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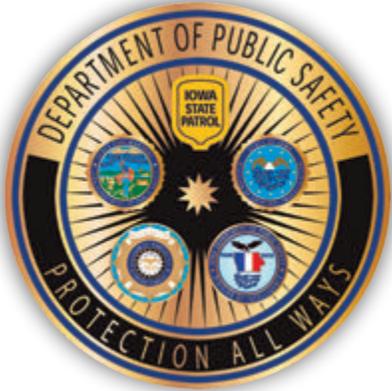
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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

On behalf of the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS), I want to thank you for your interest in learning about those who dedicate their lives keeping Iowans safe. This report seeks to highlight the efforts and successes put forth by all members of the Department as they strive to provide public safety services with leadership, integrity, and professionalism. It is my sincere hope that after reading this report, you will have greater understanding and appreciation for the countless ways these public servants honor their call to protect and serve.

Drivers and passengers depend on the Iowa State Patrol to keep our roadways safe with courtesy, service, and protection. The Division of Criminal Investigation works tirelessly in the pursuit of justice for victims and their families, ensures the integrity of our gaming industries, maintains Iowa's Sex Offender Registry, and safeguards employment decisions through background checks. The Division of Narcotics Enforcement remains committed to stemming the flow of illegal drugs into our communities. Finally, the State Fire Marshal provides arson and explosive investigative expertise throughout the state, and ensures that volunteer firefighters in our rural locales are trained and prepared to protect their communities.

We are incredibly grateful to Governor Reynolds, the legislature, and the citizens of Iowa for their unbending support. As you review this report, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding our efforts to provide world-class public safety services. It is truly a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Iowa.

Sincerely,





THE COMMISSIONER IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE COMMISSIONER IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND CONFIRMED BY THE IOWA SENATE.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY STEPHAN K. BAYENS

Stephan K. Bayens was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety on January 14, 2019. Prior to joining the Department, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa where he was assigned to combat violent crime as the coordinator for the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhood Initiative.

Within the Commissioner's Office, there are individual staff members as well as six bureaus that fulfill vital roles for the Department - and more importantly, for the citizens of Iowa. The members of the Commissioner's Office serve as liaisons between Iowans, the media, legislators, and Department personnel. Every day, the Commissioner's Office fields inquiries from both citizens and media, collaborates with local law enforcement and fire agencies, and assists other state departments and branches of government.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Executive Officer is responsible for coordinating and consulting with the Commissioner of Public Safety on Departmental priorities, initiatives, goals, and objectives. The Executive Officer supervises the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, the Office of Drug Control Policy, the Professional Standards Bureau, the Interoperability Communications Bureau, the Strategic Communications Bureau, and the Governor's School Safety Bureau, while also working closely with the Department's General Counsel and Policy Advisor. The responsibilities of the Executive Officer also include collaborating and communicating with the Division Directors on day-to-day operations and activities.

GENERAL COUNSEL

The General Counsel serves as in-house counsel, reviewing contracts, providing training, assisting in planning efforts, and serving as the privacy officer for the Fusion Center by addressing privacy, civil rights, and civil liberty concerns. The General Counsel also advises on legal issues and privacy concerns related to record dissemination. In FY2025, legal training was provided to sworn and non-sworn members of the Department on topics that included constitutional policing and interactions with the public. The General Counsel serves on a number of interagency committees, such as the Iowa Advisory Council on Automated Transportation and the Electronic Search Warrants Advisory Committee.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/POLICY ADVISOR

The duties of the Legislative Liaison/Policy Advisor are focused on legislation of interest to the Department, including budgetary appropriations. In FY2025, the Liaison successfully drafted and advocated for legislation that aligned THC-infused beverages with Iowa's open container law, required a person convicted of the criminal offense of grooming to register as a sex offender, and established the framework for schools to implement school safety assessment teams. Additionally, the Liaison helped pass hands-free legislation, which prohibits the use of an electronic device while driving. The Liaison also operates as the Department's administrative rules coordinator.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

BUREAUS

INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

The Department of Public Safety's Interoperability Communications Bureau is responsible for the administration of the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System (ISICS), which includes the daily monitoring of **over 46,695 radios as well as overseeing the health of 140+ tower sites**. In April of 2021, the state accepted the ISICS System from the manufacturer. The statewide system was designed to provide interoperability communication for the entire state, with mobile radio coverage for at least 95% of the state at no cost to users.

The DPS Interoperability Communications Bureau includes four strategically placed communications centers that provide dispatch services to emergency responders. State communication dispatchers provide training on ISICS, to include: system access, interoperability through patching, and best practices regarding policies/protocols. The Communications Bureau is responsible for issuing all Amber Alerts as well as assisting local agencies with Amber Alert submissions.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

The Strategic Communications Bureau directs overarching strategic communication plans designed to enhance the public image of the Department. The bureau coordinates special events and manages the messaging and content process for print and digital tools, including the website, social media, and photo/video production.

The bureau assists with the recruiting process and also coordinates responses to general information and Iowa Chapter 22 public records requests. **In FY2025, the bureau received approximately 2,200 record requests**. The bureau develops the media relations program and collaborates with Public Information Officers (PIOs) throughout the Department and the Iowa State Patrol's team of Public Resource Officers.

It works closely with the Commissioner and the Policy Advisor to help communicate the vision, monitor current events and opportunities, and identify issues. The bureau consists of a Strategic Communications Bureau Chief, Strategic Communications Information Specialist, and an Open Records Custodian.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU

The Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) is the internal investigative unit for the Department. When a complaint is filed against one of the Department's employees, PSB has the responsibility to conduct or supervise a thorough internal investigation. Of the 79 alleged misconduct investigations in FY2025, 29 were sustained (meaning PSB determined that the accused employee committed all or part of the alleged act of misconduct). PSB also tracks instances where a member of the public contacts PSB to praise the efforts of an employee. **In FY2025, PSB received 69 commendations**. PSB also manages an Early Intervention System (EIS). The EIS flags employee behaviors that may suggest an underlying concern if not proactively addressed by a supervisor.



OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) is responsible for coordinating substance use prevention, treatment, and drug enforcement efforts in Iowa. ODCP collaborates with government, private, and non-profit entities on projects involving criminal justice funding and substance use-related policy development.

ODCP serves as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for federal criminal justice funds received by the State of Iowa. **In 2025, ODCP allocated over \$4.6 million in federal funds to state and local agencies for prevention, treatment, and enforcement projects across Iowa.**

Some of the projects ODCP funded in FY25 included mental health and crisis intervention, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, public service announcement development, residential substance use disorder treatment, drug enforcement task forces, law enforcement equipment and training, and collaborative efforts across multiple agencies.

ODCP plays a unique coordinating role in the State of Iowa. The bureau works to expand prevention, treatment, and enforcement efforts across the state, while encouraging innovative new projects. ODCP also tracks drug and alcohol trends and creates a comprehensive drug control strategy that helps guide Iowa's plan in dealing with substance use-related issues.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL SAFETY BUREAU



The Governor's School Safety Bureau (GSSB) was established in June 2022 to support Iowa's 331 public school districts and 225 private schools in preventing school violence. The GSSB is tasked with assisting law enforcement agencies and school districts in identifying and responding to security threats at schools. The GSSB administers and monitors Safe+Sound Iowa, a free threat reporting platform that allows students, parents, teachers, and citizens to anonymously report school related safety concerns. Safe+Sound is monitored 24/7/365 by members of the Department of Public Safety. With the passage of Senate File 583, the GSSB, along with school safety professionals, have been tasked with building School Safety Assessment Teams to help identify, evaluate, and address individuals who may be on a pathway to school violence. The assessment teams are generally composed of school employees, mental health professionals, and law enforcement who use a behavior-based, preventative approach.

SAFE + SOUND/TRAINING STATISTICS

SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS (FY2025)	900+
TEACHERS AND CIVILIANS WHO RECEIVED ACTIVE SHOOTER AND STOP THE BLEED TRAINING (FY2025)	9,870+
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RECEIVED ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING (FY2025)	3,266+
EMERGENCY RADIOS PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS	1,400+

The GSSB continues to work with school administrators and law enforcement to make sure school safety remains a priority in Iowa's communities.



GSSB hosted their 1st training symposium on March 10th. Approximately 300 law enforcement, school administrators, prosecutors, and juvenile court service members attended.

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU



The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) administers the State of Iowa's allocation of federal highway safety funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In partnership with public and private entities, highway safety programs are developed and implemented to reduce traffic crashes and resulting fatalities, injuries, and property damage.

These programs include enforcement efforts, education, media/outreach, data, and engineering. Statewide crash data are utilized for a performance-based approach with the goal of encouraging safe driving behaviors. The GTSB hosts an annual Highway Traffic Safety Conference for traffic safety stakeholders and leads Iowa's Impaired Driving Task Force and the Statewide Traffic Records Coordinating Committee.

Following the passage of Iowa's new hands-free law, the GTSB is implementing strategic countermeasures to combat distracted driving. These efforts include statewide education and enforcement campaigns designed to raise awareness, change driver behavior, and support law enforcement in reducing crashes caused by distraction. By combining outreach, data-driven enforcement, and collaboration with local partners, GTSB is working to make Iowa's roads safer.

In FY2025, the GTSB allocated **\$9,724,687** in federal highway safety funds and managed **230 contracts** with traffic safety partners and stakeholders across Iowa.



