trailing bloodhound. Dec. 2012 - May 6, 2022
Handlers: Trooper Adam Dvorak and Trooper Steve Mayer

K9 Fia, Narcotic-detecting canine. May 2014 - May 21, 2022
Handler: Trooper Kristjan Helgoe

INTERNAL OPERATIONS

Internal Grievances: There was one internal grievance filed in 2022.

Equal Employment Opportunity Complaints Filed: There were no equal employment opportunity complaints filed in 2022.

Internal Investigations: There were two internal investigations conducted in 2022.

Citizen Complaints: There were 23 documented complaints in 2022 (multiple complaint types may occur in a single complaint).

- Enforcement Arrest & Rude Unprofessional Conduct: 0
- Enforcement Arrest Only: 11
- Rude Unprofessional Conduct Only: 4
- Abusive Behavior: 1
- Harassment: 1
- Other – Honesty/Integrity of Employee: 1
- Patrol Vehicle Operations: 5

Results of the investigations:

- 43.5% (10 complaints) were unfounded.
- 17.4% (4 complaints) were improper conduct.
- Two officers were verbally counseled; and two received letters of warning.
- 30.4% (7 complaints) were proper conduct.
- 8.7% (2 complaints) had insufficient evidence.

The complaints were reviewed for bias-based profiling. No corrective measures, such as counseling, training, or other corrective measures related to bias-based profiling occurred during 2022.

FISCAL REPORT-FY 2023

RECEIPTS

| | |
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| TRANSFERS FROM HWY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND | \$2,920,869 |
| TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL FUND | \$24,883,217 |
| DIRECT FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENTS | \$3,014,393 |
| ND PASS-THRU FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENTS | \$1,164,253 |
| SPECIAL FUEL TAX REVENUE | \$79,710 |
| TRANSFERS FROM ASSET FORFEITURE FUND | \$16,418 |
| TRANSFERS FROM TRAIL TAX TRANSFER FUND | \$12,728 |
| INSURANCE RECOVERIES | \$1,192 |
| MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS | <u>\$36,674</u> |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$32,129,454 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| SALARIES AND WAGES | (\$23,829,928) |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | (\$6,435,024) |
| EQUIPMENT | (\$939,581) |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | (\$704,945) |
| GRANTS TO NON-PUBLIC ENTITIES | (\$47,698) |
| TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND | (\$110,640) |
| TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL FUND | (\$23,772) |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | (\$32,091,588) |

REVENUE

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES/TRANSFERS | \$37,866 |
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NDHP CURRENT STAFF

Recruit Brady Aberle, LETA, 9/21/2022
Sergeant Darcy Aberle, Capitol Security, 10/1/2000
Trooper Christopher Allen, Jamestown, 1/7/2013
Trooper Nicholas Althoff, Dignitary Protection, 5/18/2015 - 9/2/2022
Trooper Dan Andersen, Valley City, 9/23/2020
Trooper Joshua Anderson, Minot, 6/1/2004
Lieutenant Derek Arndt, Bismarck, 1/1/2007
Trooper Michael Arndt, LaMoure, 12/1/2014
Trooper Paul Bakke, Grand Forks, 9/1/2015
Recruit John Bartlette, LETA, 11/28/2022
Sergeant Jeffrey Bauske, Devils Lake, 8/1/2005
Jared Biberdorf, Capitol Security Officer, 10/19/2022
Trooper Andrew Birkholz, Devils Lake, 5/18/2015
Trooper Bennett Bitz, Bismarck, 9/1/2014
Rachel Bitz, HQ-Planning Analyst, 12/17/2019
Hannah Black Cloud, Capitol Security Officer, 6/20/2020
Sergeant Jeremiah Bohn, Bismarck, 1/1/2007
Trooper Nathan Boll, Fargo, 1/8/2018
Trooper Alex Breitbach, Jamestown, 1/20/2020
Trooper Michael Brown, Devils Lake, 1/8/2018
Trooper William Brown, Bismarck, 12/1/2007
Trooper Jeremy Buehre, Northwood, 6/1/2004
Trooper Reece Burckhard, Rolla, 1/6/2020
Sergeant Andrew Cashin, Fargo, 1/1/2010
Trooper Tarek Chase, Bismarck, 8/1/2008
Trooper Megan Christopher, Beach, 8/25/2008 -1/2/2022
Trooper Steven Clark, New Salem, 7/5/2011
Sgt. Jenna Clawson Huibregtse, Headquarters, 5/18/2015
Recruit Justin Cote-Kanning, LETA, 11/28/2022
Sergeant Timothy Coughlin, Headquarters, 1/1/2007

