



South Dakota Department of Public Safety 2014 Annual Report



A Message from Secretary Trevor Jones

Hello from your South Dakota Department of Public Safety. As secretary, I enjoy explaining that I am blessed to work with a talented and dedicated group of people here at DPS. Across the state and around the country, citizens recognize public safety efforts, and they can relate to the important services we work to provide in South Dakota.

I am pleased to present to you the department's annual report for 2014. In this document, you will read about what we do in the name of public safety. And while we can't fit everything from the past year into the report, you can learn more about us by interacting with DPS agencies on social media or by visiting our website at dps.sd.gov.

DPS agencies were busy in 2014 with many rewarding projects and initiatives. The Highway Patrol again partnered with the Crow Creek Sioux

Tribe to conduct a joint law enforcement operation during their annual Powwow (or Wacipi). We are grateful to the tribe and echo their sentiment by calling the joint effort "a monumental step in cooperation."

Also exciting are the steps toward digital interaction we took in 2014. The Office of Accident Records built a system to automate the process so citizens can search for and obtain traffic crash reports online. Additionally, using the online appointment scheduler on the Driver Licensing website has helped to decrease wait times at exam stations across South Dakota.

I hope you find this report demonstrates our department's investment and

commitment to public safety. Please read on and let us know what you think.

Thank you for letting us serve you in 2014.

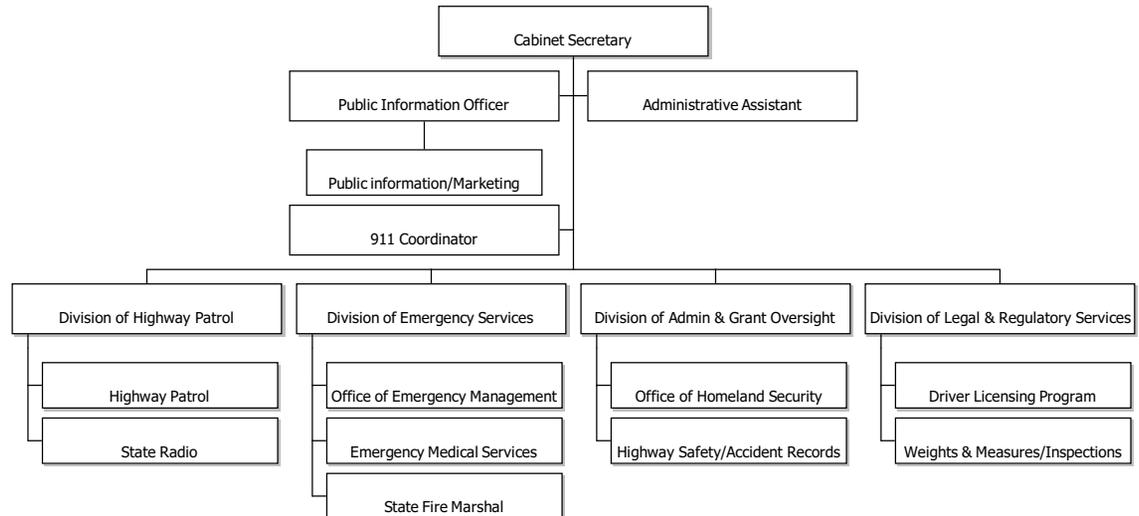
From left to right, Secretary Trevor Jones, Crow Creek Tribal Police Chief Scott Shields, Tribal Chairwoman Roxanne Sazue, and Highway Patrol Major Rick Miller at Crow Creek Tribal Headquarters in 2014.



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Department of Public Safety Organizational Structure



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.

Highlights from 2014

- The South Dakota Homeland Security Conference was held in August 2014 in Rapid City, providing education to over 275 attendees.
- Homeland Security grant approval process for local projects was streamlined for grant year 2014.
- The Office of Highway Safety helped reduce alcohol-related crash injuries by 21% from 640 in 2013 to 504 in 2014.
- The Office of Accident Records worked to automate the process for citizens to search and obtain crash reports online.
- The Highway Patrol identified Interstate 90 between Black Hawk and Sturgis as a high crash area. They launched a high-visibility safety campaign from July 1 to September 30, 2014 and reduced crashes on this stretch of I-90 from 43 crashes in 2013 to 20 crashes in 2014 (which is more than a 50% reduction in a 3-month period).
- SD Highway 46 from Iowa to Pickstown was recognized as a high crash area. From March 2013-March 2014, 6 fatalities were recorded on that section of highway. In 2014, the Highway Patrol focused efforts on reducing crashes in that area. From March 2014-February 2015, only 1 fatality occurred on that same stretch of roadway. This is a reduction in fatalities of 83%.
- The Office of Emergency Medical Services worked with the EMS community in South Dakota to make EMT testing more convenient by having class coordinators deliver practical skills testing at the class location, rather than asking the EMT students to travel to Sioux Falls or Rapid City for skills testing.
- The State Fire Marshal's Office obtained a matching grant from the insurance industry to purchase smoke detectors for installation in at-risk homes.
- The Office of Emergency Management coordinated the state's response to flooding in Lincoln and Union counties and the Wessington Springs tornado.
- The State Inspection Program completed 48,851 inspections in 2014. That's more inspections than in any year since FY2010.
- The state metrology lab, where weighing and measuring standards are tested and verified, was once again recertified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
- Online Driver Licensing appointment scheduling is now easier than ever with a new, more user friendly web-based scheduler on the Driver Licensing website.
- Legislation was passed during the 2014 Legislative Session to allow driver license renewals and duplicates online and by mail.



Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial at Capitol Lake in Pierre.

Office of Emergency Management

Disaster Responses

The state responded to three Presidential disaster declarations during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014. Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff coordinated the state response and worked with FEMA, local officials and voluntary agencies on recovery efforts.

In June of 2014, a series of storms brought heavy rain and flooding to areas of western, north central and southeast South Dakota and a tornado to the Wessington Springs area. Twelve South Dakota counties and two tribal nations qualified for federal disaster funding from the President. Those counties included Butte, Clay, Corson, Dewey, Hanson, Jerauld, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Perkins, Turner, Union and Ziebach, including the Standing Rock Indian Reservation within Corson County and the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation within Dewey and Ziebach counties. The storms caused approximately \$12 million in damage to public infrastructure. Costs included debris removal and repairs to roads, bridges and culverts and other infrastructure.

During this disaster, OEM had great success working with voluntary agencies to help local residents recover from the disaster. OEM has placed a heavy emphasis on working with voluntary agencies to ensure quicker recovery for disaster survivors. The cities of Wessington Springs and Canton received significant financial, labor, and supply donations from

numerous state and national voluntary organizations. With OEM's help to coordinate these voluntary resources with local officials, residents affected by the storms are farther along with their rebuilding and recovery efforts.