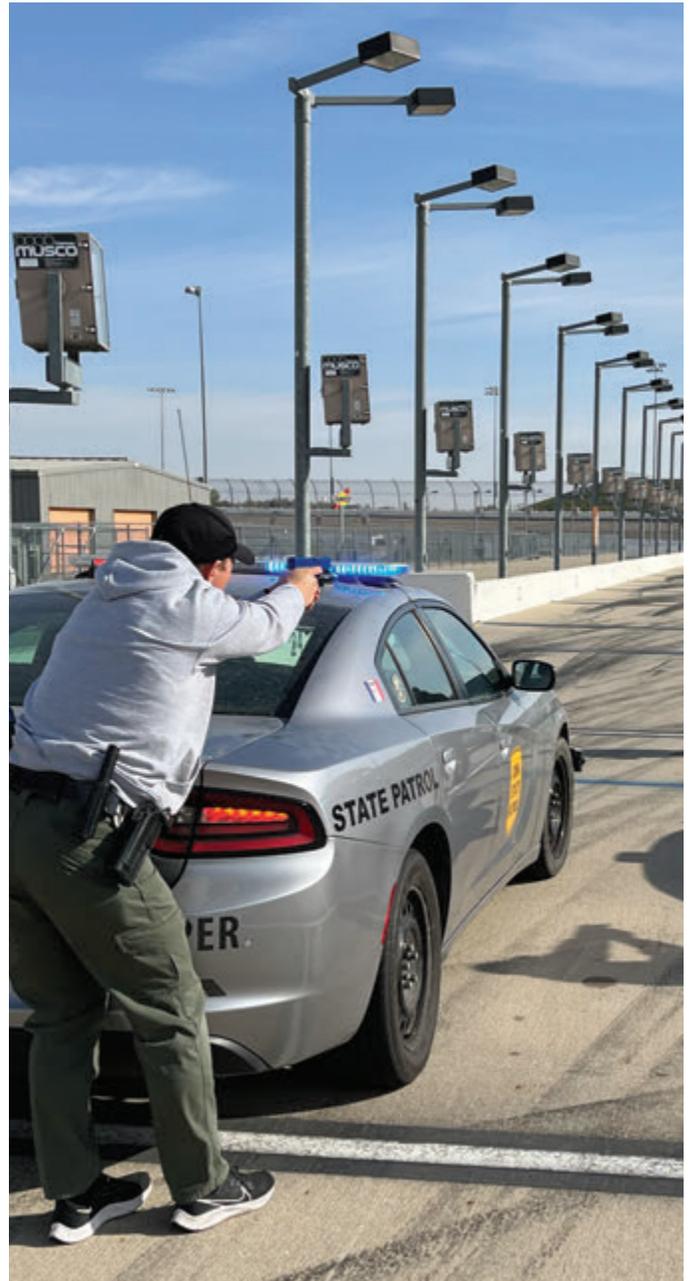
GTSB hosted over 200 guests at their 33rd annual GTSB Traffic Safety Conference in June 2025.

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES



Established in 2021, the Division of Professional Development and Support Services (PDSS) is tasked with a variety of responsibilities designed to support the Department and its employees. The Division oversees training of the Department's personnel (including its 696 sworn peace officers), recruiting, the sworn hiring process, and running the DPS Basic and Certified Training Academies. The Division further maintains the Department's national accreditation, and is home to the Wellness Bureau. In FY2025, the Division coordinated and provided the following training sessions: **preventing sexual harassment, de-escalation, mental health awareness, taser recertification, legal update, emergency vehicle operations, blood-borne pathogens, IT security awareness, and emergency response planning**. All sworn officers also receive life-like scenario training via the MILO firearms training simulator twice per year. Additionally, PDSS coordinated three in-service training sessions in FY2025, which included ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training), de-escalation, firearms, and defensive tactics for all sworn personnel. The PDSS also coordinates annual physicals, fitness testing, and first line supervisor training. Further, the Division coordinates background investigations for all new sworn and non-sworn members of the Department.

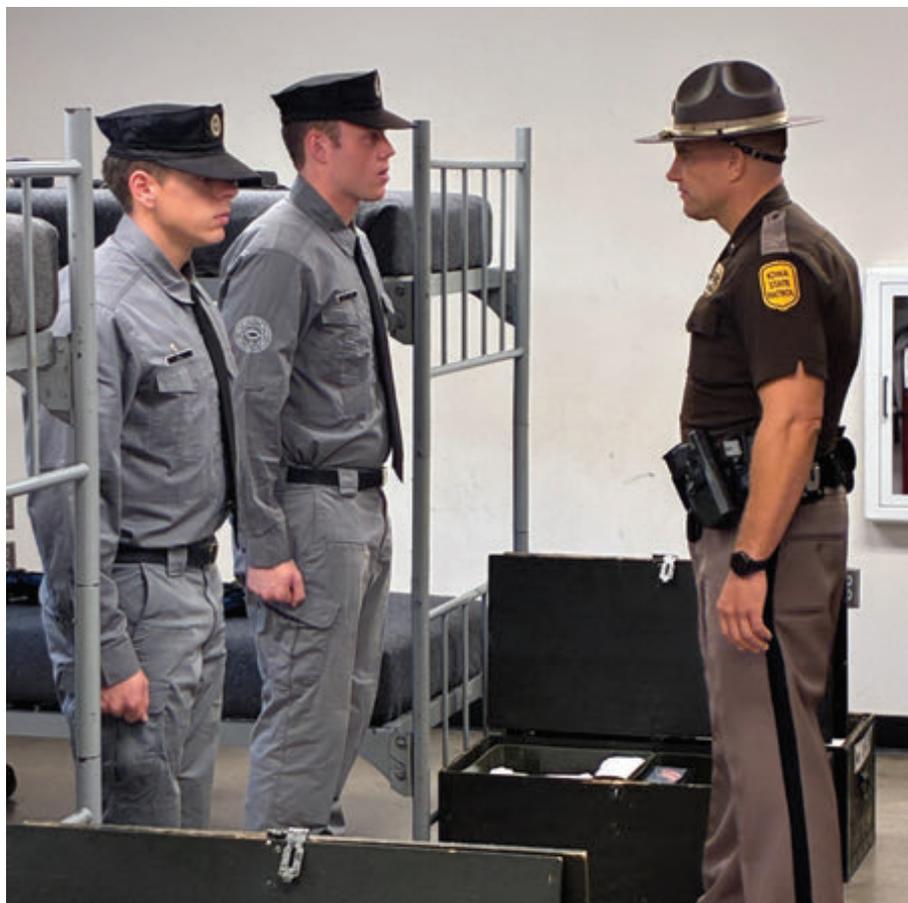
The PDSS is responsible for conducting the sworn hiring process and operating the DPS Basic and Certified Training Academies. During FY2025, the Division and its dedicated staff of Drill Instructors conducted the 51st Basic Academy which began on July 29, 2024, and concluded on December 20, 2024, with the graduation of 18 State Troopers, and the 52nd Certified Academy, which began on February 3, 2025, and concluded on April 11, 2025, with the graduation of five State Troopers.



RECRUITING

The lifeblood of any public service agency lies in the quality of its people. Law enforcement agencies across the nation are struggling to find high-character individuals with a heart for public service. Cultural perceptions and the inherent danger in our duties can deter individuals from considering a career in law enforcement. Over the last ten years, DPS has seen an approximate 65% drop in applicants testing to become sworn officers. The gap is starting to close; however, nearly 50% of our sworn personnel are eligible to retire within the next 10 years. With this in mind, the Department's recruitment efforts continue to focus on adapting to changing views held by younger generations on the value of dedication, leadership, justice, and evolving notions of job satisfaction that drive career decisions and commitment.

During FY2022, the Department received funding to enhance its recruiting efforts. The Department contracted with a company experienced in police recruiting to assist in developing marketing strategies, producing recruiting videos, creating a dedicated recruiting website, and administering our social media recruiting campaign. During FY2025 and into FY2026, the company returned to create new recruiting content showcasing the roles Department members play in their local communities, both on and off duty. The intent was to help potential applicants connect personally with the Department by seeing its members as relatable, everyday people. The Department has seen an uptick in website traffic that resulted in the hiring of 22 new State Troopers in FY2025.



CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Iowa Department of Public Safety is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and has been so since 2011. The accreditation manager is responsible for the continual review and updating of the Department's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with CALEA standards. Maintaining our accreditation requires us to continually examine our policies and undergo cyclical reviews by CALEA assessors to ensure we are operating in accordance with nationally recognized standards and best practices in law enforcement. Iowa DPS received its third re-accreditation award in November 2021 which is effective through November of 2025. The Department has successfully completed the four annual online reviews for law enforcement and completed

the initial online review for both the communications bureau and training academy accreditation processes. The on-site assessment in July 2025 encompassed all three aforementioned areas. The award of accreditation represents the Department's commitment to professional excellence in the areas of policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services. Iowa DPS is one of only 13 Iowa law enforcement agencies with CALEA accreditation.



WELLNESS BUREAU

The DPS Wellness Bureau provides leadership and coordination of wellness initiatives that promote the physical, emotional, and organizational health of all department personnel. The bureau oversees the Peer Support Team, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team, and Crisis Response/Therapy K9 Program, while advancing agency-wide strategies that strengthen resilience, support recovery, and foster a culture of well-being. In addition to serving DPS employees, the Wellness Bureau extends its support to families, retirees, and other first responder agencies statewide, providing assistance and resources as requested.