NDHP CURRENT STAFF

Riley Cronin, Capitol Security Officer, 10/19/2022
Jennifer Dahl, HQ-Grants/Project Specialist, 12/12/2022
Sergeant Jed Dahnke, Fargo, 8/1/2008
Trooper Brandon Dalzell, Carrington, 1/8/2019
Jackie Darr, Permits Supervisor, 5/1/2001
Megan Dekker, HQ-IT Intern, 7/8/2019 - 2/7/2022
Sergeant Matthew Denault, Fargo, 5/1/2003
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Sergeant Ryan Duletski, Dignitary Protection, 8/1/2007
Trooper Joshua Dura, Wahpeton, 9/22/2021
Lieutenant Adam Dvorak, Headquarters, 1/1/2002
Trooper Aaron Enzminger, Fargo, 1/1/1999 - 9/30/2022
Recruit Austin Erickson, LETA, 9/21/2022
Trooper Cory Formanek, Wahpeton, 9/2/2014
Trooper Timothy Frank, Washburn, 1/1/2010
Melanie Frieson, Capitol Security Officer, 10/11/2018 - 12/20/2022
Donna Fuchs, HQ-Admin. Assistant, 5/1/1975
Trooper Shawn Fulwider, Bismarck, 1/8/2018
Trooper/Pilot Dennis Gallagher, Headquarters, 5/1/2008
Trooper Adam Gebhardt, Dickinson, 8/1/2008
Jill Ginder, Safety Auditor, 7/1/1983
Deb Grasl, Safety Auditor, 9/1/2000
Sergeant Joshua Gudvangen, Minot, 5/18/2015
Trooper Scott Guenthner, Mohall, 1/1/1997
Trooper Daniel Hanson, Williston, 9/2/2014
Trooper Cody Harstad, Hillsboro, 8/1/2008
Lieutenant Daniel Haugen, LETA, 9/1/2000
Trooper Michael Hayen, Linton, 3/12/2012
Trooper Nevon Heisler, Grand Forks, 1/6/2014
Sergeant Kristjan Helgoe, Fargo, 8/1/2005