Early in October 2013, a severe winter storm with heavy snow and subsequent flooding impacted 14 counties in western South Dakota. The storm caused an estimated \$56 million in damages when heavy ice accumulation tore down rural electric cooperative power lines and tree limbs, resulting in additional costs for power restoration and tree debris cleanup efforts. When the snow and ice melted, it caused flooding that impacted road infrastructure. Counties involved in this disaster were Butte, Corson, Custer, Dewey, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, Shannon, and Ziebach and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe within Dewey and Ziebach counties, as well as the Pine Ridge Reservation within Jackson and Shannon counties.

Additionally, heavy rains at the beginning of the fiscal year caused major flooding in Beadle, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Hughes, Kingsbury and Spink counties. This flooding caused an estimated \$1.7 million in damage to public infrastructure. OEM staff continues to work with FEMA and local officials on the delivery of funding for repairs as a result of these three Presidential disaster declarations.

OEM work efforts last an average of three to five years following each Presidential disaster declaration.

Wessington Springs tornado damage.



Flood waters over railroad tracks after heavy rains in southeast South Dakota.



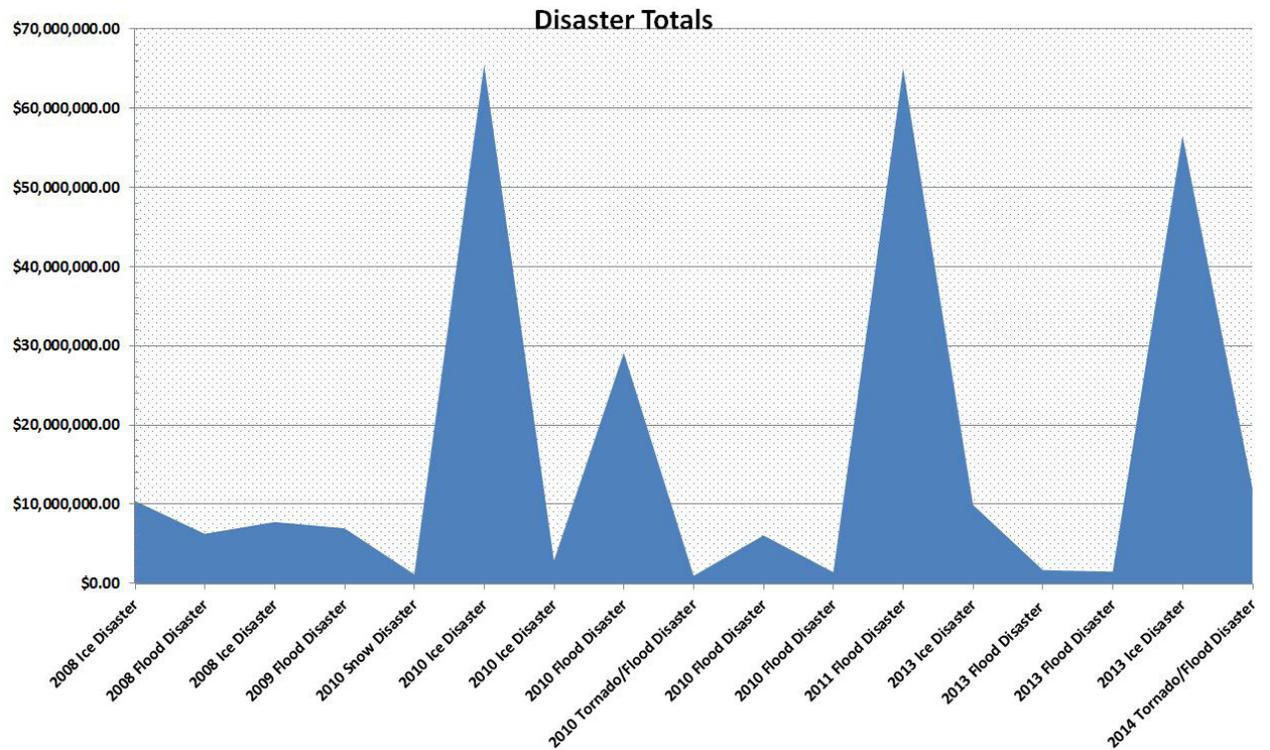
From the three new disasters, OEM staff is managing \$68 million in disaster funds, and they continue to manage \$185 million in disaster funds from declarations prior to 2013. The state receives hazard mitigation grant program funds to lessen or eliminate damage in future disasters. We are managing over \$33 million in hazard mitigation funding. In all, OEM is managing Presidential disaster funding and hazard mitigation funding totaling \$286 million.

Hazard Mitigation

Staff updated the statewide Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which allows the state and local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations (rural electric cooperatives and rural water systems, for example), to remain eligible for federal funding following presidential disaster declarations. Without such a plan in place, federal funds would not be available for recovery efforts and the recovery process would take much longer. Local and state government would be required to fund the entire rebuilding efforts for public infrastructure damage. The updated plan was approved by FEMA in April 2014 and is in place for the next five years.

Rally Operations Center

For the past year, OEM has been working with numerous state, county and municipal agencies to have a more coordinated, common operating picture for Sturgis Motorcycle Rally activities throughout the entire Black Hills region. For the 2014 Rally, staff ran a Rally Operations Center at Camp Rapid for 10 days to provide a daily situation report of Rally activities. The Rally Operations Center also provided resource



support to first responders in case a large-scale emergency occurred where outside resources were needed to alleviate the situation. This operation was successful in bringing many first responder groups together. Our efforts will be expanded for the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in August 2015. Officials expect 750,000 to 1 million people to attend the 75th Rally. Attendance of this magnitude essentially doubles the state's population, so the Rally Operations Center will play a key role in sharing information and coordinating response to emergency situations throughout the region.

Social Media

OEM staff has expanded the reach of our social media platforms, specifically our Twitter and Facebook accounts. These accounts are another source to provide the public with quick, fact-based messaging and other information related to storms, disasters and general safety messaging. The OEM Twitter account is www.twitter.com/sdemergencymgmt, and you can find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sdemergencymgmt. Social media platforms have become a very popular and convenient source of information during times of emergencies and disasters.

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.

According to this U.S. Fire Administration chart below, the population in states extending past the red line have a higher risk of dying in a fire than the rest of the U.S. general population.

