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Words from NSA President Steve Hespen

"October NSA-POAN Conference can fulfill 20-hour continuing education requirement. Sign up at www.nesheriffsassoc.org, under the drop down menu item conference"

Dear NSA Members, Spouses and Friends,

I want to begin this letter by thanking everyone for the opportunity of being the 2014 President of the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association. I can tell you that it is truly an honor to be such a part of this outstanding organization.

The great benefits of being a member of the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association

With this being an election year and new sheriffs coming into office, I would like to emphasize the importance and benefits of becoming involved with the NSA early in your career. I was elected into office nearly eight years ago and initially I was not actively involved in the NSA. At an annual conference, I was nominated to be the vice-president in the Northeast District thanks to Cuming County Sheriff Brad Boyum. It was then that I began to realize the full importance of this organization from the many committees that work in many facets of law enforcement and help to shape the way we as Sheriffs do our jobs through legislation, training standards, and jail standards, just to name a few.

Also, as a member it gives you the opportunity to meet sheriffs and deputies from around the state and discuss issues that you are facing or solutions you have made within your department. The ability to network with law enforcement from around the state at the monthly meetings is a benefit that cannot be measured.

I strongly encourage all sheriffs to become NSA members.

October NSA-POAN Conference can fulfill 20-hour continuing education requirement

This year with the beginning of the 20 hour continuing education requirement for all law enforcement, the conference committee has expanded the training hours offered at the annual conference to fulfill those required 20 hours. Also this year, scholarships are being offered by the NSA to two officers. The scholarships cover registration and hotel accommodations. You can check this out and register for the conference on the NSA website, **www.nesheriffsassoc.org**, under the drop down menu item "conference".

The Nebraska Sheriff magazine

"The Nebraska Sheriff" magazine has been a topic of discussion in the past years as to its continuance and the change to strictly a web based format. I, as many sheriffs, feel that this magazine is a strong voice for the office of sheriff and law enforcement across the state. To continue making this magazine successful, it requires the support of all across the state in contributing articles and encouraging advertisers to invest in our magazine. Therefore, we need to patronize those who advertise and tell them "thank you" for their support. Remember the next time your department holds a public event, special training, adopts new technology or you have a comment on a specific issue to make this known to the magazine so that others may share in your experiences.

The National Sheriffs' Conference provided

Lastly, I had the pleasure of attending the National Sheriffs' Conference in Fort Worth, TX, June 20-25. This was my first national conference and an experience I won't soon forget. The training classes were diverse and well instructed. The enormous exhibit room was open for two days and definitely had something for everyone.

Beside from the training and exhibits, it provides the valuable opportunity of talking to sheriff's from around the country. One thing that you find is that we all experience many of the same issues in legislation, jail overcrowding, and mental health to name a few regardless of agency size, budgets, or geographics. I would strongly encourage every sheriff to attend a national conference.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the NSA/POAN conference in Kearney, October 5-9.

Be Safe!

Sincerely,

Steve Hespen

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From the NSA Executive Director

By Amy Prenda, J.D.

Who likes to be uncomfortable? Not me. But did you ever stop to think that being uncomfortable can be a positive. I begin to realize this in my soon to be 16 year old who has complained more in the last couple of weeks than she has in the last 6 months, but has also matured and shown more personal growth in the last couple of weeks, then she has her entire sophomore year.

Since school got out two weeks ago, she has started her first job where all of her co-workers are older than she is, and, because of scheduling conflicts with sports and work, has had to take driver's education with no one she knows in an unfamiliar place. She is miserable, uncomfortable, and crabby, and I am as proud as I ever have been to see her this way! She is dazed and confused. She is critically thinking and processing. She is mentally exhausted and has moments of being gratified, while at the same time being disgruntled.

Real learning and success can only come from discomfort and challenging ourselves to experience new situations and challenges. Real leaders can only be developed if they are constantly learning, changing and progressing. It is human nature to avoid being in uncomfortable situations or putting others in uncomfortable situations. However, this is short-sighted, especially at work. At work, we should challenge ourselves and others to accept uncomfortable situations in order to encourage personal growth and make the office a more fulfilling place to work. All sorts of circumstances can challenge our sense of comfort from sharing new ideas; changing schedules; being asked to work with different people; taking on new responsibilities; or being asked to do someone else's work.

So never underestimate the power of an uncomfortable moment!



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2014 Passed Legislative Bills of Interest to the NSA

The 103rd Nebraska Legislature adjourned Sine Die on April 17. Below is brief summary of legislation that passed. All legislative bills not passed during the 2014 session are indefinitely postponed and must be reintroduced in the next legislative session. The legislative bills along with supporting documents, including testimony can be found at the Nebraska Legislature website: www. nebraskalegislature.gov.

The Nebraska Legislature will convene on January 7, 2015. There will be at least 17 new senators in addition to new leadership for the committees and a new speaker. The NSA encourages you to take time during the interim to meet with your representatives and candidates to discuss issues that are important to law enforcement and jail administration.

LB 390 (Christensen) Change provisions relating to Governor's powers regarding restrictions on firearms and ammunition under the Emergency Management Act

LB 390 allows a person to possess a firearm at school if the firearm is used for a purpose permitted by the school, for a historical reenactment, for hunter education course or as part of an honor guard. Prohibits the governor from suspending or limiting the sale of firearms during a declared emergency. Allow Adjutant General to make expenditure of up to \$25,000 for aerial fire suppression or hazardous material response without an emergency proclamation by the Governor. The bill becomes operative on July 18, 2014.

LB 464 (Ashford) Change court jurisdiction over juveniles and indictment procedures

LB 464 would require charges against juveniles younger than 18 years old for misdemeanors and Class IIIA and IV felonies be initiated in juvenile court. The bill exempts Class I, II, and III felonies for minors aged 14 and older from the mandatory juvenile court initiation.

The bill also establishes a plan for school districts and families to address student attendance problems. The bill further replaces the 3-member Truancy Intervention Task Force established in 2010 with a 10-person Council in Student Attendance. The council, which would include a student and their parents in addition to education officials and a county attorney, would review school district absentee policies and be required to report to the Legislature annually.

LB 464 also makes technical changes and updates to the processes dealing with juvenile offenders, changes that were made through passage of LB 561 in the first session in 2013.

Technical changes deal with clarifying obligations both pre and post adjudication in terms of process as well as clarifying which entities are responsible for which costs throughout the process in cases dealing with juvenile offenders.

Legislative Bills . . . continued from page 5

LB 1093, amended into LB 464, would expand the definition of juvenile facilitated conferencing and establishes an intent of the Legislature to transfer funds directly from the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) budget to the budget of the Nebraska Supreme Court in lieu of those funds being transferred through a granting process between DHHS and the Administrative Office of the Courts and as contracts to individual juvenile facilitated conferencing programs. Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 16, 17, and 38 of the bill become operative on January 1, 2015. The other sections become operative on July 18, 2014.

LB 699 (Larson) Change hunting permit and hunter education provisions, provide reports to a firearm database, and eliminate certain firearm provisions.

LB 699 provides that a license-purchase exemption certificate issued by the state Game and Parks Commission to be available to a developmentally disabled person to purchase a hunting permit. Individuals applying for an exemption certificate will be required to provide a written note from their physician, indicating that the person is at all times capable of understanding and following directions given by another person and that he or she is not currently a danger to themselves or others. The bill also consolidates current hunter education programs to form one program covering all hunting implements including firearms, crossbows, bows and arrows, and air guns. Those applying for bow hunter permits will be required to take additional bow hunter education.

LB 1035, amended into LB 699, would require the Nebraska State Patrol and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide the Legislature with a record of citizens unable to purchase handguns due to disqualification or disability. The report would also be published on the State Patrol and DHHS websites. The bill became operative on April 3, 2014.

LB 811 (Schilz) Change provisions relating to controlled substances, prescriptions, and certain assault provisions

LB 811 would amend one class of currently banned substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and would add another class of synthetic cannabinoids to the list of banned substances. The bill would revise the act to apply to substantially similar imitations of prohibited controlled substances that may be developed in the future. First-time offenders would be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor punishable by up to 3 months imprisonment, a \$500 fine, or both. A subsequent offense would be a Class II misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months imprisonment, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

LB 752, amended into LB 811, adds emergency responders, state correctional employees, DHHS employees, and health care professionals to the list of professionals protected under enhanced penalty provisions dealing with the assault of an officer.

LB 869, amended into LB 811, amends and updates the pharmacy practice provisions of Nebraska's Controlled Substances Act. Definitions within the Act are updated

to conform to current statutory drafting standards. The bill also allows electronic prescribing of controlled substances as authorized in federal law. Clarifications were included to distinguish between written, oral, and electronic prescriptions, and requirements for each filing and record keeping. Additions to the Act are the definition of compounding and the requirements for a controlled substance prescription. The bill becomes operative on July 18, 2014.

LB 814 (Avery) Redefine all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, and sales price, change sales and use tax provisions relating to ATV's and UTV's, and change duties of sellers in the distribution of sales tax revenue to provide funding to the Game and Parks Commission

LB 814 would dedicate the state sales tax revenue derived from the sale or lease of motorboats, personal watercraft, and all-terrain and utility-type vehicles to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund for commission infrastructure maintenance projects.

LB 841, amended into LB 814, would finance the Game and Parks Commission's deferred maintenance projects and dedicate the state sales tax revenue from all-terrain and utility-type vehicles that have been titled in Nebraska to the Game and Parks Commission Capital Maintenance Fund.

LB 982, amended into LB 814, would expand the definitions of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles to incorporate advances in product development. All-terrain vehicles would be defined as vehicles 50 inches or less in width with a weight of 1,200 pounds or less. A utility-type vehicle is defined as 74 inches or less in width and with a weight of 2,000 pounds or less. The bill becomes operative on October 1, 2014.

LB 816 (Murante) Authorize use of electronic forms of evidence of insurance for purposes of motor vehicle registration

LB 816 would amend the Motor Vehicle Registration Act to allow motorists in the state of Nebraska to provide proof of insurance through display of an electronic image on a portable electronic device. The bill provides that display of an electronic image in this manner does not constitute consent for a law enforcement officer, court, or officer of the court to access other contents of the electronic device. The bill becomes operative on October 1, 2014.

LB 907 (Ashford) Add, change, and eliminate provisions relating to criminal justice, incarceration, probation, parole, and legal education financial assistance

LB 907 proposes a new initiative to provide prison reform and address recidivism rates. The bill would:

1) appropriate to the state Office of Probation Administration \$5 million to expand mental health services and \$3.8 million to expand new reporting centers; **2)** appropriate \$5 million to the Nebraska Crime Commission for the vocational and life skills program; **3)** provide \$200,000 to establish the Nebraska Center for Justice Research at the University of Nebraska-Omaha; **4)** create a reentry program coordinator

position to advise corrections officials regarding programs that transition inmates into communities; **5**) require the state Department of Correctional Services to ensure that an inmate's rehabilitation/reentry program is complete or near completion upon the inmate serving 80% of their sentence; and **6**) create the Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Working Group, comprised of 4 members selected by the Governor, 4 members selected by the Speaker of the Legislature, 4 members selected by the Chief Justice, and 4 members representing local governments selected by the Governor, Speaker, and Chief Justice. The group will assist the Council of State Governments Justice Center in producing a report that prescribes how to reduce prison overcrowding to 125% within 5 years.

LB 808, amended into LB 907, would make public service attorneys practicing in areas having a population of less than 15,000 people eligible for \$6,000 a year in loan forgiveness. The bill would also provide \$500,000 to the loan repayment fund.

LB 932, amended into LB 907, would prohibit public employers from asking an applicant to disclose information concerning his or her criminal history until the employer has determined if the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications. The bill would not apply to private employers, nor would it affect law enforcement agencies, any position for which federal or state law requires a criminal history record check, or for which federal or state law specifically disqualifies an applicant with a criminal background. The bill would not prevent a public employer from conducting a criminal record check after determining that an applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications. The bill specifically states that public school districts and educational service units can require an applicant to disclose their criminal record or history relating to sexual or physical abuse. Sections 11, 20, and 23 of the bill became operative on April 17, 2014. The other sections of the bill become operative on July 18, 2014.

LB 998 (Karpisek) Change provisions relating to disposition of human remains, offenses related to the person, sexual exploitation, labor and sex trafficking, the Sex Offender Registration Act, and driving under the influence

LB 998 would reduce the penalty for using a vehicle not equipped with an ignition interlock device for those restricted to driving only vehicles with said device. The penalty would be reduced from a Class IV felony – punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment, a \$10,00 fine, or both – to a Class I misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 1 year imprisonment, a \$1,000 fine, or both. The felony penalty would still apply if the driver has a blood alcohol level of .02 or higher, and would include revocation of the offender's driver's license for 15 years. The bill would also extend the penalty reduction to the offense of tampering with or bypassing an interlock device.