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Shannon Henke, HQ-Pilot, 9/1/2020
Sergeant Chad Hermanson, LETA, 1/1/1999
Sergeant Thomas Herzig, Jamestown, 9/28/1992 -10/31/2022
Stephanie Hicks, Capitol Security Officer, 3/19/2019
Trooper Austin Hilzendeger, Minot, 9/2/2014
Trooper Michael Hinrichs, Bismarck, 1/1/2007
Lieutenant Troy Hischer, Grand Forks, 1/1/1997
Trooper Benjamin Hixson, Dignitary Protection, 1/6/2014
Trooper Anthony Hoaby, Stanley, 1/6/2014
Trooper Ryan Hoffner, Fargo, 6/1/2004
Doug Hoopman, HQ-Warehouse Manager, 4/1/2012
Trooper Major Hopp, Bottineau, 1/8/2018
Trooper Stephen Horn, Williston, 11/30/2020
Trooper Coby Hubble, Crosby, 4/20/2020
Sergeant Pat Hudson, Headquarters, 1/5/1995 - 10/31/2022
Major Aaron Hummel, Headquarters, 1/1/1999
Sergeant Kevin Huston, Minot, 6/1/1995 - 12/31/2022
Trooper Steven Iden, Dignitary Protection, 5/18/2015
Trooper Gabriel Irvis, Fargo, 3/12/2012
Major Thomas Iverson, Headquarters, 6/1/2004
Trooper Isaiah Jackson, Dickinson, 1/20/2020
Trooper Jamey Jahner, Fargo, 5/1/2003
Recruit Abe Johannes, LETA, 9/21/2022
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Sergeant Matthew Johnson, Grand Forks, 1/6/2014
Trooper Jacob Jones, Bismarck, 7/5/2011
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Trooper Charles Kelly, Bismarck, 5/18/2015
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Trooper Darby Kessner, Williston, 1/8/2018
Trooper Nathaniel King, Jamestown, 9/2/2014
Trooper Mark Kline, Minot, 9/2/2014
Sergeant Dave Kolness, Williston, 3/12/2012
Trooper Christa Kovarik, Garrison, 5/1/2003
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Recruit Jonathan Kramer, LETA, 9/21/2022
Trooper Christopher Laite, Devils Lake, 5/1/2003
Sergeant Preston Langer, Watford City, 9/2/2014
Trooper Brian Larson, Fargo, 1/6/2014
Mark Learn, HQ-Account Manager, 4/20/1987
Trooper Mathew Lee, Watford City, 9/22/2021
Recruit Tanner Lembke, LETA, 9/21/2022
Trooper Jackson Loeffel, Dickinson, 9/2/2014
Trooper Grant Lonski, Bismarck, 9/1/2008
Trooper Tyler Loven, Dickinson, 1/20/2020
Trooper Kristina Luhman, Fargo, 9/23/2020
Sergeant Adam Malafa, Fargo, 7/5/2011
Trooper Darin Malafa, Fargo, 5/18/2015
Trooper Wesley Maley, Oakes, 9/1/2005
Trooper Ves Marinov, Fargo, 1/6/2014
Sergeant Adrian Martinez, LETA, 11/27/2017
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Trooper Steven Mayer, Bismarck, 9/1/2005
Trooper Cameron McCann, Fargo, 1/6/2014
Trooper Tucker McDonald, Watford City, 1/8/2018
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Sergeant Brian Mehlhoff, Bismarck, 1/1/2007
Trooper Mitchell Mehrer, Williston, 9/23/2020

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Gavin Miller, Capitol Security Officer, 5/15/2018
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Trooper Pete Minwegen, Fargo, 1/8/2018 - 7/11/2022
Trooper Brett Mlynar, Devils Lake, 1/1/2010
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Trooper Alyson Moses, Williston, 12/6/2021
Trooper Robert Moyle, Bismarck, 1/1/2010
Trooper Ryan Mugan, Grand Forks, 8/1/2007
Trooper James Myers, Grand Forks, 9/23/2020
Kathy Nelson, HQ Account Tech, 4/13/1998 - 5/31/2022
Trooper Travis Nelson, Grand Forks, 8/1/2007
Trooper Donald Neumann, Minot, 1/1/2002
Captain Bryan Niewind, Fargo, 9/1/2000
Trooper Cody Nuenthel, Grand Forks, 1/6/2014
Trooper Denver Oase, Bowman, 9/2/2014
Trooper Christopher Olson, Minot, 4/20/2020
Jerry Olson, Safety Auditor Supervisor, 2/2/2015
Brenda Olson-Wray, HQ-Crash Assistance Specialist, 10/11/2021
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Trooper Timothy Peterson, Lisbon, 1/1/2010