Fast Facts:

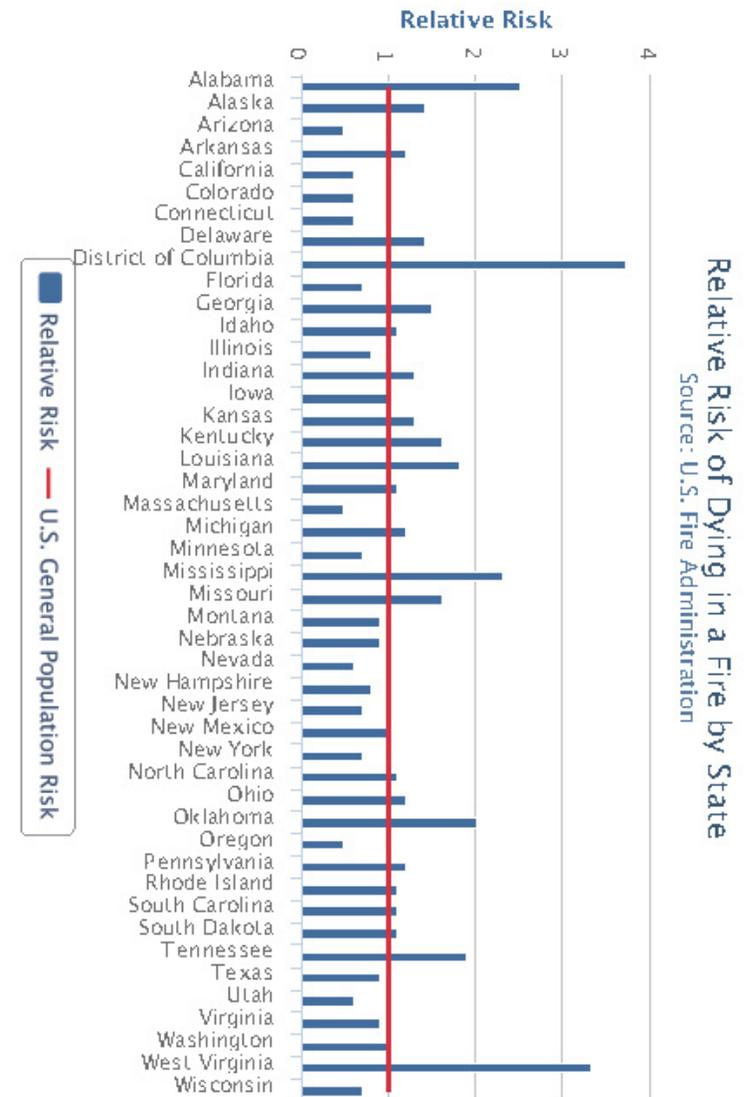
- There are currently 337 certified fire departments in South Dakota, and approximately 8,400 firefighters.
- Nearly 97% of firefighters in South Dakota are volunteers.
- Unattended cooking remains the leading cause of home fires in the state.
- Fire caused nearly \$50 million in property damage in South Dakota for years 2012/2013.
- There were six fire fatalities in South Dakota during 2014. This was the lowest number since 1998.

Veterans Initiative

During the past year, the Fire Marshal's Office partnered with the state Department of Veterans Affairs on a major recruitment initiative. Recruitment and retention of firefighters is always a struggle for volunteer fire departments, like those serving much of South Dakota. Both nationally and in the state, it has been determined that many potential firefighters don't volunteer simply because they don't know who to contact. Others don't step up because they have never been asked.

Recognizing many military veterans have the skill sets and discipline sought by our fire departments, the Fire Marshal's Office and Department of Veterans Affairs sent invitations to all 72 county and tribal veterans' service officers statewide and to the Veterans' Council to promote the firefighting service within veterans' service organizations.

It is our hope this joint program will encourage a number of military veterans to consider using their skills and expertise to continue to serve; this time, as members of their local fire department. Veterans who volunteer will experience the satisfaction of serving their community, and the fire services will benefit from the skills and abilities of the veterans.



Fire is Everyone's Fight

The State Fire Marshal's Office joined a national effort led by U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to lower the number of home fires and home fire injuries in America. Along with the USFA and partner organizations across the country, the fire community is speaking out with a unified message of fire prevention and safety to the public. The goal is to change how people think about fire and fire prevention by using social marketing strategies to address the broadest possible audience. Through the program, we have access to presentations, handouts, public service announcements, high-resolution graphics, and social media assets that may be used to assist and educate the public and fire departments across South Dakota.

Smoke Alarm Initiative

Each year, about 2,500 people die in home fires in the United States, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. The National Fire Protection Association reports that nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. Through funding from the fire-safe cigarette program, the State Fire Marshal's Office is able to supply smoke alarms to participating fire departments, who distribute the alarms to at-risk populations in their communities. A working smoke alarm significantly increases one's chances of surviving a home fire.

Fire Risk Reduction

The State Fire Marshal's Office participated in the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Fire

Department Community Risk Reduction Program. The ISO helps communities evaluate their public fire protection services. The program provides a standard that helps fire departments with planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. Communities with better public fire protection may qualify for lower fire insurance premiums. This program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their fire-fighting services. Through participation in the program, communities are credited for fire prevention services performed at the state level, such as fire code enforcement activities or fire investigations. In many cases, those services are not able to be done at the local level.

Other Activities

The SFMO also administered the Firefighter Essentials Grant Program. This training grant is used by fire departments to help defray expenses, such as books, manuals and instructor fees associated with hosting the Firefighter Essentials course. In the last fiscal year, 187 firefighters successfully completed the certified firefighter curriculum.

The State Fire Marshal's Office 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 SFMO completed a demographics study of the South Dakota Fire Service. The data collected will help state and local policy makers better understand the composition of services in South Dakota. That information will help fire services with the challenging job of developing strategies to improve recruitment and retention of firefighters.

TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS – 337

- Volunteer Fire Departments – 326
- Career Paid Departments – 5
- Combination Paid/Volunteer Departments - 6

FIREFIGHTER STATISTICS - AGE

Volunteer Fire Departments:

Firefighters 29 and Under:	1264	19.44%
Firefighters 30-39:	1648	25.34%
Firefighters 40-49:	1451	22.31%
Firefighters 50-59:	1472	22.64%
Firefighters 60-69:	544	8.37%
Firefighters 70-79:	112	1.72%
Firefighters 80 and Over:	12	0.18%
Total Number Volunteer Firefighters in Study:	6503	100.00%
Average Age of Volunteer SD Firefighters:	42.3269	Years Old

Total Number of Volunteer Firefighters: 7896

Paid Fire Departments:

Firefighters 29 and Under:	72	16.90%
Firefighters 30-39:	140	32.86%
Firefighters 40-49:	155	36.38%
Firefighters 50-59:	58	13.62%
Firefighters 60-69:	1	0.23%
Firefighters 70-79:	0	0.00%
Firefighters 80 and Over:	0	0.00%
Total Number of Paid Firefighters in Study:	426	100.00%
Average Age of Paid SD Firefighters:	39.2207	Years Old

Total Number of Paid Firefighters: 426

Office of Emergency Medical Services

The South Dakota Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is committed to serving South Dakota ambulance services, EMS providers, and the public. OEMS assures quality out-of-hospital care for the sick and injured in South Dakota by licensing ambulance services and certifying emergency medical response personnel to operate those services.

In 2014, OEMS began online recertification for EMTs and initial course student registration at the EMT level. The trainings and certifications we conduct are vital to the safe operation of South Dakota ambulance services.



Governor Dennis Daugaard announced on November 6, 2013, South Dakota would receive \$3.7 million in funding over three years for the Lucas Project from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust to purchase lifesaving equipment that can increase patient survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest.