LB 441, amended into LB 998, would change provisions relating to the disposition of human remains.

LB 795, amended into LB 998, allows repeat offenders of the DUI laws to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for a recommendation to the Board of Pardons to be eligible for an ignition interlock permit. Currently, repeat offenders arrested prior to January 1st, 2012 are not eligible for an ignition interlock permit. The bill sets the application fee at \$100 and strikes the requirement an offender first serve seven years of their sentence.

LB 933, amended into LB 998, revises the definitions of labor trafficking and sex trafficking and establishes penalties for controlling or threatening to control another person's access, and physical and mental impairment causing adverse effects on another person's cognitive and volitional function. Prohibited acts include debt bondage, threats of deportation, controlling or threatening to control access to substances, and exploitation of disabilities.

LB 1034, amended into LB 998, would prohibit a person from knowingly photographing, filming, recording, or broadcasting images of another person's intimate areas without that person's consent, regardless of whether the person is in a public or private place. An initial violation of the law would be a Class I misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine and up to one year of incarceration. A subsequent violation would be a Class IV felony punishable by a \$10,000 fine and up to five years of incarceration. Sharing images or video made in violation of the proposed law would be a Class III felony punishable by up to 50 years imprisonment. Additionally, if an offender is at least 19 years old and the victim is younger than 18 years old, the offender would be required to register as a sex offender. The bill became operative on April 10, 2014.

LB 999 (Ashford) Adopt the Criminal Justice Reentry and Data Act and create the Reentry Programming Board

LB 999 would authorize the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to study the feasibility of establishing a behavioral health center at the site of the former Hastings Regional Center. The department would provide the Governor, by December 15th, 2014, a program statement that examines: **1)** long-term needs of mentally ill and substanceaddicted inmates; **2)** renovating or building facilities for up to 200 inmates at the center; **3)** criteria for inmates to be placed in the center; **4)** programs needed to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment; and **5)** estimated costs of building renovation, staffing, operation, and a proposed project schedule. The bill becomes operative on July **18**, 2014.

LB 1001 (Wallman) Allow production and marketing of industrial hemp, exempt industrial hemp from the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and provide powers and duties for the Department of Agriculture

LB 1001 would allow only postsecondary institutions or the state Department of Agriculture to grow industrial hemp for agricultural or academic research. The department would be required to develop regulations for industrial hemp cultivation and certify sites where it is grown. The bill becomes operative on July 18, 2014.

This summary is also available at **www.nesheriffsassoc.org**



NSA-POAN Conference 2014

The 2014 NSA-POAN Conference will be held in Kearney, NE at the Younes Conference Center, October 5-8, 2014

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Tentative Conference Agenda

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:00 pm Open Registration

1:00 pm Dealing with the Mentally Ill

3:00 pm Technology Advances for Law Enforcement

- 5:00 pm NSA Annual Meeting
- 5:00 pm POAN Board Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 am Open Registration

8:30 am Opening Ceremonies

9:00 am Emotional Survival for LE

10:00 am Vendor Exhibit Time & Break

2:30 pm Afternoon Break with the Vendors

5:30 pm Presidents' Reception with Vendors/Vendor Drawings.

Tenative Vendor Schedule

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Early Bird Set Up after 5:00 pm Hospitality Suite 8:00 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Vendor Set Up 7:00 am Morning Break 10:00 am to 10:45 am Afternoon Exhibit Hour 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Vendor Reception 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Morning Break 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Afternoon Exhibit Hour 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Awards Banquet 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Vendors may choose to exhibit Wednesday morning

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 am Social Media and Investigations 9:45 am -1:30 pm Vendor Hours 2:30 pm Break with Vendors 3:00 pm Active Shooter - TBA Certified Law Enforcement Only 6:00 pm Cocktail Reception

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RANSOMWARE: Cybercrooks Hold Computer Files Hostage

By Laura L. Cooper

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Faced with the threat of losing access to all of their department's computer files, a Massachusetts police department paid \$750 in Bitcoin to cybercriminals. What would you do if given 72 hours to pay \$300 or more in order to regain access to your computer files ... or your agency's files?

Current ransomware — malicious software designed to restrict or remove access to computer files and demand a ransom — is more robust and more damaging than its predecessors. It first became prevalent in Russia, where some of it originates. It then moved west and is

currently in the United States. Software security companies have identified more than 16 versions of ransomware, one of which now attacks smartphones. According to (January 31, 2014) Infosecurity-Magazine. com, "Ransomware generally uses one of

two methods — locking the computer or encrypting its content."

LOCK-SCREEN RANSOMWARE

The first ransomware called PC Cyborg Trojan or AIDS (Aids Info Disk) Trojan appeared in 1989. It would count the number of times you rebooted your computer. "Once the system's boot count reached 90, the Trojan would hide directories and change all the filenames on the drive C:\, making the system unusable," (Superantispyware.com, August 7, 2013). It would post a ransom demand in order to repair the damage.

Ransomware spread through Russia and eastern Europe beginning in 2005. Russian authorities arrested ten people connected to WinLock in 2010. WinLock struck many Windows systems in Russia by posting pornographic images and demanding money to receive a code to unlock the machines. An OS X ransomware worm blocked the use of the web browser with a claim that the user had downloaded pornography.

REVETON

The most notable lock-screen program to date has been Reveton (aka Icepol or Police Trojan). Variants of Reveton have hit the U.S. widely since 2012. This malware locks up your computer and posts a screen that appears to be from the FBI or other agency pertinent to your location. The post claims that a "fine" is due because a user downloaded copyrighted material or illegal pornography. Instructions tell the user how to pay up via an anonymous, online payment method.

According to the *International Business Times*, a Romanian man killed himself and his 4-year-old son in response to a

ransomware threat of imprisonment if he couldn't pay a fine after viewing pornography, (March 13, 2014).

ENCRYPTION RANSOMWARE

The security processes designed to protect data on banking sites by encrypting it is the tool being used against victims of encryption ransomware. Early encryption malware was detected as far back as 2005. Those computer viruses posed little security concern since the files could be decrypted and the viruses removed rather simply. More threatening malware called CryptoLocker surfaced on September 5, 2013.

CRYPTOLOCKER

The worst ransomware threat in the U.S. is CryptoLocker along with its variants (e.g. CryptorBit and CryptoDefense).

Paying the ransom does not guarantee that the criminals will deliver the private key to decrypt your files. Symantec, a security software company, labeled CryptoLocker the "Menace of the Year," (ZDNET, December 13, 2013). This program is sent as an email attachment that appears to be tracking information from UPS or FedEx. The attachment is disguised as a PDF file.

However, the creators turned off Microsoft Windows file extensions when writing what is actually an executable file. They simply included ".pdf" as part of the name.

Once a computer user running Microsoft Windows is tricked into opening the malware, it installs on the hard drive and begins to encrypt and lock files in the background. "The malware encrypts documents, PowerPoint files, images, videos, spreadsheets, Photoshop files, mp3s and other files," (Scientific American, November 5, 2013).

This process is performed in conjunction with the criminal's command-and-control (C&C) server. The C&C server creates a public key that encrypts the files and a private key that can decrypt those files. "The linked private key—required for decrypting the files—remains on the cybercriminal's server," (Symantec.com, January 23, 2014).

The CryptoLocker notification screen tells users the exact time when the private key will be destroyed and shows a countdown clock. It also gives instructions on how to pay, usually via MoneyPak or Bitcoin. The private key is not released unless the ransom is paid...if it is released at all.

This threat is much worse than earlier versions because it uses advanced RSA-2048 encryption. This level of encryption contains 617 digits, which poses an expensive and expansive factoring challenge. Without the private key, users from small businesses will have no feasible means to decrypt the tainted files.

"The only way to directly decrypt CryptoLocker's AES and RSA encryption is to either have a supercomputer or computing cluster run a specialized cracking program

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The "Lone Grave" in Adams County

Written by Randy Brown, Adams County Nebraska Historical Society (www.adamshistory.org)

One of the most enduring legends of Adams County is the story of the Lone Grave near Kenesaw. The resting place of Susan Haile has captivated generations of area residents, and no less than three historical markers have been erected at or near the site. An early record of the legend was written by George F. Work, an Adams County pioneer and former probate judge, in Nebraska Pioneer Reminiscences, published by the Nebraska Society of the D.A.R. in 1916 (available on the Internet at www.rootsweb.com/~neresour/OLLibrary/ pioneer.0003.html). Quoting an old Oregon Trail freighter named Gordon H. Edgerton, Work reported the story as follows:

"It was on this trail a few miles west of what is now the site of Kenesaw, that a lone grave was discovered by the first settlers in the country, and a story is told of how it came to be there. About midway from where the trail leaves the Little Blue to the military post at Fort Kearny on the Platte river a man with a vision of many dollars to be made from the people going west to the goldfields over this trail, dug a well about one hundred feet deep for the purpose of selling water to the travelers and freighters. Some



time later he was killed by the Indians and the well was poisoned by them. A man by the name of Haile camped here a few days later and he and his wife used the water for cooking and drinking. Both were taken sick and the wife died, but he recovered. He took the boards of his wagon box and made her a coffin and buried her near the trail. Some time afterwards he returned and erected a headstone over her grave which was a few years since still standing and perhaps is to this day, the monument of a true man to his love for his wife and to her memory."

It has been called "The Lone Grave," and it lies on a sandy knoll about four miles northwest of Kenesaw, Nebraska. Most assuredly, however, when Susan C. Haile died in 1852, hers was not a lone grave. This was in the midst of the "cholera corridor," the segment of Oregon-California Trail between the jumping-off towns on the Missouri River and central Nebraska where thousands of emigrants lie buried, victims of the scourge of overland travel, Asiatic cholera. During the trail era, the grave's location was at the northwestern edge of the dry run over the divide between the valley of the Little Blue and the Platte river. There are probably a hundred other

> lost graves of emigrants not far from that of Susan Haile, but hers is the only one in the Ft. Kearny area to survive with its identity intact. 1852 was a particularly bad year for cholera, a bacterial disease which struck the digestive system so quickly that one could be "healthy in the morning and dead by nightfall."

> Legend says that Richard Haile identified the grave with a temporary marker and turned back east to get a proper marble headstone so that the grave of his wife would be forever marked.

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Pictured: Ezra Meeker at the "Lone Grave" Used with permission. www.adamshistory.org



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According to this story Richard left the wagon train, placed his children under the care of their Aunt Martha Seawell and returned to St. Joseph or Omaha with his horses. Once there he sold the horses and used the proceeds to pay for an engraved marble headstone. Not having enough money to buy another outfit, he "procured a wheelbarrow and with this vehicle set out on foot, pushing his wife's headstone before him." After marking Susan's grave, he joined another wagon train as a hired hand and proceeded to California. There is no confirmation of the story in Richard Haile's brief biography in a Solano, California history book, but it may well be true and would account for the grave's survival, though the wheelbarrow aspect is probably an embellishment added in later years by local people. Indeed, the wheelbarrow story is also told about two other known graves in Nebraska, those of Amanda Lamme (sometimes recorded as "Lamin") near Bridgeport and Sarepta Fly near Lexington.

Still, the existence of a marble grave marker in this area during the trail era is confirmed by William Woodhams, who arrived here May 10, 1854:

"[We] passed many graves. One had a nice marble headstone with a woman's name on it. It stood on the top of a little sandhill, and strange enough was that sad evidence of civilization here in the wilderness, the more so as it bore a woman's name. Bad enough for man to be buried in this wild region, but a woman's place seems peculiarly in the comforts of home and friends."

Visit the Adams County Historical Society website for more history on the county. www.adamshistory.org

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Boone County Sheriff Dave Spiegel 1955-2014

David R. Spiegel, 58 of Albion, passed away on January 4, 2014 at his home following a battle with cancer. Son of Robert F.

and Ramona D. (Moore) Spiegel, was born May 14, 1955 at Albion , NE. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Albion and graduated from Albion High School in 1973. He attended the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in 1977 and 1983.

Dave and his wife, Linda, lived in Albion, Omaha and O'Neill during Dave's 26 year career with the Nebraska State Patrol. Following his retirement in 2006, they returned to Albion where Dave was elected Boone County Sheriff, and served in that position for the past seven years.

As a State Trooper, Dave was also a member of the SWAT Team for 21 years, 15 of which he was team leader. A former member of Christ Lutheran Church in O'Neill and a current member of Zion Lutheran Church in Albion, he served on the O'Neill School Board, Church Council, Country Club Board, Nebraska Sheriff's Association, Local Emergency Operations Planning, and was a member of Jeep Club.

