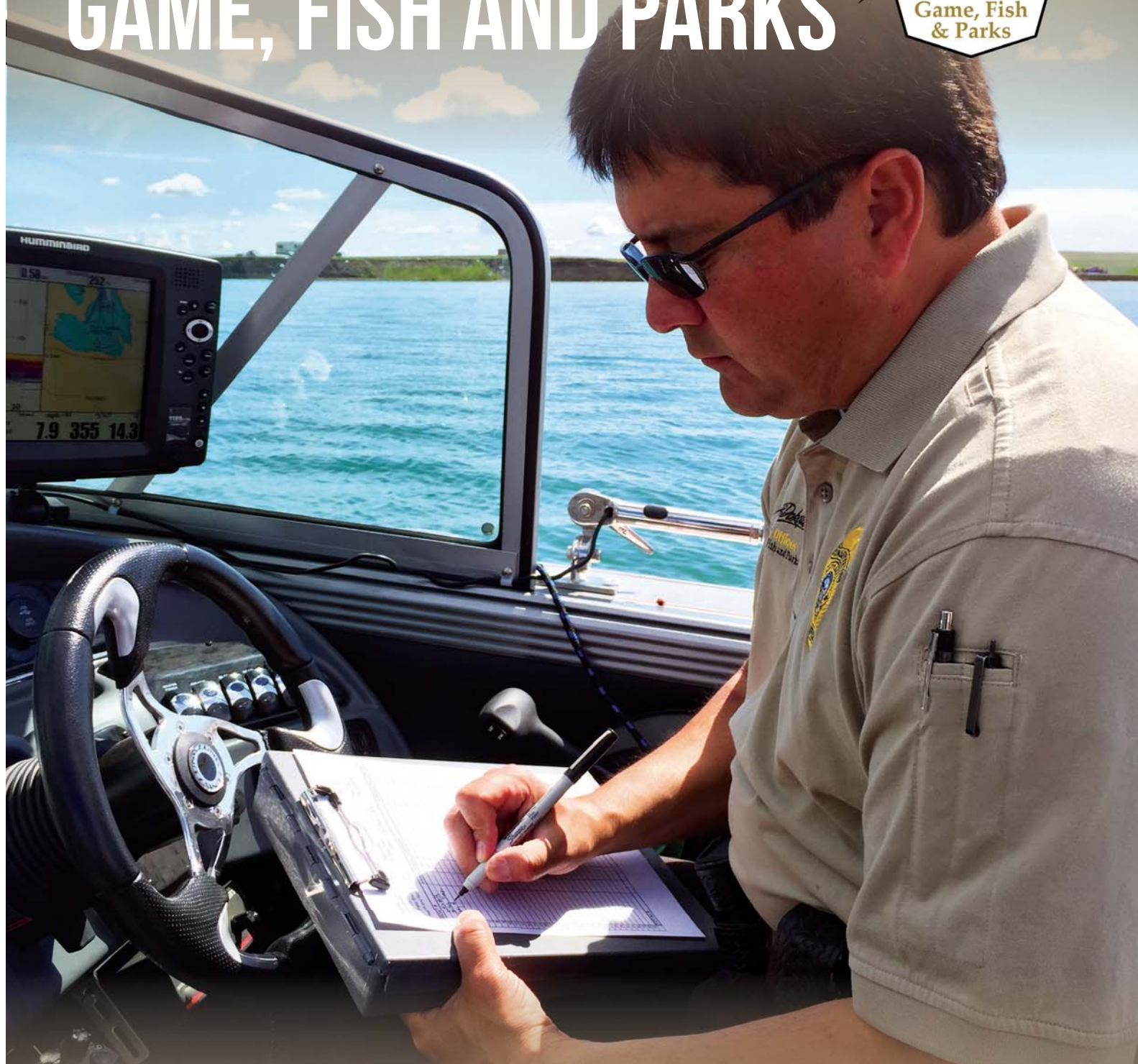


# SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS



**2016 ANNUAL REPORT**  
law enforcement program



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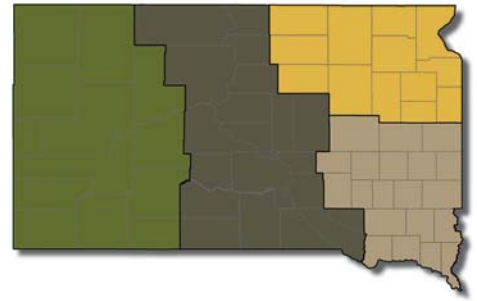
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# BODY CAMERA PROGRAM

Video cameras have been used in law enforcement work for decades. Early dash cameras or in-car video was being experimented with as early as the 1950s and 60s, but became widespread and common in the 1980s and early 90s. The footage provided by video cameras has proven very effective for law enforcement work and has been used in cases as evidence while also providing insight into the work done on a daily basis.