“Sudden cardiac arrest is fatal for 95 percent of its victims and it’s a leading cause of death in our country,” the Governor said. “This grant will put the latest automatic chest compression equipment in every hospital and ambulance service in the state and help reduce those deaths.”

When cardiac arrest occurs, the heart stops abruptly, the victim collapses, and quickly loses consciousness. Death usually follows, unless a normal heart rhythm is restored within minutes through cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation, or electric shock to the heart. An automated chest compression device, or LUCAS®2 Chest Compression System, more effectively and consistently delivers the necessary chest compressions, increasing the patient’s chances of survival.

The project began implementation in 2014. It will be coordinated by the Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety and will include the necessary training for using the devices. The departments will collaborate with their counterparts in North Dakota, who have also received funding from the Helmsley Charitable Trust to place the devices and train staff in hospitals and ambulance services across their state.

South Dakota gained 549 new EMTs in 2014; however, just 40% of these new EMTs went to work for an ambulance service. Rural ambulance services in South Dakota continue to struggle with recruiting and retaining EMTs.

In January 2015, Governor Dennis Daugaard issued an executive order moving the Office of Emergency Medical Services to the South Dakota Department of Health.



Keystone Ambulance Service at Mount Rushmore.



EMT students position a patient on a backboard during training.

South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination

The 9-1-1 service in South Dakota is provided by 33 local public safety answering points, with 18 county run, 13 city run, 1 independent and 4 tribal answering points. Collectively the 9-1-1 centers answered 319,450 calls in 2014.

Quick Facts:

- In November 2014, the 9-1-1 Coordination Board entered into a contract with GeoComm, Inc., of St. Cloud, MN for the collection of geographic information system (GIS) data and maintenance. This 10-year contract and will provide a statewide data set which will be used to route 9-1-1 calls in the Next Generation 911 system.
- In December 2014, the Board entered into a contract with

TeleCommunications Systems, Inc., of Annapolis, MD for a statewide emergency services network and a statewide 9-1-1 call answering system.

- The Board and Department finalized plans to upgrade the 911 infrastructure. SDN Communications of Sioux Falls will provide a majority of the new network in South Dakota.

NextGen 9-1-1 will:

- Interconnect 9-1-1 centers in ways that greatly improve interoperability and the routing of emergency calls.
- Make 9-1-1 services less prone to outages and failures because high levels of geo-diversity and redundancy will be built into the system.
- Allow 9-1-1 capabilities to evolve with constantly changing communication technologies.
- Eventually allow citizens to share pictures and video with 9-1-1 centers during a 9-1-1 call and communicate with 9-1-1 centers via text message when they are unable to make a voice call.

State 9-1-1 Coordinator
Shawnie Rechtenbaugh
SD Department of Public Safety

BOARD MEMBERSHIP South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination Board

Chairperson
Ted Ruffedt, Jr.
Dakota Chapter
National Emergency Number Association
Expires 6/30/16

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Sheriff Kelly Serr
South Dakota Sheriffs Association
Expires 6/30/16

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Marlene Haines
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South Dakota Service Provider
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Don Reinesch
SD Association of County Commissioners
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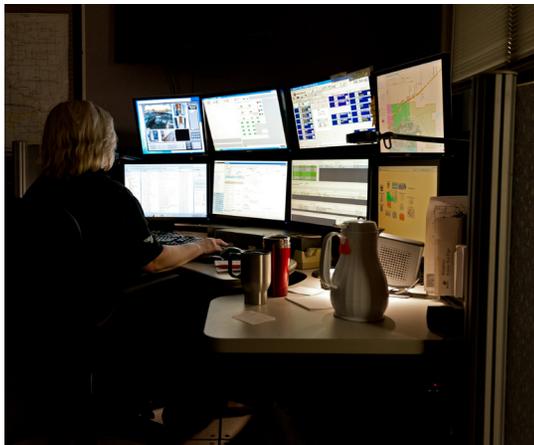
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Major Rick Miller
SD Department of Public Safety



A 9-1-1 dispatcher at a communications console.

South Dakota Highway Patrol

The South Dakota Highway Patrol (SDHP) is a prepared and proactive law enforcement agency committed to its employees and the citizens they serve. The mission of the South Dakota Highway Patrol is to serve with distinction and protect citizens and visitors by promoting public safety through education, enforcement and example.

Values

- Commitment to Excellence
- Loyalty and Dedication
- Respect and Courtesy
- Discipline and Expertise
- Integrity
- Collaboration



In August 2014, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe invited the South Dakota Highway Patrol back for a second year to work with tribal officers in a joint enforcement operation during the Dakota Nation powwow. During the 2013 Powwow (Wacipi), troopers assisted with public safety in what tribal and Highway Patrol officials called “a monumental step in cooperation.” The operation worked so well, Chairwoman Roxanne Sazue and the tribal council asked for troopers’ assistance again in 2014.

Youth Programs

Interacting with South Dakota youth is important to SDHP. Over the last year, programs like Freshman Impact and the American Legion Youth Trooper Academy benefited and educated youth.

Freshman Impact is a one day program that teaches freshman about the life-altering impact of drunk driving. The program is structured in two sessions. The morning session consists of seven learning stations designed to teach teens about the consequences of different risky behaviors. The afternoon session starts with a speaker selected by MADD, usually a peer speaker who has been a victim of an impaired

driving crash or who has killed someone in an impaired driving crash. Then, a selected group of upperclassmen perform a skit leading to a 911 call, setting the scene for a mock crash. Students go outside to a very realistic crash scene. They see the horrific injuries and watch law enforcement and EMS respond to the crash. A Life-Flight helicopter responds and flies one of the “injured” from the scene and students watch as the impaired driver is given field sobriety tests and arrested. In the end, a mock sentencing hearing is conducted by a real judge, states attorney and defense attorney for the arrested driver. The program concludes with a short debriefing of the students and written evaluations.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol also partners with the American Legion to offer the Youth Trooper Academy. During this intensive, week-long experience at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Pierre, veteran troopers provide mentorship and hands-on training to high school juniors and seniors or young adults who graduated from high school that year. Candidates should be highly motivated, of good moral and ethical character, have an interest in a career in law enforcement, and present a well-groomed appearance.

