

# Iowa Department of Public Safety



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*Celebrating Successes,  
Through Public Safety*

On behalf of the Iowa Department of Public Safety, (DPS), I am pleased to submit the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report. This report highlights the dedication, effort and successes put forth by all members of the Department of Public Safety. It is our hope that after reading this report, you will know the many accomplishments of the Department and learn how we continually serve the citizens of the State of Iowa.

Our Department has been very fortunate and grateful to receive continued support from our citizens, lawmakers and the Governor, allowing us to operate with continued success, keeping the citizens of Iowa safe. This report shows how vital and valuable the services are to our great state.

As you review this report, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding our Department's efforts to serve the State of Iowa by providing safety through law enforcement. It is truly our privilege to serve the citizens of Iowa.

We look forward to continually serving you.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Noble  
Commissioner





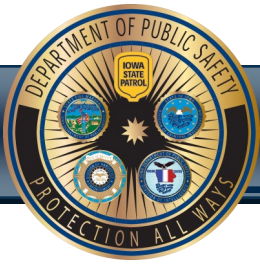
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# Commissioner's Office

## Commissioner of Public Safety

The Commissioner of Public Safety is the chief executive officer of the Department of Public Safety. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate.

## Executive Officer

The Executive Officer is responsible for coordinating and consulting with the Commissioner of Public Safety related to Departmental priorities, initiatives, goals and objectives. The Executive Officer supervises the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and the Professional Standards Bureau while also working closely with the Administrative Rules Coordinator and the Policy Advisor. The responsibilities of the Executive Officer also include collaborating and communicating with the Division Directors on day-to-day operations and activities.

## Administrative Rules Coordinator

The Administrative Rules Coordinator & Legal Trainer is responsible for administrative rule-making for the Department, for coordinating departmental planning efforts, for coordinating training on legal issues for personnel within the Department, and for addressing privacy, civil rights and civil liberties concerns in the Department. In FY 2014, a stakeholder group was formed to focus on criminal history checks for volunteers, and the study process began for amending the Electrical Code and the Building Code, to make them compatible with related regulatory codes. Special training programs focused on human trafficking were developed for law enforcement, prosecutors and others.

## Policy Advisor

The duties of the Policy Advisor include working with a wide range of government officials, as well as governmental, non-profit, and private entities to refine legislation of interest to the Department. Additional duties include coordinating departmental efforts to implement new laws, which may involve assisting with administrative rulemaking; developing forms and resource documents; and training DPS personnel and other stakeholders. The Policy Advisor also assists with researching and resolving questions related to criminal laws, departmental operations generally, and interpretation of new or changed laws, and assists all divisions and bureaus with public relations, citizen inquiries, and public information requests related to public safety policy issues. During FY 2014, the Policy Advisor devoted considerable time to the passage of legislation related to regulating the precursor ingredients used to manufacture methamphetamine. This new law would make it a class D felony to possess certain everyday substances, if a person has the intent to manufacture methamphetamine with them. This law will help fight against the resurgence of methamphetamine production by a new procedure called the "one-pot" method.



Within the Commissioner's Office, there are individual staff members, as well as two bureaus which fulfill vital roles for the Department, and most importantly for the citizens of Iowa. Those staff members work as liaisons between Iowans, media, legislators, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and other members of the Department. Every day, the Commissioner's Office fields inquiries from both citizens and media, as well as collaborates with local law enforcement and fire agencies and assists other state departments and branches of government.







## **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 subsequent deaths, injuries and property damage on Iowa's roadways. These programs include strategies associated with traffic enforcement, public education and awareness, media campaigns and community involvement. Statewide crash data is utilized for a performance-based approach. Goals of programs within the state include encouraging behavioral changes toward traffic safety to make highways safer for the citizens and visitors to Iowa.



During FY 2014, the GTSB managed 304 contracts totaling \$4,988,456. Iowa continues to see positive results in traffic safety due to collaborative efforts. An example of success is Iowa's safety belt usage rate of 92% which continues to be above the national average. Also, at the end of calendar year 2013, Iowa traffic fatalities were documented at 317; a 65% decrease from 912 fatalities recorded in 1970.



## **Professional Standards Bureau**

The Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) is the internal investigative unit for DPS. When a complaint is filed against one of the Department's employees, PSB has the responsibility to conduct or supervise a thorough internal investigation. As a result of the 67 alleged misconduct investigations in FY 2014, only nine were found to be sustained, meaning it was determined that the accused employee committed all or part of the alleged act(s) of misconduct. Additionally, PSB handled several other requests for service. Those requests included tracking progress on employee grievances, lawsuits, and civil rights claims filed against the Department of Public Safety. For statistical analysis, PSB also tracked all uses of force and vehicle pursuits conducted by members of the DPS.





# Administrative Services Division

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

## Finance Bureau

The Finance Bureau provides basic support services to the Department, such as budget and accounting. In FY 2014, more than 9,433 expense claims were processed on behalf of nearly 2,000 vendors and employees, for non-payroll expenses totaling \$44.5 million. Also, 3,844 deposits were made totaling more than \$45 million in revenue.

The Bureau also maintains the Department's fixed assets inventory valued at \$41 million and serves as the custodian of all seized cash and valuables until disposed of as directed by court order or other mandates.

