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GAME, FISH AND PARKS



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

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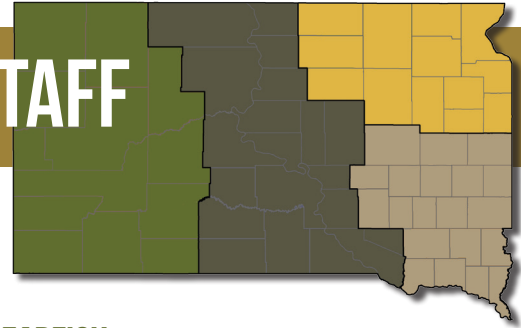
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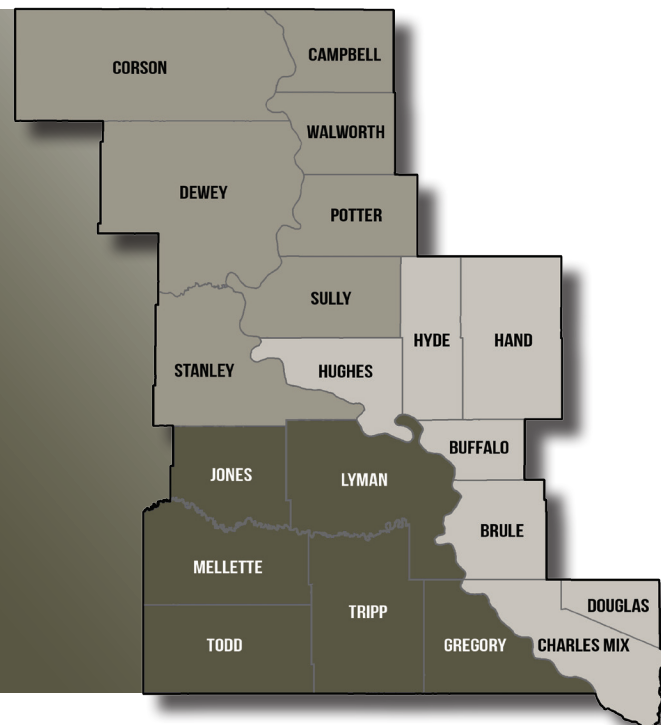
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INTERSTATE ROAD CHECK

During the opening weekend of the west river deer hunting season in November, a road check was held near White Lake, along Interstate 90. The check also occurred during a time when other adjacent western states held big game hunting seasons. South Dakota pheasant and waterfowl seasons were also in full swing at the time. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) provided the bulk of personnel, using conservation officers and non-law enforcement employees. Representatives from other wildlife law enforcement agencies included state officers from Wyoming and Montana and federal officers (special agents and refuge officers) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Members of the South Dakota Highway Patrol and the Aurora County Sheriff's Office were also present. The check began at 2 p.m. on November 15 and concluded at 2 p.m. on November 16. More than 3,300 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with approximately 20 percent of them having game or fish on board. From those vehicles checked for compliance, 147 violations were detected.



VEHICLES SCREENED

Vehicles without Game/Fish	2,663
Vehicle with Game/Fish	679
TOTAL	3,342

LICENSES CHECKED

Residents	746
Nonresidents	507
TOTAL	1,253

VIOLATION CATEGORIES

Big Game	94
Small Game	33
Waterfowl	2
Fish	4
Predator/Varmint	1
Boat/AIS	6
Miscellaneous	7
TOTAL	147

BIG GAME VIOLATIONS

Illegal Transportation	30
Improper Tagging	40
Failure to Tag	12
No License	3
Illegal Possession	8
Violate Conditions of License	1
TOTAL	94

SMALL GAME VIOLATIONS

Illegal Transportation	25
Over Limit	2
No License	3
Illegal Possession	3
TOTAL	33

WATERFOWL VIOLATIONS

No License	1
Illegal Transportation	1

FISH VIOLATIONS

Illegal Transportation	4
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PREDATOR/VARMINT VIOLATIONS

No License	1
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BOAT/AIS VIOLATIONS

AIS Regulations – Boat Plug	6
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MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS

Alcohol – Open Container	2
Drugs – Illegal Possession	2
Failure to Exhibit License	2
Unknown	1
TOTAL	7

ANTLER AUCTION

GFP hosted its third antler auction on May 2, 2015. Bertolotto Real Estate and Auction Inc. conducted the auction for 124 registered on-site bidders and 22 online bidders. Three-hundred and twenty-four items were sold including deer antlers and shoulder mounts, elk antlers and mounts, antelope horns, bighorn sheep horns, bobcat pelts, tree stands and mountain lion skull and hides. Sale items come from illegal seizures and abandoned property recovered by conservation officers and other department staff. Proceeds from the auction are used to fund future wildlife conservation projects in the state.



