



# SDPS

South Dakota Department of Public Safety

# 2017 Annual Report



# DPS succeeds in 2017 because of its people

Greetings....

I am proud to present the 2017 South Dakota Department of Public Safety Annual Report.

Our department's priorities are protection, prevention and enforcement. Whether it is helping a citizen renew a driver's license or finding a crash report, making sure that commercial weights and measure devices are accurate, protecting people traveling on our highways, investigating a fatal fire or preparing for a weather event, DPS staffers perform their duties each day. It is an honor for me to work with them every day.

As usual, 2017 started with the legislative session. Even though the department may have only introduced five bills (see page 5), we reviewed every single bill to make sure it fit into the Governor's priorities and initiatives.

For the second year, the Office of Highway Safety, along with the South Dakota Broadcasters Association, hosted "Lesson Learned SD," a safe-driving program aimed at young drivers. The Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School student, whose name was selected from the entries submitted, received \$10,000 for herself and then was able to award another \$10,000 to school organizations of her choice.

The Driver Licensing staff spent the year preparing for the 2018 installation of new equipment designed to better serve the public.

In August, many department staff helped again at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and DPS Day at the State Fair.



Gov. Dennis Daugaard (front row, center) is pictured with DPS senior staff. Gov. Daugaard and Lt. Gov. Matt Michels leave office in January 2019 after serving eight years. The Department of Public Safety thanks both Gov. Daugaard and Lt. Gov. Michels for their support of DPS and its employees. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Trevor Jones, Gov. Daugaard, Shawnie Rechtenbaugh. Second row, left to right, Kristi Turman, Angie Lemieux, Craig Price. Third round, left to right, Jane Schrank, Amy Mancuso, Susan Isaacson, Tina Titze and Tony Mangan. Back row, left to right, Paul Merriman, Dana Svendsen, Lori Jacobson, Dawn Hill, Maria King, Rick Miller, Lee Axdahl. Not pictured are Jenna Howell and Steve Pluta.

Within the department, our biggest project in 2017 was the start of the "Road to Success." Employees from different agencies have come together to map out the department's path for 2018-2022. I have been excited to see the ideas coming from the groups. You will hear more about the plan in the upcoming months and we expect to present it in the summer of 2018.

It is easy to tell people that the Department of

Public Safety is the best agency in state government. I know this is true because every day the staff proves that not only at the office, but in their communities. (See pages 8, 11 and 12-13).

Enjoy the 2017 DPS Annual Report.

We consider it a high honor to serve the people of this great state. We look forward to doing more of it in 2018.

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*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.*

**Photo Credit:**

Front Cover: It was a busy 2017 for DPS. Among the highlights (starting at top right and going clockwise): The State Fire Marshal's Office helped conduct fire training for volunteer fire departments; the Office of Homeland's Security South Dakota Task Force 1 members participated in a high-angle rescue exercise; Jim Reaper was part of the Office of Highway Safety's newest campaign to promote driver safety (photo by Lawrence and Schiller); the Office of Emergency Management's Tommy the Turtle was busy promoting emergency preparedness with First Lady Linda Daugaard; and, the Office of Highway Safety reminded people to use seatbelts with its "Make It Click" promotion (photo by KSFY-TV).



*The Department of Public Safety made good use of two different characters. The first, introduced in 2016, is Tommy the Turtle shown with First Lady Linda Daugaard. Tommy, the mascot of the Office of Emergency Management, helps educate children about preparing for disasters. The second, part of the Office of Highway Safety's safe driving efforts, is Jim Reaper pictured with Lt. Gov. Matt Michels. Jim is being used to educate people about being safe drivers and especially, as demonstrated by the Lt. Governor, the need to wear seatbelts.*



# 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 to provide the information and guidance needed by local jurisdictions to make their endeavor successful.

## Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1)

In 2015 the South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination Board began work on a major project to upgrade South Dakota's 9-1-1 system. The upgrade will take several years to complete and includes creation of a redundant Internet Protocol (IP) emergency services network, installation of a statewide 9-1-1 call answering system and the merging of statewide location data. When completed, the state's 9-1-1 system will be ready to accept NG9-1-1 technology, such as text-to-9-1-1 and other emerging capabilities.