## Human Resources and Peace Officer Retirement

The Human Resources and Peace Officer Retirement areas insured the proper payment of salaries and benefits to employees and retirees during FY 2014. The Human Resources Office paid more than \$94 million in salaries and more than \$25 million in retirement benefits.

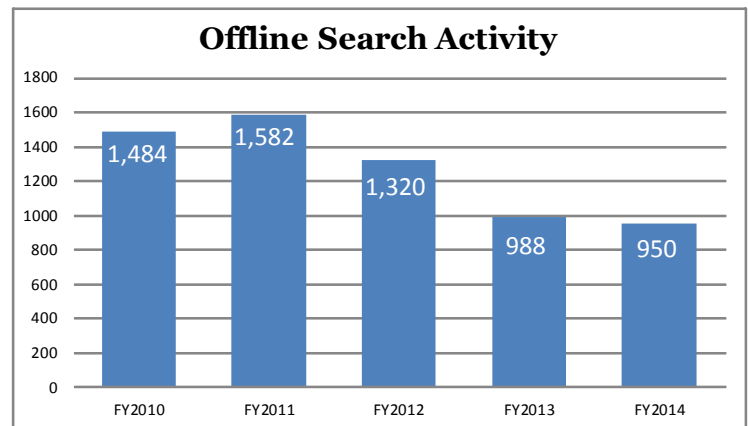
## Technology Services Bureau

The Technology Services Bureau coordinates the computer-related needs by providing, maintaining and securing the data and telecommunications infrastructure for the Department. Additionally, the Bureau maintains the Iowa Online Warrants and Articles System (IOWA System), a computer system and network that provides access to a wide variety of criminal justice information for police departments, sheriff's offices, Iowa courts, county attorneys, federal law enforcement agencies and various other criminal justice and public safety agencies throughout Iowa. Such data includes wanted/missing persons, stolen vehicles and articles, protective orders, sex offenders, motor vehicle registration files, driver's license records, criminal history records and correctional information.

The network also provides a gateway to other states via the International Justice and Public Safety Network (Nlets), and the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and to other countries through INTERPOL.

## 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; Private Investigative, Private Security and Bail Enforcement Licensing; Fire Safe Cigarette Certification Program.





### ***Private Investigative, Private Security, and Bail Enforcement Licensing***

Chapter 80A of the Iowa Code stipulates that private security, private investigative and bail enforcement agencies and their employees doing business in Iowa must 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. At the end of FY 2014, there were 8,107 valid employee ID cards held by private security, private investigative, and bail enforcement employees. For the same period, there were 228 Private Investigative Agencies, 112 Private Security Agencies, and 4 Bail Enforcement Agencies.

### ***Weapons Permit Program***

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

Before a change in weapons permit law took effect in 2011, 40,747 annual permits to carry weapons were issued (calendar year 2010). In CY 2014, 53,796 five-year permits were issued. In addition to the permits issued in CY 2014, all permits issued in CY 2011, 2012, and 2013 remain valid, except for a small number revoked or suspended for cause. In all, more than 200,000 Iowans now hold a Permit to Carry Weapons.

### ***Professional Development Bureau***

The Professional Development Bureau (PDB) is responsible for facilitating training for approximately 580 sworn peace officers in the Department of Public Safety. During FY 2014, the PDB coordinated the following training: Active Armed Encounters, Biased Based Policing, EMS/CPR, Cultural Awareness, Ethics, Human Trafficking, Iowa's Open Carry Law, Mental Health Awareness, 1st Line Supervisor – Leadership Training, an O.W.I. update and training regarding Security Awareness. All sworn officers also received training on firearms, use of force and real, life-like scenario based training via the MILO Range – firearms training simulator. The PDB also coordinated medical physicals and physical fitness training for all sworn officers in the department. This bureau also conducts departmental staff inspections, manages property/evidence, maintains all policies for the department and facilitates the basic academy.

During FY 2014, the 37th Department of Public Safety Basic Academy concluded on February 28, 2014. Six recruits from the Department of Public Safety graduated and took their oath of office, beginning their law enforcement careers. The 38th Department of Public Safety Basic Academy began on June 20, 2014, and will graduate on November 7, 2014.







# Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation

The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) was created in 1921 to provide investigative support and expertise to law enforcement agencies across the state.

Today, the division is comprised of four functional areas: Criminalistics Laboratory, Field Operations Bureau, Special Enforcement Operations Bureau, and Support Operations Bureau.

### 2014 DCI Staffing

Sworn Personnel	155
Crime Lab Personnel	49.5
Other Civilian Staff	48

### Criminalistics Laboratory

The DCI Criminalistics Laboratory employees provide professional forensic scientific services and support to the criminal justice community throughout Iowa.

The lab is accredited under the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board's International (ISO based) accreditation program, and provides forensic science capabilities to the Iowa criminal justice community in the following disciplines: Arson and Explosives, Crime Scene Response/Processing, Breath Alcohol, Drug Identification, DNA (casework and offender profiling), Impression Evidence (latent prints, tire tracks, footwear), Firearms and Tool Marks, Photography & Video Enhancement, Questioned Documents, Toxicology and Trace Evidence.