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



The Law Enforcement Torch Run® began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and increase awareness of Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle.

The Torch Run is a running event in which officers and athletes run the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, State Games, and National Summer or Winter Games.

On June 20, 2015, Austin Norton of Webster and Bryce McVicker of Watertown had the opportunity to participate in the Special Olympics Unified Relay Torch run across America. This was only the second time the Special Olympics Games have been held in the United States. To participate in the Torch Run event, it cost each individual \$100. The South Dakota Conservation Officers Association sponsored both Norton and McVicker.

The torch was passed from law enforcement officer to law enforcement officer throughout South Dakota in Watertown, Brookings and Sioux Falls. There was a motorcade procession with emergency lights activated that led Norton and McVicker along US Hwy 212 through Watertown for approximately ½ mile.

The torch traveled 18,671 miles across America with 1,821 miles to its final destination in Los Angeles for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

The South Dakota Law Enforcement Torch Run raised \$541,270 for Special Olympics in 2015. The monies raised each year by the Torch Run go directly to the Special Olympics South Dakota State office to be used only within our state to benefit South Dakota athletes.

TURN IN POACHERS PROGRAM (TIPS)



The Turn In Poachers (TIPs) program is a partnership between South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) and the non-profit organization, Wildlife Protection, Inc. This joint venture was born out of a desire for South Dakota's sportsmen and women to "police" their own. With approximately 78 conservation officers called upon to cover 75,000 square miles of land and 1,200 square miles of water in South Dakota, it is evident that they cannot be everywhere. Oftentimes, the best witnesses are the landowners and resource users themselves. In an effort to provide easy and convenient ways to report violations, TIPs has become a core component of GFP's law enforcement efforts.

Through TIPs, a 24-hour, seven days-a-week toll free number, 1-888-OVERBAG (683-7224), has been set up to field reports from the public regarding hunting, fishing and trapping violations. Information on violations can also be documented in an online form at tips.sd.gov.

This partnership between government and the private sector allows those who provide information to be compensated for their information. Since the inception of the program in 1984, over \$156,000 in rewards has been paid out to people who observe and report violations.

In the 2014 TIPs year (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015), 213 investigations and 126 arrests could be directly attributed to information provided through the program. From this information, violators were fined \$18,558 and required to pay \$30,100 in civil damages. Judges sentenced violators to 583 days in jail for their crimes (all but five days were suspended). TIPs paid out \$5,425 in rewards.

The best known aspect of TIPs program is the reward program after a violation has been committed, but there are other elements to TIPs. At the direction of the Wildlife Protection, Inc. Board of Directors,

TIPS SUMMARY

PROGRAM TOTALS | TIPS YEAR 2014

213 INVESTIGATIONS
126 ARRESTS
\$18,558 FINES
\$30,100 CIVIL PENALTIES
583 DAYS OF JAIL
(578 SUSPENDED)
\$5,425 REWARDS PAID

PROGRAM TOTALS | 1984 TO JUNE 30, 2015

10,845 INVESTIGATIONS
3,761 ARRESTS
\$719,925 FINES
\$566,387 CIVIL PENALTIES
35,017 DAYS OF JAIL
(31,848 SUSPENDED)
\$156,940 REWARDS PAID