CRISIS RESPONSE/ THERAPY K9 PROGRAM

The Department has served as a statewide leader in introducing and advancing the concept of Crisis Response K9s within the first responder community. The program's certified Crisis Response K9 provides comfort and support to first responders, victims, and witnesses following critical incidents, as well as engagement through community and educational outreach. In FY2025, the program responded to **97 events**, accounting for 289.5 hours of direct contact and 271 driving hours. During this reporting period, the program responded to a line-of-duty death, provided outreach to families and colleagues of fallen personnel, and assisted children and communities following the death of a high school student. The program also provided support to partner agencies after the suicide death of a first responder and was invited to present at the Department of Health and Human Services Executive Meeting to share the role of Crisis Response K9s in promoting officer and community wellness.

Law enforcement and first responder partners across Iowa and beyond continue to seek guidance from DPS in developing their own Crisis Response K9 programs and broader wellness initiatives, including peer support, CISM, and family wellness. The program's success and visibility continue to position DPS as an innovator and trusted resource in advancing emotional support and wellness within the first responder profession.



PEER SUPPORT TEAM

The Iowa Department of Public Safety Peer Support Team members are trained in basic peer support and crisis assistance. The goal of peer support is to provide all DPS employees the opportunity to receive emotional and tangible support during times of personal or professional crisis and to help anticipate and address potential difficulties. DPS Peer Support extends its services and support to other first responder agencies throughout the state on an as-needed basis.

In FY2025, the DPS Peer Support Team continued to provide critical emotional and practical support to employees experiencing personal or professional challenges. The team consists of **52 trained members** offering confidential assistance to all DPS personnel and their families. During this reporting period, Peer Support members engaged in **264 contacts**, dedicating more than 211 hours to providing support and made 24 referrals to licensed mental health professionals. In addition to serving DPS employees, Peer Support extended assistance to other first responder agencies statewide as requested, reflecting ongoing collaboration and mutual support among law enforcement and emergency response partners.



CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM

The purpose of the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team is to provide employees and other first responder agency personnel with mental health support related to their involvement in specific, highly traumatic events. The CISM Team offers support and education about critical incident stress management and follow-up after such events.

In FY2025, the CISM Team strengthened its capacity to support personnel impacted by traumatic events, expanding to **35 trained members**. The team facilitated **70 critical incident stress debriefings** involving 947 participants and devoted 142 hours to providing post-incident support, resulting in six referrals to licensed mental health professionals. This represents a significant increase from 47 debriefings in the previous year, underscoring the growing awareness and trust in the program among first responders statewide. While continuing to assist DPS personnel, most debriefings were conducted at the request of local law enforcement, fire, EMS, DNR, and DHHS agencies—reflecting the team’s leadership role and sustained commitment to supporting the well-being of first responders across Iowa.



The CISM Team was presented the 2025 Outstanding Agency Award from the Peer Support Foundation

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



The Administrative Services Division is comprised of three bureaus and the human resources office. These units provide support services to DPS and direct services to the citizens of Iowa, law enforcement, and other criminal justice agencies.

FINANCE BUREAU

The Finance Bureau provides support services to all divisions within the Department through centralized budget preparation, accounting, and claims processing. The bureau also maintains the Department's fixed-assets inventory and serves as the custodian of all seized cash and valuables until disposed of as directed by court order or other mandate.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PEACE OFFICER RETIREMENT

The Human Resources and Peace Officer Retirement areas ensure the proper payment of salaries and benefits to employees and retirees.



PROGRAM SERVICES BUREAU

The Program Services Bureau serves the criminal justice community and the general public through four statutory program areas, including: **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program Administration; Weapons Permit Program Administration; the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Audit Certification Training (ACT) Team; and Private Investigative, Private Security and Bail Enforcement Licensing.**

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING PROGRAM

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program serves as the central repository for crime and arrest data within Iowa. Iowa Code section 692.15 requires law enforcement agencies within the state to report crime and arrest data to the Iowa Department of Public Safety's UCR program, which in turn generates annual statistics.

Data is also shared with the FBI, for inclusion in national publications. **Over 207,000 offenses and arrests were reported by 268 agencies in FY2025.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CJIS) AUDIT CERTIFICATION TRAINING (ACT) TEAM

The Iowa Online Warrants and Articles (IOWA) Criminal Justice Information Network provides access to a wide variety of information to more than 400 police departments, sheriff's offices, and state and federal criminal justice agencies throughout Iowa.

In addition, the IOWA system serves as a link to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as well as to other agencies nationwide and worldwide. **Over 120 million messages** were processed through the IOWA System in FY2025. These messages include inquiries related to wanted persons, missing persons, protective orders, sex offenders, stolen property, motor vehicle registration, driver's licenses, criminal history records, and administrative messages.

The training staff instructs and certifies roughly 12,000 law enforcement and criminal justice personnel annually in the use of the IOWA System, audits IOWA system agencies for compliance with state and federal policies and regulations, certifies software for use with the IOWA System, and expands the network with access to new databases and capabilities.



PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE, PRIVATE SECURITY, AND BAIL ENFORCEMENT LICENSING

Iowa Code Chapter 80A requires that private security, private investigative, and bail enforcement agencies and their employees be licensed. The Private Investigative, Private Security, and Bail Enforcement Licensing Section processes and issues licenses and renewals for such agencies and employees. This process includes fingerprint-based criminal history record checks, verification of bonding, and proof of financial responsibility. In FY2025, there were approximately **4,000 ID cards** issued to private security, private investigative, and bail enforcement employees. During that same period, there were 378 active agency licenses (Private Investigative, Private Security, and Bail Enforcement).

WEAPONS PERMIT PROGRAM

This program develops permit to carry weapons-related forms, issues the non-resident professional permit to carry weapons, and issues state peace officer permits to carry weapons. This section also frequently researches and responds to firearm and other related questions from sheriff's offices and the general public.

In FY2025, **30,858 permits** were issued. In addition to the permits issued in FY2025, permits issued in the prior four years remain valid, except for a small number that were revoked or suspended for cause. Approximately 275,000 Iowans hold an Iowa Weapon Permit, most of which were issued by the county sheriff.

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION



FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

This bureau is best known as Iowa’s “Detective Bureau” and conducts and coordinates complex investigations collaboratively with local law enforcement agencies regarding felony crimes against persons and property. Employees assigned to this bureau work in the **Major Crime Unit, the Missing Person Information Clearing- house, and Technology Support.**



MAJOR CRIME UNIT

Major Crime Unit (MCU) Special Agents investigate high-level felonies throughout the state of Iowa. These agents work death investigations, child abductions, human trafficking investigations, kidnappings, sexual assaults, public corruption, officer-involved shootings, major thefts, fraud, and more. MCU agents provide expertise during the investigative process, which includes major case coordination, witness testimony, search warrant execution, witness and suspect interviews, crime scene searches, and evidence collection.

FY2025 - MAJOR CRIME CASES	
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	79
OUTSIDE AGENCY ASSISTS	31
ASSAULTS	23
SEXUAL OFFENSES	23
ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS	21
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS	19
FRAUD	11
HUMAN TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATIONS	9
EMBEZZLEMENT/FINANCIAL	8
KIDNAPPING	6
MISSING PERSONS	4
TECH ASSIST	4
MISCONDUCT BY PUBLIC OFFICIAL	4



TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

In 2020, four new agent positions were created to assist the Major Crimes Unit with investigative technology support. These Special Agents are assigned to each DCI zone to assist not only DPS, but also our local and federal partners across the state. The requests for assistance cover a broad spectrum of technological expertise. Investigations that the Special Agents assist with include homicides, school threats, sex abuse, abductions, missing persons, child sexual exploitation, arson, robbery, burglary, serious assaults, human trafficking, and fugitive apprehension. The Special Agents also receive requests for support on harassment, stalking, and domestic abuse investigations. These Special Agents must have the ability not only to apply for and execute search warrants on digital devices, cellular phone companies, and social media platforms, but also to interpret the data they are able to recover. Digital forensic evidence can often take from a few days to hundreds of hours to interpret. These agents also provide expert testimony in felony trials, oftentimes with demonstrative exhibits designed to communicate complex digital evidence in a format that can be easily understood. Technical case support falls primarily into four areas: **emergency requests to locate a missing/endangered person, data analysis from major crimes, the location of felony fugitives, and expert courtroom testimony.**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

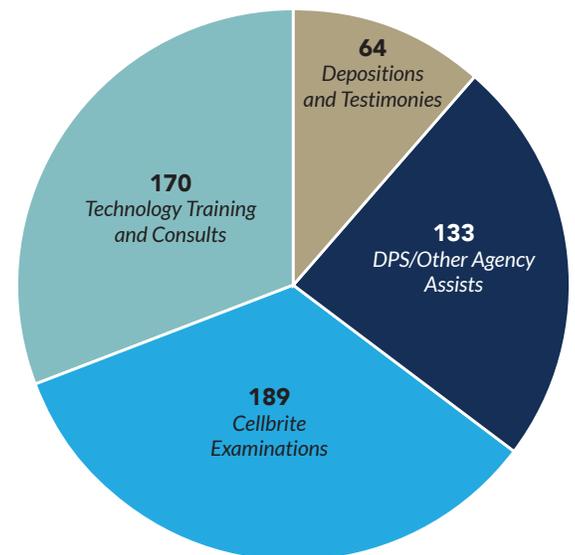
In support of the Department's ongoing mission to combat human trafficking, the DCI Major Crime Unit has dedicated two full-time Special Agents to conduct human trafficking investigations. Additionally, these Agents work directly with the Division of Intelligence's Office to Combat Human Trafficking, local law enforcement, and regional Human Trafficking Task Forces to identify victims of human trafficking and human trafficking networks.

