



South Dakota Department of Public Safety 2015 Annual Report



From DPS Secretary Trevor Jones

Greetings....

For all of us working at the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, 2015 was another busy year where once again department employees met the needs of South Dakotans.

All of the department's agencies and programs were involved in important work designed to serve and protect citizens. How staff members responded to three major events best exemplify their talents and dedication to the safety of our state.



On May 10, an EF-2 tornado struck the small community of Delmont. Fortunately, there were no lives lost, but more than 80 structures were either destroyed or substantially damaged. On that Sunday, which also was Mother's Day, dozens of DPS staff members, representing agencies such as the Highway Patrol and Office of Emergency Management, rushed to the scene. Some staff members spent weeks in Delmont helping residents piece together their lives.

Another group of storms, this time in June, impacted 12 counties and three tribes. The storms did an estimated \$2.95 million in damage to public property. DPS staff members worked with federal authorities to evaluate the damage. That led to a Presidential Disaster Declaration which provided funds for the damaged public infrastructure in those affected areas.

The year's third major event happened in August with the 75th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally being held in the Black Hills. An estimated 700,000 people attended the week-long celebration. DPS staff members spent months preparing for, and then responding, to the week's events.

In these and many other projects this year, the Department of Public Safety worked closely with other governments and agencies. Those partnerships are invaluable in our efforts to address major issues and events. We could not do the work we do without our strong cooperative relationships with other organizations.

A new internal project started this year was workshops for new department employees. This is a day-long event, to be held three times a year, where new

employees learn more about the department through presentations by division directors and senior staff members. There is also a presentation on state employee benefits by the Bureau of Human Resources. Feedback from the new employees who participated in the workshop has been very positive. We see this as an opportunity for new staff to receive a better understanding of the department overall and its many missions.

As secretary of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, I am proud to present this, the department's third annual report, which details what the department has done in the last year. In this report, you will learn about the many programs and projects the department's agencies have been involved in during 2015. Whether it is the Fire Marshal's Office helping investigate large structure fires, the Office of Homeland Security participating in the federal "If You See Something, Say Something" security awareness campaign, the Office of Highway Safety promoting traffic safety or the Office of Weights and Measures ensuring the accuracy of commercial weight and measuring devices, the department continues to protect and serve the state.

Those are certainly some, but definitely not all, of the agencies and programs within the department. I believe this report will provide you with better insight about all of the agencies within DPS and the important work they do.

I am extremely proud of what the department has accomplished this past year. But at the same time in 2015, there were vivid reminders that some of the work undertaken by DPS employees can be dangerous.

Highway Patrol Sgt. John Koenig and Trooper Zachary Bader were both seriously injured in separate incidents this past year. In both cases, the two troopers were doing their job – protecting citizens. I am happy to report that Sgt. Koenig has returned to duty and Trooper Bader continues to make a good recovery. I am grateful for their service of them and everyone else who works at the Department of Public Safety.

Enjoy the DPS annual report.

Thank you for letting us serve you in 2015. We look forward to doing more of the same in 2016.

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Governor Dennis Daugaard this past summer stopped by the South Dakota Department of Public Safety to review the department’s 2014 annual report. The Governor met with Secretary Trevor Jones (far right) and division directors, left to right, Jenna Howell, Kristi Turman, Angie Lemieux and Highway Patrol Superintendent Colonel Craig Price. The Governor will receive a copy of this department report as well. (Photo by Bob Grandpre)

It is the mission of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety to keep South Dakota a safe place in which to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

We will promote this mission by:

- Coordinating and communicating Homeland Security plans and procedures to state, local, tribal and federal governments.
- Communicating appropriate Homeland Security measures to our citizens, businesses, schools and the media.
- Providing law enforcement, commercial vehicle regulation and highway traffic safety services.
- Providing public safety communication services.
- Compiling and analyzing motor vehicle crash data.
- Developing and integrating all-hazard emergency plans and response exercises.
- Assisting state, local, tribal and federal governments with efforts to mitigate natural disasters before they occur.
- Assisting fire departments with fire training, investigation, public education, fire prevention and code compliance.
- Training and certifying/licensing public and private emergency medical response personnel and services.
- Testing, licensing and regulating commercial and non-commercial drivers.
- Providing state inspection/weights and measures services for businesses and consumers.



The Beginning...

In 2003, an Executive Order of the Governor reorganized the personnel, equipment, and resources of a dozen agencies into a single department, whose mission is to protect the people and property of South Dakota. The men and women of the Department of Public Safety work each day to fulfill that mission.

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety provides citizens with services ranging from law enforcement and highway safety to driver licensing and emergency management.

South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination

The South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordinator's mission is to provide local governments in South Dakota with assistance in implementing 9-1-1 emergency telephone systems in their area by addressing statewide issues common to all 9-1-1 systems and providing the information and guidance needed by local jurisdictions to make their endeavor successful.

Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911)

Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation continues to be the top priority for the 9-1-1 Coordination Board. This complex upgrade of South Dakota's 9-1-1 system will take several years to complete and involves the following: creation of a redundant emergency services IP (internet protocol) network, installation of a statewide 9-1-1 call answering system, and the merging of location data.

Currently, 28 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and four tribal PSAPs handle all 9-1-1 calls in South Dakota. Call-takers and dispatchers work around the clock to answer each call and direct police, fire, and EMS personnel to the emergency. These individuals – the public's link to emergency services – are working with an antiquated infrastructure system; however, that is no longer workable in today's communications environment.

Much of 2014 was spent reviewing contract proposals from various vendors and preparing contract language. The board determined that two contracts were needed for NG911 implementation in South Dakota: one contract to create and maintain a statewide GIS dataset, and one contract to build the statewide 9-1-1 phone system and the emergency services IP network.

The board selected GeoComm of St. Cloud, MN, to

create the statewide GIS dataset. The board also selected Telecommunications Systems (TCS) of Annapolis, MD, to build the statewide 9-1-1 phone system and the emergency services IP network. DPS and the selected vendors signed service contracts in December 2014.

In 2015, the vendors, board, and PSAPs have made significant progress towards NG911 implementation in South Dakota.

In March of this year TCS installed telephone host equipment in Sioux Falls and Rapid City data centers. This host equipment is the first step towards creating a statewide hosted phone system. Following that installation, Pennington County 9-1-1 in Rapid City migrated to the new telephone system in May, becoming the first South Dakota PSAP to operate on it.