The lab launched a breath alcohol website that enables attorneys, law enforcement and members of the public to monitor activity related to drunken driving and public intoxication in communities across Iowa. The site tracks and publishes the results of breath alcohol tests related to specific investigations.

### Crime Lab by the Numbers in FY2014:

Case Assignments Created.....	14,957
Case Assignments Completed.....	14,354
Case Assignment Backlog.....	2,699
Case Assignment Average Turnaround.....	58.02 days



Also, in FY 2014, the DCI Lab processed 7,081 convicted offender DNA profiles into CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) and made 877 entries into NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network).

### Field Operations Bureau

In FY 2014, as part of a reorganization of DPS, the Missing Person Information Clearinghouse (MPIC) was placed under the Administration/Transcription Unit (which had been a part of the Support Operations Bureau) and was added to this bureau. The Sex Offender Registry Unit, which had also been a part of the "Support Operations Bureau", was also placed under this bureau. This bureau is also comprised of the Major Crime Unit (MCU) and the Cyber Crime Unit (CCU).

### Major Crime Unit

The agents of this unit conduct and coordinate complex criminal investigations to insure that those who violate the law are held accountable for their actions, enhancing the safety and welfare of the citizens of the state of Iowa. Examples of the types of cases that MCU Special Agents work are as follows, but are not limited to: death investigations, child abductions, kidnappings, sexual assaults, public corruption, officer-involved shootings and large thefts. These agents provide expertise in all areas of the investigative process, which includes major case coordination, witness testimony, the execution of search warrants, witness and suspect interviews, crime scene searches and evidence collection.

### FY2014 - Major Cases

Major Crime cases opened.....	129
Major Crime cases resolved.....	78
Major Crime arrests.....	61

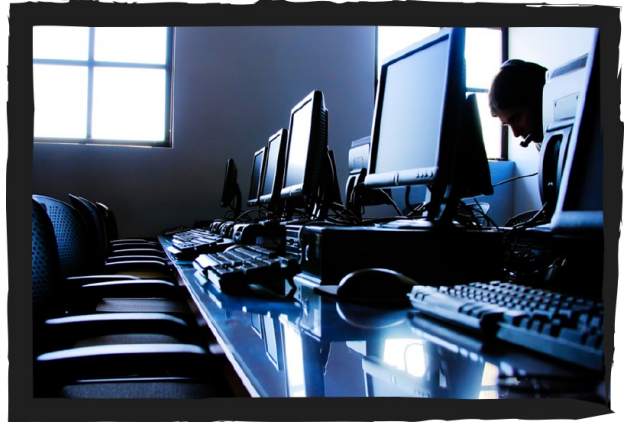




### Cyber Crime Unit

The Cyber Crime Unit is responsible for criminal investigations involving the utilization of digital technology and is responsible for investigations involving a variety of source media elements. Almost every major investigation, from homicide investigations to fraud and child exploitation, involves the storage of large volumes of information in a digital format.

The complex analysis and retrieval of vital evidentiary information from digital source media (i.e. computer hard drive, optical media, digital cameras, etc.) and other digital storage devices requires the completion of a comprehensive forensic examination. Such forensic examinations are conducted by computer forensic examiners assigned to the CCU. This analysis often takes months to complete based on the large volume of conventional storage. Many times the successful resolution of these high profile investigations relies upon the recovery of evidentiary information identified during the course of the analysis of the digital evidence submitted for identification.



Cyber-crime is rapidly becoming a principal element of criminal activity nationally and the state of Iowa is not impervious to this element. Law enforcement must have an adequate specialized component service to address the need for investigation and analysis. Although these investigations present some of the greatest challenges, based in part on the advancements in technology, law enforcement must remain vigilant in their attempt to respond to a wide array of cyber investigations.

These investigations include protecting Iowa's children from internet predators, as well as fraudulent internet scams that can deprive the trusting citizens of their life savings.

FY 2014 Number of Forensic Exams.....1,393

FY 2014 Number of Cyber arrests.....88

### Sex Offender Registry

Chapter 692A of the Iowa Code established the Iowa Sex Offender Registry in July of 1995. The registry lists names and current addresses of offenders convicted or adjudicated of a criminal offense against a minor, sexual exploitation, or a sexual violent crime. The registry has three newer programs, "Most Wanted Page", "Offender Watch" Program, and "Facebook". Special Agents assigned to the SOR work in coordination with Iowa sheriff's offices to track and monitor current registered sex offenders to insure their compliance with registration requirements set forth in the Iowa Code.

FY 2014 Total number of registered sex offenders.....5,923

FY 2014 Total sex offender non-compliance cases.....250







**Field Operations Bureau Cont'd.**

**Administration/MPIC/Transcription**

**Administration** – Employees in this area provide administrative support for DCI leadership, are responsible for processing travel requests and subsequent requests for reimbursement and payroll for employees.

**Transcription** – Employees in this unit process pieces of dictation from multiple types of media. Many of these are for cases that are high profile, which require a timely and accurate turnaround. On average, the unit prepares over 3,000 pieces of dictation a year.

**MPIC** - This employee assists in helping to locate missing persons through public awareness, social media and cooperation, and in educating law enforcement officers and the general public about missing person issues. The clearinghouse maintains a close liaison with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

In 2009, the MPIC became involved in the National Missing Children’s Poster Contest, whereby each year 5<sup>th</sup> graders from across the country create posters showing their compassion for our country’s lost and missing youth through art by using the theme “Bring Our Missing Children Home”. This has been such a great success that it has become an annual event. The DCI hosts a reception to honor the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who excelled in visually depicting the harsh realities of child abduction.