MISSING PERSON INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

Established on July 1, 1985, the Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse (MPIC) operates within the Department of Public Safety as a centralized program for collecting, coordinating, and sharing information related to missing persons and unidentified individuals. Located in the Division of Criminal Investigation, the Clearinghouse plays a vital role in locating missing persons by promoting public awareness, encouraging community cooperation, and providing education to both law enforcement and the general public on issues surrounding missing persons.

FY2025 - MISSING PERSONS	
TOTAL MISSING ADULT ENTRIES	855
TOTAL MISSING JUVENILE ENTRIES	4,645

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CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY

The DCI Criminalistics Laboratory provides professional forensic scientific services and support to the criminal justice community throughout Iowa. The Lab is accredited through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) ISO-based Forensic Accreditation Program.

The lab provides forensic science capabilities to the Iowa criminal justice community in the following disciplines: **Arson and Explosives, Crime Scene Response/Processing, Firearms and Tool Marks, Drug Identification, Toxicology, Trace Evidence, DNA (casework and offender profiling), Impression Evidence (latent prints, tire tracks, footwear), Photography, and Breath Alcohol.**

FY2025 CRIME LAB NUMBERS

CASE ASSIGNMENTS CREATED	15,990
CASE ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED	16,675
CASE ASSIGNMENTS AVERAGE TURNAROUND	58 DAYS (~5% DECREASE)

REPORTS/LEADS IN FY2025:

The DCI Lab uploaded **5,706 convicted offender DNA profiles and 425 forensic profiles** into CODIS (Combined DNA Index System), which resulted in **325 HIT REPORTS**.

The DCI Lab made **908 entries** into NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network), resulting in **104 LEADS**.



The DCI Lab's Crime Scene Team acquired a new primary crime scene response truck in Spring of 2025.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Special Enforcement Operations Bureau (SEOB) is responsible for the investigation and enforcement of Iowa's gambling laws. The activities of the SEOB include conducting criminal investigations, licensing background investigations, and regulatory activities at 19 state-licensed casinos and racetracks in Iowa in addition to other gambling-related investigations.

Special Agents assigned to this bureau carry out a wide range of duties, including criminal investigations related to gambling violations, fraud, theft, and money laundering; due diligence investigations related to companies and individuals involved with casinos, sports wagering companies, and fantasy sports operators in Iowa; and regulatory reviews and investigations in conjunction with the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.

SEOB CRIMINAL CASES BREAKDOWN



FY2025 SEOB STATISTICS

CRIMINAL CASES	583
BUSINESS ENTITY BACKGROUNDS	24
KEY PERSONNEL BACKGROUNDS	102
OTHER PERSONNEL BACKGROUNDS	1,730

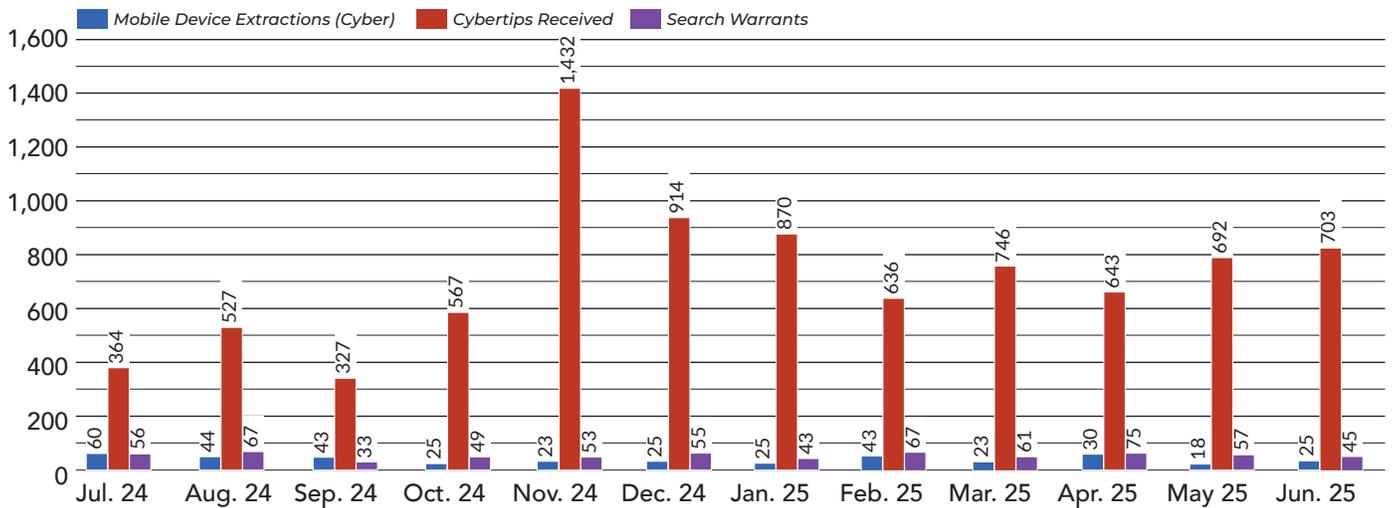


CYBER CRIME BUREAU

In 2021, the General Assembly created the Cyber Crime Bureau within the Division of Criminal Investigation. The Cyber Crime Bureau is tasked with investigating crimes with a significant cyber, technological, or digital nexus. Almost every major investigation - from homicide, to fraud, to child exploitation - involves voluminous amounts of digital data. Analyzing and retrieving evidence from digital sources (e.g., smart phones, computer hard drives, optical media, etc.) requires a comprehensive forensic examination. These examinations are conducted by digital forensic examiners assigned to the Cyber Crime Bureau and often take months to complete.

The successful resolution of these high-profile investigations commonly hinge on the recovery of key evidence during the forensic examination of electronic devices and storage.

Cyber crime is rapidly becoming a principal element of criminal activity nationally and in the state of Iowa. Law enforcement must have the requisite specialized services to meet the growing need for cyber investigation and analysis. Although these investigations present increasingly novel and daunting challenges as technology advances, law enforcement must stay one step ahead in order to remain effective at thwarting digital threats to our national security, our children’s safety, our financial integrity, and more.



In FY2025, the DCI Cyber Crime Bureau acquired a Mobile Forensics Vehicle (MFV) to help support personnel assigned to the bureau and the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The MFV responds to investigations involving large volumes of digital data and allows the bureau’s forensic examiners to perform analysis on a variety of digital media while on-site to identify devices of evidentiary value while limiting the seizure of devices that do not contain any relevant data. The MFV increases efficiency on scene, enhances investigative workflow, and decreases overall evidence storage.

SUPPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Support Operations Bureau consists of the Administration/Transcription Unit, MBIS/Fingerprint Unit, Criminal History Dissemination Unit, and the Records and Identification Unit. The bureau also oversees the Sex Offender Registry.

FY2025 SUPPORT OPERATIONS STATISTICS

NEW CRIMINAL RECORDS CREATED	14,715
AUTOMATED CRIMINAL RECORDS	869,070
STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	270,446
NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	47,906
SUBJECTS EXPUNGED	3,960
TOTAL SUBJECTS WITH FELONY ARRESTS	141,327

ADMINISTRATION/ TRANSCRIPTION UNIT

This unit provides administrative support to DCI leadership and is responsible for processing travel requests and subsequent requests for reimbursement and payroll for employees.

Employees in the transcription area process dictation from an array of media types. Many of these are associated with high-profile cases that demand a quick turnaround and pinpoint accuracy. **The unit processed 471 DCI investigative reports, 394 DCI investigative communiques, and 2,345 interviews and narratives.**

The unit also made great progress toward electronic storage as digitization of existing paper files continues. This will allow for faster document retrieval for agents and staff as well as provide safe long-term storage and redundancy.

MBIS/FINGERPRINT UNIT

The Multi Biometric Identification System (MBIS)/ Fingerprint Unit supports the biometric database used by all law enforcement agencies in Iowa.

MBIS contains fingerprints, palm prints, mugshots, tattoo photos, and unsolved latent prints. This unit also carries the responsibility of submitting arrest fingerprints and other biometric information to the FBI.

Additionally, this unit submits fingerprints to the FBI for non- criminal justice national criminal history record checks. Members of the ABIS unit also provide fingerprint training to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA), the Department of Public Safety Academy, and any other law enforcement agency that requests it.

The MBIS Unit processed 125,484 prints in FY2025.



CRIMINAL HISTORY DISSEMINATION UNIT

This unit provides criminal history record information to various entities including childcare centers, healthcare facilities, schools, businesses, as well as individuals. The unit also provides criminal history records to various criminal justice agencies, such as Iowa's county attorney offices and out of state law enforcement agencies.

In addition to providing Iowa criminal history records to the public upon proper request, this unit facilitates the civil applicant process for qualified entities to obtain fingerprint-based FBI national criminal history record information when permitted by state or federal law. It is

responsible for Iowa's compliance with rules promulgated by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact, which allows access to national criminal history record information for noncriminal justice purposes.