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) officers have long experimented with video camera technology. In the late 90s and

early 2000s, some GFP officers were outfitted with dash cameras. However, after years of operation, those cameras were discontinued and the idea of outfitting GFP officers with them no longer seemed viable. The primary reason dash cameras were never implemented revolved around the limited use and benefit they provided. Simply put, the cost-benefit analysis didn't add up, as most of the work GFP officers conduct is done outside or away from a patrol vehicle.

Video camera technology has rapidly advanced over the decades. Alongside of advancements in dash

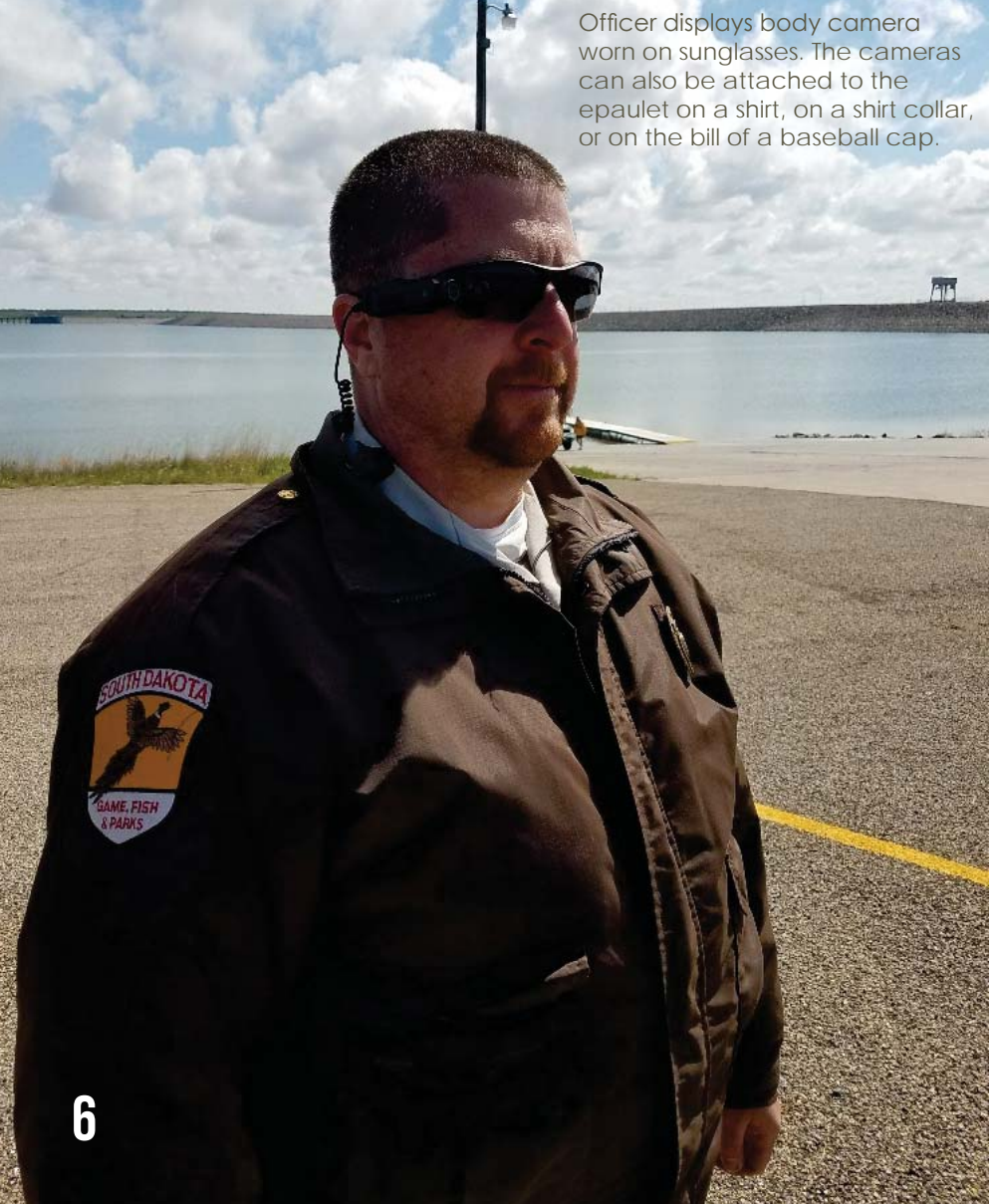
mounted cameras, the introduction of officer-worn or body cameras have also come on to the scene in recent years. In 2013, GFP started researching the idea of outfitting officers with body-worn cameras. By that time, manufacturers of body-worn cameras started showing up on the market. GFP conducted field trials of different units.