FY 2014 Total number of missing adults in Iowa.....1,110

FY 2014 Total number of missing juveniles in Iowa.....2,958

The Iowa State Fair has been another way for DCI to showcase what we do by displaying a “Who Did It” mock crime scene, as well as highlighting a DCI cold case for the potential of generating new leads and information. It also provides a chance for DCI employees working the booth to interact with the fairgoers in answering questions.

**SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS BUREAU**

This bureau conducts criminal investigations, licensing background investigations and regulatory enforcement at 15 riverboat casinos and three racetrack casinos in Iowa. Special Agents assigned to this bureau carry out a wide-range of activities, including criminal investigations related to gambling violations, fraud, theft and money laundering; due diligence investigations related to companies and individuals involved with casinos in Iowa and regulatory investigations within the casino, horse and dog racing facilities. This bureau also includes an amusement device unit consisting of two Special Agents dedicated to the enforcement of amusement device and social/charitable gambling laws throughout the state.



<b><u>FY 2014 – Investigations and Inspections</u></b>	
Casino Related Cases Opened.....	560
Casino Related Cases Closed.....	552
Casino Related Arrests.....	350
Corporate background investigations.....	18
Individual background investigations.....	5,882
Regulatory/Compliance inspections.....	73,950







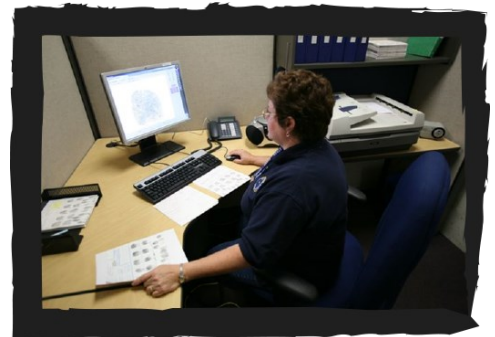
## SUPPORT OPERATIONS BUREAU

In FY 2014, as part of a reorganization of the DPS, the Support Operations Bureau now consists of the AFIS/ Fingerprint Section, Criminal History Dissemination Section, and Records and Identification Section.

**AFIS/Fingerprint Section** - This section supports the fingerprint database utilized by all law enforcement agencies in the state of Iowa and carries the responsibility of submitting arrest fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Additionally, this section submits fingerprints to the FBI for non-criminal justice national criminal history record checks.

**Criminal History Dissemination Section** –For a nominal fee, this section provides criminal history record information to various entities including: businesses, schools, daycares, healthcare facilities and county attorneys. In addition to providing Iowa criminal history records to the public upon proper request, this section is responsible for Iowa's compliance with rules promulgated by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact that allows access to national criminal history record information for non-criminal justice purposes when there is State or Federal legislation authorizing such access.

**Records and Identification Section** - This section is the central repository for all Iowa criminal history records. This information is used in a variety of critical areas, including sentencing determinations, parole and probation recommendations, decisions regarding the issuance of weapon permits, and decisions by prosecutors. In 1996, Iowa criminal history information became available to the public for a nominal fee. The ability of the public to access criminal history information has enabled various licensing entities and employers to make more informed decisions regarding applications for employment or licensure in areas such as healthcare, childcare and other positions of trust. These records contain information regarding arrests, court dispositions, custody data and movement within the correctional institutions. This section also includes three Criminal History Auditors, each responsible for conducting audits and providing training in 33 counties throughout the state. They facilitate training for law enforcement agencies, county attorneys and clerks of court to ensure criminal history information is submitted to the DPS in accordance with the Code of Iowa. This includes confirming information is submitted in a timely, accurate and complete fashion through established audit practices.



### DCI's 30-YEAR MILESTONE IN SPONSORING INTERNS LEADS TO BIG DISCOVERY

The DCI initiated an Internship Program in the Summer of 1984 due to dwindling resources.

Throughout the past 30 years, DCI has sponsored hundreds of interns from colleges within and out-of-state. They have assisted with various projects within DCI Headquarters, as well as activities enabling them to maximize on their experience. These activities include, but are not limited to, exposing them to different sections within DCI Headquarters, an in-depth tour of the Crime Laboratory, autopsies, court testimony, polygraph, as well as a behind-the-scenes look at the role DCI plays in the casino arena.

This past June, the five interns, Jacob Burger, Cory Roberts, Lindsey Becker, Callie Aunan and Nathan Prager, were given a tedious task of going through old case files in an effort to establish an accurate role of former DCI Agents. During this process, the interns discovered that DCI had another director back in the 1930s, Chief Glen Schmidt. *(It should be noted that in that era they were known by the title of Chief and not Director)* Glen Schmidt was named as Acting Chief in July of 1935, following the death of then Chief Park Findley. On January 2, 1936, Schmidt was named Chief. He served in that capacity until December 20, 1936, when W.W. Akers was named Chief. This was a phenomenal discovery and huge accomplishment in filling a gap in the 93-year history of the DCI.