During FY2025, the Criminal History Dissemination Unit started developments in upgrading the Single Contact Repository (SING), which is a web-based service managed by the Department and provides a central location for authorized agencies to connect to DPS' Iowa criminal history and sex offender registry databases, HHS' child abuse and dependent adult abuse registries, and DIAL's professional licensing databases. With this upgrade, a complete overhaul will occur to the SING user interface,

modernizing a 25-year-old process to be more efficient, accessible, and user-friendly. This upgrade will leverage the enhancements that were made to the Dissemination Unit's work processes within Computerized Criminal History (CCH) during FY2024, to ensure that we continue to provide accurate and timely criminal history records and excellent customer service to agencies that serve Iowa's most vulnerable populations such as healthcare facilities, childcare centers, and schools, as well as state agencies that license those in the medical and education fields. Completion of this project is expected to be in January 2026.



CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS AND IDENTIFICATION SECTION

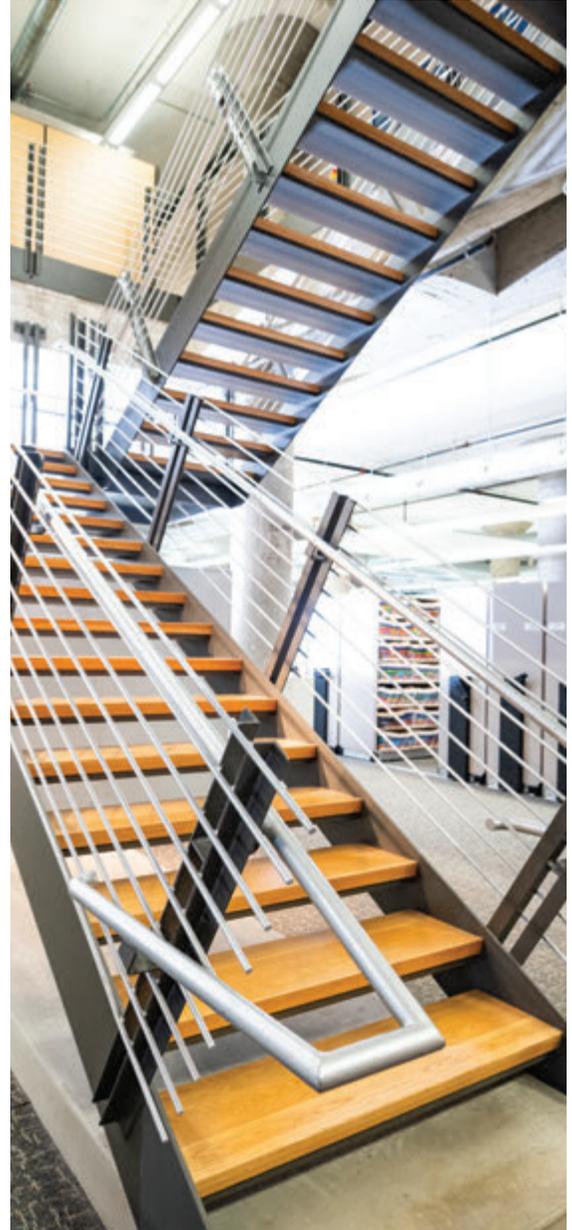
The Criminal History Records and Identification Section serves as Iowa’s central criminal history repository for fingerprint-backed records. These records include vital data on arrests, court dispositions, custody, and movements within correctional facilities for both adults and juveniles. This team remains dedicated to ensuring the accuracy and integrity of all records while also playing a critical role in educating criminal justice stakeholders on the significance of criminal history records and the essential role fingerprints play.

FY2025 MILESTONE:

A primary focus throughout FY2025 was the launch of Iowa’s new Computerized Criminal History (CCH) database. This system, which went live September 9, 2024, represents a crucial upgrade in managing the state’s approximately 869,070 active criminal history records and the nearly 3.6 million arrest and custody fingerprint card submissions. The previous system had become outdated and inefficient, raising compliance and maintenance concerns. The new CCH system has already made a significant impact in several areas:

- *Efficiency: The system offers enhanced access controls, tracking, and reporting capabilities that improve overall operational efficiency.*
- *Analytic Dashboard and Reporting: Tailored reports meet the specific needs of the Department and its various stakeholders, offering greater flexibility.*
- *User-Friendly Interface: Features such as dashboards, work queues, and internal notifications have enhanced team communication and coordination.*

This new system represents a significant advancement in how Iowa manages its criminal history data. By improving efficiency, customization, and communication, the CCH system ensures better data management and positions Iowa for continued success in criminal history record maintenance.



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Iowa Code Chapter 692A established the Iowa Sex Offender Registry (SOR) in July 1995. The registry lists the name and current address of offenders convicted or adjudicated of a criminal offense against a minor, sexual exploitation, or a sexually violent crime. Special agents assigned to the SOR work in coordination with Iowa sheriff’s offices to track and monitor current registered sex offenders to ensure their compliance with registration requirements. The civilian staff is responsible for maintaining a central repository of SOR records for the state, assisting and collaborating with registering agencies, and working with associated legal issues.

FY2025 SOR STATISTICS

TOTAL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	6,925
TOTAL NON-COMPLIANCE CASES	67



In FY2025, the SOR unveiled their newly upgraded website.

DIVISION OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT



The Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE) serves as the lead state agency in providing public safety through investigative enforcement of laws relating to narcotics and other controlled substances.

SPECIAL AGENTS

The primary duty and responsibility of a DNE Special Agent is to conduct complex criminal investigations of major drug trafficking organizations. These criminal organizations are responsible for the majority of the illicit controlled substances distributed and abused in Iowa. **In FY2025, agents disrupted or dismantled 98 drug trafficking organizations.**

The division primarily focuses its investigative efforts on methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, powder and crack cocaine, and marijuana. Pharmaceutical diversion and synthetic substances also require investigative resources and enforcement efforts due to their devastating effects.

DNE FY2025 SEIZURES	
METHAMPHETAMINE	356,026 GM
COCAINE	44,031 GM
CRACK COCAINE	1,227 GM
HEROIN	45,287 GM
FENTANYL	12,193 GM
MARIJUANA	489,373 GM
MARIJUANA PLANTS	37/304 GM
MDMA/ECSTASY	2,162 GM
PHARMACEUTICALS	1,595 DOSAGE UNITS
FIREARMS	418
INVESTIGATIONS	687
SEARCH WARRANTS	635
DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN	48
METH LABS SEIZED	3



TIP HOTLINE:

Call 800-532-0052 or
Email dneinfo@dps.state.ia.us

DNE maintains a toll-free hotline to allow citizens to report suspected drug activity. The hotline has been successful in garnering tips on drug activity and providing a line of communication for individuals wishing to cooperate with DNE. Every tip that comes into the hotline, or that is submitted to DNE via anonymous email, is distributed to one of the 17 field offices for evaluation and follow up.



PROTECTING IOWA'S CHILDREN

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children defines drug endangered children as those who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution. They may also be children whose caretaker's substance abuse interferes with their ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment. Special Agents are committed to identifying drug endangered children and ensuring that appropriate interventions occur for the children's health and safety.

SUPPORTING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Currently, there are 16 state grant-funded drug task forces and four federal task forces operating in the state. Special Agents are assigned to these task forces or collaborate with them on a regular basis. In addition, Special Agents respond to all requests for drug investigative services from counties and municipalities without established task forces, along with all law enforcement divisions within DPS.

IMPACT ON COROLLARY CRIME

The proactive work of agents has a significant impact on other crime that naturally follows or results from drug use, abuse, and distribution. In FY2025, there were numerous crimes committed with a direct nexus to drug use, abuse, dependency, and distribution. These crimes included: forgery, theft, robbery, fraud, accidental overdose deaths, assault, murder, child abuse, prescription fraud, vehicular accidents/homicide, home invasion, and burglary. The amount of resources we dedicate to narcotics enforcement efforts in Iowa has a direct and positive impact on the safety of all citizens.

FOCUS ON RURAL IOWA

Special Agents continue to investigate and seize large quantities of highly pure methamphetamine throughout the state. Recently, we have seen an increase in methamphetamine trafficking in our rural communities, with many of these large seizures now occurring in communities with populations of less than 10,000.

The increase in methamphetamine purity followed Iowa's success in limiting clandestine labs. A negative corollary of that victory, however, was an influx of highly pure methamphetamine from super labs located predominantly in Mexico. This high-purity form of the drug has migrated to smaller communities because of a saturated Iowa market that has driven prices down and a smaller law enforcement presence in sparsely populated areas.

DIVISION OF INTELLIGENCE & FUSION CENTER



The Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center (DOI/FC) is designated as Iowa’s Intelligence Fusion Center in accordance with the National Strategy for Information Sharing. The Iowa DOI/FC is unique compared to other Fusion Centers as it consists of Special Agents assigned to regions throughout Iowa, as well as Criminal Intelligence Analysts.

FY2025 INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY	
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION	19,842
PROJECT HOURS	3,307
SHIFT BRIEFS ISSUED	242
SHIFT BRIEF ITEMS	1,149
INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	
INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUPPORT	431
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	374
SECURING THE HOMELAND	
THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR LARGE GATHERINGS	3
EMERGENCY OPS ACTIVATIONS	4
EXERCISE PLANNING	3
INTEL MEETINGS	221
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	
IOWA TIPS RECEIVED	100
<i>NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING - IOWA RELATED HOTLINE TIPS</i>	21
TRAININGS PROVIDED	66
LAW ENFORCEMENT/ATTORNEYS/PUBLIC TRAINED	2,962
LODGING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES TRAINED	7,000
LODGING FACILITIES CERTIFIED	58
LODGING FACILITIES RE-CERTIFIED	394

INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS BUREAU

One of the DOI/FC’s core missions is to proactively identify individuals or groups who are committing crimes and to coordinate with our partners to bring these groups to justice. Another core mission is to provide useful information to law enforcement agencies as well as private sector contacts in an effort to make Iowa a safer place.