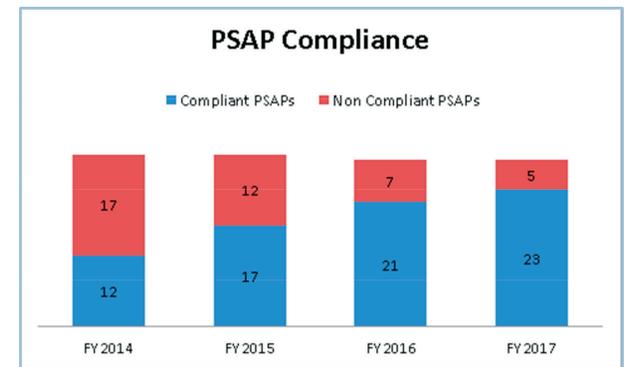
The contracted vendors, the board and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) continued to make significant progress towards NG9-1-1 implementation in 2017. All 28 PSAPs in South Dakota migrated from their stand-alone telephone systems to the new statewide hosted call answering system. This migration was a very technical, labor-intensive process that required

vendor technicians to be on site at each PSAP for two weeks, replacing backroom phone and network equipment as well as individual workstations. An extensive testing process followed the new equipment install.

Work continues on the statewide GIS dataset. All counties are able to update location data in the statewide database in real-time, which in the NG9-1-1 environment will allow for call routing based on up-to-date locations at all times.

South Dakota telephone carriers are continuing to plan and prepare for connection to the IP emergency services network, known as ESInet. This network was being built at the same time the PSAPs were transferring to the new statewide call answering system. Once all phone carriers have connected to this network, PSAPs will begin migrating to the network in mid 2018.

The ESInet will allow South Dakota's 9-1-1 sys-



*Since PSAP standards were first adopted in 2009, the number of PSAPs compliant with all standards has increased steadily.*

tem to utilize NG9-1-1 technology. When the ESInet is deployed, the 9-1-1 system will be fully interoperable and redundant. If one portion of the IP network fails, calls to 9-1-1 will still be routed, answered and dispatched appropriately. If a PSAP is overwhelmed with 9-1-1 calls in an emergency situation, any call that can't be answered will automatically be routed to another PSAP on the network.

### Consider: How easy are you to find if you call 9-1-1 from your home?

- Are there any oddities about your address?
- Is your street name similar to another street name? (i.e. Polk Loop vs. Polk Place)
- Does a neighboring town have the same address?
- Do delivery businesses have difficulty finding your address?
- Is your house number displayed on or near your house? Is it lit? Is it easily seen from the street?



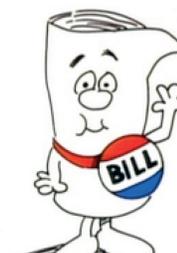
*The South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination Board: (L to R) Ted Rufledt, Michelle DeNeui, Jody Sawvell, Rachel Kippley, Kelly Serr, Marlene Haines, Don Reinesch, Shawnie Rechtenbaugh (staff), Vernon Brown. Not pictured are Lee McPeck, Steve Harding and Rick Miller.*

#### *9-1-1 Continued from page 4*

During the 2017 legislative session, state senators and representatives passed Senate Bill 113, which required all PSAPs to become compliant with 9-1-1 administrative rule or face forfeiture of their 9-1-1 surcharge distributions. The bill's intent worked – all PSAPs were compliant with the administrative rules by the end of 2017. The bill also pushed the surcharge sunset clause, which maintains the surcharge at \$1.25 per line, to July 2019. DPS will introduce additional legislation during the 2018 session to further address the surcharge.

# DPS LEGISLATION - 2017

- **HB 1028:** An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the interception of certain communications.
- **HB 1029:** An Act to update references to certain federal motor carrier regulations.
- **HB 1030:** An Act to implement certain vehicle size and weight provisions required by federal law.
- **SB 40:** An Act to revise the start date of driver license suspension, revocation, and disqualification periods.
- **SB 41:** An Act to revise certain electronic driver license reinstatement requirements.
- **SB 42:** An Act to revise certain provisions regarding persons requesting an abstract of their own driver operating record.



**All legislation was passed and signed by the Governor.**



**South Dakota Department of Public Safety**

# Driver Licensing

The South Dakota Driver Licensing (DL) program strives to make South Dakota's roadways safer 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.

Almost 700,000 South Dakotans hold a driver license or non-driver identification card and, over a five-year period, the DL program comes into direct contact with each of those citizens every 10 years. Few other state agencies reach so many of the state's citizens on a regular basis. DL provides a vital service delivered in a timely, efficient and customer-friendly manner.