### FY2014 SOB Statistics

Fingerprint Cards Received – 125,719  
Print Matches to Criminal Records – 60,344  
New Criminal Records Created – 22,537  
Automated Criminal Records – 693,138  
State Criminal History Checks – 256,015  
National Criminal History Checks – 36,803





# 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. DNE's mission statement indicates that our agents "With pride and integrity, provide a professional service to the people in significantly reducing the supply of illicit controlled substances through specialized enforcement and training."

## ***Special Agents***

The Division of Narcotics Enforcement has 34 Special Agents and two civilian employees at 17 offices throughout the state. The primary duty and responsibility of these Special Agents is conducting complex criminal investigations of major drug trafficking organizations. These criminal organizations are responsible for the vast majority of the supply of illicit controlled substances, which are distributed and abused in Iowa. In FY 2014, Agents disrupted or dismantled 101 Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's).

The division primarily focuses its investigative efforts on methamphetamine, powder and crack cocaine, and marijuana. Heroin, pharmaceutical diversions, and synthetic substances also require investigative resources and enforcement efforts, due to their devastating effects.

In FY 2014, Special Agents observed an alarming trend in terms of bulk seizures and purity levels of methamphetamine. In addition, the availability and emerging trend of heroin distribution and use is on the rise in parallel with the national trend which is yielding deadly consequences.

## ***Protecting Iowa's Children***

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children defines drug endangered children as children 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 the caretaker's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment.

Special Agents are committed to identifying drug endangered children and taking the necessary steps in ensuring appropriate health and safety intervention occurs for the protection of the children.

## ***Supporting Local Law Enforcement***

Currently, there are 18 state-grant-funded drug task forces and four federal task forces operating in the state. Special Agents are assigned to these task forces or work in collaboration 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 of DPS.







### Clandestine Laboratories

Special Agents continue to respond to clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. Although the number of meth labs is down since the passage of the pseudoephedrine control law in 2005, they continue to present serious health and safety hazards due to the highly toxic and unstable chemical reactions, as well as the propensity of flash fires. They continue to be a threat to our children and unsuspecting Iowans.

In FY 2014, there were a total of 207 clandestine meth labs reported to the Division of Narcotics Enforcement. Special Agents charged 115 individuals with Conspiring to Manufacture Methamphetamine. There were 13 Drug Endangered Children identified in these hazardous environments.

### Impact on Corollary Crime

The proactive work of State Narcotics Agents has a significant impact on other crime that naturally follows or results from drug use, abuse and distribution. In FY 2014, there were numerous crimes committed with a direct nexus to drug use, abuse, dependency and distribution. These crimes included, but were not limited to: 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.

### Seizures Fiscal Year 2014

Methamphetamine.....	80,166 (g)
Cocaine.....	1,656 (g)
Crack Cocaine.....	849 (g)
Heroin.....	83 (g)
Marijuana.....	62,332 (oz.)
Marijuana Plants.....	1,041
Ecstasy.....	5.6 (g)
Pharmaceuticals.....	517 (du)
Firearms.....	232
Investigations.....	481
Search Warrants.....	403
Defendants.....	940
Drug Trafficking Organizations (dismantled/disrupted).....	101

### Methamphetamine Labs

Labs Seized (all law enforcement).....	177
Labs Seized (DNE Agents).....	47



**TIP HOTLINE: (800) 532-0052 or dneinfo@dps.state.ia.us**

DNE maintains a toll free "hotline" to allow citizens to report suspected drug activity. The hotline has proven to be a great benefit, 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 submitted to DNE via anonymous email, is distributed to one of the 17 field offices for evaluation and follow-up.





# Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center

The Division of Intelligence (DOI) consists of the Intelligence Operations Bureau and the Homeland Security and Analysis Bureau. DOI coordinates information sharing related to criminal activity and provides support to all enforcement divisions of DPS, as well as local, state, and federal law enforcement and homeland security partners in Iowa.

DOI serves as the Central Coordinating Agency for the Law Enforcement Intelligence Network and is designated as Iowa's Intelligence Fusion Center in accordance with the National Strategy for Information Sharing.

## Accolades

The Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center was awarded the 2014 Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (LECC) Award for the Division's contribution to apprehending a fugitive that shot a Sioux City Police Officer.

The Division also received another 2014 LECC Award for its extensive, thorough and tireless work on the Kathlynn Shepard Kidnapping and Homicide Investigation that took place in May 2013.

## Intelligence Operations Bureau

The Intelligence Operations Bureau is responsible for overall coordination of the Iowa Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN). LEIN's membership consists of law enforcement officers who have successfully completed a two-week Criminal Intelligence Course conducted by the Department. LEIN members work together with the department to accomplish two related objectives:

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

This bureau is also responsible for coordination of multi-jurisdictional task forces involving investigations of criminal activities conducted by criminal organizations targeting multiple jurisdictions. Sworn peace officers from this bureau are also participants in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the FBI's Field Intelligence Group, and the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force.

The goal of this bureau is to proactively identify information of individuals, or groups of individuals, who are committing crimes and coordinate with many partners to develop a strategy to bring these groups to justice. Special Agents assigned to the division engage in law enforcement planning, intelligence collection, and operational activities to prevent crime and terrorism. This is achieved through proactive information sharing, recognition of potential or developing threats, and developing intervention strategies.