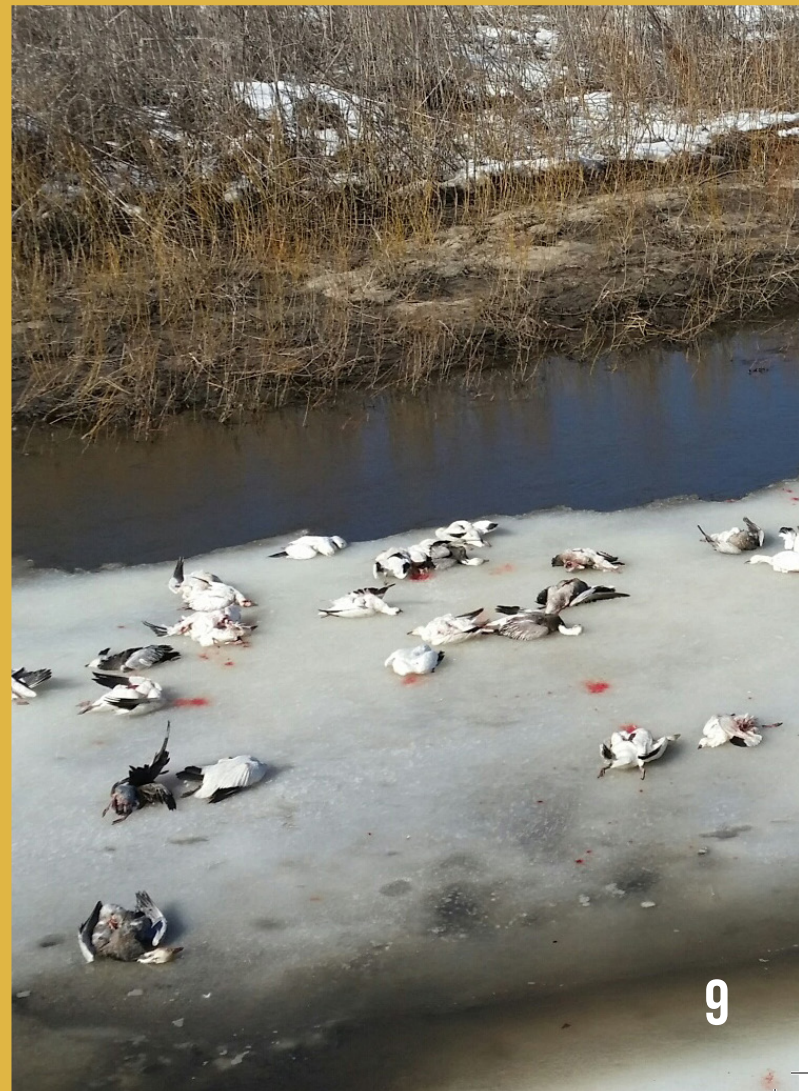
TIPS OVERALL REPORT

TIPS YEAR	# INVESTIGATIONS	# ARRESTS	REWARDS PAID
2014	213	126	\$5,425
2013	170	89	\$6,300
2012	212	103	\$9,000
2011	309	74	\$3,950
2010	394	146	\$8,725
2009	379	83	\$5,525
2008	481	170	\$6,545
2007	550	169	\$8,130
2006	498	151	\$6,900
2005	397	134	\$5,585
2004	522	178	\$5,700
2003	518	231	\$8,500
2002	407	131	\$4,850
2001	413	148	\$6,700
2000	428	129	\$7,750

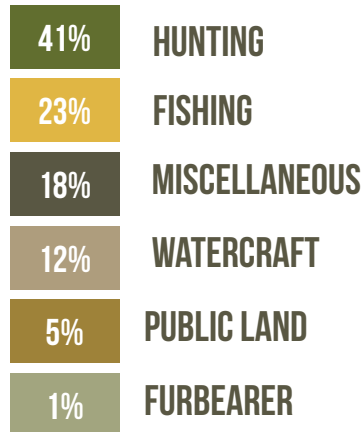
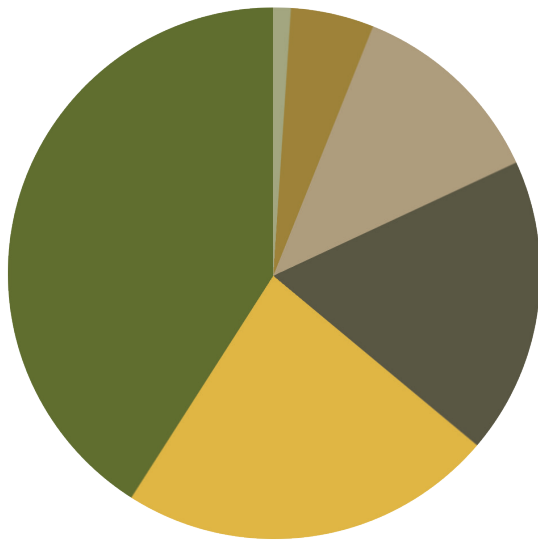
* TIPS year is from July 1 to June 30, and because most cases are in the fall, all these stats are compiled for this time period and recorded for the fall year date.

several electronic and print advertisements have been disseminated to the public in the past. In addition, TIPs radio spots serve as a reminder to practice good sportsmanship and ethics while on the water and in the field. The TIPs program also offers what is commonly called the TIPs trailer. Conservation officers take the trailer, which contains photographs, specimens and videos that demonstrate the types of crimes committed in South Dakota and the types of cases that can be made through the TIPs program. Making several stops throughout the state in 2015, the TIPs trailer told the story of poaching to young and old.