Five other PSAPs followed suit in 2015. Brookings Police Department migrated to the new phone system in August. Sioux Falls Metro Communications, Winner Police Department, and Mitchell Police Department all migrated to the new phone system in September. Central South Dakota Communications in Pierre was the last PSAP to migrate to the new phone system in 2015, doing so in October.

While TCS worked with PSAPs on the phone migration, GeoComm coordinated with local entities across the state to gather and assess existing GIS data from local entities. By early 2016, GeoComm will deliver the complete GIS dataset in a live database. Once the GIS dataset is in place, 9-1-1 calls will be routed geospatially, and addresses can be updated in near real-time. The new dataset will be useful not only in the

NG911 system, but to all public safety disciplines in the state.

In 2016, the board, along with the PSAPS and contractors, will continue with NG911 implementation. By the end of 2016, 20 PSAPs will likely be operating on the new phone system. Those PSAPs on the new phone system in 2016 will also begin the move to the public safety IP network. By mid-2017, all 28 PSAPs are scheduled to be operating on the new phone system and on the public safety network

When completed, the 9-1-1 emergency services IP network will have multiple redundancies built into the system, so that if one portion of the network fails, a 9-1-1 call will still be routed, answered, and dispatched appropriately. All city and county PSAPs (and tribal PSAPs if they wish to join) can access the emergency services IP network, regardless of location, thus allowing local dispatch that many local officials prefer to keep. PSAPs will also operate on the same phone system, making them truly interoperable. If a PSAP gets busy with an emergency, additional calls will be automatically transferred to another PSAP on the network for assistance.

NG911 will provide South Dakotans and visitors to the state with a cutting edge communications link to emergency services. Once the emergency services IP network is in place, the coordination board will deploy Text to 9-1-1 service in South Dakota. Though the Text to 9-1-1 service won't be available before July 2017, when implemented it will allow our deaf and hard of hearing population to directly access 9-1-1 without having to use a translator or relay service. Additionally, if any caller is in a situation where silence is crucial, they will be able to text a PSAP for help.

Office of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management's mission is to protect South Dakotans and their property from the effects of natural, man-made, and technological disasters.

Rally Operations Center

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) completed an intense year of planning and coordination in preparation for the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Organizers expected the diamond-anniversary Rally to draw a much larger-than-normal crowd to the Black Hills region, putting additional pressure on public safety resources and infrastructure already stretched thin during an average Rally. Every month in 2015, OEM hosted planning summits for local, state, and federal agencies with Rally responsibilities. A tabletop exercise in February drew over 100 participants from all levels of government and the private sector. The July planning summit, held just days before the Rally began, drew over 150 participants.

During the Rally, OEM staff managed a Rally Operations Center (ROC) at Camp Rapid for 12 days to provide daily situational awareness of Rally activities. ROC staff held morning and evening situational briefings and disseminated a comprehensive situation report each day that gave regional stakeholders a snapshot of upcoming Rally events and any potential operational concerns. The ROC was also poised to provide resource support to Black Hills first responders in the event of a major emergency where outside resources were needed to handle the response. Fortunately, no major emergencies that required a large-scale regional response occurred during the Rally. However, public safety officials at the local, state, and federal levels

appreciated the comprehensive, inclusive planning process that was now in place for future Rallies or other large events.

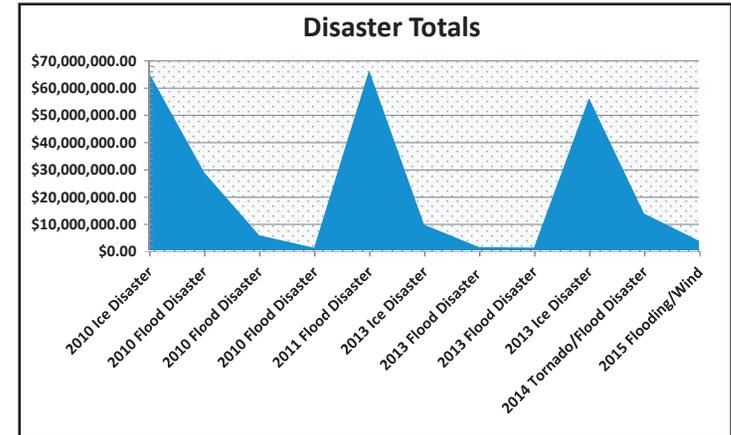
"We have had a strong relationship with the Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol, Office of Emergency Management and other agencies at past rallies," says Sturgis Police Chief Jim Bush. "But this year was the best. The early planning, cooperation and communication before and during the rally were important in ensuring that we had the appropriate response to whatever happened during the rally. The planning paid off."

Disaster Response

In the midst of planning for the Rally, OEM staff responded to two major emergencies that affected South Dakota residents.

An EF-2 tornado struck the town of Delmont on May 10, 2015, flattening a five-square block area of the small town southwest of Mitchell. The storm damaged or destroyed numerous homes and businesses, including the town fire department and the iconic Zion Lutheran Church that had stood in the town for over 100 years. Nine injuries were reported, but no deaths occurred.

Following FEMA's denial of an Individual Assistance disaster declaration for Delmont, OEM staff worked closely with other state agencies, voluntary organizations, and private business to coordinate recovery efforts. A volunteer reception center accepted and credentialed volunteers and assigned them to tasks that matched their abilities.



Final Sturgis Rally Planning Summit, July 2015

Governor Dugaard was among 30 volunteers who spent a day collecting 2,000 pounds of crumpled tin and other debris from a planted corn field. Additionally, a donations management center organized and disseminated hundreds of new and gently-used donated goods to tornado survivors. Private citizens and area businesses donated items such as money, labor, food, clothing, furniture, household goods, cleaning supplies, construction materials, and heavy equipment. An area business sponsored a toy drive for the children of Delmont, and another area restaurant donated gift cards to residents affected by the tornado. Voluntary agencies

also established a multi-agency resource center, which is a one-stop shop for disaster survivors to learn about and access various recovery resources.

“After the tornado hit our city, it was difficult to know where to start with the cleanup,”

says Delmont Mayor Mae Gunnare. “But staff from the Office of Emergency Management and Highway Patrol was among the first on the scene. Their assistance in helping displaced citizens as well as protecting the city was invaluable. Many staff members stayed for days and weeks after the tornado helping with various aspects of the cleanup.”