Dave enjoyed golfing, jeeping, hunting, traveling, riding motorcycles, volunteering, watching the Andy Griffith Show, and above all, spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Linda, Albion; three daughters: Michelle (Chris) Tomjack, Chambers, NE; Brandy (Jason) Trummer, Omaha; Kristy Spiegel and fiancé Erick McCready, Albion; one granddaughter: Calli Tomjack, Chambers; mother: Ramona Spiegel and friend Ted Schlange; sister: Becky (Jim) Olnes; parents-in-law: Delbert and Marilee Niewohner, Albion; and numerous relatives and friends.

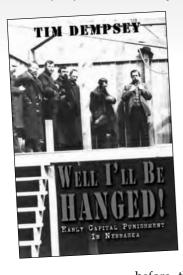
May he rest in peace. Amen.

Spring-Summer 2014



Well, I'll Be Hanged: Early Capital Punishment in Nebraska

Excerpts from a book by Tim Dempsey, 30-year Nebraska Law Enforcemnt Veteran



Tim Dempsey is a native of Omaha and retired thirty year law enforcement officer. He has a B. S. in Criminal Justice and a M. P. A. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Tim was a part-time instructor at U. N. O. for over twenty-five years, and now serves as a member of the Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors. In 2004, the Police Officers Association of Nebraska inducted Tim as a member of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Hall of Fame.

If you happened to be a sheriff serving in Nebraska

before the turn of the last century, you may have had an extra duty to perform. Before 1901, Nebraska statutes mandated that capital cases were the business of the respective county sheriffs. The law read in part: "The mode of inflicting the punishment of death, in all cases under this act, shall be by hanging by the neck until the person is dead." The same statute also made the county sheriff, "the executioner." Historically, a person convicted of a murder was tried, convicted, and executed in the county in which the crime occurred. Specifically, the Nebraska law required that the sheriff hang the condemned, "in the immediate vicinity of the jail." i Between 1879 and 1897, the daunting task of executioner fell upon eleven (11) county sheriffs in ten (10) separate Nebraska counties. ii

In my book, *Well, I'll Be Hanged: Early Capital Punishment in Nebraska,* I detail each of the twelve cases that required the sheriff to also serve as a hangman in addition to their other duties. The book also tells the story of a United States marshal who was also required to hang a young soldier based upon a quirk in the existing federal law. In all of the cases, even though they were quite diverse, one factor remained constant i.e. that each sheriff and the one marshal who "sprung the trap," did so with a great deal of aversion to their task. Even when the crime was abnormally heinous, there still seemed to be disinclination on the part of the sheriffs to execute the condemned.

For example, in 1879, Kearney County Sheriff Matt Kieran hung Sam Richards, presumably Nebraska's first serial killer in Minden, Nebraska. Among his many victims were a mother and her three young children. All four were bludgeoned to death. Richards was so disfavored that his body was disinterred and then autopsied. Purportedly a good number of his bones were strewn about the town by feral dogs. They had been discarded in a pile along with the other trash. Varied accounts say it was Sheriff Kieran himself that caused the trap door to open, but other accounts reported that the duty was delegated to a deputy. Douglas County Sheriff John Boyd presided over the execution of Ed Neal on October 9, 1891. Neal murdered an elderly couple in order to steal some livestock and unceremoniously hid the bodies under piles of manure. Sheriff Boyd spent a great deal of time talking with Neal while he was in jail, and during his protracted stay Boyd became concerned that the circumstantial evidence in the case was not strong enough to warrant execution.

Almost six years to the day after the Neal execution, Douglas County Sheriff John McDonald hung George Morgan for the unspeakable crime of raping and murdering an eleven year old girl. Like Sheriff Boyd before him, McDonald spent a great deal of time with Morgan during Morgan's incarceration and questioned the evidence. Even as outrageous as these crimes were at the time, most of the sheriffs found the task of executioner unpleasant. **iii**

At the other end of the spectrum were those cases, which if committed today, probably would not warrant the death penalty. In 1891, for example, Dodge County Sheriff James Milliken hung Christian Furst and Charles Shepherd. Both men were twenty-one years of age when they were simultaneously executed. They shot and killed a man in Crowell, Nebraska during a botched robbery attempt. Neither Furst nor Shepard had a meaningful criminal record.



Another example was the 1895 case in Douglas County where Sheriff John McDonald (left) hung Claude Hoover. Hoover was convicted of killing his brother-in-law, who happened to be a popular Omaha politician. Hoover was drunk at the time of his crime and considered by most as a drunken ne're-do-well. Hoover's case moved so quickly through the courts that many

believed that justice in his case was directly proportionate to the community regard for his victim. Fourteen days separated his arrest and jury conviction. It would have moved faster, however, but the courts were closed over the Christmas holiday. On January 3, 1896 Hoover was sentenced to hang. **iv** As Hoover's execution date grew close, the newspapers carried stories of Sheriff McDonald's distaste for his inevitable task. **v**

Marshal Slaughter (right) found the task of hanging Clinton Dixon so distasteful that he modified the gallows, purchased from Douglas County, with an electric latch that released the trap door. The drop mechanism consisted of three buttons with only one being wired to the switch that actually activated the drop.



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Marshal Slaughter and two of his deputies pushed the buttons simultaneously and no one actually knew who caused the fatal fall. Douglas County Sheriff John McDonald would later add a fourth button. **vi**

Before 1895, the Nebraska Legislature was struggling with the idea of moving executions from the counties to the State penitentiary. Besides a movement to abolish capital punishment, two incidents played a major role in motivating the Legislature's discussions. Two executions, David Hoffman in Otoe County and Ed Neal in Douglas, had unforeseen consequences. Spectators drawn to both executions subsequently turned into mobs that rioted, stormed the jail, and lynched another prisoner being held in jail. During the Spring session of 1895, a Bill changing the duties and location of executions was well on its way to passage. Opponents of the death penalty, however, proposed an amendment to the pending legislation. The addition would have completely abolished capital punishment in the State altogether, and the change stalled the passage of the legislation.vii In the Spring of 1901, the Legislature once again considered a similar law. The House version of the Bill was sponsored by Dodge County Representative George L. Loomis from Fremont, Nebraska, who coincidentally prosecuted Christian Furst & Charles Shepherd. Without serious objections from the anti-capital punishment lobby, the Bill easily passed the House, and was subsequently passed by the Senate. It became law in 1901. viii



Courtesy Nebraska Department of Corrections

That same year, Gottlieb Neigenfind went on a shooting rampage near Norfolk, Nebraska killing his wife, father-inlaw, and seriously injuring his mother-in-law. Because of the new law, Pierce County Sheriff B. M. Jones was spared the job of hanging Neigenfind who later would be the first person to hang at the penitentiary. The warden at the time, Allen D. Beemer, didn't have the proper equipment or the means to carry out the execution. The solution was simple.



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The State purchased the gallows, ropes, and black hood from Douglas County for fifty dollars. Douglas County, which had no further use for it, sent their new Sheriff, John Power, to oversee the erection of the scaffold. The warden asked former Sheriff McDonald if he would assist, based upon his experience in such matters, but the sheriff respectfully declined. **ix**

- i Nebraska Statutes 6178 (546) & 6179 (547), Statutes of Nebraska, 1891; J. E. Cobbey, Esq., of the Beatrice Bar; State Journal Company, Lincoln; p. 1222
- ii Well I'll Be Hung: Early Capital Punishment in Nebraska; Tim Dempsey; Sunbury Press; Mechanicsburg, PA; 2014
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- v Omaha World-Herald; August 8, 1896
- vii The Evening World-Herald, March 6 & 8, 1895
- viii Well I'll Be Hung: Early Capital Punishment in Nebraska; Tim Dempsey; Sunbury Press; Mechanicsburg, PA; 2014
- ix Evening World-Herald; March 10, 1903

Grant Programs

The Crime Commission offers a variety of federal and state grant programs. Each program has different purposes and requirements. Check them out at www.ncc.state.ne.us/crime_commission/pamphlet.htm

Upcoming Training Opportunities Offered by the Nebraska State Patrol

Submitted by Tony Loth, Nebraska State Patrol

The Criminal Identification Division of the Nebraska State Patrol is excited to offer the following training opportunities. All training sponsored by the Nebraska State Patrol is free of charge and qualifies for training credits toward the continuing education requirement.

Please visit the following website for a complete list of our training events and on-line registration:

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Advanced Fingerprint Training* – This training is directed towards law enforcement or law enforcement support personnel only. This course covers the proper technique for the collection of palm prints and major case prints (also known as full friction ridge exemplars).

* Please note that neither of the above fingerprint training courses covers latent fingerprint collection techniques for crime scene evidence collection. Please contact the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab for information on training for these topics.

Criminal History Records Training – This training is directed towards law enforcement, court personnel and anyone else involved with the criminal justice system and the maintenance of Nebraska criminal history records. This course covers information regarding criminal history records from the point of arrest to verdict and sentencing. What makes up the criminal history record, who provides information for the record and how is information shared throughout the legal process are also topics which will be discussed.

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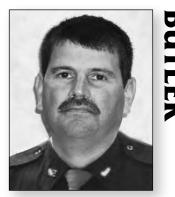
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Five must-have gadgets (by Dr. Richard Weinblatt) that make a crime fighter's responsibilities much easier

1) Window Punch.

Quite a few officers have taken their baton to a closed car window only to have it embarrassingly boomerang back at them as the onlookers laugh. Used by firefighters and EMTs, the spring loaded punch's steel tip is placed at the corner of the window and allows entry with a minimum of effort. Ideal for situations from highway car fires to dogs left in locked vehicles unattended in parking lots. Around \$10.00. *continued on page 18*

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Retired Logan County Sheriff Jim Wonch 1930-2014

James Edward Wonch, 83, of Stapleton, passed away on April 23, 2014, in Callaway.

James was born on June 2, 1930, in Arnold, to Cecil Leroy and Helen Marie (Nicholson) Wonch. He attended Arnold Public School.

On March 12, 1951, he married Rose Ellen Joedeman, of Gandy, and to this union four sons were born, Lee, Bill, Jim and Jay.

James served as town Marshall in Stapleton for nine months, then was appointed Sheriff July 23, 1973. In 1974, he filed for election and was successfully elected until his retirement in 1996.

James said the hardest part of his job as Sheriff was notifying families in the middle of the night of the death of a loved one. Another part of his job as Sheriff was acting as County Coroner - also not his favorite role.

James was the Logan County Sheriff for 23 years and served as district brand inspector. Prior to that, he ranched, farmed and drove a truck for Gayman Sand and Gravel. Following his retirement, he was the grounds keeper for the McCain Cemetery and took great pride in keeping it in top shape.

James is survived by his four sons, Lee (Diane), of Gandy, Bill (Gail), of Gandy, Jim (Barb), of Aurora, and Jay (Patty), of North Platte; 15 grandchildren; 41 greatgrandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; numerous family and friends.

May he rest in peace. Amen.



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Nebraska State Patrol Upgrading Nebraska AFIS

Submitted by Tony Loth, Nebraska State Patrol

For the first time since 2007, the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is embarking on a comprehensive upgrade and expansion of the Nebraska Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). Nebraska's AFIS consists of 33 livescan stations, five latent print workstations, and nine tenprint workstations and contains more than 996,000 tenprint records, nearly 17,000 latent print images and 468,488 sets of palm print records. The full upgrade of the system consists of multiple parts described in the following paragraphs:

PHASE I COMPLETE

Phase I of the AFIS upgrade is complete. This portion of the project included an upgrade of the servers on the backend of the AFIS to expand storage capacity and installed

new matching algorithms to improve the matching performance of the system. Phase I did not produce any enhancements to front-end performance or functionality, but the necessary back-end infrastructure that will support the front-end upgrade was installed. Phase I went live on December 13, 2013 and final acceptance of the upgrade was completed on February 19, 2014.

PHASE II COMPLETION 2015

Phase II is tentatively scheduled to begin

in 2014 with an anticipated 2015 completion date. NSP is currently trying to identify a funding source for this portion of the upgrade. Phase II will involve two major components. First, all existing ten-print and latent workstations will be completely replaced with new computers, scanners, printers and cameras. Second, the AFIS software will be upgraded from PrintTrakBIS version 9.7, which is currently seven years old to MorphoBIS 3.0, which is new this year. MorphoBIS 3.0 offers a number of advantages over PrintTrakBIS 9.7, including: the ability to transmit mug shots and palm prints to the FBI, improved user interface, superior image enhancement tools, improved reporting functionality and the ability to add "plug and play" add-ons that will not require expensive programming.