Special Agents also provide field support to all divisions of the DPS, and to sheriff's offices, police departments, and federal agencies in Iowa, needing investigative and technical equipment services. In FY 2014, personnel assigned to this bureau participated in over 1,110 investigations in support of partners from various federal, state, and municipal agencies. These investigations included such things as human trafficking, multi-jurisdictional burglary/theft rings, fugitive apprehension, narcotics trafficking, and organized criminal activity that impacts multiple jurisdictions.





## Homeland Security and Analysis Bureau

The Homeland Security and Analysis Bureau develops and assesses exercises and coordinates with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) personnel assigned to the Division of Intelligence.

The bureau's 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 support of major investigations, the analysts are asked to evaluate a great deal of information and attempt to gain investigative leads from that data and/or take case information and use visualization techniques to aid an investigator or prosecutor in explaining a complicated case to others. In addition, DOI personnel participate in regional and national associations that set standards for professionals working in this field. This unit also incorporates personnel from the FBI and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Intelligence and Analysis Unit.

One of the core functions this unit performs is fulfilling requests for information "RFI". These RFI's can range from being fairly simple in nature; such as just needing an address or phone number for a person, or they can be quite time consuming when the request relates to research to find as much information on a subject as possible. The latter could result in the querying of as many as 40 data sources and could take hours to complete. This case support included investigations related to homicides, robberies, child abductions, missing persons, and multi-jurisdictional organized criminal activity.

On a monthly basis the Division of Intelligence briefs the Governor of the State of Iowa as well as other key leadership members on issues of importance.

### Analyzing Intelligence Data

Requests for Information...11,917  
 Project Hours.....5,034  
 Shift Briefs Issued.....251

### Intelligence Operations Support

Cases Opened.....359  
 Investigative Follow Ups.....142  
 Technical Support.....500

### Securing the Homeland

Threat Assessment for Large—  
 Gatherings.....14  
 Emergency Ops Activations.....3  
 Exercise Planning.....14  
 Trainings/Meetings.....57



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. Historically, these events have included prison disturbances, college campus unrest, high-risk warrant execution, tornadoes, flooding and dignitary visits.

The Iowa State Patrol is responsible for providing law enforcement services to rural and metropolitan areas statewide. Troopers patrol and conduct traffic enforcement on Iowa's highways and the interstate systems. Additionally, our personnel provide security and police services throughout the state for many special events, including the State Fair, county fairs, town festivals, and large sporting events such as races the Iowa Speedway. During the fall, Troopers assist the University of Iowa and Iowa State University with security and the increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic during home football games.

The Iowa State Patrol provides support services to law enforcement agencies and other government entities including state, federal, county and city partners. Examples include, but are not limited to, executive protection services and legislative security, technical collision and reconstruction investigations, patrol air wing enforcement, vehicle theft unit assistance, crisis negotiators, critical incident debrief teams, canine unit search support, tactical response teams, safety education officers, criminal interdiction teams, and State Patrol Radio Communications operations, which includes AMBER Alerts, Endangered Person advisories and 9-1-1 services.

### ***Iowa State Patrol Communications***

Iowa State Patrol Communications personnel are often the first line of contact in an emergency. Patrol Communications provides full support services, not only to all of the divisions within the DPS, but also the National Guard, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Transportation and many other local and federal agencies. In FY 2014, the Communication Centers processed over 2.6 million telephone and radio calls. Iowa State Patrol Communications does the quality control for all warrants that are entered into the law enforcement network system database and verified over 32,000 warrants in FY 2014.

The Patrol Communications Technical Section provides oversight for all Iowa Department of Public Safety radio communication and tower equipment, in-car video cameras, radar and instruments.

### ***Road Troopers***

During FY 2014, Troopers working enforcement patrolled the roadways of Iowa in excess of 684,858 hours, which totals 75,455 days. During this same period, they assisted over 22,630 motorists that were in need. Troopers investigated 5,184 crashes and stopped 199,323 vehicles in FY 2014.

One of the core missions of the State Patrol is removing impaired drivers off Iowa roadways. Troopers arrested 1,924 impaired drivers in 2013.

The State Patrol teamed up with the Iowa Department of Public Health and Department of Human Rights to reduce underage drinking among Iowa's youth and young adults. The State Patrol continues to conduct alcohol compliance checks in Iowa with a goal of zero businesses selling alcohol to underage people. In 2013, these investigations resulted in 14.4% of the businesses checked sold to minors; however, this is a significant decrease from the year before.







### ***Crisis Negotiators***

During FY 2014, the ISP Crisis Negotiation Teams responded to a total of 32 calls for service, which resulted in a total of 13 lives being saved as a direct result of negotiator efforts. These calls included suicidal subjects attempting to jump from bridges, armed and unarmed suicidal and barricaded subjects, armed subjects with multiple hostages, high risk warrants that turned into barricaded subjects, and suicidal and mentally ill subjects that were in public locations. They also included individuals attempting to commit suicide by hanging or attempting to commit suicide-by-cop. In FY 2014, because of their knowledge, skills and abilities, the ISP Crisis Negotiator Program maintained a 100% success rate in preserving the lives of all subjects who were able to engage in negotiations. While the Crisis Negotiating Team is an Iowa State Patrol Unit, their expertise is utilized by other law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Iowa.