## Exam Station Move

Pierre's DL exam station moved to a new location at the end of October.

The exam station had been located at 314 S. Central Avenue, near Burger King, for 15 years. Though the exam station was centrally located for visitors, parking at the station was not sufficient. The station's location in an alleyway across from a busy restaurant drive-through also complicated the driving test for new drivers. Two-way traffic in the alleyway was often heavy and pulling into traffic was problematic.

The new location at 420 S. Garfield Ave. offers more parking, less traffic congestion and makes it safer for testing drivers.

## System Upgrade

A driver license fraud protection system that has been in place for several years received an upgrade in 2017.

Since the upgrade, the Verification of Lawful Status system (VLS) better interacts with the SD Drivers driving records system, allowing DL examiners to utilize more system features. For example, an examiner can input information directly from citizenship documents and receive an immediate response on whether the documents are valid. Having this immediate



*Driver License Examiner Misty Gunderson works at the new Pierre Driver Licensing exam station that opened to the public Nov. 7, 2017.*



Changes were approved for the South Dakota driver license and ID cards in 2017. The header on new driver licenses now reads “Driver License.” The organ donor indicator, which is in the bottom right-hand corner, has a heart next to the word “donor.” On federally compliant licenses and IDs, the star is white in a gold-colored circle. The new style meets the new federal REAL ID guidelines in using the license or card for such activities as commercial air travel.



Pierre’s Driver Licensing exam station, now located at 420 S. Garfield Ave.

response ensures that South Dakota driver licenses and identification cards are only issued to applicants who are in the U.S. legally.

### Online Reinstatement

The DL program continued to find ways in 2017 to make it easier for citizens to complete driver licensing transactions online rather than in an exam station.

State law had required a license holder to visit a driver exam station to reinstate a suspended

license. State legislators passed Senate Bill 41 in February 2017 which changed state statute to allow drivers to reinstate their license online after a suspension. (See page 5.)

Drivers were already able to renew a license or apply for a replacement license or identification card online. Senate Bill 41 simply provided one more opportunity for citizens to quickly complete a routine transaction without visiting a driver exam station.





# Office of Emergency Management

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

## Tommy the Turtle Continues to Spread Preparedness Tips

Late in 2016, OEM introduced Tommy the Turtle, a mascot targeted specifically towards children to help them learn about being prepared for all types of emergencies. Accompanying Tommy was a three-book series focusing on tornado, winter storm and flood preparedness. These books explain – in terms a second-grader can understand – what to do before, during and after these incidents.

Tommy spent most of 2017 traveling around the state to various schools and local events, visiting with children and distributing the last of the three-book series, *Rising Water Beware and Prepare*, which explained flooding and how to be ready for it.

To date, each second-grade class in South Dakota has received the three-book series.

First Lady Linda Daugaard also lent her support to spreading the emergency preparedness message. Mrs. Daugaard, along with author/illustrator Ken Alvine and Tommy the Turtle, vis-



*First Lady Linda Daugaard reads the preparedness book *Tornado Alert – Don't Get Hurt* to second graders at Jefferson Elementary School in Pierre.*

ited second-grade classrooms in the Pierre-Fort Pierre area during Severe Weather Awareness Week. Mrs. Daugaard read the *Tornado Alert, Don't Get Hurt – Be Prepared* book to the students, while Ken shared how to draw the book's cartoon characters. Tommy distributed books and stickers and posed for photos with the students.

Tommy made similar visits to schools in Rapid City, Hill City, Clark, the Selby area, the Sisseton area, Timber Lake, Aberdeen and Redfield. Additionally Tommy attended the Northern Hills Preparedness Fair, the Pennington County Disaster Awareness and Safety Day, the State Fair

and the Associated School Boards conference in Sioux Falls. Tommy's visits this year reached well over 3,000 individuals, 1,000 of who were second-graders.

In October, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded Tommy and the book series initiative a National Honorable Mention for Youth Preparedness award during its 2017 Individual and Community Preparedness (ICP) Awards webinar. The ICP awards recognize individuals, organizations and jurisdictions that have made outstanding contributions towards strengthening their community to prepare for, respond to and recover from a disaster. Additionally, the awards program helps to generate conversation at the neighborhood level, provides models of preparedness programs, and demonstrates how to implement preparedness programs in any community.