State Radio

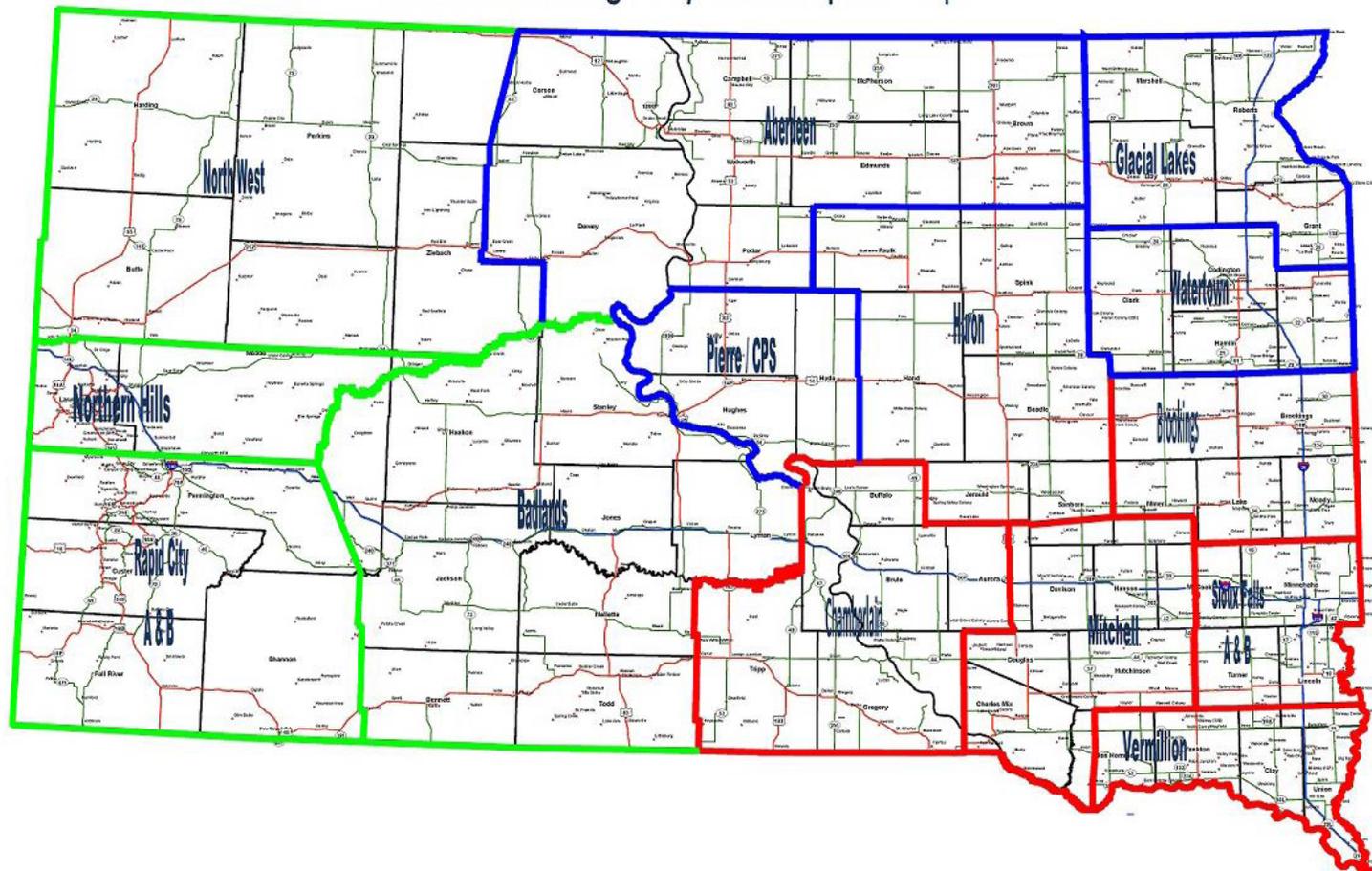
State Radio provides professional, around-the-clock communications to all members of the public safety community. The goals of State Radio are to save lives, prevent injury, protect property, and provide professional and timely communication services. State Radio Dispatch sites are located in Rapid City and Huron and are staffed by civilian employees.

State Radio provides communications services to federal, state, and local government agencies. It serves as a link between those agencies, as well as a link between those agencies and the public.

District Map

The South Dakota Highway Patrol operates with five districts. District One covers the northeast and central region of South Dakota. District Two covers the southeast and south central region. District Three covers the western region of South Dakota. The Motor Carrier Services district covers four permanent ports of entry on the interstate system and provides carriers entering South Dakota with permit availability and the information necessary to travel through the state. They also provide educational information to the public about motor carrier issues. The headquarters district oversees SWAT (special weapons and tactics), police service dogs, dignitary protection detail, the aviation program, the honor guard, crash investigations, State Radio, supply equipment, fleet operations, budget and finance, training, and professional standards.

South Dakota Highway Patrol Squad Map



Active shooter scenario at the State Capitol.



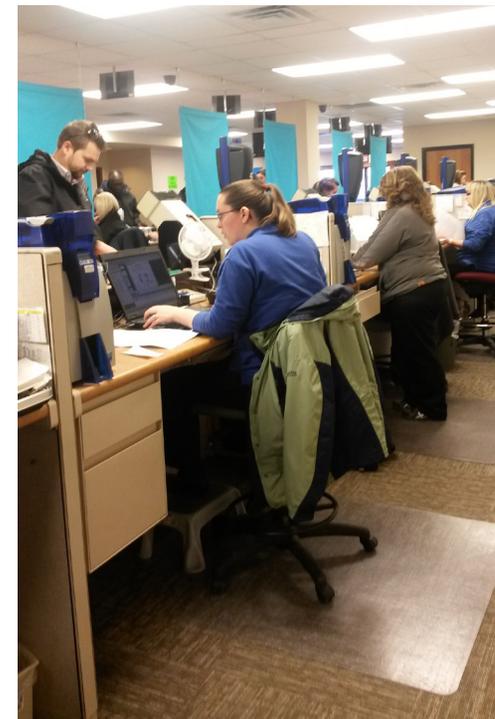
Aerial photo of flooding from June 2014.

Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Pierre.



Kids try on bunker gear at the DPS Booth at Oahe Days in June 2014.

Examiners help customers at the Sioux Falls Driver Exam Station.



Roadside speed enforcement operations.

A Highway Patrol Trooper visits an elementary class.



A Highway Patrol vehicle navigates between plowed snow drifts to access a highway after a winter storm.



After-action interviews were conducted with staff who participated in the active shooter scenario at the Capitol.



State and Tribal officials sign an agreement for cooperative law enforcement efforts during the Dakota Nation Powwow.



Life-Flight in action



A Motor Carrier Inspector conducts a truck inspection.



Hands-on training for firefighters at a district fire school.



Smoke from a wildland fire crosses a road in the Black Hills.

Office of Highway Safety

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The Office of Highway Safety (OHS) administers the Federal Highway Safety Grant Program in South Dakota, enabling local and state agencies and non-profit organizations to develop and implement traffic safety programs designed to reduce the number of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities occurring on South Dakota roadways.

The South Dakota Office of Highway Safety provides technical and financial assistance to state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations to implement programs aimed at reducing the human and economic loss resulting from traffic crashes.

OHS receives approximately \$1 million annually from the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to provide funding support to state and local agencies and other organizations to promote traffic safety on South Dakota's roadways. Additionally, a \$7 annual fee on motorcycle registrations is used to fund a statewide motorcycle rider education program through the South Dakota Safety Council.