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Trooper Shea Pulley, Minot, 12/6/2021
Trooper Christopher Pulver, Stanley, 1/1/1999
Trooper Erin Quinn, Headquarters, 1/7/2013
Trooper Jed Reile, Dickinson, 4/1/2020
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Trooper Ethan Rostvedt, Minot, 9/2/2014
Trooper Troy Roth, Bismarck, 8/1/2007
Trooper Eric Rumple, Grand Forks, 1/6/2014
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Trooper Michael Schott, Minot, 8/29/2005 - 8/31/2022
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Lisa Seefeld, LETA-Cook, 2/11/2013
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Trooper Paul Sova, Jamestown, 1/1/2007
Trooper Johnathan Stanley, Dickinson, 9/2/2014
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Trooper Sean Trentman, Grand Forks, 5/18/2015
Trooper Craig Tuhy, Hettinger, 1/1/2002
Trooper Christopher Vigness, Minot, 1/1/2007
Trooper Brandon Wade, Jamestown, 8/1/2008
Trooper Michael Wald, Bismarck, 3/12/2012
Joe Weigum, Capitol Security Officer, 10/22/2018
Recruit Benjamin Wenger, LETA, 11/28/2022
Lisa Wilson, Capitol Security Officer, 1/25/2021 - 4/27/2022
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Trooper Grant Wosick, Grand Forks, 9/2/2014
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Michele Zeller, Permits Technician, 5/1/2006

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- 1935:** The North Dakota Highway Patrol was created when the 1935 Legislative Assembly gave the state highway commissioner, with the consent of the governor, authority to appoint a state highway patrol superintendent and assistant superintendent.
- 1936:** The state highway patrol superintendent was authorized and empowered to appoint not more than 10 persons to constitute such state highway patrol to be known as "Highway Police." Five men were appointed with a duty to enforce North Dakota laws relating to the protection and use of public highways in the state and the operation of motor and other vehicles upon said highways. These highway patrol officers were vested with all the powers and performance of duties held and performed by peace officers in North Dakota. The jurisdiction of the officers extended throughout the state.
- 1936:** In 1936, three additional men were added to the regular staff, bringing the staff total to eight.
- 1937:** In 1937 the staff was increased to 12 patrolmen, including the superintendent, which filled the quota allowed by the 1935 Legislative Assembly.
- 1941:** The 1941 Legislative Assembly authorized the Patrol to be increased to 20 men, including the superintendent and assistant superintendent.
- 1947:** The authorized strength of the Patrol was increased to 42 uniformed officers.
- 1947:** A law was passed making it necessary for all new drivers to take a driver's examination and the responsibility to conduct these examinations fell on the shoulders of the Highway Patrol. Examinations were scheduled and were given throughout the state at strategic places once or twice a month. These examinations included a test of the applicant's eyesight; the ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; knowledge of the traffic laws of this state; and an actual demonstration of the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle.
- 1951:** The 1951 Legislature gave the power of appointment of the superintendent and assistant superintendent directly to the governor. It was also mandated each patrolman be bonded by the state and each carry a badge of authority "with the seal of the state in the center thereof;" the words "North Dakota Highway Patrol" emblazoned around the border.
- 1955:** The 1955 Legislature authorized an additional increase in staff, and after comprehensive written and oral examinations were given to approximately 150 applicants, nine men were selected as patrolmen and reported for duty July 1, 1955.
- 1955:** The 1955 Legislative Assembly gave the superintendent of the Highway Patrol power to set up districts as deemed necessary and to designate ranks lower than assistant superintendent. Subsequently, the state was divided into eight districts and a sergeant appointed to supervise the work of the men in each district. This has proved invaluable in coordinating work in the field and the state officers.
- 1957:** The 1957 Legislature granted an increase to 17 men to the Patrol, thereby making the total strength 68. Five of these officers were provided when the department was given the additional responsibility of enforcing Public Service Commission regulations.
- 1959:** The 1959 Legislature authorized an additional 10 patrol officers resulting in a departmental total of 78 sworn uniformed officers.
- 1961:** In addition to the superintendent and assistant superintendent, the position of property officer was added to the department staff.
- 1963:** Two men were added to the department with the creation of the Public Safety Division. The staff position of safety director was created, and this brought the number of sworn personnel in the department to 80. District commanders were elevated to the rank of captain, and sergeants were created to serve as their assistants.
- 1964:** The positions of driver license examiner and training officer were created and added to the department staff. The superintendent and assistant superintendent were given the rank of colonel and major, respectively.