The book series continues to receive positive reviews from children. The entire second grade classroom at McKinley Elementary School in Watertown sent individual letters telling OEM what they liked and learned in the *Tornado* and *Winter Storm* books. FEMA Region VIII in Denver has also granted funding to the states of Colorado, North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Utah to purchase the books and imprint them



Overhead powerlines were torn down by a thick ice build-up combined with high winds during a blizzard that struck the state on Christmas Day 2016.

with their logos, allowing even more children access to disaster preparedness information.

## Disaster Response and Recovery

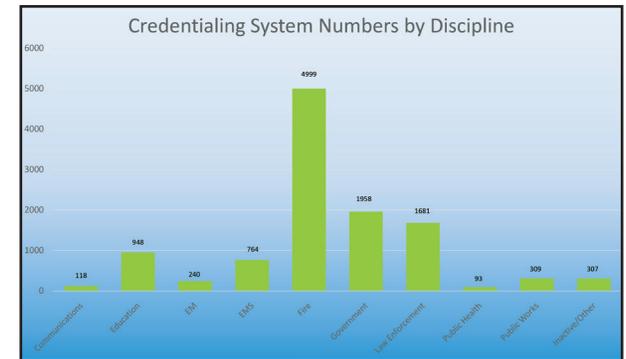
OEM staff supported rural electric cooperatives and county emergency managers in 24 counties affected by a blizzard that struck the state on Christmas Day 2016. OEM collected damage estimates from affected counties, cities, rural electric cooperatives and other entities eligible for federal assistance. DPS used this information to request a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) in cooperation with FEMA. Governor Dugaard subsequently requested a Presidential disaster declaration, and the President approved the Governor's request on Feb. 1, 2017. OEM staff worked closely with FEMA staff through May to document costs and damages for 36 entities eligible to receive federal financial assis-

tance. The costs to date are nearly \$13 million in eligible damage to public infrastructure resulting from the blizzard. Eligible costs include power restoration and emergency protective measures, such as sheltering costs and generator usage to provide power to nursing homes, water systems, etc.

To date, OEM has paid out more than seven million dollars in FEMA Public Assistance funding to help pay for costs and damages. Staff continues to support and provide guidance to funding applicants on next steps, reimbursement timeframes, and the closeout process. Mitigation staff will also work with potential applicants to find mitigation projects that lessen or eliminate the effects of future disasters. Successful mitigation project examples include tornado shelters and burying overhead powerlines underground to prevent the lines from being torn down by ice and wind.

## Credentialing

In 2015, OEM introduced the Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS). 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. During an emergency or planned event, incident management personnel scan the barcode on the card presented by each responder



This chart breaks down, by discipline, the almost 12,000 personnel who have been entered into the OEM's Comprehensive Resource Management Credentialing System (CRMCS).

and piece of equipment that enters the incident scene. This 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 January 2015, nearly 12,000 personnel have been entered into the CRMCS, along with more than 7,000 pieces of equipment and more than 1,500 organizations.





# State Fire Marshal

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is committed to protecting life and property from fire and explosions. The agency provides services such as 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.

## Fire & Arson Investigations

The SFMO is recognized and accredited through the International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. The IAAI-Certified Fire Investigator qualification is a standardized evaluation of a fire investigator's training and expertise. Investigators applying for IAAI-CFI certification must complete an extensive application requiring documentation (education, work history, # of investigations, etc.), earn sufficient points for their achievements in education, training, and experience, and pass a comprehensive examination.

The SFMO works closely 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. Our team approach to fire scene examination facilitates better communication between fire and law enforcement

## Fire by the Numbers (2016 figures most current)

- There are currently 339 certified fire departments in South Dakota, and 8,268 registered firefighters.
- Nearly 95% of firefighters in South Dakota are volunteers.
- Unattended cooking remains the leading cause of residential fires in the state.
- A total of 2,471 fires were reported in South Dakota during 2016.
- Fire caused nearly \$27 million in property damage in South Dakota during 2016.
- There were 14 fire fatalities recorded in South Dakota during 2016.

officials. The team includes certified fire investigators and special agents who provide technical support, analysis and assistance to our local partners in fire origin and cause determination and arson investigation.

The SFMO participated in 86 fire investigations in 2016.

## Firefighter Training and Certification

The SFMO researches, develops and delivers training programs to enhance the ability of emergency service providers to protect life and property.

The State Fire Service Training Program offers training materials and coordinates training courses for state fire school, district fire schools, National Fire Academy courses and other specialized training classes.