In order to fulfill the DOI/FC’s core missions, Special Agents assigned to the DOI/FC engage in law enforcement planning, intelligence collection, and operational activities to prevent crime and terrorism. This is achieved through sharing information proactively, identifying existing or emerging threats, and developing intervention strategies. Special Agents also provide field support to all divisions of DPS and to police departments, sheriff’s offices, and federal agencies in Iowa that need investigative and technical equipment services. Special Agents assigned to the DOI/FC also participate in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the FBI’s Field Intelligence Group, and the U.S. Marshal’s Fugitive Task Force.

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE NETWORK



The Iowa Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN) is an award-winning program established by the Department of Public Safety in 1984. State, county, and local law enforcement agencies from across the state provide support to LEIN operations. LEIN's membership consists of law enforcement officers who have successfully completed a two-week criminal intelligence course conducted by the DOI/FC. LEIN members work together to accomplish two related objectives:

1. *Develop and disseminate knowledge about significant criminal conditions which affect the state of Iowa, and;*
2. *Use this knowledge to identify, investigate, and remove these criminal conditions.*

The IOWAINTEX website was designed to provide a user-friendly and secure method for sharing intelligence and investigative information, along with the ability to submit requests to the Iowa Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center. This one-of-a-kind platform allows law enforcement and public/private sector entities to share information in real time in a secure environment. Since IOWAINTEX's inception in January 2023, 2,295 law enforcement officers from federal, state, and local agencies are using this crucial tool to combat crimes by sharing detailed intelligence information across the state. Between January 1, 2023, and August 31, 2025, officers have submitted, on average, **156 requests and 151 posts per month**. These requests and posts have led to the identification and arrest of suspects involved in such crimes as thefts, school threats, serial rapists, homicides, burglary rings, and criminal organizations.

ACCOLADES

In 2025, the Division of Intelligence's Office to Combat Human Trafficking (OCHT) played a crucial role in Operation Coast to Coast, a multi-state human trafficking initiative. This operation saw collaboration between law enforcement and service providers across 19 states, including Iowa, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Florida, New Jersey, Vermont, New York, Georgia, Nebraska, Ohio, and Oklahoma. The mission was to identify and support trafficking victims while bringing traffickers to justice.

During the operation, **92 adults** nationwide were contacted and offered services such as food, lodging, medical care, drug rehabilitation, counseling, and childcare. One juvenile was offered similar services. Nationwide, **77 adults** were identified as part of the operation, **41 search warrants** were executed, and **\$1.2 million dollars in United States currency** was seized.



ANALYSIS AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

The Division of Intelligence Analytical Team follows the five steps of the intelligence cycle: **planning and direction, collection, processing, analysis and production, and dissemination** to assist their law enforcement partners.

The intelligence cycle is the process of developing raw information into finished intelligence for law enforcement officers, investigators, and administrators. Finished intelligence products prepared by the analysts in the Homeland Security Bureau are often used for decision making, furthering ongoing investigations, or planning the allocation of resources.

One of the core functions of a Criminal Intelligence Analyst is fulfilling requests for information (RFIs). Local, state, and federal law enforcement partners frequently request information from

the DOI/FC concerning crimes they are investigating. RFIs can range from a simple request such as for an individual's address or phone number, to a complex request, which requires finding as much information as possible on a subject. The latter could result in querying as many as 40 data sources and could take hours to complete.

DOI/FC analysts provide case support and investigative assistance for all crimes including homicides, drug trafficking, robberies, child abductions, missing persons, human trafficking, threats against public officials, school safety threats, and multi-jurisdictional organized criminal activity. DOI/FC personnel also participate in regional and national associations that set standards for professionals working in this field. On a regular basis, the DOI/FC briefs government officials on issues of importance. The DOI/FC remains committed to helping our law enforcement partners in preventing, predicting, and solving crimes.

OFFICE TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Division of Intelligence also houses the Iowa Office to Combat Human Trafficking (OCHT). The OCHT's website hosts a training platform, resources, tip line, and approved lodging provider information.

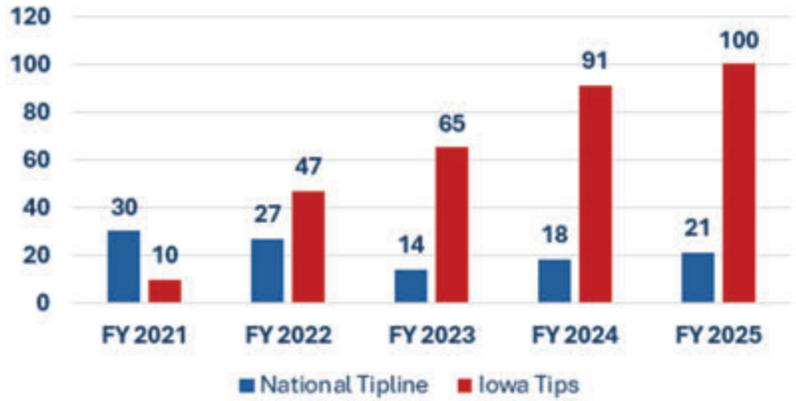
In December 2021, the Department of Public Safety was required to develop a certification process for lodging providers to educate and train their employees on human trafficking prevention. Once the lodging provider employees took the approved human trafficking prevention training, the OCHT would certify the lodging provider for three years. During this reporting period, the OCHT enacted the renewal process for lodging providers with expired certifications.

To date, the OCHT has certified more than **782 lodging providers** and facilitated human trafficking prevention training to over **31,900 employees** in the lodging industry. The OCHT has renewed the certification for 394 lodging providers during this reporting period.

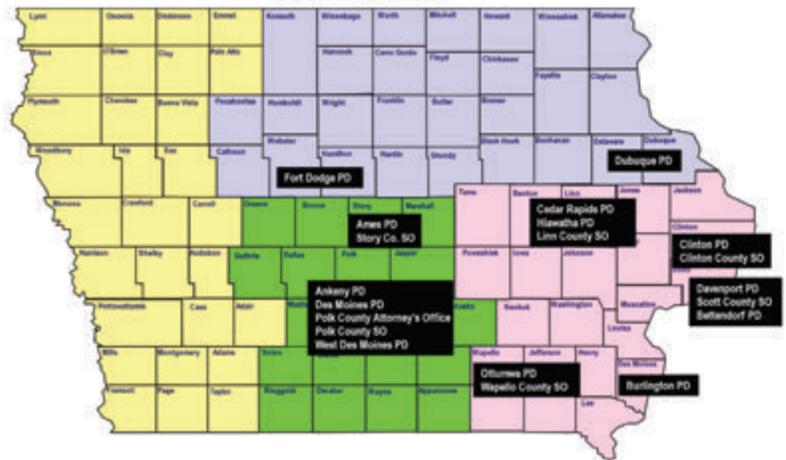
The OCHT is currently producing a multimedia and outreach campaign to educate the public and private sectors, and law enforcement partners on how to identify human trafficking.

In May 2024, the OCHT created a multi-jurisdictional task force consisting of 19 law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking. The primary mission of the task force is to identify victims and traffickers by using collective resources to dismantle human trafficking organizations, rescue victims, and facilitate criminal prosecution of state and federal crimes.

Human Trafficking Tips



OCHT Task Force



HUMAN TRAFFICKING
SEE IT • REPORT IT

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stopthiowa.org
call 855-614-4692 (855-614-IOWA)
Iowa Human Trafficking Hotline

EMERGENCY 911

In January of 2025, the OCHT created a human trafficking tipline telephone number 855-614-4692. The information received is processed by the OCHT and the information is passed on to the local or county agencies in the reported jurisdictions for further investigation.

IOWA STATE PATROL DIVISION



The Iowa State Patrol's primary mission is saving lives through traffic enforcement. The State Patrol is uniquely positioned to respond and provide sustained assistance to local agencies during large-scale events or natural disasters occurring in our state. These events have included prison disturbances, civil unrest, the Iowa State Fair, high-risk warrant services, sporting events, VIP/dignitary visits, and specialty unit support.

The Iowa State Patrol (ISP) is responsible for providing law enforcement services throughout Iowa. The Iowa State Patrol is divided into four field operations areas and 15 statewide districts. District 16 provides executive protection services and capitol complex and legislative security. Each district office houses not only the State Patrol but other DPS divisions as well. Each district has a Lieutenant who serves as the District Commander and Sergeants who serve as Assistant District Commanders. Captains are assigned to supervise each of the four areas and report to the Field Operations Major. Administrative Operations are also overseen by a Major. In July 2023, the Iowa Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Enforcement Bureau was transferred to DPS, where it became a specialized unit within the Iowa State Patrol known as the Commercial Vehicle Unit (CMVU). The CMVU Captains are assigned to oversee the unit and report to the CMVU Major. The chief of the Iowa State Patrol is Colonel Nathan Fulk. The Iowa State Patrol is authorized to employ 496 Troopers. However, current staffing levels sit at 431 Troopers due to retirements, interdepartmental transfers, and ongoing recruitment challenges.