Delmont continues its recovery efforts. Residents affected by the tornado are farther along with their rebuilding and recovery efforts thanks to OEM, other state agencies, volunteers, and the generosity of their South Dakota neighbors.

Another summer storm system marched across the state during the week of June 17-24, 2015, spawning an EF-2 tornado near Hayes, winds of 60 to 95 miles per hour, golf ball to baseball sized hail, and heavy rains. The storm system’s impact was extensive, tearing down powerlines, littering city streets with tree debris, washing out roads and bridges, and damaging homes, grain bins, and other private property. One person died in Buffalo County when the home he was in blew off its foundation and rolled.

Just like in Delmont, voluntary agencies assisted private property owners with their recovery. To assist with repairs to publicly-owned infrastructure, Governor Dugaard requested and was granted FEMA financial assistance for infrastructure damage in twelve counties – Brule, Buffalo, Fall River, Haakon, Hughes, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Lyman, McCook, Oglala Lakota, and Stanley. The federal disaster declaration also included the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and the

Oglala Sioux Tribe within Oglala Lakota County.

OEM staff continues to work with FEMA to reimburse counties, cities, tribes, and certain private non-profit agencies in the declared counties for their eligible costs and damage. OEM and FEMA staffs estimate that public infrastructure sustained approximately \$4 million in damage. FEMA will cover up to 75 percent of eligible repair costs, while the state will cover ten percent of the repair costs. In addition to the repair funds, FEMA will provide approximately \$450,000 in hazard mitigation funds for projects that lessen or eliminate the effects of future disasters. Burying overhead powerlines, removing structures from the designated floodplain, and constructing community tornado shelters are all examples of hazard mitigation projects.

Credentialing

OEM introduced the Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS) in January of 2015. This web-based system helps public safety officials better identify what resources they have at their disposal for emergency and disaster response, as well as for special events. Local agencies such as fire departments, search and rescue squads, public works departments, and emergency management organizations enter each of their personnel into the system, along with each person’s training and qualifications (i.e. certified EMT, certified law enforcement officer, incident commander, safety officer, etc.) The agency then prints a plastic ID card for each person, with that person’s photo, organization, rank, and qualifications all printed on the card and embedded in a barcode. Additionally, agencies can enter response equipment into the system and identify that equipment by size, type, or other characteristics. The system prints a plastic ID card that is kept with each piece of equipment.

During an emergency or planned event, incident management personnel scan the barcode of each



Zion Lutheran Church, Delmont, May 2015

responder or piece of equipment that enters the incident scene. That gives the incident commander a real-time look at whom and what is working the response. The incident commander can also see what other personnel and equipment is available in neighboring counties, in case those additional resources are needed.

Since Feb. 1, 2015, 6,897 responders and city officials, 1,650 different organizations and 6,750 pieces of equipment have been credentialed statewide. OEM first used the system at the Delmont tornado in May. Each volunteer received a temporary credential at the volunteer reception center. Consequently, incident management personnel knew exactly how many volunteers registered in Delmont that day, who they were, and where they were assigned. This type of documentation provided accountability of all individuals on scene for safety reasons, and gave local officials a mechanism to calculate a cash value for the 18,000+ volunteer hours accumulated during Delmont’s recovery. The value can be used for in-kind match to

FEMA recovery grants, thus saving taxpayer funds for other worthwhile projects.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is committed to protecting life and property from fire and explosions. Services provided by the agency include arson investigation, firefighter training, inspection and code enforcement, public education, boiler and pressure vessel safety, fireworks licensing, statistical fire reporting and the fire-safe cigarette program.

Quick Facts:

- South Dakota currently has 335 certified fire departments in South Dakota and approximately 8,650 firefighters.
- Nearly 95% of firefighters in South Dakota are volunteers.
- Unattended cooking remains the leading cause of home fires in the state.
- A total of 2,291 fires were reported in South Dakota during 2014.
- Fire caused nearly \$25 million in property damage in South Dakota during 2014.
- Fire officials recorded 10 fire fatalities in South Dakota during 2015.

Everyone Goes Home Program

The Everyone Goes Home® Program, founded by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, provides free training, resources, and programs to champion and implement 16 firefighter life safety initiatives. The goal of the Everyone Goes Home® Program is to reduce the number of preventable firefighter line-of-duty injuries and deaths.



Deputy Fire Marshal Cliff Dahl at the Big Horn Crossing Fire

The SFMO, in conjunction with the South Dakota Firefighters Association and the South Dakota Society of Fire Instructors, is working directly with the Everyone Goes Home Program to bring training classes and resources to South Dakota fire departments, raising awareness for firefighter safety.

Action Training Systems Initiative

The SFMO, working with the South Dakota Redbook

Fund, South Dakota Society of Fire Instructors and the South Dakota Firefighter's Association, launched a new web-based platform that can be used by instructors and fire departments statewide.

These fire training programs and objectives provide fire departments access to essential training tools that may otherwise be out of reach. Programs are offered in multiple delivery formats: online interactive

courses for independent student learning or testing; streaming video for classroom instruction or independent viewing; DVDs for classroom instructor use; and customizable PowerPoint presentations.

All training objectives meet current industry standards and accepted national protocols.

Since its official release in August, 87 departments have chosen to participate in the initiative.

Smoke Alarm Grant Program

Three out of five home fire deaths in the United States occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Just having a working smoke alarm in a home cuts the risk of dying in a home fire in half. The SFMO launched the South Dakota Smoke Alarm Grant Program in the fall of 2014 to provide free smoke alarms to high-risk properties. Local fire departments also install the smoke alarms at no charge to the occupants. Using dollars from the Fire Safe Cigarette Fund, the SFMO purchased an additional supply of smoke alarms again this year to support this popular program. To date, 84 fire departments have received 4,872 smoke alarms for distribution and installation in high-risk homes across South Dakota.

Fire & Arson Investigations

The Fire Marshal's Office has partnered with the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation fire/accelerant canine program and the South Dakota field office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This team approach to fire scene examination facilitates better communication between fire and law enforcement officials. The team includes certified fire investigators and special agents who provide technical support, analysis and

assistance to local partners in fire origin and cause determination and arson investigation.