The program provides for the certification of

firefighters, fire instructors, fire apparatus drivers/operators, and fire officers through certified training programs.

Approximately 1,400 students completed 42,500 training hours in state-sponsored programs across South Dakota in 2016.

The SFMO continues to expand the Action Training Systems Initiative launched in 2015. This web-based platform 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 train-

ing objectives meet current industry standards and accepted national protocols. Using the latest technology and content development practices, the SFMO can deploy high-quality training at the fingertips of the fire service, anytime, anywhere.

### Fighting Fire with Facts

The South Dakota Fire Incident Reporting System (SDFIRS) is an information database maintained by the SFMO. The primary goal of SDFIRS is to encourage the statewide use of a standardized incident reporting system.

The database enables the SFMO to analyze the State's fire challenges, as well as emergency medical services (EMS) related issues. Information extracted from the database can be used to determine trends, thus assisting local fire departments to reduce injuries, fatalities, economic losses and the incidence of fire overall.

South Dakota's reported fire information is uploaded to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). The U. S. Fire Administration (USFA) uses this data to analyze the severity and reach of the nation's fire problem, and to develop national public education campaigns, make recommendations for national codes and standards, determine consumer product failures,

identify the focus for research efforts and support federal legislation.

### Fire Prevention & Education Programs

Three out of five home fire deaths in the United States occur in homes without working smoke alarms. In an effort to combat fire deaths in South Dakota, the SFMO launched the South Dakota Smoke Alarm Grant Program in 2014. Now in its third year, the program has distributed over 7,000 smoke alarms to fire departments for installation in high-risk homes across South Dakota. The alarms were purchased using a portion of the revenue from the Fire Safe Cigarette Fund.

The SFMO remains active in the "Fire is Everyone's Fight" campaign, a national initiative to unite the fire service, life safety organizations and professionals in an effort to reduce home fire injuries, deaths and property loss by changing how people think about fire and fire prevention.

Reducing the number of preventable firefighter fatalities is among the top priorities of the



*One of the many training efforts done by the State Fire Marshal's Office was helping firefighters learn how to fight propane fires.*

SFMO. Working through the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation during the past year, the SFMO was able to offer the Courage to Be Safe program in South Dakota. This course provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day.



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# 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.

## Methamphetamine Initiative

On July 1, 2017, the Highway Patrol implemented a new initiative designed to focus on the methamphetamine problem in South Dakota. The specific focus was on the trafficking of the drug via the state's interstate highways. Four Highway Patrol troopers were chosen for the initiative.

This is a cooperative effort. The troopers work with the Highway Patrol's Police Service Dog



25 pound methamphetamine seizure. L to R: Trooper Khrista Nelson, Lieutenant Matt Oxner, PSD Koda, Trooper Andrew Nelson.



This is the perspective from one of the new Highway Patrol Unmanned Aerial Systems purchased in 2017. The Patrol has used the devices for several different situations.

(PSD) handlers, the state Division of Criminal Investigation and other law enforcement agencies to include state and federal drug task forces and the South Dakota Fusion Center.

## Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)

An Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) program was started by the Highway Patrol in 2017. The Patrol has two UASs, one located in Rapid City and the other in Sioux Falls. Four troopers, two located on either side of the state, have been trained to operate the UASs.

During 2017, the Highway Patrol's UASs were used to:

- 1) Assist SWAT teams;
- 2) Help troopers reconstruct crash scenes;
- 3) Assist other agencies; and,
- 4) Perform search and rescue missions.

## Squad Enforcement Projects

Once again in 2017, Highway Patrol squads were asked to identify the most dangerous stretch of roadway in their squad area and then develop an enforcement plan to address the problem.

The Sioux Falls A and B squads decided to team up on a joint effort between May 1 and August 31, 2017. Their plan was to reduce the average number of crashes by 10% and reduce property damage on the I-29, I-229 and I-90 loop around Sioux Falls. Enforcement, when combined with education, proved highly successful.

On I-229 alone, total crashes were reduced by 17%, property damage was reduced by \$69,643, and injuries were down 67%. This was due to high visibility patrols, strict seatbelt enforcement and public education.