For over 30 years, the South Dakota Turn In Poachers program has been a shining example of what can be done to protect a public trust resource when government, private industry, sportsmen and the general public come together to address a common problem.



2015 STATEWIDE VIOLATIONS



WATERCRAFT VIOLATIONS = 269

102	PFD - INSUFFICIENT NUMBER
49	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE
22	OPERATE VESSEL WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER
16	OPERATE VESSEL WITHOUT LIGHTS
16	RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF VESSEL
13	CARELESS OPERATION
12	OPERATE VESSEL IN VIOLATION OF POSTED WATERS
12	PFD - NOT WEARING ON PERSONAL WATERCRAFT
8	PFD - NO THROWABLE
5	PWC - GREATER THAN NO WAKE WITHIN 150 FEET
4	PWC - UNDERAGE OPERATION
4	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR
2	UNAUTHORIZED/IMPROPER BUOY PLACEMENT
1	FAILURE TO REPORT BOAT ACCIDENT
1	IMPROPER DISPLAY OF BOAT NUMBERS
1	PFD - USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)
1	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS

PFD = PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE

PWC = PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

FISHING VIOLATIONS = 503

153	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE (R)
95	LENGTH LIMIT VIOLATION
89	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE (NR)
31	OVER LIMIT OF FISH
31	TOO MANY LINES
29	ILLEGAL TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
22	UNATTENDED LINES
17	ILLEGAL FISHING METHOD
6	LICENSE - FISH UNDER REVOCATION
6	TRESPASS - FISHING (UNKNOWING)
6	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAITFISH
3	BAIT DEALER - RECORDS REQUIRED
3	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FISH ON THE WATER
2	PROHIBITED BAIT
2	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION - FISH
2	UNLAWFUL PUBLIC STORAGE OF FISH
2	WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING OF BAIT
1	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
1	LICENSE - PURCHASE/APPLY UNDER REVOCATION
1	PADDLEFISH PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS
1	WANTON WASTE OF FISH