Other Activities

The SFMO continues to administer the Firefighter Essentials Grant Program. This training grant helps fire departments defray expenses associated with hosting the Firefighter Essentials course, such as books, manuals and instructor fees. In calendar year 2015, 168 firefighters successfully completed the certified firefighter curriculum.

SFMO staff coordinated quarterly meetings of the Fire Marshal's Advisory Board, which consists of members representing the fire service, the fire equipment industry, and the insurance industry. The five-person board provides valuable input on fire-related policies and programs for the state.

The State Fire Marshal's Office remains active in the "Fire is Everyone's Fight" campaign, a national effort led by U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to lower the number of home fires and home fire injuries in America. In 2013 (most recent year of complete nationwide data) local fire departments nationwide reported 380,300 residential building fires, 2,755 deaths, and 12,450 injuries. In South Dakota in 2014 (most recent year of complete data) our fire departments reported 515 residential building fires, six fatalities, and 14 injuries.

The SFMO completed a demographics study of the



A young South Dakotan enjoys Fire Prevention Week

South Dakota fire service for 2015. The data collected will help state and local policy makers better understand the composition of services in South Dakota. That information will be used to help fire services in South Dakota plan and develop strategies to improve firefighter recruitment and retention.

South Dakota Highway Patrol

The Highway Patrol's mission is to serve with distinction, and protect South Dakota's citizens and visitors by promoting public safety through education, enforcement and example.

Statistical Information

Category	SFY 2015	Five-Year Average
DUI Arrests	2,329	2,390
Warnings	95,538	74,824
Citations	56,504	46,537
Safety Hours	3,932	4,163
Drug Arrests - Felony	881	516
Drug Arrests - Misdemeanor	2,989	2,104
Trucks Checked	585,095	607,789
Motorist Assist Hours	1,736	1,366

Leadership Training

In 2015, the South Dakota Highway Patrol (SDHP) completed an 80-hour leadership training program. This program combined online course work and five leadership books. SDHP supervisors met on two separate occasions in 2015 to discuss what they learned and how the leadership concepts can be implemented within the SDHP.

In each of the last two years, the SDHP sponsored the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership in Policing Organizations (LPO) course. The LPO leadership development training is a three-week program based on a behavioral science approach to leading people, groups, change and organizations. In 2015, 35 supervisors from various law enforcement agencies in South Dakota participated in the class.



Strategic Plan

Strategic planning is an organization's process of defining its strategy, or direction, and making decisions on allocating its resources to pursue future goals. The SDHP addressed over 90 percent of the goals and objectives that it had set out to achieve in its 2012-2015 strategic plan.

In 2015, the SDHP worked very closely with the University of South Dakota to develop the organization's 2016-2019 strategic plan. The development of the plan utilized input from employees, other law enforcement partners and the citizens of South Dakota.

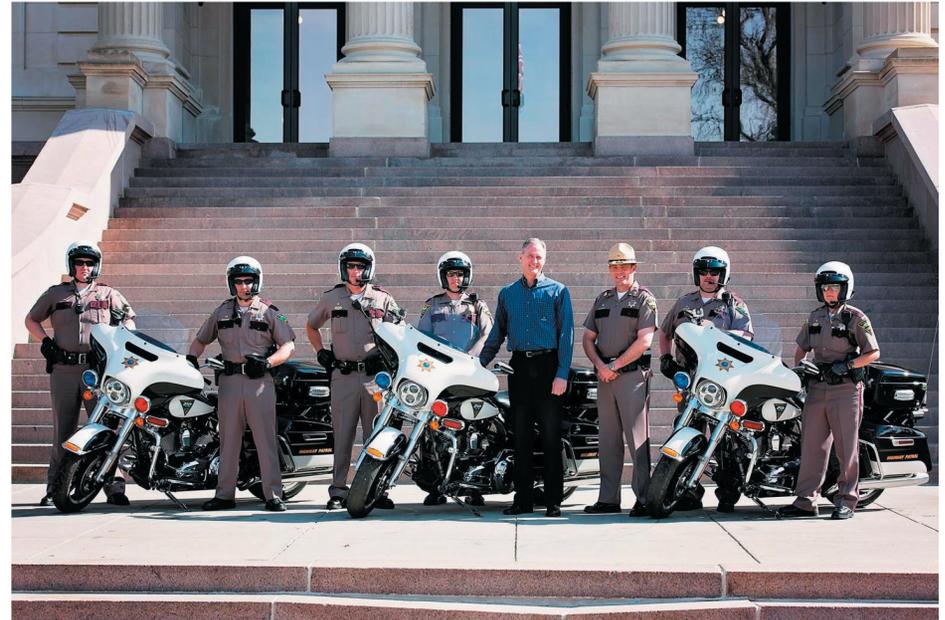
Annual Highlights

New district office in Rapid City

In March of 2014, the Highway Patrol received legislative authorization to construct a new district office in Rapid City. Construction was completed in June, 2015 and a ribbon cutting and open house were held on July 16, 2015.

The 5,000 square foot facility is located on Department of Transportation property near exit 60 on Interstate 90. This location allows troopers very quick access to the interstate when responding to calls for service. The rear parking lot also has

“Leadership training is a must in 21st century policing. It provides a foundation for professional development and succession planning for a healthy organization.” Colonel Craig Price



a motorcycle training facility used for motorcycle instruction of beginner and advanced motorcycle safety courses.

HP motorcycle program

After a 30 year break, the Highway Patrol has motorcycles back in their fleet. Thanks to a grant from the SD Office of Highway Safety, the Patrol was able to purchase three 2015 Harley Davidson police motorcycles. Their primary function will be DUI enforcement. The Highway Patrol currently has 5 troopers who are certified as police motorcycle

operators. The motorcycles are stationed in Pierre, Sioux Falls and Rapid City.

Consolidated Dispatch

In May of 2015, State Radio Communications in Rapid City consolidated dispatch services with Pennington County Emergency Services Communications Center (ESCC) located in Rapid City. The ESCC already provided dispatch services for Pennington County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), Rapid City Police Department (RCPD) and Rapid City Fire (RCF).

As part of that consolidation, all of the agencies involved combined their individual records management systems into one robust system. This allows for multiple redundancies within the dispatch center regarding staff, dispatch consoles and our response to calls from the public.