### Crash Statistics for I-229:

	3 year Average	2017	2017 Change
<b>Total Crashes</b>	40.3	33	Down 17%
<b>Property Loss</b>	\$191,962	\$122,315	Savings of \$69,643
<b>Injured Persons</b>	8.6	3	Down 67%



### SDHP 2017 Statistics

	5 year avg	2017
All Drug Arrests	3,517	4,190
DUI Arrests	2,364	2,336
Public Education Hours	4,102	3,430
Accidents Investigated	3,573	3,790
Fatal Accidents Investigated	92	82
Seatbelts Citations	* 5,601	10,253
Seatbelt Totals	* 7,863	10,270

\* = 4 year average

	Citations	Warnings
2013	46,917 (40% speed)	70,637 (40% speed)
2014	50,903 (41% speed)	82,478 (40% speed)
2015	57,968 (48% speed)	96,875 (39% speed)
2016	57,496 (45% speed)	93,915 (40% speed)
2017	61,291 (40% speed)	95,705 (39% speed)

	Permits	Fines
Motor Carrier Revenue FY13	\$4,940,663	\$2,046,677
Motor Carrier Revenue FY14	\$4,895,619	\$1,672,309
Motor Carrier Revenue FY15	\$5,195,910	\$1,659,426
Motor Carrier Revenue FY16	\$4,921,418	\$2,073,163
Motor Carrier Revenue FY17	\$4,978,509	\$1,261,866



# Highway Safety

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

## Fatality Numbers

While the Nov./Dec. numbers are still preliminary, the 2017 reported crashes indicate there were 129 motor vehicle fatalities in South Dakota. That is an 11 percent increase from 2016's 116 fatalities, which is the second lowest of all time.

For most of 2017, fatalities were trending lower than 100 for the year, but 42 fatalities were reported in the final quarter of the year. Still, the 2017 number is the third lowest number of fatalities since 2000.

The number of total fatal crashes also was up slightly in 2017. But overall, during the last five years, the number of fatal crashes and fatalities are trending downward.

Speed and alcohol remain the top two factors for fatal crashes, but the non-use of seatbelts seems to be a factor in almost every fatal crash. More than 60 percent of the fatalities in 2017 were not wearing seatbelts.



*One of the major promotional efforts has been the emphasis on people wearing seatbelts.*

## Public Awareness

The Office of Highway Safety administers federal grant funding that comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Funding is used for the creation of public education and awareness efforts.

In 2017, the Office of Highway Safety reached out to the public through various media platforms:

- 1) The office again aired two commercials during the annual Super Bowl broadcast, both aimed at encouraging people to wear seatbelts. Reaction to the commercials was favorable.

- 2) For the second year, the office joined with the South Dakota Broadcasters Association to sponsor "Lesson Learned SD," an interactive web-based program designed to encourage young people to be safe drivers. South Dakota young drivers, between the ages of 14 and 19, were encouraged to watch three videos online and answer the questions. Those who completed the online test were eligible to win the \$10,000 cash prize. A Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School student not only received the prize from Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, she also received another \$10,000 from the Broadcasters Association to give to school clubs or organizations of her choice.



*Jim Reaper is the new character being used by the Office of Highway Safety to encourage people to be safe drivers. Commercials featuring Jim Reaper were aired during the Super Bowl.*

### **Accident Records**

The South Dakota Office of Accident Records is the statistical partner of the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety. Accident Records staff maintains motor vehicle traffic crash information. The office receives, processes and provides

information on reportable crashes on public roadways.

The Accident Records' website, [www.safesd.gov](http://www.safesd.gov), celebrated its second full year in 2017. It continues to be used heavily by the public, businesses and media as a way to purchase crash records online.



*Once again, the Office of Highway Safety was part of "Fan Fest" held during the Summit League college basketball tournament in Sioux Falls. The agency's booth was an opportunity to encourage people to test their driving skills.*

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# Homeland Security

The mission of the South Dakota Office of Homeland Security (HLS) is to prevent terrorism, enhance security and respond effectively to disasters through:

- coordinating an extensive information sharing network between all levels of government, local officials and private partners;
- assisting all city, county, state and tribal governments with an ongoing assessment of their jurisdictions to determine their preparedness capabilities; and
- administering Homeland Security grants to assist city, county, state and tribal governments with securing the resources needed to both prevent manmade disasters and to respond and recover from all hazards should they occur.

## Fusion Center

In a continual effort to fulfill its requirements and provide the best product possible to its customer base, the South Dakota Fusion Center (SDFC) continues to engage its partners through a dedicated Fusion Center Liaison Officer (FCLO). The FCLO provides training to ensure those submitting relevant information to the SDFC are not violating federal and state laws, constitutionally protected rights, and

are adhering to SDFC established policies and guidelines.