POSSIBLE UPGRADE TO WINDOWS 7

As many of you may already know, Windows XP operating system reached "end of life" effective April 8, 2014. What this means is that Microsoft will no longer develop security patches to protect against unauthorized intrusion on a computer or network that operates on Windows XP. This leaves any computer that is connected to the internet potentially vulnerable to being hacked. Thirty of the 33 livescan machines located in Nebraska are currently operating on Windows XP. While all of those computers operate on a closed network that is behind a secure firewall and are therefore not vulnerable, it is still desirable to protect against that possibility. NSP has applied for funding under the National Criminal History Record Improvement

Project (NCHIP) grant to upgrade all of the livescans to the Windows 7 operating system. Unfortunately we will not learn until September or October if we are awarded this funding.

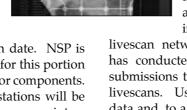
SEEKING GRANT FOR LIVESCANS

Finally, NSP has applied for grant funding under the NCHIP grant to purchase five additional livescan machines in 2014. Plans are in place to apply for additional funding in 2015 to add another six livescans to the

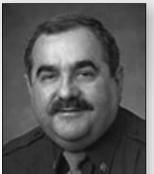
livescan network. The Criminal Identification Division has conducted a thorough review of criminal ink card submissions to determine the best locations for these new livescans. Using submission volume, rejected fingerprint data and, to a certain extent, geographic location as criteria, NSP has identified prospective locations for this expansion. Letters of support were included with the grant application.

The Nebraska State Patrol is very excited about these upgrades and we look forward to working with our local law enforcement partners on these projects. Questions contact:

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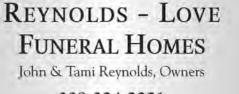
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2) Seat Belt Cutter.

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4) Camera.

Not to be confused by the dash camera located in the patrol car and not always secured to the belt (more often to the chest), this new generation of camera gadgets is worn by the police officer or deputy sheriff and goes where he or she goes to enforce the law. Like all camera devices, these new unblinking eyes, such as Taser International's AXON system, document incidents and have gone a long way towards vindicating officers' actions that come under dispute by irate citizens. Admittedly, they're a little pricey for individual officer purchase. Around \$1,200.00

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Dixon County Sheriff Dean Chase to retire at the end of his term January 2015

Sheriff Dean Chase says that when he was elected, he was the youngest Sheriff in Nebraska. When he took office in January 1971, the Sheriff's communications gear was rudimentary by today's standardstube radios and rotary telephones. Dean also did "dispatch" duty in those days. After hours incoming phone calls were transferred to Ponca's former Chief of Police, Gene Beller, who would pass them on to the Sheriff or Deputy via radio or telephone them at home.

Dean says one of the major highlights of his career is the recent 911 system. Through it, dispatchers are

often able to pin point the exact residence of a calling party who might have had a stroke and can't talk. They are very close to being able to do the same with cell phone calls. A complication with cell phones is that a call might connect to another agency, complicating the triangulation process in Dixon County.

In the event of a disaster, Dixon County has affiliated with Woodbury County in Iowa, which would send their communications van to Ponca, and Dixon County's dispatcher could work directly out of the van to move people, rescue workers, law enforcement, and medical workers to where needed.

Sheriff's work is not just a matter of dispatches and communication.

He also provides security to Dixon County District and County Courts, operates the Dixon County Jail, serves civil processes including arrest warrants, and the many other facets of law enforcement duties.

He has had to confront armed individuals in shooting incidents, whereby one shooter was convicted and another shooter was acquitted, the jury apparently deciding the fellow was threatened by the party he shot. Dean has great sympathy for the individuals and their families in these cases. It is very sad and destructive for them and their families he says.

There has been the occasional "Meth" case, that he was thankful that he had deputies along with him, because he could not have prevailed without their help. The objective was to bring the fellow in without injuring him or letting him injure others. The only injury the fellow suffered was from purposefully banging his head against the screen barrier between the front and back seats. Dean said, subsequently at the court hearing you would not have known it was the same loud, expletive loaded, wild-eyed and "meth" charged fellow they had brought in. Life threatening situations occur

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more frequently than the general public realizes. Managing violence goes with the territory. Drug highs and mean drunks are major contributors.

Dean says he has a great appreciation for his deputies. He has put a lot of faith and trust in them over the years. A typical call the Sheriff's office receives includes auto accidents, shootings, trespassing, family disturbances, fatalities, and injuries. One of the tougher jobs the office must carry out are notifications of deaths to families.

In this era of terrorism, Dean's office has worked with schools helping them plan for emergencies. The school administrators and staff have done a good job of preparing for all emergency situations.

Dean says that he is amazed by the dedication of the Fire and Rescue volunteers. The citizens have to feel very fortunate for all the services the volunteers provide without any compensation.

The sheriff's office responds to approximately 40 domestic violence incidents per year. Some family disputes may not have answers, Dean says. Dean expresses his gratitude to those who provide religious counseling as well as drug and alcohol abuse counseling to inmates.

Dean specifically cites the County Supervisors, officials and staff, and his entire office staff for being supportive. Without their support, he says, you couldn't get things accomplished.

He was once the youngest Sheriff in Nebraska. Now, he is the longest serving sheriff in the state with 44 years of active service.

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Congratulations, Dean.

Thanks for your dedication and service.

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for several weeks, or actually have the decryption keys that the CryptoLocker folks have." (Techworld.com, November 25, 2013).

Victims of CryptoLocker include a law firm in North Carolina, a newspaper in Arizona, a veterinarian's office in Massachusetts, and a Chamber of Commerce in Vermont. The Chamber of Commerce was unable to pay the ransom fast enough, causing them to lose access to 130,000 files.

PCWorld reported that CryptoLocker creators are now giving victims a second chance to pay for the private decryption key, but for nearly five times as much money, (November 4, 2013).

PREVENTING INFECTION

Any vulnerabilities in your computer programs and practices will be targeted by cybercriminals. Some of the encryption ransomware is impractical for small businesses or agencies to attempt to defeat. Therefore, the best you can do is avoid it but be prepared in case you cannot.

- Keep up-to-date on anti-virus-anti-malware programs and software patches.
- Only download software from trusted sources. Malware is often bundled with other free programs.
- Never open suspicious email attachments.
- Enable pop-up blocker.
- Use a firewall.
- Avoid malicious advertisements/links.
- Disconnect backup drives when not in use.
- Backup all valuable files with an external hard drive and/ or multiple media frequently.

JD Sherry, vice president of technology and solutions at Trend Micro, a Texas-based computer security company, "recommends what he calls a 3-2-1 strategy. Keep three copies of your data in two different media types and in one physically separate location," (USA Today, May 14, 2014).

MITIGATION

"The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encourage users and administrators experiencing a ransomware infection to report the incident to the FBI at the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)," (Alert TA13-309A, November 5, 2013). If you are struck with the CryptoLocker virus or other malware, experts recommend taking these steps:

- 1. Do not pay the ransom.
- **2.** Disconnect the computer from the Internet and all networks.
- 3. Consult a trusted IT security expert.
- 4. See which files have been damaged.
- 5. Report the incident to IC3.
- 6. Change all passwords.
- 7. Restore your data from backups

Paying the ransom does not guarantee that the criminals will deliver the private key to decrypt your files. Despite an on-screen warning against it, disconnecting your computer from the Internet and all networks may prevent additional encryption. Even if you are able to unlock your computer or decrypt some files, consult a professional. Additional malware may be lurking. Of course, restoring your data is only



possible if you have current backup files available.

FUTURE RISKS

"According to Bitdefender, a ransomware app has made the jump from PC to Android. Posing as punishment for viewing porn, this malicious app locks away the homescreen unless victims fork over some cash," (PCMag.com, May 12, 2014). On May 27, 2014, The Telegraph reported that iPhones and iPads were targeted by ransomware in Australia and the UK by exploiting a weakness in the "Find My iPhone" feature. Although the identified versions of these scams were not very sophisticated, you can bet that will change.

Early this year, Romanian police helped Internet security firm Bitdefender to locate C&C servers which distributed Reveton/Icepol. They seized one of the major C&C servers in Bucharest, Romania, (The Hacker News, January 29, 2014). However, with scores of other servers at their disposal, this will make little progress toward shutting down ransomware networks.

Cybercriminals flourish in countries where there is "little risk of prosecution," (Forbes, February 3, 2014). They rely upon protective hacker forums, encrypted communications, untraceable channels of money, and scores of changing servers in multiple countries. As computer security experts work to defeat ransomware, the programs continue to evolve. The best computer users can do is be cautious and stay alert to the latest news on malware.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

US-CERT.gov

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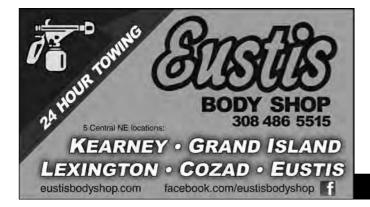
This site is home to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. It provides information and an online form to report ransomware or other Internet crimes.

Franklin County propels Nebraska into statehood

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado was probably the first explorer in the area looking for the mythical rich kingdom of Quivira. He was unable to find the hoard of gold he had been told about, and the Spanish, who claimed the land, eventually gave up exploration of the area. Although historians argue as to whether Coronado made it as far north as Nebraska, it would be hard to explain otherwise how a pair of Spanish stirrups were discovered by George Prather in the area in 1874.

In 1806, American explorer Zebulon Pike described the area as a "hunter's paradise," thick with game. Mountain men and fur traders began taking advantage of the the profits to be made on pelts and hides. By the mid 1800s, stores were opened, mail and delivery routes were established and pioneers began to settle land along the trails and creeks. The 1854 Pre-exemption Act combined with the 1862 Homestead Act enabled a settler to acquire 320 acres of land for a total cost of \$200 provided that the land was lived on for five years and improvements were made. This incentive, coupled with the desire of many Civil War veterans to start a new life "out West," created enough population to propel Nebraska from a territory into statehood in 1867.

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"Wild Bill" Hickok tried for murder in Beatrice

James "Wild Bill" Hickok (1837-1876) was tried for murder in Beatrice (Gage County) for killing David McCandles at Rock Creek Station. Hickok started his

notorious career in 1861 at Rock Creek Station, southwest of Beatrice in what is now known as Jefferson County.

At his trial in Beatrice, he was acquitted after pleading self-defense. He served in the Civil War after the Rock Creek incident. Later he performed for two years in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and gambled in card games.

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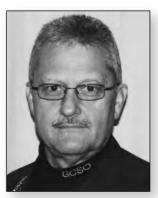
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We All Have One By Wendy Piercy, MS, LPC

Wendy Piercy is a Grand Island, NE police officer. In addition to being a police officer, she is a licensed mental health therapist. Her career as a therapist has spanned 17 years with areas of expertise in child abuse, interpersonal communications, crisis response, stress management and crisis de-escalation.

We all have one. Some of us have had them for years, others it a recent addition. They come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes we start out with one size and then we realize it is too small and we have to upgrade. It is really hard to get into a size smaller. If we are all being



honest, we compare ours with others. It is our junk drawer. The place we put things that we are not sure if we should keep, discard, file etc. It is unbelievable the stuff you find in the drawer. There is a good chance there are things in there from several years ago. We may not even know why we put it in there in the first place. Although it was important at the time. Maybe some of the items are things you have had for years and it just doesn't feel right in letting it go. Maybe it is the only thing you have left of the event or the item and if you discard it then it is officially done. The amazing thing is not everyone will put the same thing in the drawer.

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So what do we know about junk drawers? They catch everything. It is a good place to hide the stuff you don't want others to see. A lot of times it is somewhere fairly visibly i.e kitchen, garage, family room. People see the front of the drawer but have no idea what is in the drawer. From the outside it looks normal. People will less likely snoop the junk drawer as opposed to the medicine cabinet or bedroom where there is privacy.

Funny thing about junk drawers, they have a limit. Let's say you want to get a tweezers out of the junk drawer but it is way at the bottom. In order to get to the tweezers you have to take everything out of the drawer. The paperwork from your 1983 boombox, a key to something but you have no idea what, a refund check from Menards for 32 cents, some string, a bullet, receipt from 2005 for the tree you planted in the event it dies within a year. It takes a lot of work to keep taking all that stuff out every time you want something from the bottom of the drawer or if you are looking for one specific item and you have to sort through all the over stuff to find the one thing you need, you may even get frustrated and think I should really clean this out but your busy and have to get other "more important" things done. Sometimes we stuff so much "junk" in the drawer the drawer won't close or worse yet it breaks. If you have a junk cupboard, there is always that risk that everything will come crashing down on you when you least expect it.