OHS efforts focus on increasing the use of safety belts and child restraints by South Dakotans, reducing the

incidence of drinking and driving, improving the safety of our roadways, and improving the trauma system in the state to ensure those who are injured in traffic crashes receive quick response and high quality treatment for their injuries.

South Dakota works to improve highway safety by focusing on the following areas and key objectives:

Alcohol and Drugs

Discourage impaired driving as socially acceptable behavior and create community coalitions. Identify and target high risk populations and enhance media campaigns.

Enforcement

Increase high-visibility enforcement efforts, coordinate a statewide strategic enforcement plan and continue media support for enhanced public awareness.

Occupant Protection

Enhance public awareness and increase seat belt compliance.

Motorcycle Safety

Promote motorcycle training courses, provide public education, enhance motorcycle hazard awareness projects and coordinate motorcycle hazard awareness in engineering practices.

Data and Technology

Evaluate data systems, develop a statewide data collection system to track trends and high-risk behavior more strategically, and develop a data site accessible to the public.

TAKE BACK CONTROL

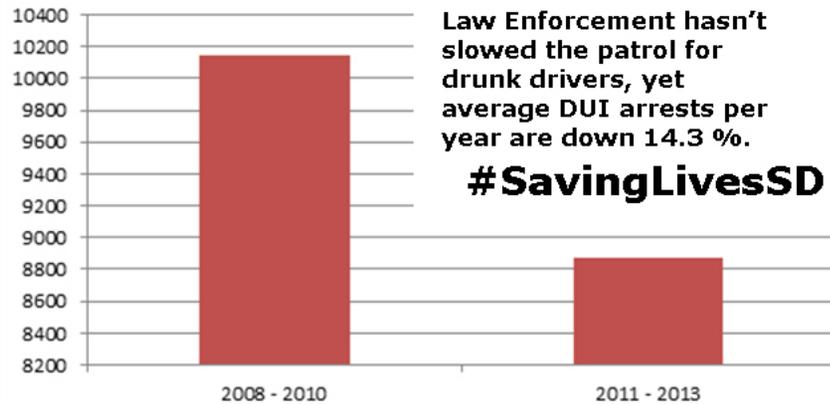
PUT THE PHONE DOWN

It's hard to ignore the sound of a new text message. But with so many things fighting for your attention, taking your eyes off the road can be a deadly decision. When you text and drive, knowing it's illegal and dangerous, you're recklessly and intentionally risking your life and others'. Fight back.

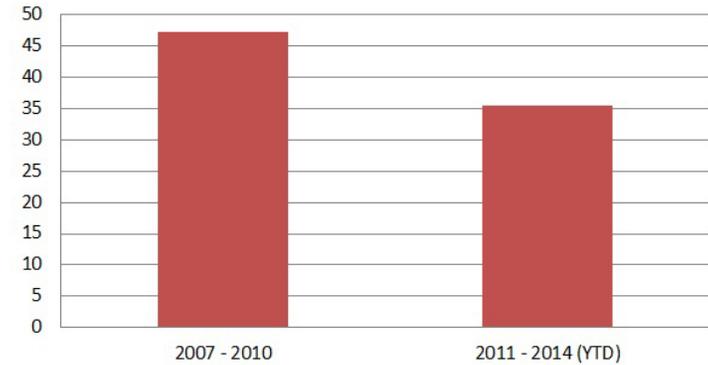
TEXTING AND DRIVING IS ILLEGAL IN SOUTH DAKOTA

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SOUTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Average DUI Arrests per year comparison



Average fatal crashes related to alcohol per year by 4 year period

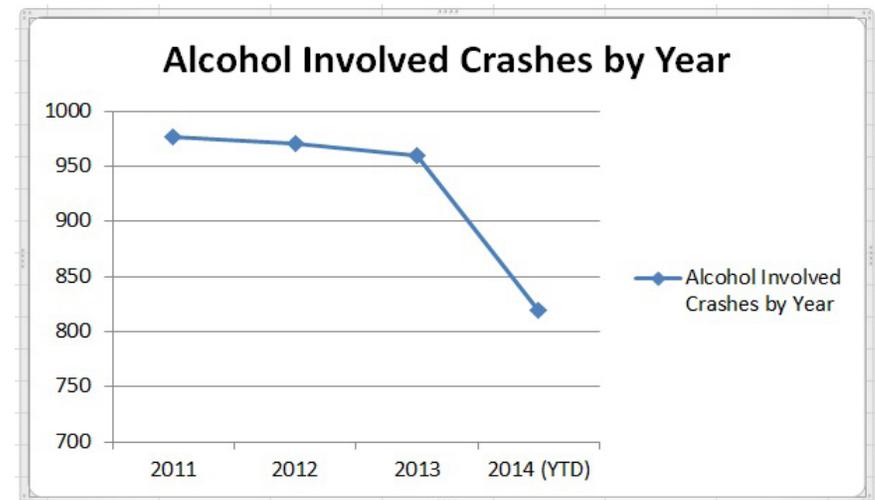


Office of Accident Records

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 countermeasures, and evaluate applied countermeasures to promote safe roadways in South Dakota.

Alcohol Involved Crashes by Year



Office of Homeland Security

Active Shooter Exercise

The Office of Homeland Security, in conjunction with several local, county, and state agencies in the Pierre area, held an active shooter exercise at the State Capitol building in January 2014. The exercise was a major initiative involving detailed planning, coordination, and a thorough follow-up process to identify strengths and weaknesses of capitol security measures.

The exercise was a simulation of an active shooter in the Capitol building with response from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, emergency management, fire department, and healthcare personnel. Approximately 60 employees participated in the exercise.

Other Activities

In state fiscal year 2014, the Office of Homeland Security supported 191 local and 18 state projects. Local projects were developed and implemented by public and private non-profit agencies, including law enforcement, fire departments, county and city governments, tribes, and schools.

Statewide special programs included funding for Regional Response Teams trained to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats. The teams are also trained in specialized rescue techniques including search and rescue, structural collapse, swift water rescue, confined space, high-angle and rope rescue.

In state fiscal year 2014, 5 trainings were held for Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) teams across the state, including advanced SWAT,

hostage rescue, grenadier, sniper, and command decision training.

State projects included providing security equipment, training, and exercises for critical infrastructure, disaster response training and exercises, communication equipment, and public notification and warning systems.

Fusion Center

The South Dakota Fusion Center is the hub of criminal intelligence information in the state. The Fusion Center gathers intelligence information from national and local resources and distributes it to agencies that need the information, such as law enforcement agencies or other fusion centers. Through the *Connect South Dakota* project, law enforcement agencies are linked to the Fusion Center over a web-based system providing critical intelligence information to law enforcement officials in real-time.

In 2014, the South Dakota Fusion Center issued 746 bulletins and reviewed and processed 1,098 requests for information.