HUNTING VIOLATIONS = 873

103 TRESPASS - HUNTING (UNKNOWING)

59 ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION

48 TRESPASS - HUNTING (KNOWING)

44 SHOOTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

40 BIG GAME - HUNTING ON HIGHWAY

40 BIG GAME - NO LICENSE

39 BIG GAME - WRONG UNIT

34 BIG GAME - FAILURE TO TAG

32 SMALL GAME - NO LICENSE

32 SMALL GAME - RIGHT OF WAY RESTRICTION

26 SMALL GAME - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

24 GAME BIRD TRANSPORTATION/PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

22 WATERFOWL - UNPLUGGED SHOTGUN

21 BIG GAME - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

19 BIG GAME - IMPROPER TAGGING

17 BIG GAME - METHODS PROHIBITED

17 BIG GAME - TRANSPORT WITHOUT SEX/SPECIES ID

17 HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK

16 SMALL GAME - HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS

13 BIG GAME - CLOSED SEASON

12 GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE

12 SMALL GAME - OVERLIMIT

11 BIG GAME - NO FLUORESCENT ORANGE

11 CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV

11 LICENSE - LENDING

11 SMALL GAME - CLOSED SEASON

11 WATERFOWL - NO FEDERAL STAMP

10 DOVE HUNTING WITHIN 50 YDS OF HIGHWAY

10 WATERFOWL - CLOSED SEASON

8 BIG GAME - VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF LICENSE

8 WATERFOWL - NO LICENSE

7 WATERFOWL - TRANSPORTATION/PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

6 MINOR HUNTING WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION

6 PROTECTED BIRD - HUNT OR POSSESS

6 PROTECTED GAME - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

5 BIG GAME - INELIGIBLE APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

5 WATERFOWL - HUNT WITHIN A REFUGE

5 WATERFOWL - OVERLIMIT

4 HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK - POSTED

4 UNPROTECTED GAME - NO LICENSE

3 ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM

3 ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION - LANDOWNER

3 DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED

3 HUNTING GAME BIRDS WITH UNLAWFUL FIREARM

3 LICENSE - PURCHASE/APPLY UNDER REVOCATION

3 NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION

3 SHOOTING PRESERVE - FAILURE TO TAG BIRDS

3 SHOOTING PRESERVE - RECORDS VIOLATION

3 USE OF TWO-WAY RADIO IN VEHICLE WHILE HUNTING

2 BIG GAME - UNLICENSED ARMED ACCOMPANIMENT

2 INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING

2 LICENSE - APPLY/PURCHASE BIG GAME WHEN INELIGIBLE

2 SHOOTING PRESERVE - FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF RELEASE

2 WATERFOWL - HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS

2 WATERFOWL - LEAD SHOT

2 WATERFOWL - RIGHT OF WAY RESTRICTION

1 BIG GAME - ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION

1 BIG GAME - USING VEHICLE TO PURSUE

1 CAPTIVE GAME BIRDS - RECORDS REQUIRED

1 HUNTING GUIDE ACTIVITIES BARRED FROM STATE LANDS

1 LICENSE - HUNT UNDER REVOCATION

1 WATERFOWL - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

1 WATERFOWL - HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS

1 WATERFOWL - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

PUBLIC LAND VIOLATIONS = 101

30	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED
30	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME
16	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS
10	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP
3	EXHIBITION DRIVING
2	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LANDS
2	LEAVING PROPERTY ON DEPARTMENT LAND
2	PET PROHIBITIONS
2	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS
1	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES
1	LAKESHORE ALTERATION PROHIBITED
1	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND
1	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND

FURBEARER VIOLATIONS = 16

4	TRAPPING WITHOUT LICENSE
3	FAILURE TO REMOVE/RENDER TRAP INOPERABLE
2	EXPOSED BAIT PROHIBITED
1	BODY GRIP TRAP RESTRICTIONS
1	POSSESS WILD ANIMAL - FAILURE TO NOTIFY
1	TRAP CHECKING REQUIRED
1	TRAP FUREARER DURING CLOSED SEASON (MUSKRAT)
1	TRAP MARKING REQUIRED
1	TRAP ROBBING OR INJURY
1	TRESPASS - TRAPPING (UNKNOWING)

MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS = 391

54	DRUGS - USE OR POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA
44	DRUGS - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OZ. OR LESS
38	LITTERING PROHIBITED
33	DRUGS - INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
32	ALCOHOL - POSSESSION BY MINOR
26	LICENSE - NOT IN POSSESSION
19	TRAFFIC - DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-MISDEMEANOR
17	LICENSE - FRAUD TO OBTAIN
15	WANTON WASTE OF GAME

14	ALCOHOL - OPEN CONTAINER
11	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
8	TRESPASS - CRIMINAL
7	DRUGS - INGESTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
7	TRAFFIC -RECKLESS DRIVING
6	DRUGS - POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
6	LITTERING FROM VEHICLE
5	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
4	IMPERSONATION TO DECEIVE OFFICER
4	LICENSE - MINIMUM RESIDENCY REQUIRED
3	OBSTRUCTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
3	TRAFFIC - CARELESS DRIVING
3	TRAFFIC - DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-FELONY
2	COMMIT FELONY CARRYING FIREARM
2	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
2	DRUGS - POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA
2	ELUDING
2	PETTY THEFT-1ST DEGREE-MORE \$400
2	ROBBERY-1ST DEGREE
2	SNOWMOBILE - NO VALID LICENSE
2	TAMPERING WITH MARKERS, SIGNS OR CONTROL DEVICES
2	TRAFFIC - FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN
1	2ND DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER
1	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
1	ALCOHOL - FURNISHING TO A MINOR
1	CRIMINAL ENTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLE
1	FORGERY
1	LICENSE - FAILURE TO EXHIBIT LICENSE/ID ON PRIVATE LAND
1	POSSESSION OF CONCEALED WEAPON WITHOUT PERMIT
1	POSSESSION OF FIREARM - CONVICTED DRUG FELON
1	POSSESSION OF FIREARM - CONVICTED VIOLENT FELON
1	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM/BOW
1	SIMPLE ASSAULT
1	TAXIDERMY - NO LICENSE
1	TRAFFIC - DRIVING WITH SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE
1	VIOLATION OF A VALID COURT ORDER