### ***Technical Collision Investigation***

The Technical Collision Investigation Unit within the Iowa State Patrol consists of officers who voluntarily receive additional training in collision investigation. These officers are called to investigate collisions involving serious injury or death that occur on Iowa's roadways. The Technical Collision Investigation Coordinator also provides basic, advanced, and technical collision investigation instruction to all law enforcement officers in the state at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. They also provide updated training for all current Iowa State Patrol Technical Investigators and Reconstructionists.

Annually, the Technical Collision Investigators across the state conduct approximately 150 technical collision investigation cases. These Troopers are trained in the use of evidence collection with digital cameras and the Total Station measuring units. The Iowa State Patrol Technical Investigators use 31 Total Stations and three Robotic Total Stations to accurately measure collision scenes. Technical Investigators also respond to requests from the Division of Criminal Investigation for crime scene measurements, and to requests from the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire scene measurements, using the Total Station measuring equipment.

The Technical Collision Investigation Unit currently has four Bosch Crash Data Retrieval kits. This technology has the capability to assist troopers to explain how a crash occurred by indicating how fast the vehicle may have been travelling in the final seconds before an impact.

### ***Disaster Response***

In times of disaster, the Iowa State Patrol provides Troopers, equipment, and aircraft to assist in disaster response. During snowstorms, the State Patrol coordinates with the Department of Transportation on road closures. The State Patrol also rescues stranded motorists during heavy snow events. In times of other weather related disasters, such as floods or tornadoes, the Iowa State Patrol provides Troopers for traffic control, aircraft surveillance, and law enforcement, coordinating its resources through requests from the Iowa Department of Homeland Security.





### ***Air Wing***

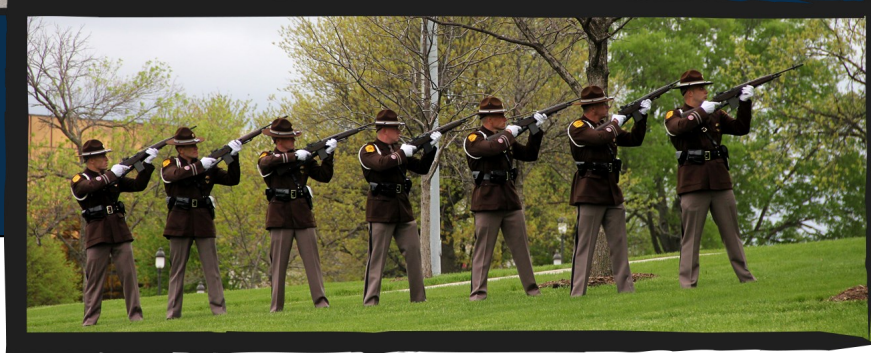
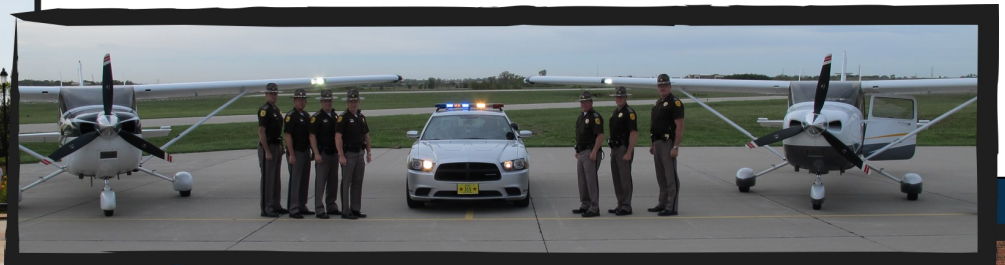
The Iowa State Patrol currently operates seven fixed wing aircraft across the state. Aircraft operation is supported by nine Trooper pilots. The mission of the Airwing is to support ground operations by providing a tactical advantage from the air. The aircraft can be called upon to help with many different types of requests such as searching for missing persons, Forward Looking Infrared (Thermal Imaging), surveillance, traffic enforcement, identification of stranded motorists during winter storms, transportation of organs and tissue, and support of dignitary motorcades.

### ***Safety Education Officers***

The Safety Education Officers (SEO) of the Iowa State Patrol were established to provide educational presentations for the public on motor vehicle safety related topics. These topics have expanded over the years to include: internet, bicycle, pedestrian, and campus safety programs, to name a few. The State Patrol SEO's provided over 3,800 presentations in 2014, to schools, places of worship, service clubs and businesses throughout the state, reaching more than 2.3 million people. The Safety Education Officers continue to excel nationally, taking 1st place honors at the 2014 Uniformed Safety Education Officer Workshop (USEOW) for non-traffic presentation, 1st place in video PSA, and 3rd place in radio PSA. Trooper Doug Cutts received the Commissioner's Award for Public Safety at the annual GTSB Conference for his hard work and dedication to the safety education efforts. The SEO's roles are instrumental in providing education to the public on safety issues.

### ***Honor Guard***

The Iowa State Patrol Honor Guard provides one of the most treasured missions. They have the humble responsibility to represent the Iowa State Patrol at any function when appearance and professionalism are called upon. They represent the Department when a Trooper is killed in the line of duty. They also represent the State of Iowa in and out of state at services for officers killed in the line of duty. They provide flag folding and burial services for our retired members. Every year, the State Patrol Honor Guard plays a significant role at the State Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony located at the Oran Pape State Office Building. The Honor Guard trains on a yearly basis.