Our careers in law enforcement are like the drawer. Every interaction with the public creates a memory, even the traffic stop with the 32 year old soccer mom who California rolled the stop sign in her minivan. We approach the vehicle as an unknown. Our senses are heightened even if we do not consciously recognize it. We are on alert for traffic coming from behind us and also approaching us. We make contact with the back of the vehicle. We scan the rows of seats through the tinted windows which keeps us from having an unobstructed view. We make contact with the driver, watching her hands, watching the three year old holding the container of Cheerios. We complete the stop and we go back in service. This interaction will most likely not register or stay with us or go in our drawer. We are ok with throwing that away. Even though our senses were heightened, we were not put in a dangerous or highly emotional state.

Think about the first fatality you were directly involved with. As soon as you read those words, your mind went to the event. That event went in your drawer. It was a highly emotional, out of normal experience. It is not an event we encounter on our daily interactions. It may not be a fatality, it could be an accident with severe injuries, a domestic where the victim is hardly recognizable. It might not be "traumatic" as far as "traumatic" events go. It might even be as simple as a mentor or good friend or relative being caught with marijuana or DUI. That is the interesting thing about us, no two people have the same thing in their junk drawer and the reasons they put things in the junk drawer may be for entirely different reasons.

As mentioned earlier we take those situations in which we see things we can never unsee. They become part of who we are

and part of us. They go in the drawer. Take those impossible situations in which people want you to solve their problems they have spent years creating and want you to solve it in 15 minutes. The times you were up for a promotion or a new position such as firearms or K9 and you were not chosen. It might be just the opposite, you are not wanting a position and you get it. There are the events which tear at your soul and eat at your mind. There are the events which nibble at you building resentments and fostering negativity.

Just like a junk drawer may get too full and dump stuff all over or even break, this can happen to us if we let our mental junk drawer get too full. We run the risk of eating/drinking/ smoking/ chewing too much. We become frustrated over things which normally wouldn't affect us. We bark at our significant others. We start sleeping too much/too little. We find ourselves looking to the negative. We may even start looking outside of our committed relationships to keep us from dealing with stuff. It takes a lot of energy to hang on to past disappointments or resentments. The only person that gets weighed down by resentments is you. Move forward from it and focus on making yourself better. Take it out of your drawer and don't put it back. You can still be a leader and be a go to person without the title of TRT, Firearms, DT, FTO etc. Do what you need to do to help you move forward. I run. It gives me a chance to get perspective and amazingly enough after a few miles, I am able to look at things differently. Find what that is for you: fishing, hunting, golfing, painting, woodworking, crafts, etc. Make time to do those things. Make healthy choices. This includes sleeping, eating healthy foods, limit caffeine/energy drinks. If you find your mind stuck or tunnel visioned, get up and move, do something different, take a cold shower, drink a hot drink, suck on a lemon candy. Do something that will help get your mind to open up. Don't shut out those who mean the most to you. You may think you are protecting them by not talking to them, in reality you are just increasing their worries.

There are things that will always be a part of your life you can't unsee or unknow. Know that these things will be in your mental drawer forever. Sometimes they pop out when you expect it such as when you go to a scene that is similar etc. Sometimes out of the blue those things just come into your head. Take a breath. Allow yourself to experience the emotions and understand it will pass. If you can't seem to shake it and your daily functioning is negatively affected, seek professional help. If the drawer broke and you couldn't fix it, you would call in a professional to repair it. You wouldn't just let the drawer stay broken. Mental toughness doesn't come from ignoring the issue. It comes from identifying the issue and resolving it.

"At the end of the day, you're responsible for yourself and your actions and that's all you can control. So rather than be frustrated with what you can't control, try to fix the things you can." – Kevin Garnett –



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Five must-have gadgets continued from page 18

5) Flex Cuffs.

In addition to handcuffs (two pairs should be carried as I did), several flex cuffs can be handy when a foot chase results in several suspects captured, but no backup in sight. Having been in the spot where multiple persons needed to be secured, I know that departmentally approved flex cuffs can do the trick. Lightweight and easily carried on your person, they can even be hidden behind the length of the belt to avoid being an attractive item for someone to grab. Around \$1.00.

While newer officers/deputies in particular may focus on the firearm and Taser as THE gadgets to have on their law enforcement belt, experience dictates that equal thought and care needs to go into other gadgets and tools of the trade. These other items should be inspected and cleaned regularly as they are called on to function at crucial times when a second chance is not always possible. What items do you carry that are "must have" gadgets?

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DRIVING SIMULATORS AVAILABLE FROM NSA

The Nebraska Sheriff's Association has two high-tech tools to bring attention to the dangers associated with distracted driving. Thanks to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, AAA, and the Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation, the Association's arsenal of education and training tools now includes two VirtualDriver Interactive simulator units which will be available to law enforcement agencies for fairs, school/community events, and safety/health conferences. Grant funds were made available for this effort.







On the lighter side . . .

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeders, a Sheriff's Deputy sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH.

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Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back, wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the Deputy replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly ... twenty two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The Deputy, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"Before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask - Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the Deputy asks.

"They'll be alright in a minute. We just got off Route 119."

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What is tinnitus?

Tinnitus ("TIN-a-tus" or "Tin-EYEtus") is the medical term for the sensation of hearing sound in your ears or head when no external sound is present. In most cases, tinnitus is a subjective noise, meaning only the sufferer can hear it. Typically, the the sound is described as "ringing in ears," though others describe it as hissing, buzzing, whistling, roaring and even chirping.

TINNITUS FACTS

- Tinnitus affects 1 in 5 people.
- Tinnitus is not a condition, but is the symptom of an underlying condition such as age-related hearing loss or a circulatory system disorder.
- Tinnitus may begin suddenly or may progress gradually.

What causes tinnitus?

While scientists and health experts have yet to pinpoint the exact physiological cause of tinnitus, several sources are known to trigger or worsen tinnitus, including:

• Loud Noises and Hearing Loss – Exposure to loud noises can destroy the non-regenerative cilia in the cochlea, causing permanent tinnitus and/or hearing loss. Tinnitus due to noise is often the result of exposure to loud environmental noises, such as working in a factory setting or even a single event like a gunshot.

- Aging Often with age, hearing becomes worse. Presbycusis is the normal loss of hearing acuity, speech intelligibility, auditory threshold and pitch associated with aging. Tinnitus is a common symptom of presbycusis.
- Ototoxic Medications Some prescription medications such as antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, antidepressants, diuretics and others can be ototoxic, meaning they are harmful to the inner ear as well as the nerve fibers connecting the cochlea to the brain.
- Hearing Conditions Conditions such as otosclerosis and Ménière's disease are known to cause tinnitus. Otosclerosis is a hearing condition in the middle ear that causes an increase in the volume of internal sounds and pressure on the inner ear membranes. Ménière's disease is characterized by vertigo (dizziness), gradual hearing loss and low-pitch tinnitus.
- Health Conditions Tinnitus can also be a symptom of a number of health conditions:
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Hypertension (high blood pressure)
 - Thyroid problems
 - Fibromyalgia and chronic pain
 - Head or neck trauma
 - Jaw misalignment
 - Auditory, vestibular or facial nerve tumors
 - Stress & fatigue

Is there a cure for tinnitus?

Currently, there is no known tinnitus cure. However, according to the American Tinnitus Association (ATA), there are treatment options, including amplification and sound therapy. One of the most effective forms of treatment is sound therapy, which uses sound (generated from devices like hearing aids) to make tinnitus less noticeable and take the person's mind off it.

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Main Differences in the 223 Remington and 5.56 NATO Cartridges

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The differences between the 223 Remington and the 5.56 NATO are subtle but important. The first main difference between the two cartridges is that they have different maximum pressure limits.

Much of the information easily found online is confusing given that the historical methods of measuring pressure in 223 Remington and 5.56 NATO are different.

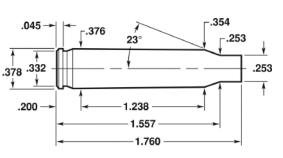
The military's method for measuring pressure is in a different unit and taken in a different location than the commercial 223 Remington. The 223 Remington has a SAAMI

(Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute) maximum pressure of 55,000 psi while the 5.56 NATO, when measured in a similar manner, has a 60,000 psi limit. Also, the 5.56 NATO chamber has a longer throat dimension than the 223 Remington.

While the outside dimensions of the two cartridges are the same,

they are not totally interchangeable. Firing 223 Remington ammunition in a 5.56 NATO chamber is common. Since the 223 Remington has a lower maximum pressure than the 5.56 NATO it will safely fire, though, some pressure degradation may occur due to the longer throat length. This means that 223 Remington ammunition fired in a 223 Remington chamber will produce somewhat higher velocities than firing 223 Remington ammunition in the longer 5.56 NATO chamber.

Accuracy can suffer by having more freebore or "jump" where the bullet travels some distance before engaging the rifling. In general, ammunition with bullets seated closer to the rifling are more accurate than ammunition with bullets seated farther away.



One other issue that may rarely occur is a failure to cycle in an MSR (Modern Sporting Rifle) using light for caliber bullets in a 5.56 NATO Chamber due to the pressure loss from the longer throat.

Firing 5.56 NATO ammunition in a 223 Remington chamber is not recommended and can cause serious damage to the firearm and shooter. As previously mentioned, the 5.56 NATO operates at a higher pressure limit and the issue is further magnified when fired in the 223 Remington's chamber with the shorter throat.

An increasing number of match rifles are featuring the 223 Wylde chambering. Like the 5.56 NATO, it incorporates a

longer throat, however, freebore diameter is somewhat smaller, 0.2240" compared to the 5.56 NATO's 0.2265". This chambering helps incorporate the accuracy of a 223 Remington while handling the pressures of the 5.56 NATO.

It is important to identify exactly which chamber your rifle has before firing 5.56 NATO

ammunition. If it is not obvious from the markings on the barrel, you may want to contact the firearm manufacturer. Keep in mind that on the AR-15 platform, what's written on the lower receiver may not match the upper receiver since that platform is very modular. It is best to look for markings on the barrel itself as to the specific chambering.

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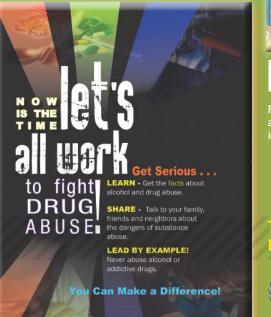
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Coordinated Training Program Builds Stronger Responder Corps for Safer Incident Recovery *Unified "team" approach allows the roads to be cleared faster*

By Mark Meints, Nebraska Dept. of Roads Hwy. Emergency Program Specialist

Three injury crashes occur every minute in the United States, putting police, fire, highway workers, tow truck drivers, and other incident responders potentially in harm's way every day. Congestion from these incidents can generate secondary crashes, increasing traveler delay and frustration. The longer responders remain at the scene, the greater the risk they, and the traveling public, face. Every minute clearing an initial accident increases the chance of a secondary accident by 2.8 percent.

The National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training program is building teams of welltrained responders who can work together in a coordinated manner, from the moment the first emergency call is made. They learn the correct deployment of response vehicles and equipment, how to create a safe work area using traffic control devices, and techniques to speed up accident clearance.

The program is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, which designed the course as part of the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) to improve highway safety and reduce congestion caused by accidents. The curriculum is based on extensive and detailed research conducted with TIM responders across the country and is based on a train-the-trainer approach. A four-hour training course is used to cascade the training and make it available to all responders.

On March 26th and 27th, 41 incident responders from across the State attended a 12 hour train the trainer course and have become instructors on the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administrations Traffic Incident Management program. The responders were from several agencies and departments including the Nebraska Department of Roads, Nebraska State patrol, Nebraska EMS/Trauma Program, Nebraska Fire Marshalls Office, Lincoln Police Department, York Fire and Rescue, Nebraska LTAP, and the Professional Towers Association of Nebraska.

"All of our participants came away with a new perspective of our job at the scene and a new understanding of how all the players need to work together to be safe," said Mark Meints, Highway Emergency Program Specialist for the Nebraska Department of Roads and the TIM Statewide Program Coordinator, after taking the course. "To generate



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the strongest teams, representatives from all responder groups train together, including police, fire, sheriffs, emergency medical services, dispatchers, tow drivers, State and local highway departments, and public works"

The TIM Training program has been endorsed by key agencies involved in the State TIM program implementation committee, including the Nebraska Department of Roads, Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska State Fire Marshalls office, Nebraska Health and Human Services EMS/Trauma Division, Federal Highway Administration (Nebraska Division), and Nebraska LTAP.

FREE training classes are forming now. Departments that have at least 6 members attend the TIM training will receive \$600 worth of traffic safety devices. 3 CEH's will also be awarded for EMS continuing education.