2015 STATEWIDE VIOLATION STATISTICS

VIOLATIONS TOTALS BY ACTIVITY

Hunting	873
Fishing	503
Furbearer	16
Watercraft	269
Public Land	101
Miscellaneous	391
Total	2,153

WRITTEN WARNINGS BY ACTIVITY

Watercraft	610
Fishing	250
Hunting	439
Parks	13
Shooting Preserve	11
Snowmobile	1
Taxidermist	5
Furbearer	7
Bait Dealer	7
Captive Game Bird	8
Miscellaneous	481
Total	1,832

PROBATION - IN MONTHS

Probation	315
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REVOCACTIONS

Hunting	321
Fishing	256
Trapping	11
Total	588

CIVIL DAMAGES ASSESSED

Big Game	\$55,500
Fish	\$4,900
Furbearer	\$0
Small Game/Waterfowl	\$3,700
Total	\$64,100

FINES AND COSTS

Fines assessed	\$166,427
Fines suspended	\$914
Actual fines assessed	\$165,513
Costs assessed	\$112,341
Costs suspended	\$55
Actual costs assessed	\$112,286
Actual fines & costs assessed	\$277,799

JAIL TIME - IN DAYS

Jail time assessed	10,868
Jail time suspended	8,839
Actual jail time served	2,029

2015 STATEWIDE CONTACT STATISTICS

FIELD CONTACT TOTALS

Anglers – nonresident	9,345
Anglers – resident	23,847
Hunters – nonresident	6,655
Hunters – resident	12,727
Parks – nonresident	9
Parks – resident	83
Trappers – nonresident	5
Trappers – resident	226
Total	52,897

LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Presentations to groups	250
School programs	106
HuntSAFE classes	210
Radio	373
TV	19
Newspaper articles	271
Total	1,229

LANDOWNER ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

Trespass	279
Shoot too close to dwellings/ livestock (660')	128
Spotlight	92
Miscellaneous	203
Total	630

INSPECTION TOTALS

Watercraft	8,621
Private Shooting Preserve	411
Taxidermist	105
Bait Dealers	96
Public Storage	49
Snowmobile	32
Captive Game Bird	20
Fur Dealers	10
Private Fish Hatchery	4
Total	9,348

NEW CONSERVATION OFFICERS



TREVOR LAINE joined the Conservation Officer Training Program in March 2015. Trevor grew up in Osakis, Minnesota. Prior to becoming a conservation officer, Trevor attended North Dakota State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Zoology – Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Behavior. He also attended Alexandria (MN) Community and Technical College, earning a degree in the Law Enforcement program. Previous work experience included jobs with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, North Dakota Game and Fish, Southern Illinois University-Wildlife Research, and Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. While attending the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy, Trevor received the Coler-Williams Memorial Award for all-around excellence. After completing the training program, Trevor was assigned to the Mobridge duty station.



RYAN PEARSON joined the Conservation Officer Training Program in November 2015. Ryan grew up in Hartford, South Dakota. He attended Augustana University and South Dakota State University, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from South Dakota State University. Prior to becoming a conservation officer, Ryan worked as a wildlife damage intern and conservation officer intern for South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks during the summers of 2011 through 2015. After completing the training program, Ryan was assigned to the Sturgis duty station.

CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR

AWARD PRESENTED ANNUALLY BY: SHIKAR—SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL



2015 CONSERVATION OFFICER EVAN MEYER, HOWARD

CONSERVATION OFFICER AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Every year GFP conservation officers, supervisors and administrative staff receive awards in recognition of their efforts toward wildlife law enforcement and management.



JOSH VANDEN BOSCH

Conservation officer in Redfield, received the Patton Torch Award from the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association. This award is given in the memory of Mark Patton to outstanding officers with less than 5 years in service.



DAN ALTMAN Conservation officer in Yankton, received the Brook Brown Boating Safety Officer of the Year Award from the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and the Officer of the Year Award from the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association.



MIKE KLOSOWSKI Regional conservation officer supervisor in Watertown, received the Officer of the Year Award from the National Wild Turkey Federation for protecting wildlife and providing a safe hunting environment.



LYNN GEUKE Conservation officer in Plankinton, received the Officer of the Year Award from the Association of Midwest Association of Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers for his outstanding efforts in law enforcement.



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