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- 1965:** The authority of the Highway Patrol was expanded to include the enforcement of criminal laws at all state institutions. Employees were authorized to serve in each of the eight district offices as clerks. The position of operations officer was added to the department staff, and the positions of driver licensing examiner and property officer were abolished.
- 1966:** The position of operations and training officer was added to the department staff, and the existing operations officer and training officers were made his assistants.
- 1967:** Department authority was expanded to include the enforcement of all criminal laws on highway rights-of-way.
- 1969:** The Patrol was given the responsibility of regulating all commercial driver training schools in the state.
- 1970:** The department reorganized district boundaries to conform with the governor's regionalization requirements. The assistant superintendent and the operations and training officers were elevated to the ranks of lieutenant colonel and major, respectively.
- 1971:** Responsibilities were expanded to include the operation of the Law Enforcement Training Center. Seventeen training programs were offered at the new facility during the first year of operation.
- 1973:** The Legislature authorized a total of 82 Highway Patrol officers. The hiring of the additional officers was predicated on enforcement of Public Service Commission rules and regulations.
- 1975:** After completing a special selective traffic enforcement program which consisted of 13 patrol officers funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Legislature authorized the Patrol to increase its strength.
- 1978:** The Patrol was authorized to hire an additional seven officers to enforce the 55 miles-per-hour speed limit. National Traffic Highway Safety Administration funded the additional staff for three years.
- 1979:** Trooper Heidi Sand was hired in 1979. She served North Dakota citizens with the NDHP for five years.
- 1982:** Effective May 1, 1982, the North Dakota Highway Patrol relinquished primary responsibility for the administration of driver license examining. Renewal, written, and road test was changed to an instant issue under the supervision of the Highway Patrol.
- 1983:** Although the chief driver's license examiner was a uniformed staff officer, the field examiners were civilian personnel.
- 1983:** Effective July 1, 1983, truck regulatory employees were reclassified as Highway Patrol personnel. Uniformed officers would have the powers of a peace officer after mandated training and being sworn. This brought the Highway Patrol's total authorized strength to 125 sworn officers. The Patrol adopted the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). The safety regulations relate to commercial motor carriers.
- 1985:** Several functions were conducted in 1985 in celebration of the department's golden anniversary. Patrol cars were equipped with distinctive license plates; billboards were posted around the state with a safety message in conjunction with identifying the fiftieth year; an open house was held at the district offices; and a departmental banquet was held in Bismarck on September 14, with current members and many former members of the Patrol in attendance.
- 1985:** A tactical team was created and implemented eventually becoming the emergency response team which primarily focuses on crowd control, search and rescue operations, and dignitary protection.
- 1986:** Reports are generated annually to record department activities.
- 1987:** Although the Patrol hadn't formally offered driver's license written or road tests since 1982, legislation was enacted removing this responsibility from the Patrol and placing it under the power and jurisdiction of the highway commissioner.