The consolidation of facilities, infrastructure and staff saves the tax payers money and enhances the capability of all law enforcement around the state. All of the employees previously employed by State Radio were hired by ESCC as 911 dispatchers.

Operation Road Rescue

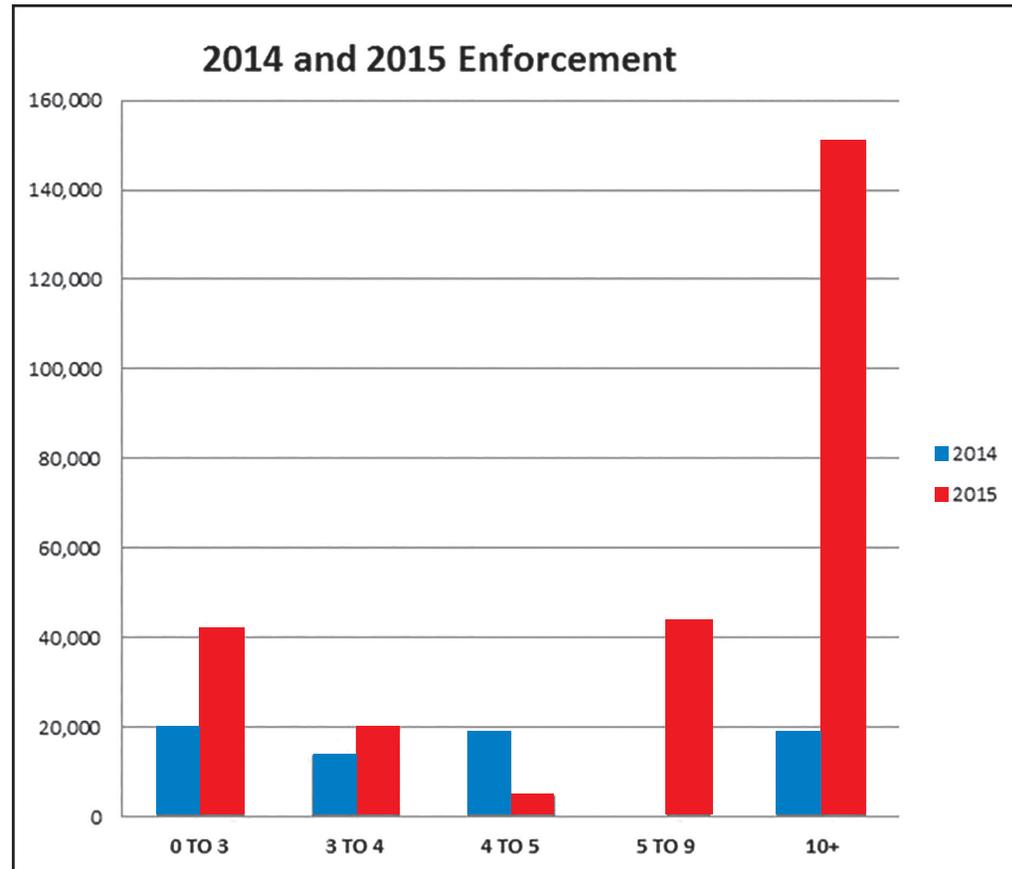
A new effort designed to enforce vehicle weight regulations was conducted by the Highway Patrol in the fall of 2015.

Operation Road Rescue began at 8 a.m. Oct. 26 and was completed by 5 p.m. Oct. 30. The statewide operation was intended to not only enforce such regulations, but also provide public education about damages done to road infrastructure by overweight vehicles.

Weight enforcement operations were located near agricultural commodity receiving locations such as elevators, large grain storage facilities, or on routes that are commonly used to transport these commodities. The locations also were based on the ability to safely weigh and inspect the vehicle without jeopardizing the safety of the driver, inspector or public.

During the five-day operation, 723 trucks came through the selected locations. From that total, 256 trucks were weighed and 40 were found to be overweight. Those 40 trucks were overweight by a combined 261,754 pounds. The fine and cost penalties assessed for the overweight violations totaled \$144,962.25.

At a similar point in the 2014 harvest, during a five-day period in November when the Highway Patrol did not do any focused weight enforcement activities, 19 vehicles were found to be overweight. The vehicles were overweight by a combined 71,793 pounds. The fines and cost penalties assessed totaled \$26,066.15.



Driver Licensing

The South Dakota Driver Licensing (DL) Program strives to make South Dakota roadways safe by issuing driver licenses to applicants who have met the minimum qualifications for safely operating a motor vehicle and to protect South Dakota's citizens by issuing a secure document based on legitimate identification documentation.

More than 630,000 South Dakotans hold a driver license or non-driver identification card and, over a five-year period, the Driver Licensing program comes into direct contact with each of those citizens at least once. Few other state agencies reach so many of the state's citizens on a regular basis, providing a vital service delivered in a timely, efficient and customer-friendly manner.

Automated Testing System

In 2015, the Driver Licensing Program updated the current automated testing system.

To maintain the integrity of the testing process, federal regulations require states to use secured automated testing for commercial drivers. The system randomly generates questions for individual tests from a pool of questions for each commercial driver manual category, such as air brakes, combination vehicles, and transporting passengers. Though not required, South Dakota also utilizes the automated testing system for non-commercial driver tests to also maintain the integrity of those tests.

The previous automated testing system was over 10 years old, and the system failure risk was high and growing daily. Examiners began using the new system in March.

Fee Changes

The department worked with the 2015 Legislature to increase fees for original, renewal, and duplicate licenses and identification cards, along with fees for commercial driver licenses and endorsement knowledge tests. The DL program requested the fee increase to continue the DL program at its current level; otherwise, program reductions would have been necessary in FY 2016.

Licensing fees were last raised during the 2009 legislative session, when the cost of a driver license or ID card increased from \$8 to \$20 per card.