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Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony Held in Grand Island

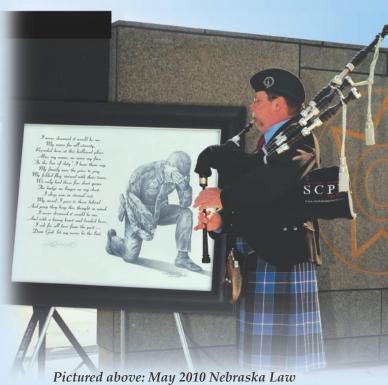
Five years ago, the Law Enforcement Memorial was dedicated just inside the gates of Fonner Park, Grand Island. It was hoped that this year, no more names would need to be added. Unfortunately, four more were added May 12, 2014.

Union Pacific Railroad Special Agent William Ransom died of a head injury sustained on December 22, 1893, while attempting to arrest a subject in Wahoo.

Corrections Officer Amanda Beth Baker, Scotts Bluff County, was killed in February. Baker died after what authorities say was a planned attack by a teenage inmate. Baker is the state's first female officer to die in the line of duty. Studying to be a nurse, Baker hoped to find a position after graduation and continue working in corrections.

Frederick Schlote, Oconto Town Marshal, died in 1967.

Aurora Police Chief Godfrey Brokenrope died in a motorcycle crash July, 2013. A wreath was placed for him during the ceremony. The Brokenrope family admitted that Godfrey would have gladly laid his life down in the line of duty, and even though he didn't have that opportunity, they were touched that he was honored in this way. This marks the first time the ceremony honored long-serving members of law enforcement that died, regardless of how.



Pictured above: May 2010 Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial dedication ceremony. (Photo by Ron Goodrich)

More than 130 Nebraska officers have died in the line of duty.



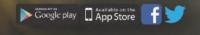


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Iron Warriors Motorcycle Club Honors Fallen Officers Hosts 6th Annual Nebraska Law Ride

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It has been five years since the Law Enforcement Memorial on the grounds at Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska was dedicated. It has also been six years since the Iron Warriors Motorcycle Club held the First Annual Nebraska Law Ride, the most recent held 11 May, 2013. In that time, over

600 motorcycle enthusiasts have shown their support and paid tribute to Nebraska's fallen officers; the result is over \$19,000 raised for the perpetual upkeep of the memorial which bears the names of the fallen.

It is with heavy hearts we release our latest River City Chapter member to the Forever Chapter. Godfrey 'Rope' Brokenrope, Chief of Police in Aurora, Nebraska died from injuries in a motorcycle accident which occurred 25 July. Godfrey leaves behind a wife and three adult children.

The Iron Warriors Motorcycle Club is a non-profit organization of current and retired law enforcement officers and firefighters. The Iron Warriors own and ride V-twin motorcycles made by American-owned companies.



The IWMC membership contributes much of its free time toward the efforts of raising money to support the families of Fallen Police Officers and/or Firefighters. The IWMC additionally supports our Veterans of the military, as they have sacrificed much, and some sacrificed all.

The IWMC generosity is not limited to Law Enforcement, Firefighters or Veterans. Individual chapters will routinely seek out those struggles within their community, to show support and express their gratitude for the support given to them by our communities. Support your local IWMC next time you see them hosting an event!

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What does it mean to be Next GEN Ready?

What's so hard about texting to 911?

By Bob Carmichael, Carmichael Business Systems

Bob Carmichael, of Carmichael Business Systems, will be at the October NSA-POAN Conference. Be sure to stop by his booth. Also see his ad in this magazine on the inside front cover.

Next Gen 9-1-1 is a complicated issue with many facets that must be addressed by the PSAPs.

One of the first issues to be addressed is the ability to accept text messages. Text messages are no longer the exception; the public expects to have the ability to send text messages to 9-1-1. In 2012 an agreement was reached between the major cell carriers the FCC and APCO/ NENA that text messages would be made available to 9-1-1 by May 2014.

Since it is now May of 2014 and we assume the carriers have made good on their promise, changes to your PSAP infrastructure are going to be required to accept and react to text messages.

Texting is called SMS (short message service). Most of us think texting is sending a message to another cell phone. However, the text is first sent to the phone carrier then forwarded. Have you ever sent a text message that didn't get to the other phone for a long time? That won't work with 9-1-1. You need help now!

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At one point it was believed that SMS would never be a real-time communications service! NENA's NG9-1-1 technical committees have risen to the challenge and found a reliable way to get the text to 911 and to make multiple text messages into a single session.

NG9-1-1 is all SIP (Session Initiation Protocol) based. SIP has proven to be the most reliable method over the internet. NG9-1-1 has been working on this for 14 years.

So what are the steps to send a text message via your cellphone?

- Caller sends voice / text, etc. from cellphone
- Call goes to phone carrier; carrier sends text to PSAP via ESInet
- ESInet (at edge of PSAP Network) adds caller ID, incident tracking and converts PSAP call to SIP format (voice, text, video, etc.)
- "Packets" of information are received at dispatch positions and automatically conferences in the recorder

Each one of these steps sound very simple and straight forward but the technology required to make everything work fills volumes! There are a lot of steps and they all have to happen in the proper sequence.

The emergency dispatch recorders that once were just one of the small pieces in the puzzle have become the center of the PSAP Network. The logger's functions have been expanded to not just record calls but to include "logging" of external events, internal events and messages.

This is a simplified non-technical explanation of one of many complicated issues we will be facing as we proceed toward the Next Generation of 9-1-1 recording.

The vendor you select to help you implement this transition needs to be well versed in how it all "comes together." Make sure you find a local dealer who has installations all over the state, who has 24/7 service and knowledgeable personnel who understand how all this works. Then you'll be Next GEN Ready and you can relax.

The Self-Made Man

By Sgt. Winston Cavendish, Retired, Sun Police (Arizona)

Sgt. Winston Cavendish, Retired, Sun Police Department (Arizona), is a regular contributor to the Nebraska Sheriff magazine. One of the stories he shared with us was recently published in a national law enforcement magazine.

You made it to the top. You can truly say you're a self-made man. You're outstanding in your field. You didn't need your teacher, your principal, or your school counselor to tell you what to learn. You made it to an exclusive all boys school, the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility in Omaha.

Your Uncle Guido taught you everything you should know. He bought you your first pair of brass knuckles, taught you how to kick a man when he's down, and how to steal your first pair of shoes from Kmart. He also bought you your first Saturday night special for your sixteenth birthday. Isn't he the same uncle that had problems with learning how to shoot his 357 Magnum revolver? Didn't he shoot himself in the foot by accident while cleaning it? Didn't this incident embarrass the Godfather?

Out of his four cousins, Uncle Guido was the first one in the family not to become a "wise guy", a "hit man". But, didn't he show them. He went into white collar crime - where the money is - computer fraud, stealing identities and using their credit cards. He often employed the "pigeon drop," targetting and persuading senior citizens to give up a sum of money in order to secure the rights to a larger sum of money, taking senior citizens for everything they were worth. Isn't he the same one that is living in the Peach State - Georgia ? Hasn't he found out it's the pits? He has a tremendous view of the exercise yard. He's in a "high rise federal apartment." As a matter of fact in the new wing at the federal lock up in Atlanta. It's so exclusive I'm told he has an unlisted number.

So now, what about you? Didn't you laugh at the convienent store clerk when he begged for his life, just before you shot him in the back of the head. Who's laughing now?

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Look at Lefty. He's a big success too. He only burglarized over a hundred homes in the county. Good thing he's only been charged for one; it's his first time on the books. He really is in the minor league, but he's trying.

We heard you had a visit from the Godfather last week. He said, "You're giving the profession a bad name." Were you concerned about the kiss he gave you in front of your cell mates. But you've got bigger things to worry about.



Photo: Winston Cavenish "incarcerated" taken by Chief of Police Greg Bush, Sun Police Department.

What's that you hear? Footsteps echoing in the corridor. Is that the sound of keys jingling? Someone here to see you? Didn't the Warden send you Father Frances this morning? What is that you heard? They repaired the straps on the death table and fixed the IV tubes so the chemicals take longer to coarse through your veins. Luckily the Governor called a few minutes ago to tell you the good news: the state has given up on capital punishment. Now you have the rest of your life to think about your evil deeds and why you are at the top of the bottom of society - truly a self-made MAN.

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Please take a look at the information and feel free to contact the Crime Lab with any questions.

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Looking back:

Nance County Sheriff Dave Johnson

End of Watch: Tuesday, May 16, 1961

On May 16, 1961, Nance County Sheriff Dave Johnson was shot and killed after he and a deputy attempted to serve a warrant on a mentally ill man. Sheriff Johnson went into the home unarmed as the deputy waited in the car. After the sheriff failed to return the deputy approached the house and observed that the sheriff was in a struggle with the man. Sheriff Johnson freed himself from the struggle and the two officers took cover in a nearby barn as the suspect armed himself with a shotgun. As Sheriff Johnson attempted to make it to his car to obtain his revolver he was shot and killed by the suspect. The suspect fled in his vehicle.

Later that same day, the suspect was shot and killed by lawmen near Ellsworth, Kansas. He lost control of his car and slid into a ditch during a high speed chase. When he opened fire on officers from his car they responded with a hail of bullets hitting him 13 times.

Sheriff Johnson (60) was survived by his wife and three children. End of Watch: Tuesday, May 16, 1961.

Read more: http://www.odmp.org/officer/7153sheriff-dave-johnson#ixzz2rvOBf5HO

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Adult and Juvenile Interstate Compact Rules: New rules that affect Nebraska

By Kari Rumbaugh, ICJ Commissioner ICAOS Deputy Compact Administrator for the Office of Probation Administration

The Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) and the Intestate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ) are both statutorily effective in Nebraska. The Interstate Compact rules are updated or changed every other year, unless all states signatory to the compact agree on emergency rules. Both ICAOS and ICJ rules carry the weight of federal law and therefore this article will discuss newly passed rules and how these rules affect Nebraska, as well as law enforcement.

ICAOS New Rules effective; March 1, 2014:

The Intestate Compact for Adult Offenders passed many rule changes that went into effect this year. The significant rule changes included veterans, transfer information, offenders transferred for incarceration purposes and retaking violating offenders.

VETERANS - The ICAOS now allows for veterans to receive immediate approval to remain in another state pending a complete interstate compact investigation, only if the veteran is relocating for medical or mental health services. This will allow veterans who are in need of services in another state to depart within two business days. The newly passed rules also allow for offenders who are taken to another state due to a detainer to request to remain in that state upon discharge, if they meet certain criteria. This will assist offenders in not returning to another state solely for paperwork purposes.

TRANSFERRING INCARCERATED OFFENDER - The ICAOS also determined additional information is necessary when transferring an offender to another state who has been incarcerated during the last two years. The additional information includes prison disciplinary and prison mental health history reports. These reports are essential for the receiving state to have information regarding the behavior and risk of the offender during incarceration.

RETAKING AN OFFENDER - Finally, several offender retaking rules were changed this year. The Interstate Compact has specific rules designed to require a state to either return or retake an offender who is violating conditions of supervision. Some of the changes to these rules include the mandate that any offender who is arrested for a new felony or violent crime must remain in the receiving state until the sentence has been satisfied. The only exception is if both sending and receiving states agree the offender should be retaken prior to sentencing. To learn more about these or other new ICAOS rules you can visit **www. interstatecompact.org.**

ICJ New Rules effective; April 1, 2014:

The Intestate Compact for Juveniles also passed many new rules and rule changes that went into effect this year. The significant rule included juvenile sex offenders, sanctioning, juvenile non-compliance and an established authority to return Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) runaways.

JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS - The ICJ now requires that juvenile sex offenders who want to relocate to another state must wait a maximum of 45 days for a full transfer investigation to be completed, unless there is no legal guardian in the sending state. This ensures the placement in the state they are relocating too has been investigated and determined safe for the youth and community.

INTERSTATE COMPACT JUVENILES - The ICJ rules also were clarified to allow for a state to utilize all sanctions available for interstate compact juveniles. A comprehensive rule was created regarding how a state reports juvenile non-compliance after they have been transferred, and the responsibility of the sending state to respond and possibly retake the juvenile.

RUNAWAYS FROM PLACEMENT IN ANOTHER STATE - Finally, a new rule was created and passed that gives ICJ the authority to return an ICPC youth who has run from a placement in another state, if the sending state cannot return the runaway within 24 hours. This allows for ICPC youth to be held in a secure facility, if necessary, and ensures the safe return rules of the ICJ are there to assist the youth in the return to the home state. To learn more about these or other new ICJ rules you can visit www.juvenilecompact.org.