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- 1989:** The agency attained national accreditation status from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies on July 29, 1989, becoming the first law enforcement agency in the state to become accredited, and also the eighth state agency and the 109th national agency to receive this status.
- 1991:** The position of planning and research officer was added to the department staff.
- 1992:** The Highway Patrol added its first K9 unit to the force. The 1 ½-year-old German shepherd, Shadow, and his handler work out of Linton, ND. Shadow was trained to protect his handler, apprehend people, search buildings and areas, look for evidence, and track. Shadow's assistance was made available to other law enforcement agencies and the public.
- 1992:** The Highway Patrol added two Capitol security officers to assist with enforcement on the capitol grounds and to provide security for the Supreme Court and during the legislative session.
- 1994:** Effective January 1, 1994, the North Dakota Highway Patrol reorganized, moving from eight districts to five districts. Each district is overseen by a district commander.
- 1995:** With the North Dakota Highway Patrol participating in the federal COPS Ahead Program, the agency was authorized to increase sworn officer strength by three, bringing the authorization to 127 sworn officers.
- 1995:** The North Dakota Highway Patrol initiated a special project, "North Dakota 88 Shutdown," in an attempt to keep traffic fatalities below the 88 recorded in 1994. This project involved all law enforcement agencies in the state. Success was met with North Dakota recording 74 traffic fatalities, the fourth-lowest death toll in the state's history.
- 1996:** Two K9 units, both German Shepherds, were added to the force. Thor and his handler work out of Minot. Chase and his handler work out of Hillsboro. The Patrol's three K9 units play an important role in the Highway Criminal Interdiction Program.
- 1997:** The Patrol was authorized to increase the sworn officer strength by five. This brought the total authorization of sworn officers to 132.
- 1999:** A detailed, four-year planning process involving leadership from the governor's office, approval of the legislative assembly, and citizen support became a reality with the addition of a mobile data communications system. Sixty-five patrol vehicles were equipped with a high-tech mobile data communications system. The system utilizes a laptop in a wireless environment with the aid of ten tower sites located statewide. The efficiency of this system is recognized through enhanced officer safety, improved communications, reduced data entry/improved data handling efficiency, and reduced dispatcher workload.
- 2000:** Effective March 1, 2000, the North Dakota Highway Patrol returned to the organizational structure consisting of eight districts with each headed by a district commander.
- 2000:** In May, the agency held its first sobriety checkpoint. The checkpoints were initiated in an effort to reduce impaired driving and make highways safer.
- 2001:** The Patrol moved into Phase II of the mobile data computer project. This phase included the installation of an additional 20 systems, bringing the total to 95 vehicles equipped with this technology. Five additional tower sites were also included in this phase of the project.
- 2002:** The Patrol continued to increase its use of electronic technology with the implementation of the E-Permits Application Phase I project. Several types of commercial vehicle permits for the motor carrier industry (fuel, trip, longer vehicle combination, 10% weight exemption for harvest and wintertime, resident custom combiner) went online.
- 2003:** The Patrol was authorized to increase the sworn officer strength by three. This brought the total authorization of sworn officers to 135.

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- 2003:** The NDHP added four K9s to the department in May of this year: two male black labs, Tyson (Devils Lake), and Smoke (Bismarck), one male chocolate lab named JJ (Fargo), and one female yellow lab named Bailey (Williston). All K9s are dual-purpose; and are trained for narcotics detection, article searching, and tracking. The status of three of the department's K9s changed: Shadow was retired for medical reasons and was replaced with Ricco (Linton), a male Belgium Malinois. Ricco was also certified for aggression and is the only aggression K9 in the department. Thor was also retired this year due to medical reasons and was replaced by a female yellow lab named Sierra (Minot). Chase and his handler are no longer with the department.
- 2003:** Weigh-in-motion technology is a process of screening out legal weight trucks subjecting only potentially overweight trucks to further weighing on portable or fixed scales. Data on vehicle weights is instantaneously made available to troopers through mobile data computers located in their patrol vehicles. This technology was used at four sites on North Dakota's highways. The use of WIM is a joint venture between the NDHP and the NDDOT.
- 2003:** On August 30, 2002, Governor John Hoeven issued Executive Order 2002-06 directing the superintendent of the NDHP, in cooperation with the Division of Emergency Management and other state agencies, local law enforcement, and broadcasters, to develop policies and procedures for child abduction incidents. The plan was fully implemented in February 2003.
- 2004:** The North Dakota Highway Patrol promoted Lori Malafa to the rank of captain on April 8, 2004. With the promotion, Malafa was assigned as the training director at the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Bismarck. Captain Malafa was also the first female to be promoted to sergeant.
- 2004:** A drug recognition expert program was created and implemented to help identify impaired drivers and remove them from our roadways.
- 2004:** In April, the NDHP K9 program was expanded to include three additional K9s and handlers, bringing the total to nine teams.
- 2005:** Operation Border Shield was developed to assist the US Customs Border Protection and US Border Patrol in the security of the northern border. The program targeted the ports of entry to detect and apprehend criminals and contraband using NDHP K9 teams. K9 teams assisted the immigrations and customs enforcement personnel in searching vehicles and persons during peak travel times identified by Custom Border Protection officials.
- 2005:** All security duties for the capitol were placed under the direction of the Highway Patrol. A director of security was appointed with four full-time and four part-time employees assigned to the capitol security function. A new duress alarm system was installed in the Capitol and surrounding state office buildings as well as additional video cameras. In July, capitol security equipped a Smith and Wesson tactical mountain bike with lights and a siren for special events and security patrolling during the summer months.
- 2007:** The Patrol was authorized to increase the sworn officer strength by two. This brought the total authorization of sworn officers to 140. (In 2004 and 2006, three authorized non-sworn positions were transferred to sworn positions.)
- 2007:** The North Dakota Highway Patrol made an organizational structure change going from eight districts to four regions with all eight of the former district offices remaining in place. Each region is headed by an administrative commander and includes an operations commander. The reorganization also created a new Motor Carrier Operations component which includes personnel involved with commercial motor vehicles.
- 2008:** The Highway Patrol purchased a 2007 Cessna T 206 airplane equipped with G1000 Garmin avionics and forward-looking infrared technology (FLIR). The airplane will be used to assist with search and rescue operations; conduct aerial searches after natural and man-made disasters; assist ground officers during pursuit operations; assist various state, local, and federal agencies; transport department personnel; and other law enforcement functions.