During this past year, the SDFC responded to 1,922 requests for information from local, state, and Federal agencies, and published 540 bulletins. Additionally, the SDFC directly provided information leading to the generation and publication of 20 cyber-security related Intelligence Information Reports (IIRs), two domestic terrorism related IIRs, and one transnational border security related IIR. The IIRs are reports viewed by the entire U. S. intelligence community, which is comprised of 16 military and federal government entities. In general, IIRs vary in scope but provide insight into threats or trends impacting National Security.

## South Dakota Task Force 1

South Dakota Task Force 1 (SD-TF1), an all-hazards response team comprised of Aberdeen, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, and Watertown Fire Departments, provides assistance to state and local agencies in hazardous materials and technical rescue incidents. During the past year SD-TF1 conducted a joint training exercise during the 2017 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that involved swift-water rescue and high-angle technical rescue drills. SD-TF1 members also provided standby services in the event an

emergent incident occurred that would require their technical skills and equipment. The SD-TF1 presence during the Rally proved beneficial when a drowning incident occurred at a popular but very remote swimming hole in rugged terrain in the central Black Hills. SD-TF1 members provided technical assistance and manpower to remove the victim from the incident location, and local response agencies very much appreciated the task force's assistance.

Task Force leaders attended training at the State Urban Search & Rescue Alliance (SUSAR) Conference in Salt Lake City, UT. This training included FEMA Task Force leader certification and workshops on the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), Emergency



*SD-TF1 members practice techniques in Rapid Creek to traverse swift water rapids.*

Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), water operations, best practices developed from response to Hurricane Harvey and air operations. A SD-TF1 task force leader also gave a presentation to conference attendees on the December 2, 2016, building collapse in Sioux Falls.

SD-TF1 also participated in FEMA-facilitated training with agencies across the state on how to safely respond to civil unrest incidents.

### Active Shooter Training

During the past year, the Office of Homeland Security, in partnership with the US Department of Homeland Security/Office of Infrastructure Protection (DHS/OIP), conducted numerous presentations to public and private entities on active shooter incidents. The presentations included discussion on the DHS model of Run, Hide, Fight, recognizing and reporting suspicious behavior, environment awareness, workplace violence and response to threats, as well as pre- and post-event planning. Attendees were also reminded of the “If You See Something, Say Something” campaign and were urged to call 1-844-3SD-SAFE to report anything suspicious. DHS/OIP, HLS and the Denny Sanford Premier Center hosted an active shooter workshop in Sioux Falls on April 17, 2017. Over 100 attendees from private and public venues learned how to incorporate successful incident management into planning efforts concerning active shooter



*SD-TF1 members remove a simulated patient from a vehicle during a high-angle rescue exercise. Members immobilized the patient's spine prior to lifting the patient 30 feet.*

events. Additionally, both offices worked with local first responders, health partners, emergency managers and private partners to conduct drills and table top exercises centering on response to an active shooter event, as well as response to a simultaneous complex coordinated attack involving several jurisdictions. These drills and exercises not only strengthen existing relationships between public and private entities, but

also identify areas for potential improvement in training and equipment, improvements which potentially can be addressed through the State Homeland Security Grant Program.