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If law enforcement officials have questions regarding the adult and juvenile Interstate Compacts please visit probation administration's website for local Compact Office contact information and additional resources at www.supremecourt.ne.gov.



It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?""

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A police officer easily identifies a drunk driver using a breathalyzer.

It gets more complicated figuring out if someone is under the influence of drugs.

By Bill Kelly, NET News

Some researchers feel they are close to creating a reliable, affordable device which detects pot use, but getting it into wide use in patrol cars is years away.

Meanwhile most states, including Nebraska, rely on specially-trained law enforcement officers called drug recognition experts (DRE).

Eighty-nine certified DRE's currently work for 35 different state and local law enforcement agencies in Nebraska. The specialty is getting added attention as law enforcement anticipates an increase in the number of drivers driving under the influence of marijuana.

A volunteer demonstrates the system used to gauge pupil size during a drug recognition evaluation.

"I don't think there is any doubt that there is a lot of interest now with the increasing abuse of prescription medication and the legalization of marijuana," according to Fred Zwonechek of the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. Last week, New York became the 24th state to legalize the use of medical marijuana. In January, Colorado dispensaries started selling recreational pot to both residents and out-of-state visitors.

"We're going to see people who go across the border who want to entertain their fantasies of being involved in legal marijuana," Zwonechek said. "Some of them are not going to try and wait until it's completely out of their system."

If that prediction is true there may be a need for more drug recognition specialists. Safety advocates argue there is a compelling public safety concern as the acceptance of pot grows. Research released by Columbia University this year suggested between 1999 and 2010 fatal highway accidents involving drivers under the influence of marijuana jumped 300 percent in 6 states studied.

"There are not enough DREs. We could always use more," said Becky Stinson, the coordinator of the DRE program for the Office of Highway Safety

Currently there are several larger city and county law enforcement agencies that have elected not to crosstrain one of their officers in the process. Stinson says while "there are DREs that are available to the majority of all agencies in the state, but it would be to every

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agency's advantage to have a DRE. "Regular patrol officers who suspect, but may not be able to prove with certainty, a driver is under the influence of something other than alcohol have the option of calling a DRE. The evaluation process has similarities to a drunken driving test, but it "takes it a little further" according to Sgt. Mark Bliss of the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department.

Sgt. Bliss is one of two DRE's with his department. He also teaches other officers seeking certification.

The DRE protocol is designed to figure out if someone is under the influence of one of seven categories of mind-altering

drugs. It will not specify methamphetamine, cocaine, or marijuana, but can identify behavioral and physiological signs that point to their use.

"I may say this person is under the influence of a central nervous system stimulant or a central nervous system depressant or when we are talking about cannabis, all of the marijuana products, which is like your hashish, your hash oil," Bliss said.

Marijuana was the drug impairing drivers in more than half of the DRE evaluations done by trained officers in Nebraska since 2009.

There are twelve steps in the nationally recognized drug recognition evaluations used by law enforcement. Some of the tests given the suspect are similar to the well-known field sobriety test given at drunken driving check points. Officers ask the subject to close their eyes and touch their nose, albeit in a very specific manner. The ability to judge time is gauged by simply estimating when 30 seconds have passed. Someone using meth may say the time is up in just 15 seconds. Others using marijuana have gone over a minute.

Examining the size of pupils and how well the individual can control eye movement are important elements of the process. "When you use cannabis you aren't going to be able to cross your eyes," Sgt. Bliss said. "The eyes will be drifting off."

Blood pressure, muscle response, notes from interviews, and finally a urine test round out the twelve steps every evaluation is supposed to include. Over the past five years it's been a process repeated more than 2,000 times in Nebraska. (Read a detailed description of the process here.)

The interviews and tests are typically done at a police station or sheriff's office and are recorded so they can be used as evidence in court if needed. Indoor locations also help make sure the process is consistent and without interference from any number of factors that could undermine the validity of the tests.



"It has to be in a controlled environment," Bliss said. "We take the person out of the snow, the rain, the wind, the gravel road so it's a controlled environment."

A well-done evaluation should be able to withstand a challenge in court. Nebraska was an early adopter of the DRE program in the early 1980s. Since that time a number of academic studies have shown the tests, properly done, are an accurate method of determining if someone is under the influence of a mind-altering drug.

"It's accurate. It's working," Sgt. Bliss said. "It's not voodoo science."

Nebraska judges consistently reject appeals from drivers challenging the legality and accuracy of the tests. The Nebraska Supreme Court has backed them up on appeal.

North Platte-based Attorney Russel Jones has defended clients arrested after their DUI drug test. "Those tests are very good tests if they are given properly and scored properly," Jones said.

He finds the testimony of drug recognition experts difficult, but not impossible, to challenge. The rigorous standardized methods used by the officers can provide someone accused of driving while high an opportunity to raise a reasonable doubt about the accuracy of the judgment made as a result of the evaluation.

"Deviating from the system obviously makes their case weaker based on the fact that the test doesn't necessarily mean anything if it's not given the right way," Jones said.

Eighty-nine trained and certified drug recognition experts cover the entire state. Some federal grant dollars administered by the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety pay for training and equipment for officers wishing to get the certification. Even with that help some larger police and sheriff's departments don't have any of the experts on their force. Some don't want to take an officer off the streets for days of required classes.

The evaluations are not just a tool to prosecute someone, according to Stinson of the Office of Highway Safety. "It's much greater than that."

"It's about me and my loved ones driving around on the roads with people who are choosing to do the wrong thing," Stinson said. "It is a way to combat that problem."

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Platte County Sheriff Jon Zavadil retires after 22 years



After 31 years serving Platte County, 22 as Sheriff, and a total of 44 years in law enforcement, Jon Zavadil has decided to work on projects at home and spend more time with family. He retired May 31, 2014.

Born in Humphrey, NE, Jon attended St. Francis High School and worked at the local newspaper, the *Humphrey Democrat*, his family's business. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving four years. This is where he met his wife, Anita, who currently works as secretary for the Sheriff's office.

After the Air Force, Jon returned to Humphrey and worked for his dad, Wayne Zavadil, at the newspaper until he started his law enforcement career. He served first as a police officer and then Chief of the Humphrey Police Department. Jon's brother, Don, also served Humphrey as an officer and Chief of Police and the brothers worked together for a time.

When Jon first worked for Platte County, he was the only deputy on the night shift. At that time, the office had approximately 6 deputies and 15 total employees.

Jon Zavadil was appointed Platte County Sheriff in June 1993 when Sheriff Neal Drum retired, serving out that term until the end of the year. He was re-elected every election year and ran unopposed except in 1994.

The Platte County Sheriff's office has grown significantly during this period, and currently has 17 deputies and 70 employees. Jon believes that great employees are the key to a successful sheriff's office and has worked with his share throughout the years.

Technology is on the top of the "list of highest number of changes" in law enforcement as far as Jon's concerned. An electric typewriter was the very first "high tech" item he remembers the county purchasing.

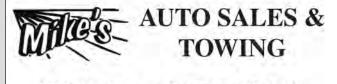
Jon has served on the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association Board and as their president in 2000. He also set up the NSA's first website. That's how much of a "teckie" he's become.

As Jon looks back, he sadly remembers when his good friend, Platte County Deputy Chris Johnson, was killed in September 2009. December of the same year, his grandson, also named Chris Johnson, was killed in an accident.

Congratulations Jon. Thanks for your dedication and service.







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Retiring sheriff: Mental health issues not jail's job

By Jim Osborn, Columbus Telegram - June 4, 2014

Retired Platte County Sheriff Jon Zavadil believes the cart got ahead of the horse about a decade ago when the state shifted responsibility for some mental health treatment from regional facilities to community-based services.

"We've had more suicide attempts in the last 60 to 90 days than we had in 10 years (since the jail opened in 2004)," Zavadil said in the days before he took off his badge after more than 20 years as the county's top law enforcement officer.

Treatment gaps have opened between options that used to be available at regional facilities and what's now accessible locally to people sitting in jail accused of crimes.

"The state put the cart ahead of the horse," Zavadil said. "County jails have become dumping grounds for mental health patients ... jails aren't equipped or intended for that."

Zavadil said the state's idea for expanded community-based services hasn't materialized in Platte County, as some people have been caught in the void between care that is available locally and the need for longer-term, in-patient services.

Catholic Charities and the Rainbow Center are two of the primary private players in locally based out- and in-patient treatment.

Officials say the gap in treatment options is most acute for "tweeners," people who require a higher level of care than is available in the community.

"Basically, there's no place to take these people," said Zavadil, who retired at the end of May.

Corrections officers at the Platte County Detention Facility, located at 1125 E. 17th St., responded to six inmate suicide

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High-Tech Tools to Help Address the Dangers of Distracted Driving... By Fred Zwonecheck, Office of Highway Safety



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The Nebraska Sheriff's Association received two new high-tech tools to bring attention to the dangers associated with distracted driving. In 2010, thanks to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, AAA, and the Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation, the Association's arsenal of education and training tools now includes two VirtualDriver Interactive simulator units which will be available to law enforcement agencies for fairs, school/ community events, and safety/health conferences. Grant funds of approximately \$20,000 were made available for this effort.

Each unit is equipped with three computer screens giving the user a realistic panoramic view of the roadway. The driver needs to pay attention to everything occurring around the vehicle including the action of other cars, motorcyclists and emergency vehicles approaching in the rearview mirrors featured on the screens. The units are also equipped with a steering wheel which easily attaches to a table, that features turn signals and other hand controls. Foot pedals used for braking and acceleration, are positioned on the floor.

The software program allows the user to experience many driving conditions and variables. Weather conditions can be adjusted to clear, wet, and snow or ice. The user may select daytime or nighttime driving conditions, as well.

These two interactive units are be valuable tools when demonstrating the dangers associated with distracted driving. The simulators provide the user with challenging driving situations, without putting the driver at risk.

After the user becomes comfortable with the controls and driving conditions, test their multi-tasking skills by calling the driver on his/her cell phone. Engage them in conversation or ask them to send a text message. Most drivers will find that it is impossible to maintain the appropriate level of concentration needed to safely control their vehicle.



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Merrick County Sheriff's Office Uses Live Shooter Training for School Shootings

by Eamon O'Meara, Channel 1011 Central Nebraska Television, Weekday Reporter, Weekend Anchor

School shooting. The words alone send a shiver down many people's spine and with statistics showing the number of school incidents going up, law enforcement is cracking down.

Sandy Hook, Red Lake, MN, Virginia Tech, and Columbine are all names associated with some of the largest loss of young life in our nation's history. In Nebraska, one Sheriff's Department is taking a unique way of making sure no school in their county gets added to that list.

"We teach our deputies how we're going to react and what we're going to do in the case that there's somebody in a school that's been shooting people," said Merrick County Sheriff Kevin Campbell. "I want, and we need, that every deputy is familiar with the school."

Familiarity like knowing the layout of every school in the county, which classrooms have doors that lock and which ones don't.

The Merrick County Sheriff's Department joined other departments in training with TAC*ONE Consulting from Colorado on how to deal with rural school shootings

"We focused more on that single and two officer class because it's more applicable to the working environment so we tried to beat it into their heads saying you may very literally be the only police officer for 30 minutes depending on where you're at until you get, let's say, the Nebraska State Trooper that responds or the County Sheriff that's 45 minutes away," said Joe Deedon, from TAC*ONE.

Deedon's personal experience makes him the perfect person to train local law enforcement.

"I responded to a Platte Canyon shooting which we had out here in 2006 in Bailey, CO. And then I responded to Deer Creek Middle School which we had out here in February of 2010 and that was our last one that we had here in Colorado prior to the Arapahoe High School shooting that just took place back in December," said Deedon.

Schools in Merrick County say they love the idea of this training.

"This hopefully provides maybe a more safe environment for our kids and that's the ultimate goal. We want a safe environment for all students," said Shawn McDiffett, the Principal of Central City High School

Jeff Ellsworth, the Principal of Chapman School added, "I think it's in the back of every administrator's mind anywhere in the nation, anywhere in the world. You know it could happen at any time, you just don't know. So I think the most preparation we can have and be ready for that, that's great but, honestly you're never ready."

To make the simulations as real life as possible, officers use

compressed air combat guns with chalk pellets in order to take down their subject.

"What we used is, it's called Ram. Basically it's a .40 caliber so it fits right into our holsters, it'll lock in. They shoot very



similarly to what our own duty weapon does. The weight's basically the same. We want something that's going to feel and react as closely to ours as what we can," said Sheriff Campbell.

On top of the live shooter training, the Sheriff's Department goes through training with teachers on what they can do to subdue a shooter.

Principal McDiffett said, "They gave us insight to maybe a more realistic situation and said here's some things you really need to think about if this was ever to happen in your school. And we heard a lot of really good comments from teachers and said, 'Hey that is some of the best training we've had."