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- 2010:** The ND Highway Patrol celebrated 75 years of service since the agency was created by the 1935 Legislative Assembly.
- 2010:** A crash reconstruction team was created and implemented consisting of crash reconstructionists and technicians to more efficiently process serious crashes. Crash reconstructions assist in both criminal and civil proceedings and help bolster personal responsibility while operating a vehicle.
- 2012:** The NDHP received its eighth accreditation award.
- 2013:** An automated routing permitting system was implemented to process routes for oversize and overweight vehicles online.
- 2013:** The ND Highway Patrol honor guard team was created and implemented to assist with special ceremonies and funerals.
- 2013:** A bloodhound team was added to the K9 program to assist with human tracking.
- 2014:** The agency was reorganized into five divisions with three in field operations (west, east, and motor carrier) and two in administration (support services and administrative services).
- 2015:** The construction of a new emergency vehicle operations driving pad and indoor firing range was completed on land donated by the City of Bismarck. The city also transferred an existing outdoor firing range to the NDHP.
- 2015:** The NDHP received its ninth accreditation award.
- 2017:** The NDHP purchased a skid car system for improved emergency vehicle operations training. All sworn officers were certified in the use of less lethal munitions, and emergency response team members were certified as grenadiers.
- 2017:** The NDHP supported Morton County with public safety efforts during the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.
- 2017:** A cultural liaison officer position was added to the NDHP to assist with strengthening relationships with tribal nations and new Americans.
- 2017:** The department of transportation, department of health, and highway patrol were selected as lead agencies for a new Vision Zero initiative in North Dakota. The goal of Vision Zero is zero fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads. To reach that goal, every driver and vehicle occupant must take personal responsibility for their safety.
- 2018:** The NDHP received its tenth accreditation award with excellence, successfully obtaining its first "Gold Standard" assessment.
- 2018:** The NDHP began a transition to black patrol vehicles with a logo on each door.
- 2018:** The NDHP youth academy was re-instated to help spark interest in the highway patrol and a career in law enforcement for ages 16-19.
- 2019:** The NDHP developed an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) program to assist with crash investigations and search and rescue operations. The NDHP was the first state highway patrol agency in the nation to receive a waiver to operate UAVs over people.
- 2020:** The NDHP created a wellness committee focused on physical, social, mental, emotional, and financial health of employees and their family members.
- 2021:** The first tribal agreement for mutual law enforcement services was signed with MHA Nation.
- 2021:** A five-member criminal interdiction team was created.
- 2022:** The NDHP signed the 30x30 pledge, a nationwide initiative whose goal is to increase the representation of women in law enforcement to 30% by the year 2030.
- 2022:** A tribal agreement for mutual law enforcement services was signed with Spirit Lake Tribe.

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