The new DL fees, effective July 1, 2015, are:

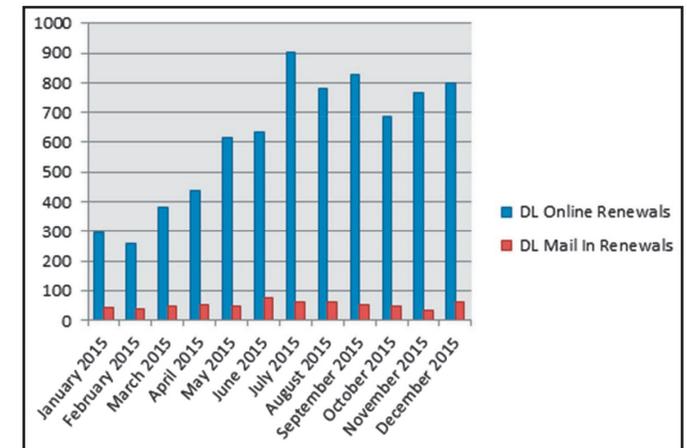
- Original or renewal driver license or identification card: \$28
- Duplicate license or identification card: \$15
- Commercial driver license: \$33
- Commercial driver license endorsement knowledge test: \$15

System Upgrades Continue

The 2013 Legislature authorized the online renewal of driver licenses and identification cards; however, it was somewhat limited in use because of the documents required to obtain a federally compliant card. Now that all South Dakota licensed drivers now hold a federally compliant card, the online renewal of driver licenses and ID cards continues to increase.

Along with online renewal of licenses and ID cards, South Dakotans can now use credit cards to pay for transactions at all state driver exam stations and on the internet. Examiners began accepting credit card payments in March, 2015.

The following chart describes the increase in online renewals.



2015 Statistics

Alcohol Related Offenses Processed: 5,739

Hearings and Re-Evaluations Performed:

155 re-evaluations; 24 hearings

Unpaid Fines Processed: 25,764

Miscellaneous Offenses & Notifications Processed: 156,942

Total Driver Licenses & ID Cards Issued: 210,333

Total Phone Calls Processed: 115,183

Temporary Permits Issued: 444

Driving Records Issued: 464,697

Breakdown of South Dakota Drivers:

- Total Drivers – 620,353
- Total Motorcycle – 83,623
- Total car/light truck (non-commercial) – 500,365
- Total CDL drivers – 56,865
- Total drivers under 21 – 54,216

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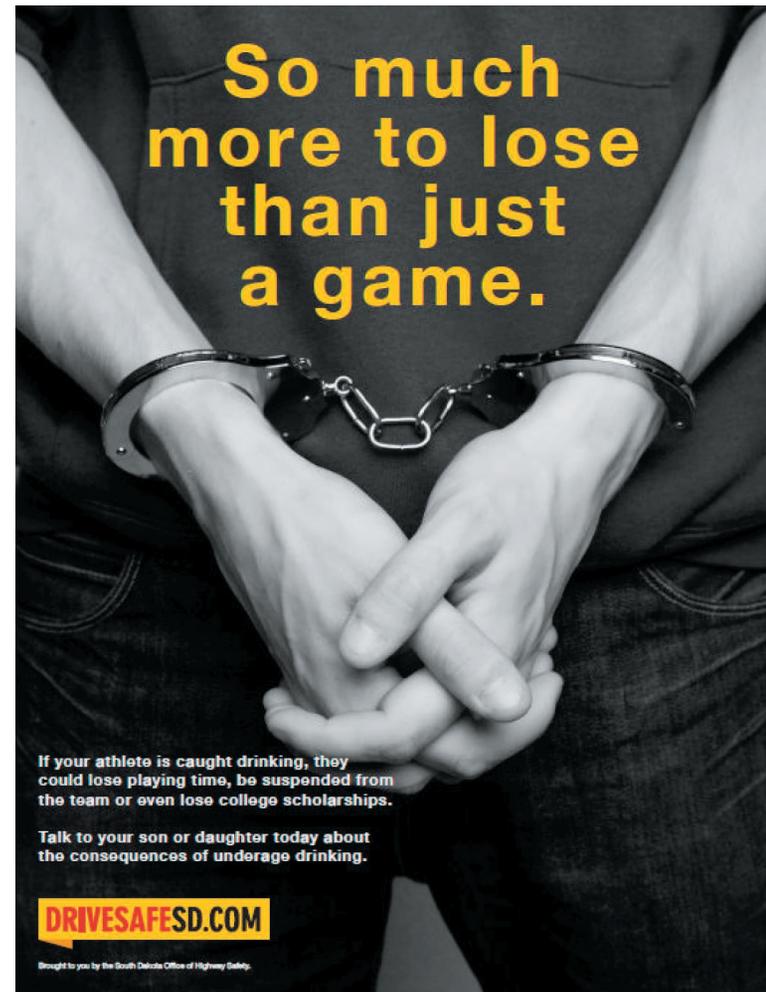
The Office of Highway Safety's (OHS) mission is to provide public education and support for law enforcement and community efforts to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities resulting from traffic crashes.

The OHS focuses on increasing the use of safety belts and child restraints, reducing impaired driving, promoting motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety and improving roadway safety.

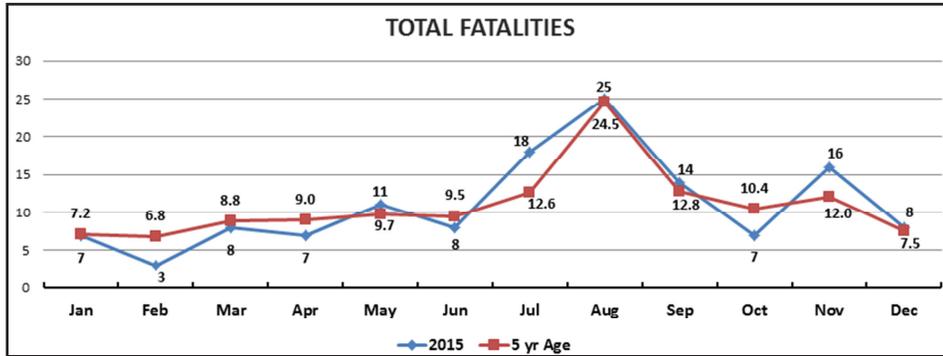
To fulfill its mission, the OHS administers over \$3 million in federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). OHS provides a portion of this funding to dozens of local law enforcement agencies across the state, as they work to keep city and county roadways safe. Activities include funding law enforcement overtime hours for DUI enforcement and updating patrol vehicles with the latest equipment to detect impaired and speeding drivers.

The NHTSA grant also funds public education efforts to influence drivers' choices behind the wheel. Efforts include creative campaigns via TV spots, magazine ads, and printed material targeted to high risk populations. Many of these campaigns focus on the use of seatbelts and reducing impaired driving.