Troopers patrol and conduct traffic enforcement on Iowa's highways and interstate systems. Iowa State Patrol personnel also provide police services throughout the state for many special events, including the Iowa State Fair, county fairs, town festivals, and large sporting events. During the fall, Troopers assist the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa with security due to increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic associated with football game days. The Iowa State Patrol provides support services

to other law enforcement agencies and government entities including state, federal, county, and municipal partners. Examples include **Technical Collision and Reconstruction Investigations, Vehicle Theft, Crisis Negotiators, Critical Incident Debrief Teams, a Police Service Dog (K9) Unit, Tactical Response Teams, Honor Guard, and Public Resource Officers**. The Iowa State Patrol also provides enforcement, search, and surveillance capabilities with the only law enforcement aircraft assets available in Iowa. Troopers receive extensive training in order to operate in these specialty areas.

Every calendar year, the Iowa State Patrol establishes traffic safety goals. Goals for FY2025 focused on **Seatbelts, Impaired driving, Distracted driving, and Excessive speeding (S.I.D.E.)**. By getting the public to "S.I.D.E. With Us," we hope to reduce preventable traffic fatalities below 300 annually. The Iowa State Patrol works with the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and local agencies in achieving our goals. In CY2024, Iowa fatalities decreased from 379 to 357. Like other states, Iowa continues to experience many egregious (over 100 mph) and excessive (25 mph over limit) speed violations, pursuits, and fatal crashes. The Iowa State Patrol continues to partner with our local and county agencies and our Midwest state police counterparts to drive crashes down.



ROAD TROOPERS

Although the duties of a State Trooper have expanded, the motto and mission of the Iowa State Patrol remain the same. Our motto of **“Courtesy, Service, and Protection”** provides the framework for how our personnel approach their duties. Ola Babcock Miller’s mission statement of “save lives first” guides our enforcement efforts. In FY2025, the Iowa State Patrol developed its initiatives based upon crash data analysis. Unbelted drivers, impaired drivers, distracted driving, and excessive speed were identified as leading causes of crashes resulting in personal injury and death. With traffic volumes returning to pre-COVID-19 levels, recurring excessive and egregious speeding and other dangerous driving behaviors continue to be the primary causal factors of our traffic fatalities. The development of a **Fatality Reduction Task Force and Traffic Enforcement Advisory Teams** have assisted in developing strategies to mitigate the driving behaviors responsible for motor vehicle crashes and to focus our enforcement efforts.

FY2025 ISP ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

SEATBELT CITATIONS	15,414
SPEEDING CITATIONS	94,278
DISTRACTED DRIVING CITATIONS	1,720
IMPAIRED DRIVER ARRESTS	1,561
CRASHES INVESTIGATED	4,557
MOTORISTS ASSISTED	12,360
PATROLLED MILES ON ROADWAYS	~24,000,000
TRAFFIC STOPS	270,649
FATALITIES INVESTIGATED	210

Troopers also logged **504,854** hours of “Special Assignment” time, including disaster response, crowd management and demonstrations, sporting events, training, dignitary protection, and other special events throughout the state.

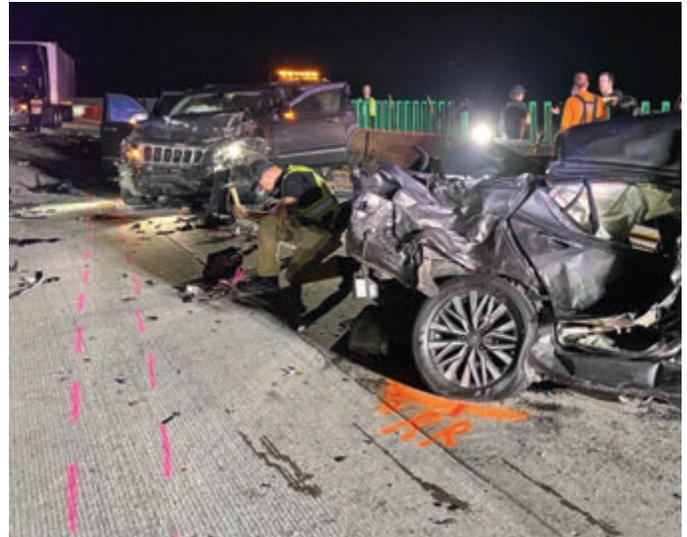
TECHNICAL COLLISION INVESTIGATION

The Technical Collision Investigation Unit and Reconstructionist Program consists of Troopers who receive advanced training in collision investigation and reconstruction. These Troopers are called to investigate collisions involving high civil liability, serious injury, and death. Troopers assigned to the unit also provide expert witness testimony concerning crash dynamics and aid other law enforcement agencies when requested. The unit provides basic, advanced, and technical collision investigation instruction at the Department of Public Safety Academy and Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The unit provides updated training for all Troopers, local law enforcement, Technical Collision Investigators, and Collision Reconstructionists. The unit also serves as a law enforcement liaison to local schools through the Governor's STEM program, providing programs on the use of math and technology in law enforcement.

Technical Investigators and Reconstructionists are **trained in crash scene evidence collection, mathematical speed calculations, crash data retrieval, and the use of mapping and drawing software.** The Iowa State Patrol Technical Collision Investigators use advanced tools and equipment to accurately map and measure collision scenes and obtain vehicle data stored in most newer cars. This technology has the capability to assist Troopers in explaining how a crash occurred by indicating how fast the vehicle may have been traveling. In FY2025, ISP Technical Collision Investigators conducted **142 technical collision investigations.** Out of the completed investigations in FY2025, 25 were attributed to speeds of 25 MPH or more over the posted speed limit, 29 were attributed to impairment by alcohol and/or drugs, and 21 were attributed to distracted driving through use of an electronic device.

The Technical Collision Investigation Unit operates Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to complete photogrammetry, scene measurements, and vehicle exams, and are all FAA-Certified Remote Pilots. In times of natural disaster, the unit also provides an aerial overview to first responders, to include areas of flooding and tornado damage. In FY2025, the Technical Collision Investigation Unit conducted **1,206 drone flights,** totaling 9,043 minutes of flight and capturing 123,021 aerial photographs.

Iowa State Patrol Investigators also respond to requests from the Division of Criminal Investigation, the State Fire Marshal's Office, along with local and federal agencies for assistance with crime scene documentation. In FY2025, the Technical Collision Investigation Unit assisted with documenting 37 crime scenes through measurements and aerial photography.

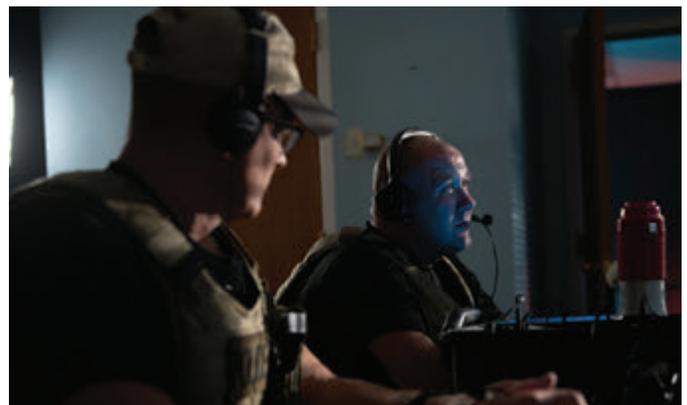


CRISIS NEGOTIATORS

During FY2025, the ISP Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU) responded to **approximately 70 calls for service.** Ten calls involved a weapon, and two calls involved a hostage or incidental third party. Negotiators responded to seven suicidal subject calls and 12 lives were saved because of negotiator support or direct intervention. Other calls included barricaded subjects, armed subjects with hostages, high-risk warrants, roadside standoffs, amber alerts, and mentally ill subjects.

Notable callouts include a seventeen-hour standoff in Storm Lake and two separate standoffs in Howard County – one involving officers being pinned down by gun fire and the other involving a child hostage. Other notable calls include a hostage standoff in Chickasaw County and several armed subjects who were barricaded in their vehicles.

ISP Negotiators are often called to assist law enforcement partners throughout the state in either an advisory capacity or to augment smaller teams. ISP Negotiators continue to build partnerships with other state, federal, and local agencies with the goal of preserving life.



MOBILE FIELD FORCE

Established in 2024, the Department of Public Safety's Mobile Field Force provides specialized response, equipment, and expertise to missions such as civil disturbances, natural disasters, search and rescue, and prison riots. This is accomplished by using leadership, teamwork, and special training to resolve situations beyond day-to-day law enforcement operations. It is comprised of four area teams with each team consisting of 13 Troopers/Special Agents and two Sergeants who serve as the area team leaders. The Mobile Field Force is available to respond to any incident, disaster, or emergency as directed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. This includes support to federal, state, or local law enforcement.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

The Iowa State Patrol Administrative Operations oversees all support functions for the division. This includes budgeting, procurement, vehicle upfitting, managing our Fleet and Supply building, meeting the Patrol's technology needs, and maintaining the Patrol's district offices. Administrative Operations maintains the Department's vehicle fleet, conducts testing, and makes recommendations for new equipment. All of this is done with a strong focus on fiscal responsibility, superior customer service, and emerging technology for modern law enforcement.

In FY2025, ISP Administrative Operations played an instrumental role in a multi-year process of issuing body-worn cameras to all sworn personnel. Additionally, a new location was purchased for a DPS Fleet and Supply and Remote Service Center. This facility will be approximately two and a half times as large as the current facility and will provide long-term stability. A fall 2025 move in date is planned.