Above: Signage placed outside the Capitol during the active shooter training exercise.

Left: Law enforcement officers search the Capitol building for the active shooter during the scenario.



Weights and Measures

The mission of the Weights and Measures program 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 South Dakota and the nation.

Mission Statement

To preserve and enforce measurement standards necessary to provide South Dakota citizens with a basis for value comparison and fair competition.



A state inspector uses a 100-gallon refined fuel and LPG prover to check the accuracy of truck meters.

Metrology Laboratory

South Dakota's Metrology Laboratory operates under a Certificate of Measurement Traceability from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). In addition to maintaining the reference standards provided by the federal government, the lab provides tolerance testing of field standard weights including:

- Test weights ranging from 1 mg. to 1000 lbs.
- Weight carts ranging from 1000 lbs. to 4000 lbs.

The lab also provides tolerance testing for small volume field standards (5 gallon test measures). These services are provided for in-state and out-of-state businesses.



The Metrology Lab in Pierre is used to verify weight standards.

Driver Licensing

More than 613,000 South Dakotans hold a driver license or non-driver identification card and, over a five-year period, the Driver Licensing program comes into contact with each of those citizens at least once. Few other state programs 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.

Safety and Security

The Driver Licensing program contributes to the department's mission in several ways. Primarily, the program administers the tests and requirements meant to ensure South Dakota drivers are safe, knowledgeable, and qualified to operate a motor vehicle.

Recent changes in identity documentation requirements have increased the security of the driver license issuance process. The Real ID Act helps prevent South Dakota driver licenses and ID cards from being issued to those trying to fraudulently obtain the cards and use them for illegal purposes, such as identity theft and acts of terrorism.

Since December 31, 2009, when South Dakota began issuing federally compliant cards, more than 98 percent of South Dakota's 613,000 validly licensed drivers have successfully completed the identity verification process. In fact, 600,804 South Dakotans had received a federally compliant driver license as of December 1, 2014.

When it is time for a citizen with a federally compliant card to renew their driver license, he or she only needs to provide their valid driver license and two documents showing their current address (unless their name has changed since the issuance of the license).

First time applicants, some members of the military who are out of state, drivers who move to South Dakota from a state that does not issue federally compliant cards, and drivers who have allowed their South Dakota driver license or ID card to expire will be required to go through the full identity documentation process. Those persons will need to provide documents proving identity, date of birth, name changes, Social Security Number, and proof of address.

Online Customer Services

Driver Licensing has made several changes to make it faster and more convenient for citizens to obtain driver licensing services. One major change implemented in the past year is the ability to renew your driver license online. U.S. citizens or permanent residents who currently hold a federally compliant driver license or those who plan to upgrade a restricted license may use the online or mail-in process.

While online renewal was authorized by the 2013 Legislature, it was somewhat limited in use because of the documents required to obtain a federally compliant

card. Because most South Dakota licensed drivers now hold a federally compliant card, the convenience of the online and mail-in service is expected to make it an increasingly attractive option for citizens.

The online/mail-in service is one way the Driver Licensing program is implementing Governor Dennis Daugaard's initiative that, whenever possible, South Dakotans should be able to conduct their business with state agencies "*online, not standing in line.*"

During 2014, the Driver Licensing program expanded the availability of scheduled appointments to give citizens the opportunity to choose the time they want to visit an exam station. The process works much like scheduling a medical appointment or other such service. Citizens may still visit an exam station without a scheduled appointment and will be served as quickly as possible.

Examiners help customers at an exam station.



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Those who wish to avoid wait times when planning to visit an exam station are encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling 1.800.952.3696 or visit http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/.

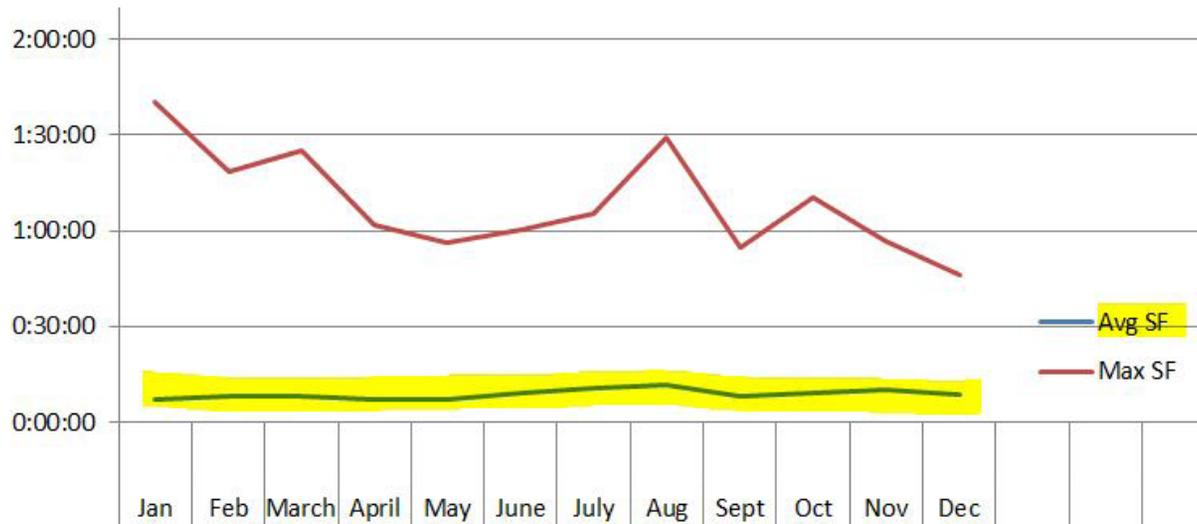
Scheduling an appointment is highly recommended during the summer months, because that is generally the busiest time of the year at driver exam stations.

Social Media

During the past year, the Driver Licensing program has worked to increase the reach and content of its social media communications.

Those planning to visit a driver exam station without making an appointment may use Twitter to check the wait time at several of the busiest exam stations in the state. Wait times for Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls exam stations, as well as other news and other important information about the program can be found on Twitter @SDDriverlicense. Those who do not use Twitter can still access wait time updates by visiting <https://twitter.com/SDDriverlicense>.

Our Twitter account will also be used to provide information from the driver manual and other aspects of the licensing process. The Driver Licensing program is committed to exploring ways to use social media and other technology developments to continue providing the best and most convenient service possible to our citizens.