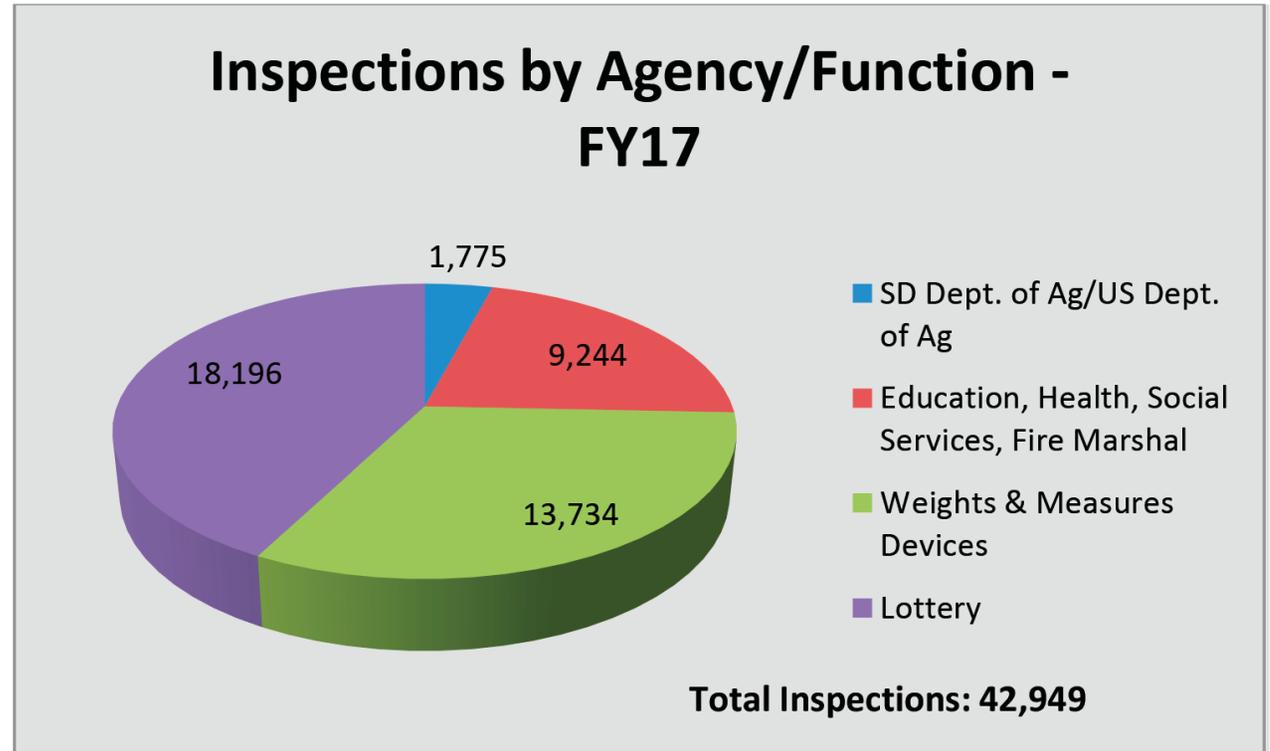
# Inspections/Weights & Measures

The State Inspection Program's mission is to provide a pool of trained personnel who are located throughout the state and who can efficiently meet the designated inspection needs of supported agencies. Those agencies include Agriculture, Education, Fire Marshal, Health, Social Services, Video Lottery and 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 program strengthens consumer confidence in commerce, allowing South Dakota businesses to compete fairly at home and abroad and strengthen the economies of both the state and the United States.

## Pump Inspections

Each year, the Inspections/Weights & Measures Program receives questions from customers and businesses about pump inspections. Many of the questions centered around the pumps and what the inspections are accomplished to do – which are to provide accuracy and protect the environment.



Some of the questions received prompted staff to conduct more in-depth pump inspections in 2017. Inspections staff ensured that:

- Pump displays return to zero prior to a new transaction.
- Pump meters do not register a monetary charge before the consumer starts dispensing fuel.
- Nozzles are in good working condition.

- Receipts contain correct information computation.
- State inspection seals are intact.
- Fuel delivery tanks are properly labeled.
- Water detection sensors are installed in fuel delivery tanks.
- Street sign cash/credit prices match price labels on the pumps.

## Service Agent Meeting

In October 2017, Inspections/Weights & Measures staff conducted its first-ever joint organized meeting with service agents. The service agents are companies and technicians who are required to be licensed in the state to place in to service all weights and measuring devices.

At the meeting, staff reviewed procedures for testing devices, explained in detail how to complete various forms and provided information on where to find certificates and state laws regarding inspections on the department's website.

The service agent meeting did result in a new metrology lab customer to the Inspections/Weights & Measures Program. This customer, which installs and repairs new pumps, has 40 five-gallon test measures to calibrate. That will result in \$2,800 in new revenue for the lab.

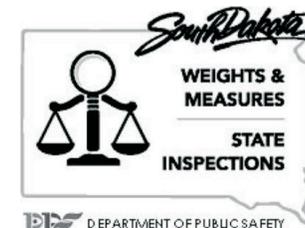
## New Prover

A major purchase in 2017 for Inspections/Weights & Measures was a new slip-in prover for one of the program's vehicles. These provers are fuel test measuring devices.

Most of the office's provers were made in the 1980s. This new unit, which was delivered late in the year, has three five-gallon provers, one 50-gallon prover and three 80-gallon holding tanks.



*A new prover was purchase by Inspections/Weights & Measures in 2017. The prover, which can be placed into the back of a pickup, is a fuel test measuring device.*





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