POLICE SERVICE DOGS

The Iowa State Patrol continues to deploy Police Service Dogs (PSD) throughout the state. The PSDs and their handlers have undergone extensive training and are certified to conduct patrol and narcotics-related duties. The State Patrol currently has seven dual-purpose PSDs stationed across the state. The PSD/handler teams train with the tactical units and with other law enforcement PSD teams to improve their skills and provide a valuable resource in bringing critical and complex incidents to a safe resolution. During FY2025, the PSD unit deployed **249 times. The deployments included 135 narcotics missions and 86 patrol (tracking, apprehension, and evidence recovery) missions along with 28 school sniffs and demonstrations.** They also showcased their capabilities at the Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair.





HONOR GUARD

The Iowa State Patrol Honor Guard performs one of our most distinguished roles. They have the humble responsibility to represent the Iowa State Patrol at any function where appearance and professionalism are called upon. They represent both the Department and the State of Iowa at services when a Trooper or officer is killed in the line of duty. They provide flag folding and burial services for our retired members. Every May, the State Patrol Honor Guard plays a significant role at the State Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony located at the Oran Pape State Office Building. Currently, **36 Troopers and eight Supervisors** serve on the ISP Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard **participated in 39 events in FY2025**. Members traveled to three other states to represent the Iowa State Patrol in honoring officers killed in the line of duty. Honor Guard members also provided services at eight retiree funerals, as well as numerous conferences, parades, fairs and DPS graduations. In addition, the Honor Guard participated in and assisted our municipal and county partners with five local peace officer memorial services.



PUBLIC RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Iowa State Patrol's Public Resource Officers (PROs) have historically provided educational presentations to the public on motor vehicle safety. Over the years, these topics have expanded to include internet, bicycle, pedestrian, and campus safety. In FY2025, State Patrol PROs provided over **1,800 presentations** to schools, places of worship, service clubs, and businesses throughout the state. In addition, they conducted **681 school bus inspections**. The PROs continue to promote the message of the Iowa State Patrol and traffic safety through local media contacts and social media. In FY2025, they had the opportunity to participate in **1,522 public service announcements** and interviews with the media. Social media continues to be a great tool to inform and spread messages regarding traffic safety. The PROs' roles are instrumental in staying connected with our communities and schools statewide.





AIR WING

The Iowa State Patrol Air Wing is available to assist local, state, and federal agencies with any mission where an air asset is needed. These missions vary from speed enforcement to aerial surveillance. While traffic safety is the core mission, the Air Wing’s capabilities have expanded over the past five years. Trooper Pilots are trained and ready to assist with **searches for missing people or wanted fugitives, traffic control during large events, natural disaster assessment, tactical team intelligence gathering, prisoner relays, organ relays, narcotic surveillance, criminal investigations, and executive transport.**

Since the unit’s inception in 1956, its mission has been to enforce Iowa’s traffic laws from the air. The Air Wing began with two Piper Super Cub aircraft, and now has expanded to

include three Cessna 182s, one Cessna 206, one Cirrus SR-22, and one Cessna Grand Caravan. Three of the six aircraft are equipped with camera systems. **Six pilots** currently fly out of two locations: Iowa City and Ankeny. The Iowa State Patrol previously received funding to establish a new hangar in Ankeny to serve as its base of operations. The hangar will be completed in the fall of 2025, and will be the first facility owned by the Department since the inception of the Air Wing.

In FY2025, Trooper Pilots flew **217 missions**, separate from speed enforcement projects. Of those missions, 19 were assisting either DEA, ATF, FBI, or US Marshals. In FY2025, Trooper Pilots generated **6,895 traffic enforcement contacts**. This was an increase from 5,149 the previous year. The Air Wing assisted with at least **31 motor vehicle pursuits**.





TACTICAL TEAMS

The mission of the Iowa State Patrol Tactical Teams is to "Save Lives." This is accomplished by using teamwork and tactics to resolve situations that are beyond the normal scope of routine law enforcement. The teams are made up of **48 Troopers** across the state and are available to assist federal, state, county, and local agencies when requested, and when specially trained and equipped personnel are necessary for a successful resolution. In FY2025, the Iowa State Patrol Tactical Teams responded to **68 total callouts**, with 61 being high-risk calls for service. Notable callouts included four barricaded suspects and one hostage rescue of a young boy. The Tactical Teams respond to high-risk search warrants, clandestine lab

warrants, arrest warrants for high-risk suspects, civil and institutional disturbances, barricaded suspects and hostage situations, field searches for fugitives and missing persons, surveillance operations, natural disaster response, VIP security details, homeland security operations, and response to mass casualty incidents. In addition, the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has mandated response protocols to potential weapons of mass destruction (WMD) events involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive (CBRNE) threats that include a tactical response capability. Our Tactical Teams meet this need by conducting high-risk tactical missions in a CBRNE environment. The Iowa State Patrol dedicates two of the four tactical teams (24 operators) to this response capability.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE UNIT

The core mission of the Iowa State Patrol's Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit (CMVU) is to regulate the commercial motor vehicle industry through enforcement of state and federal law regarding the operation of commercial motor vehicles on our roadways. Duties of a CMVU Trooper include but are not limited to:

- Enforcing traffic and criminal laws to promote the safety of the public and reduce crashes to expedite traffic flow and freight movement
- Inspecting commercial vehicles and drivers to determine compliance with state and federal laws relating to driver qualification, hours of service, driver licensing, vehicle size and weight, and vehicle safety compliance
- Conducting safety audits on new interstate carriers based in Iowa
- Protecting Iowa's highway system and infrastructure through the enforcement of size, weight, and cargo laws
- Operating the state's ten weigh station facilities
- Providing training to the motor carrier industry, the public, law enforcement, and other governmental groups
- Assisting other law enforcement officers when requested or the situation dictates
- Preparing and testifying in court to present the facts surrounding any civil, criminal, or departmental action



CMVU FY2025 ACTIVITIES

TOTAL CMVS WEIGHED	905,695
CMVS WEIGHED ON PATROL	5,327
TOTAL SCALE OPERATION HOURS	15,228
# OF HOURS WORKED AT SCALES	26,005
# OF VEHICLES INSPECTED	46,810
# OF CMV CITATIONS ISSUED	27,348
# OF CMV WARNINGS ISSUED	108,867
# OF SIZE AND WEIGHT VIOLATIONS	13,410
# OF INDUSTRY OUTREACH TRAININGS	196
# OF NEW ENTRANT AUDITS	556
% OF DRIVER OUT OF SERVICE VIOLATIONS	11%
% OF VEHICLES PLACED OUT OF SERVICE	34%

STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION



The State Fire Marshal (SFM) Division is comprised of the **Arson and Explosives Bureau** and the **Fire Service Training Bureau**. The SFM employs 12 sworn officers and eight civilian employees.

The duties of the SFM Division play an integral part in not only investigating fire and rendering safe procedures on improvised explosive devices (IEDs), but also in training and certifying Iowa's firefighters.

Note: The Fire Prevention Bureau, Building Code Bureau, and the Electrical Bureau were moved to the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing in July 2023.

FY2025 SFM STATS

ACCIDENTAL FIRES	15
INCENDIARY FIRES	17
UNDETERMINED FIRES	78
EXPLOSIVE DISPOSAL	40
SUSPECTED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES	25
FIRES UNDER INVESTIGATION	13

ARSON AND EXPLOSIVES BUREAU

The Arson and Explosives Bureau has one Special Agent in Charge and ten Special Agents that investigate fire scenes to determine cause and whether that cause has any nexus to criminal activity. The bureau is also an **FBI accredited bomb squad** that responds to and investigates explosive-related incidents.

Each Special Agent of the Arson and Explosives Bureau is required to complete six weeks of training and recertification every three years to be certified as a bomb technician through the FBI Hazardous Devices School in Huntsville, Alabama. They must also complete 288 hours of continued education per year to remain certified.



FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU

The Fire Service Training Bureau (FSTB) is recognized as Iowa's designated state fire academy, providing quality education, training, national certification, and consultation to Iowa's fire and emergency services. The FSTB is located at the Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center in Johnston, Iowa. This facility, including the expansive training grounds, has allowed for additional growth in the delivery of educational and training programs. The strong partnership between the Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Iowa National Guard has been instrumental in advancing the FSTB mission and continues to be an asset in its next development phase.

In FY2025, FSTB coordinated **786 training programs that reached 13,623 students. This amounted to students receiving over 181,861 contact hours with FSTB programs.** These courses consisted of a blend of both basic and advanced specialty training. The FSTB had 324 mobile training adjunct deployments to local fire departments across the state. Some of these training adjuncts included driving simulators, pump panel simulators, mobile breathing apparatus training trailer, mobile training tower, mobile interior fire attack simulator, vehicle fire prop, tanker rollover simulator, and our confined space rescue prop. The FSTB maintains this fleet of 20 mobile training props and is proud to provide many educational and training opportunities to Iowa's fire service.

The FSTB is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard®). The FSTB is accredited to award 14 levels of national certification, an increase of two from the 12 offered

in FY2025. The FSTB coordinated 166 certification exam sites across the state in FY2025, administering a total of 2,969 written and 1,265 psychomotor skills certification examinations. A total of 1,075 national certifications were awarded from the various disciplines.

The FSTB continues to manage the Firefighting Equipment Revolving Loan Program. In FY2025, the FSTB managed 10 loans to local municipalities and fire departments with funding totaling \$543,000. Most of the loan requests have been for the replacement of old and NFPA non-compliant fire apparatuses.



Construction of a new fire training tower located at Camp Dodge was completed in FY2025. The facility allows for live fire training and training evolutions to be conducted in a safe and controlled environment under the supervision of instructors. The facility's open house was held on June 30, 2025.



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