It is important to note that the fatality numbers included in this report and the charts are preliminary and subject to change. The official numbers will not be available until mid 2016.

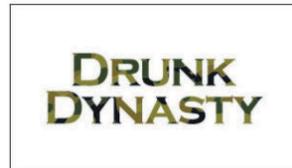


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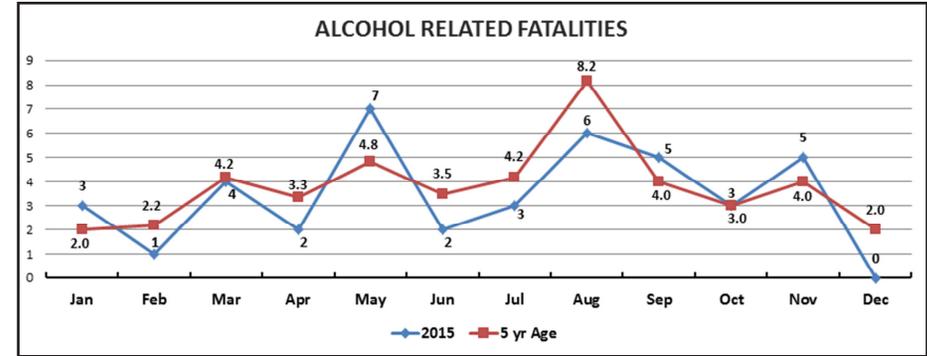


Whatever the final numbers, South Dakota remains a national leader in reducing traffic fatalities. A major area has been the continued five-year decrease in the number of alcohol-related deaths in the state. Based on available statistics at the time of this printing, that trend continued in 2015.

TIME FOR A REALITY CHECK



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Accident Records

The South Dakota Office of Accident Records is the statistical partner of the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety. It is responsible for maintaining the database of motor vehicle traffic crash information. The office receives, processes, and provides information on reportable crashes on public roadways.

Accident Records provides the statistics necessary to identify problems, assist in identifying potential countermeasures, and evaluate applied countermeasures to promote safe roadways in South Dakota.

In 2015, Accident Records unveiled www.safesd.gov, a website the general public can use to purchase crash records online. The website is part of Governor Dugaard's e-Government Initiative, which strives to provide more government services via the internet, so that South Dakotans can interact with their government "online, not in line."



SHARE THE ROAD

Office of Homeland Security

The purpose of the South Dakota Office of Homeland Security is to prevent terrorism, enhance security, and respond effectively to disasters.

South Dakota Fusion Center

The principal role of the South Dakota Fusion Center is to compile, analyze, and disseminate criminal intelligence to support the prevention and investigation of criminal activity. The primary goals of the South Dakota Fusion Center are to identify emerging threats while enhancing the capability of safety partners by receiving, gathering, analyzing, and disseminating criminal intelligence and public safety data in a timely and actionable manner.

In state fiscal year 2015, the SDFC disseminated approximately 744 pieces of information to city, county, state and federal personnel. Likewise in 2015, the SDFC responded to 1,492 requests for information from city, county, state and federal agencies.

The SDFC also hired a part-time liaison coordinator in 2015 to assist with information and intelligence collection from non-law enforcement public safety personnel. This addition led to immediate engagement with fire, EMS, health and other vital public safety sectors in South Dakota. Combined with the addition of a full-time law enforcement liaison coordinator in state fiscal year 2016, the SDFC has begun to plan for and build a more robust fusion liaison program.

The South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications assigned a full-time representative to the SDFC in state fiscal year 2015 to assist with cyber intelligence collection. During 2015, a US Department of Homeland Security



intelligence officer assigned to the SDFC published 10 intelligence reports containing a cyber nexus. The SDFC shared these reports with the U.S. intelligence community for further analysis.

Regional Response Teams

The office continues to support South Dakota's four regional response teams. The teams, with members and equipment located in Aberdeen, Watertown, Sioux Falls, and Rapid City, are trained to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive threats. Team members are also trained in specialized rescue techniques including land-based search, structural collapse, swift water, confined space, high-angle, and rope rescue.

Training and exercising as a team is critical to the team's performance during a real emergency. During the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, team members gathered in Rapid City to practice several specialized rescue techniques. Members drilled on breaching and moving concrete panels; cutting wood, concrete, and steel; and installing bolt and anchor systems, all while suspended in harnesses several stories off the ground. The training scenarios mimicked conditions and angles team members would encounter while attempting to rescue someone from a structural collapse, a fall off a cliff, or a high-rise building.



Besides providing top-notch training, the Rapid City exercise also made the team members available for emergency response during the Rally, should a major emergency have occurred. Thankfully, the 75th Rally concluded with no major incidents.

If You See Something, Say Something

The Office of Homeland Security announced in July that it began participating in the “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign, a nation-wide effort designed to ask for the public’s help reporting suspicious activity. The campaign was originally implemented by the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority and is licensed to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The campaign promotes a community approach to securing the nation. Materials urge citizens to report odd occurrences such as unattended packages or luggage, individuals asking questions about security procedures, or surveillance of government buildings, infrastructure, or large public venues.

South Dakota’s efforts in the campaign include social media messages, posters, public service announcements and other components, all of which contain a toll-free number for the public to use (1.866.466.5263). The Office of Homeland Security disseminated these materials to counties, traveler information centers, universities, and private businesses. Public service announcements continue to run on radio stations statewide. Several South Dakota-based federal agencies, including the National Park Service and the Department of Veterans affairs, contacted the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and requested to participate in the South Dakota campaign.

Information meeting certain thresholds under the suspicious activity reporting initiative is relayed to the South Dakota Fusion Center.