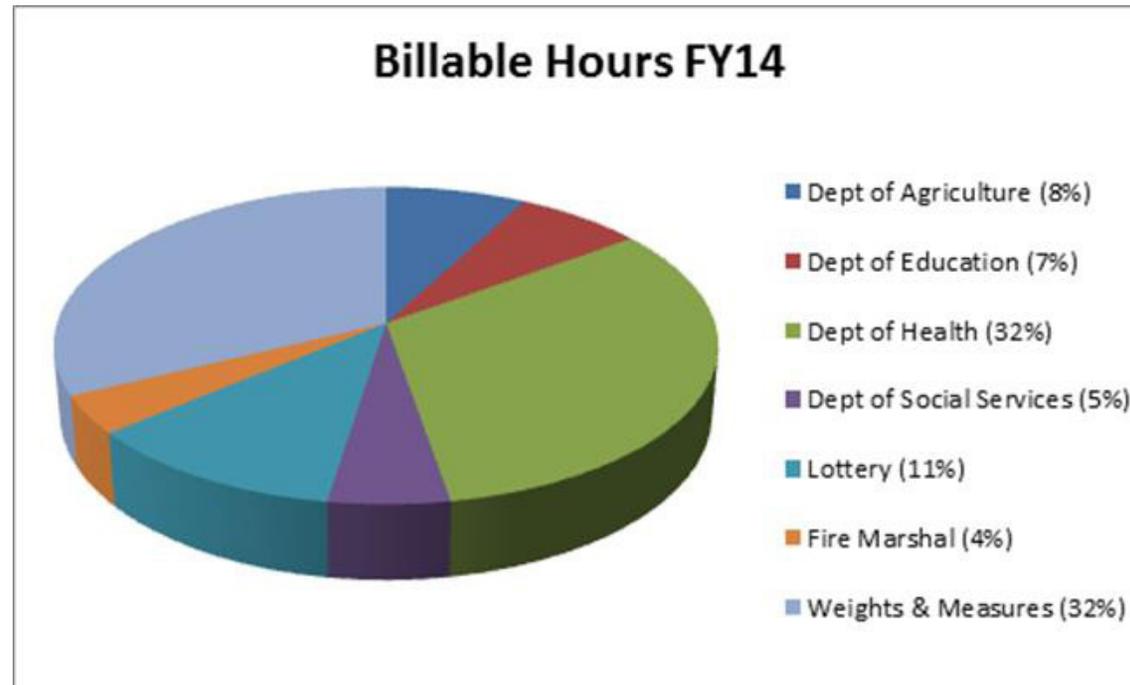
The graph above shows maximum wait times at the Sioux Falls exam station are decreasing and average wait times have remained short.

State Inspection Program

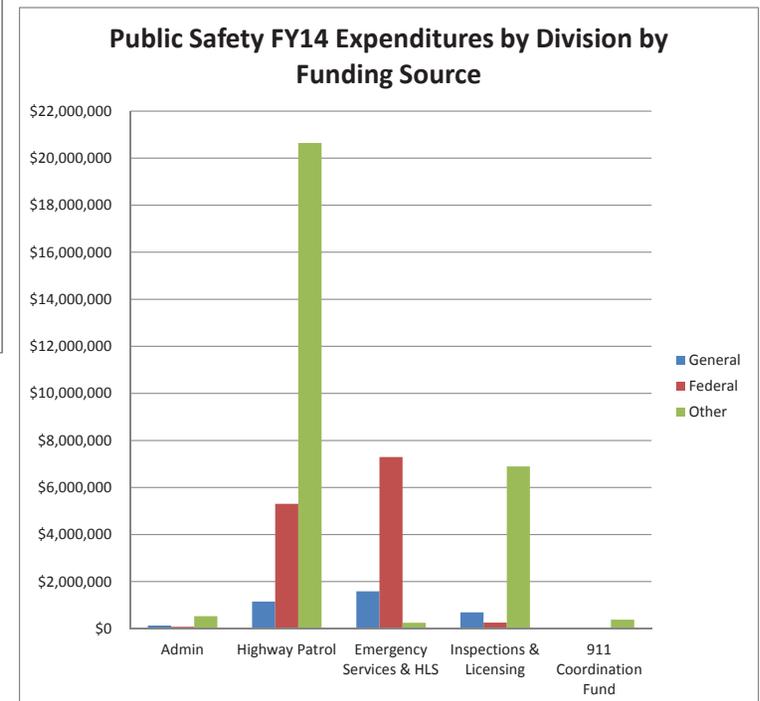
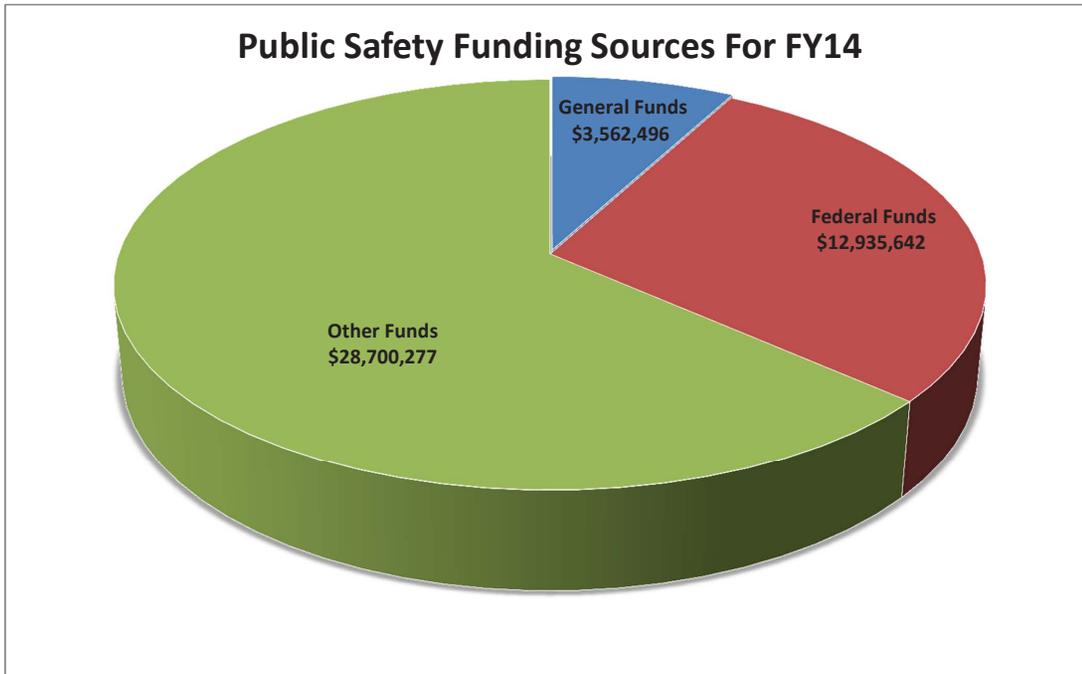
The Inspection Program provides field inspection services for a variety of state agencies and departments including Health, Lottery, Fire Marshal, Agriculture, Education, Social Services and Weights and Measures.

Inspectors verify safety and compliance in a variety of areas, including food, lodging, lottery, school fire and life safety, bulk pesticides, eggs, corn borer, feed mill, school lunch, daycare, fuel pumps and meters, scales and bulk LP (liquid petroleum).

An inspection may take anywhere from 15 minutes to 3 and a half hours to complete, depending on the type of inspection.



Budget and Financial Information



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