And while students are in no way involved in the training, Sheriff Campbell said they have discussed these types of situations in meetings with classrooms.

He said, "Most of the time the kids know what's going on far before a parent or and adult knows and so that's one thing that we really do push with all the kids that we talk to that, you know, you guys are the ones that are around each other all the time. If something's going on, tell somebody so that we can try and get it stopped before it turns into something bigger."

Sheriff Campbell prescreened 10/11's story to be sure no real tactic was shown or discussed. They take this very seriously and want to be sure no potential attacker could gain advantage from what was shown in this story.

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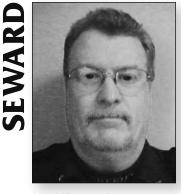


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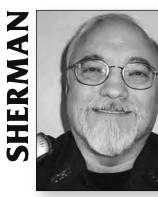
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The First Murder in Sherman County

In the spring of 1877, Sherman County had its first important trial in the District Court.

The case was the trial of George McKellar for the murder of a man named Chapman, in the latter part of the previous month of February. Chapman went into a little grocery store at Loup City to buy some tea, and, as he came out, was shot by McKellar, and fatally wounded. A surgeon was called, but he died within forty-eight hours.

Immediately after the murder, McKellar coolly saddled his horse and rode away, while the men who stood about did not attempt to stop him, as they were waiting for the Sheriff to procure a warrant for his arrest. Little reason can be ascribed for the crime, other than that the murderer was drunk at the time and the victim owed him three dollars from a card game.

After the escape, followed a week of excitement in pursuit of the criminal. A reward of \$500 was offered for his arrest. After a week, however, he was brought in by his own father, and given up. He was then placed in jail, and securely guarded until the time of his trial in April.

He was found guilty and sentenced to the State Penitentiary for life, where he died.

Taken from Andreas' History of the State of Nebraska http://www.kancoll.org

Sheriff Lyle Staudenmaier



Mental health issues not jail's job

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attempts at the jail in the last few months. All of the inmates were found by officers and survived the attempts.

When an inmate attempts suicide, it has a "dramatic effect" on the inmate and the officer involved , Zavadil said. The attempted suicides have involved hangings, wrist cutting and strangulation, the outgoing sheriff said.

A successful attempt could also result in an expensive civil lawsuit, he said.

The number of emergency protective custody cases handled by law enforcement officers, the county attorney's office and jail have been on a decade-long upswing.

The county attorney's office reported 66 EPC cases in 2005. That figure rose to 85 in 2006, 86 in 2007 and 90 in 2008. After dipping to 87 in 2009, the annual number rose to 109 in 2010, 107 in 2011, 94 in 2012 and 101 in 2013.

Locally, when inmates are EPC'd and deemed a danger to themselves or others they are transferred to Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. After a few days, the inmate is most often determined to be safe for confinement and returned to jail.

The cycle then repeats, sometimes two or three times. Revolving-door trips between Columbus and Norfolk create resource issues for law enforcement agencies, sapping officers' time patrolling local streets.

An officer can be out of action locally for 10 to 12 hours going through the hoops of getting a patient admitted to the Norfolk hospital.

After being in and out of the Norfolk hospital multiple times, the county normally transfers the inmate to the Department of Corrections' detention and evaluation center in Lincoln for more limited longer-term stays. The price tag at that center is \$250 a day for the county.

"The back and forth between the jail and Faith (Regional) can be a circular process," Platte County Attorney Carl Hart said.

The detention and evaluation center provides no mental health services while local inmates are there, but it is safer than jail in terms of custodial attention, he said.

In the summer of 2013, the jail transferred a 32-year-old Columbus woman to the Nebraska Correctional Center for Woman in York because of concerns that she had become depressed and suicidal while awaiting trial.

She was convicted of murder in March and sentenced in May to decades in prison.

In February, an inmate was ruled incompetent to stand trial. Meanwhile, he sat in jail for months awaiting an open bed at the Lincoln Regional Center.

The bed in Lincoln became available in May.

For longer-term stays involving mental health treatment, inmates wait for a bed to open up at the Lincoln Regional Center, Hart said.

The sheriff's office hopes to take a first step toward filling the gap in local services in the coming fiscal year.

The sheriff's office has included \$10,000 in the proposed 2014-15 budget to add a part-time counseling services position at the jail. The county's budget year runs from July 1 through June 30.

The funds would pay for a mental health counselor to visit the jail four hours a week to provide inmates with individual or group counseling services, Zavadil said.

County board members realize the growing need for services, he said.

Ed Wemhoff will now take the lead on the local effort to handle the mental health cases.

The Platte County Board of Supervisors appointed him to fill the sheriff's position until Jan. 1 at its Tuesday meeting.

Wemhoff won a three-man race for the Republican nomination for sheriff last month and is unopposed in the November general election.

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Is Robocop a reality?

In the 27 years since the original RoboCop movie was released, technology has advanced by leaps and bounds. This year's reboot of the popular science fiction franchise arrives at a time when augmented reality, facial recognition technology, bionic prosthetics and neural sensors are making headlines.

In the next twenty or thirty years, you will start to see people who are unable to walk do so with functional prosthetics, but to be superhuman is going to be much farther off. To be able to do the things that RoboCop can do is 100 years off or more.

Still, it's worth taking inventory of RoboCop's features in a contemporary light. He may be a century away from patrolling the streets, but today's technological frontiers are paving his way. So before you see the new movie, click through to check out some of RoboCop's specs and see how they stack up.

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Ord named Valley county seat

The town of Ord, NE was laid out in 1874 on land purchased from the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company. General E.O.C. Ord, in command of the military along the Platte, had made a trip up the North Loup Valley to select a site for a fort, so the new town was named "Ord," in his honor. The only other place in the United States with this name is Fort Ord, California, named for the same man.

Ord was named Valley County seat by its first 100 settlers. Within the first year a post office was established, a schoolhouse built, and the first courthouse was erected. Ord soon had all the necessary businesses to take care of the needs of the fledgling community. Water was provided by the year-round flow of the North Loup River.

Police Shoot Cars With GPS Tags to Reduce High-Speed Chases ... By Fox Van Allen on November 14, 2013

The newest less-than-lethal weapon in the arsenal of law enforcement doesn't contain cayenne pepper or tear gas — it's a sticky, GPS-tipped slug.

To reduce the need for dangerous, high-speed car chases, police across the country are discreetly shooting GPS tags onto vehicles attempting to flee. The suspects' whereabouts are then plotted on a digital map so officers can cut them

off, follow them home, or watch them from a safe distance.

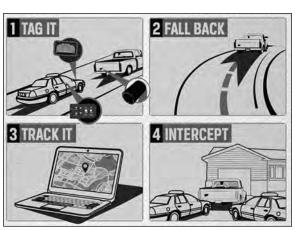
StarChase uses a doublebarreled compressed-air unit installed in the grille of a police car and loaded with twin 4.5inch GPS projectiles. When the officer needs to pursue a suspect, he or she activates the launcher using an in-car console or remote key fob. The system uses laser acquisition to target the suspect's fleeing or stationary car and then shoots one of the GPS cartridges like a spud out of a potato gun at

its rear end. Trevor Fischbach, president of Virginia Beach, Va.-based StarChase, declined to comment on how much force the projectiles exert when leaving the compressed-air unit but says they are not deadly to people when used as intended. They meet the U.S. Army Research Lab's "lessthan-lethal" weapon standard.

The projectiles are tipped with an industrial-strength adhesive, so they stick. Once the suspect's car is tagged, the GPS module relays the car's coordinates, heading, and speed every 3 to 5 seconds to police dispatch. When officers know the tag is in place, they can pull back and wait for backup—they might even turn off their lights and sirens. Dispatch monitors the tagged vehicle on a digital road map and directs officers to where the suspect is headed. Thinking they are not being followed, suspects return to normal speeds or stop, allowing for safer apprehension. "Suspects who have been arrested via StarChase are now in jail," Fischbach says.

Fischbach came up with the device, which costs about \$5,000 per vehicle, more than a decade ago and has been developing it in consultation with law enforcement since.

"The agencies using StarChase report back that officer behavior across the entire on-duty patrol is totally different," Fischbach says. "Normally, when officers hear 'pursuit in progress' over their radios, they fly to the scene. StarChase reduces that adrenaline. Now when they hear 'StarChase' over the radio, they stay put and wait for further instructions from dispatch."



Officers who remain where they are rather than joining the pursuit can, for example, cut off suspects across town and throw down spike strips, stopping the suspect without a chase. Or an officer can follow the suspect home and issue a sobriety test or arrest him on the spot. The GPS tag can relay information back to dispatch for days; officers deactivate it when they choose. Plus, all of the tracking data can be downloaded and used as evidence in a court of law.

> And none of this requires a warrant. That's because, unlike other GPS units, which are hidden underneath cars, StarChase is in plain sight. Fischbach says his is the only GPS system law enforcement can use without a warrant.

> "Officers deploy StarChase when there is a clear reason: to control a dangerous situation and remove the risk to the officer, the suspect, and bystanders," Fischbach says. "In these situations, officers have

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More than 15 law enforcement and government agencies across the U.S. currently use the StarChase system, including the Arizona Highway Patrol, Iowa Highway Patrol, and the police department in Austin, Texas. Most of the other agencies would prefer to remain anonymous for tactical reasons. Arizona Department of Public Safety employees, who operate near the U.S.-Mexico border, were the first to deploy the system at a state level. They have been using it to fight drug trafficking for two years. In May officers used the system to track fleeing vehicles from a safe distance and speed and recovered 2328 pounds of marijuana.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that about 360 people are killed per year because of police chases. That includes suspects, officers, and bystanders. StarChase says that no one has been killed or injured in chases where the system has been used.

"Agencies using StarChase have had a lot of successes, but the frustrating thing is that we're not everywhere," Fischbach says. "Unfortunately, pursuits are still happening, and people are dying nearly every day."

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'I chase him, I bite him'... the crime report written by a DOG (in the United Kingdom)

Police are under investigation for jokingly filling in a witness statement in the name of a force dog.

Officers became exasperated when prosecutors asked for an account of a crime from a "PC Peach," not realising Peach was the name of a police dog.

So they completed the form as if it had been written by the alsatian, and signed it with a paw print.

The dog's statement read: "I chase him. I bite him. Bad man. He tasty. Good boy. Good boy Peach."

The form was pinned up at a West Midlands Police station last week for the amusement of colleagues, who are often at odds with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) over the handling of cases.

Probation costs to increase for Madison County

Madison County's Probation Office also serves the Nebraska Counties of Cuming, Pierce, Stanton and Wayne

One of the ways to ease the problem of prison overcrowding is to get candidates for probation to participate and successfully complete probation programs.

On July 1, 2014 the Madison County Board of Commissioners received an update on the District 7 state probation office in Norfolk and serves seven counties. It's been determined there's going to be a need for a modest budget increase.

Madison County, which is the lead county for the office, will see the most significant increase at \$31,500 annually. The total increase, which is necessitated, in part, because of actions by the Nebraska Legislature, will be about \$50,000 annually.

Madison County is reimbursed from Antelope, Cuming, Pierce, Stanton and Wayne counties for its expenses based on a pro-rated amount determined by usage. The probation office is located in the Iron Horse professional building in central Norfolk.

Because of problems with overcrowding at Nebraska's prisons, currently at 158 percent of capacity, there isn't much funding available for intervention programs. It costs about \$34,000 annually to house a prisoner in the state.

Legislative Bills 561 and 907, which were passed into law, have changed some ways of doing things for probation workers.

The local district has a track record of success, including an 84 percent successful release rate for adult probation. In juveniles, the success rate is climbing and currently at about 73 percent. The Nebraska Sheriffs' Association

has incorporated in its mission statement "dedicated to the youth of Nebraska." Over the years, association members have consistently worked to educate children and teens on the dangers of distracted driving, and drug and alcohol abuse.

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Another officer took a photo of the statement and it found its way to a "cop humour' page on Facebook.

The image was later deleted but the dog section of a different force, West Yorkshire, enjoyed it so much they posted the image on Twitter in a tweet that was shared more than 150 times.

The CPS, however, failed to see the funny side. Officials are believed to have complained to police that their mistake has been turned into a very public joke.

This is being considered by West Midlands Police's Professional Standards Department and the officer who shared the picture, PC Mark Tissington, referred himself to the internal discipline unit. However, sources say he is unlikely to be reprimanded.

DCI Julian Harper, from West Midlands Police, said: "The Professional Standards Department is looking into this. Early enquiries suggest it is a light-hearted exchange as a result of a misunderstanding around a police dog and a police officer. The matter will be investigated."

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