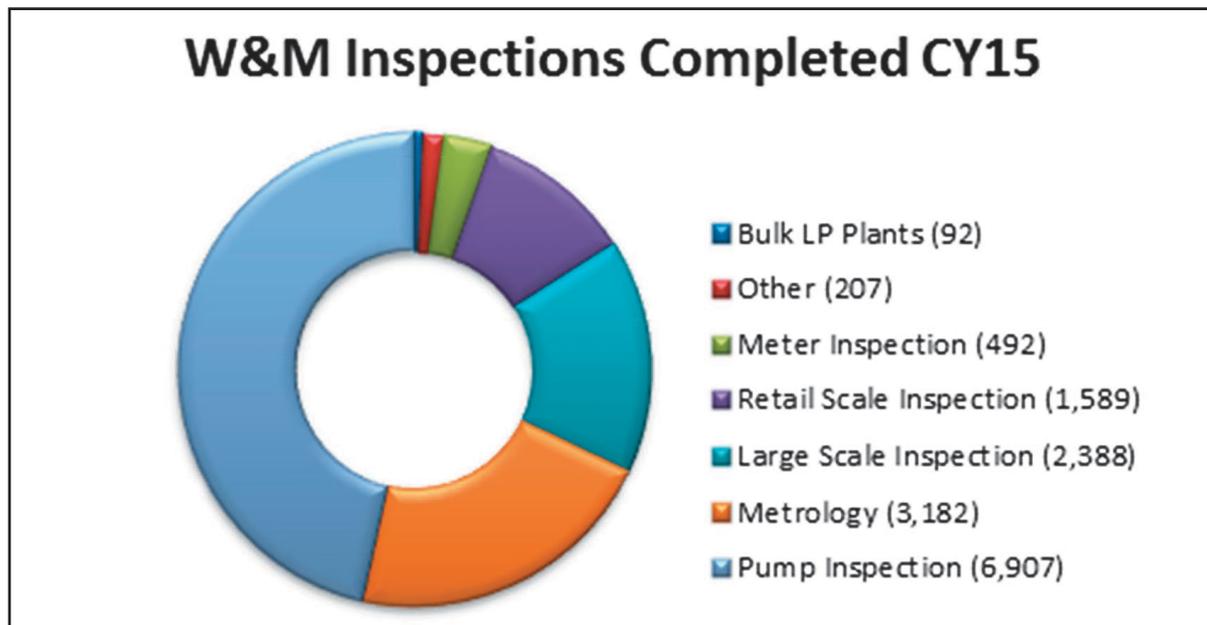
The campaign also encourages citizens to call 9-1-1 immediately if they witness a life-threatening emergency, a crime in progress, or a rapidly-evolving public safety issue.

Weights and Measures

The Weights and Measures program's mission is to verify that commercial weighing and measuring devices are true and accurate. The program also promotes uniformity in laws, regulations and standards for weights and measures to achieve a balance between buyers and sellers in the marketplace. The work of the program strengthens consumer confidence in commerce, allowing South Dakota businesses to compete fairly at home and abroad and strengthening the economies of both the state and the United States.

The program works in conjunction with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). South Dakota's Weights and Measures Program is a member of the National Conference on Weights and Measures. In fact, the program director represents South Dakota's interests on the credentialing committee of the national conference. In addition, the program director currently serves as the chair of the Central Weights and Measures Association and sits on the Legal and Regulatory Committee.

Within the last year, the Weights and Measures program updated several pieces of equipment needed to continue fulfilling its mission, including new five-gallon volumetric provers and new 30 lb. weight kits. The program is also awaiting delivery of a new 100 gallon LPG prover.

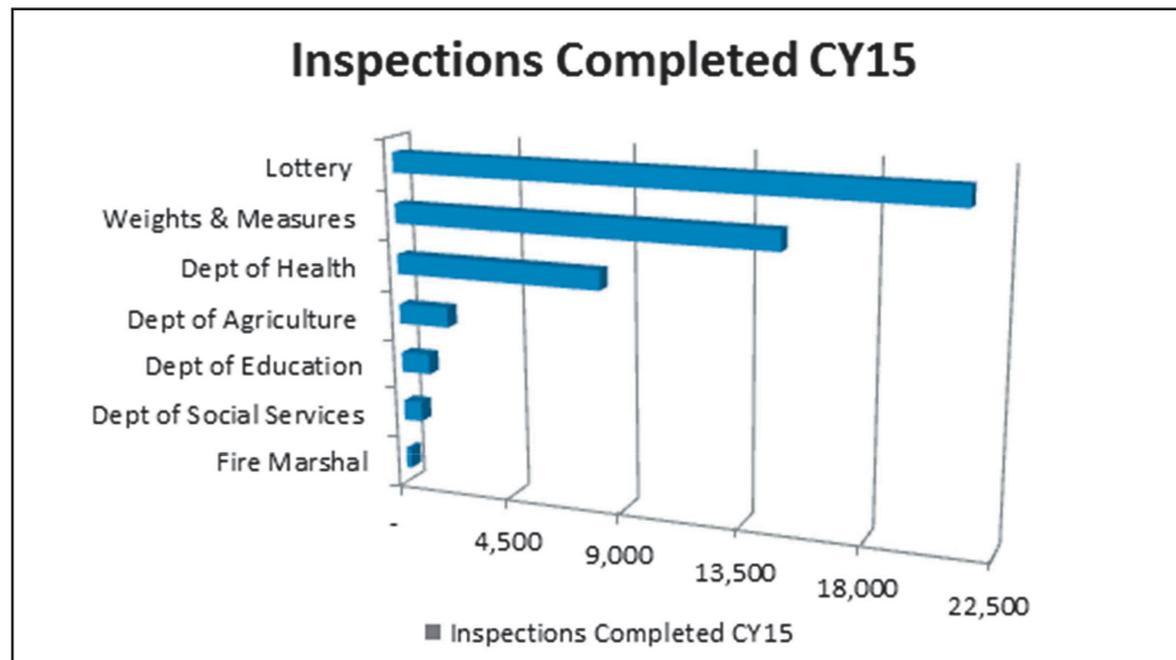


State Inspection Program

The State Inspection Program's mission is to provide a pool of trained personnel staged regionally to efficiently meet the designated inspection needs of supported agencies including Agriculture, Education, Fire Marshal, Health, Social Services, Video Lottery, and Weights and Measures.

Inspectors conduct over 80 different types of inspections, and verify safety and compliance in a multitude of areas, including food, lodging, lottery, school fire and life safety, bulk pesticides, feed mill, school lunch, daycare, fuel pumps and meters, scales and bulk LP (liquid petroleum).

An inspection may take 15 minutes to 3.5 hours to complete, depending on the type of inspection being done. Even with over 48,000 inspections to complete in a given year, the Inspection Program finished 2015 up-to-date with all required inspections.





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