# State Fire Marshal Division

The State Fire Marshal Division, established in 1911, is the oldest of the six divisions within the DPS. Our mission statement is "Through promotion and enforcement of fire safety regulations, training, building code provisions, and arson investigations, this division helps reduce the loss of life and property by fire."



The State Fire Marshal Division is comprised of five Bureaus: Fire Prevention Bureau; Arson & Explosives Bureau; Building Code Bureau; Electrical Licensing & Inspection Bureau; and Fire Service Training Bureau; in all, employing 27 sworn officers and 44 civilian employees.

The duties of the State Fire Marshal's Office play an integral part in economic development in the state of Iowa. Preliminary reviews performed by the office, with stakeholders, aid in making important decisions about projects, which can affect everything from the feasibility of the project to the end cost. Also, the timeliness of plan reviews and inspections can ensure that projects meet deadlines which usually translates into budgets being met and stakeholders being able to occupy on schedule, saving everyone time and money.

## ***Fire Prevention Bureau***

The Fire Prevention Bureau consists of eleven field fire inspectors, two flammable liquid inspectors, and one inspector assigned to the healthcare inspection program.

The International Fire Code has been adopted as the current State Fire Code. It applies to all buildings in the State of Iowa, except health care facilities that are enrolled in the Federal Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Program, which has adopted the Life Safety Code that is applied nationwide.

During FY 2014, 2,950 Fire Code Inspections were conducted in a variety of facilities to ensure compliance with both federal and state laws and rules. Facilities inspected by our fire inspectors include: nursing homes, child care facilities, schools, colleges, and state institutions, hospitals, residential care facilities, state-owned buildings, and jails and penitentiaries.

## ***Arson and Explosive Bureau***

The Arson and Explosives Bureau has one Special Agent In Charge and ten Special Agents that investigate fire and explosion scenes to determine cause and conducts criminal investigations directed towards arrest and prosecution. The Bureau also has statewide responsibility for the investigation of bombings and other explosive devices and inspects and licenses explosive storage facilities throughout the state.

Each Special Agent of the Arson and Explosives Bureau is required to complete six weeks of training and re-certifications every three years to be certified as a bomb technician through the FBI Hazardous Devices School in Huntsville, Alabama.

The Bureau has four K-9s; one located in Council Bluffs and another in Mt. Pleasant that are used for accelerant detection. Both accelerant K-9's have been utilized in many fire investigations and are available to assist any fire department or law enforcement agency with scene analysis.

The other two K-9's—one located in Garner and the other in Waukee—are used for bomb and explosives detection. Both K-9's have been deployed throughout the state for explosive detection and are available to assist any agency.



## **Arson & Explosives Bureau Opened 448 cases**

Accidental Fires.....	49
Arson Fires.....	57
Undetermined.....	74
Explosive Disposal.....	60
Other.....	208

## **2014 Structure Fire Causes**

Cooking Fires.....	891
Intentional/Suspicious.....	451
Electrical Distribution.....	326
Heating.....	242
Hot Ember/Rekindle .....	159





## **Fire Service Training Bureau**

The Fire Service Training Bureau is Iowa's designated state fire academy, providing quality training and education for Iowa's fire and emergency services. In FY 2014, the Bureau conducted 1,377 programs reaching 20,761 participants (including 194 certification test sites with 2,944 examinations).

The Bureau maintains an "accredited" professional certification program. Accreditation is awarded to the Bureau on a five-year cycle by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard). The Bureau's certification program is based on the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Professional Qualifications Standards.

The Bureau continues to manage the "Firefighting Equipment Revolving Loan" program. To date, a total of 37 loans have been granted to 35 fire departments. Seven loans have been paid in full. A total of 14 additional requests (totaling \$1,480,490) are still in the system.

In addition to conducting the Annual State Fire School, the Bureau supported five regional fire schools (operated by local community colleges) during FY 2014. The Bureau continues to partner with all 15 community colleges in the delivery of basic level firefighter training.

## **Electrical Licensing & Inspection Bureau**

The Electrical Licensing & Inspection Bureau continues to provide public awareness on the importance of electrical safety by educating property owners, business owners and electricians on how to properly install electrical wiring that meets the minimum National Electrical Code requirements.

The Electrical Licensing and Inspection Bureau has 18 field inspectors, one field supervisor, one Chief Electrical Inspector/Executive Secretary, and four clerical support staff.

### **In FY 2014 the Bureau has :**

- Issued 14,103 Electrical Permits
- Completed 22,243 Electrical Inspections
- Signed Reciprocal Electrician Licensing Agreements with surrounding states
- Enhancing the on-line software for the permitting/inspection and licensing programs
- Established procedures for enforcement



### **Building Code Bureau**

- Performed plan reviews on more than 711 sets of plans to ensure compliance with the State Building and Fire Codes.
- The Project Construction Values were more than \$1 Billion dollars.
- Increased public outreach, through the delivery of numerous presentations to design professionals, building contractors, local code officials, elected officials and the public.
- Updated the adoption of the State Accessibility Code from the ADAAG 1994 edition to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

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