Field trials consisted of outfitting two GFP officers with different cameras from different companies. The selected officers deployed those cameras into the field for a set timeframe and then reported all findings at the end of trials. During the field trials, both strict body cameras (chest-mounted) and "point-of-view" (head-mounted) body cameras were tested. Based on benefits provided by the "point-of-view" type body camera, it was recommended that those would be the style of body cameras deployed by GFP officers.

Over the course of 2014-2016, additional research was conducted alongside of policy development and final ordering of cameras. The body camera ultimately selected for GFP officers was the Axon Flex 2.

This style of camera is designed to be worn from the shoulders up and when worn on a pair of sunglasses or hat provides officers with "point-of-view" video recording. Through field testing, it was determined that "point-of-view" recordings provided better video evidence than that recorded by a strict chest-mounted body camera.

In March of 2017, officers statewide were trained and cameras were deployed in April.



Officer displays body camera worn on sunglasses. The cameras can also be attached to the epaulet on a shirt, on a shirt collar, or on the bill of a baseball cap.

GFP officers now have the benefit of documenting encounters with the public. This documentation can resolve complaints or even prevent potential frivolous complaints. In turn, the cameras improve officer accountability by providing supervisors with an additional evaluation tool.

The cameras have the potential to improve officer performance, safety and training opportunities. Video provides a training medium that can benefit all officers by reviewing past encounters, thus allowing for self-critiquing of officer safety tactics. Additionally, video can provide critical details of use-of-force incidents, including evidence in the event of an officer assault or a line-of-duty death.



Video footage in criminal cases provides the court with actual statements and not hearsay. The ability to see actions or hear words is compelling for a judge or jury.

The overall goal behind outfitting GFP officers with body worn cameras is to make their jobs easier and the work they do more efficient.



# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ENFORCEMENT



South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) significantly increased efforts to effectively manage and slow the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) throughout 2016. The infestation of zebra mussels in Lewis and Clark Reservoir near Yankton increased. A survey of boats in the Lewis and Clark Marina indicated that approximately 85% of berthed boats had zebra mussels attached.

One of the main regulatory initiatives was to require all drain plugs be removed or opened, except when on the water or involved with launching/loading a boat. Initial compliance in 2015 was rather low and enforcement was educational in nature.

Beginning in July 2016, GFP began issuing citations for AIS violations. From September 15, 2015, to September 14, 2016, over 7,000 man hours were dedicated to AIS enforcement efforts. Some of this included enforcement details at boat ramp locations. Over 150 citations and 200 warnings were issued for AIS violations during this same period. Compliance is expected to increase with the change in enforcement strategy.





# ROAD CHECKS

an important tool in conservation law enforcement

Outdoor enthusiasts who have spent considerable time hunting and fishing in South Dakota have likely gone through a game or fish road check at some point in their travels. Road checks are authorized by law and play an important role in the management and protection of our wildlife and fisheries resources. Generally speaking, conservation officers inspect and count any game or fish in possession at a road check to determine compliance with applicable laws and regulations. These operations ensure folks are not taking more than their fair share of a public resource.

In 2016, Game, Fish and Parks conducted 11 road checks—four for fishing enforcement, three for waterfowl/small game and four for big game.



# OPERATION DRY WATER



Operation Dry Water (ODW) is a year-round Boating Under the Influence awareness and enforcement campaign. The mission of ODW is to reduce the number of alcohol- and drug-related accidents and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water.

Every year since 2009, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' conservation officers (COs) have participated in this nationwide effort in an attempt to rid our South Dakota waters of intoxicated boat operators. Every summer a three-day weekend is chosen where COs heighten their enforcement efforts on select waterbodies throughout the state. During the 2016 event, 57 COs saturated 11 waterbodies across the state. ODW's heightened awareness and enforcement three-day weekend takes place annually around July fourth, a holiday unfortunately known for drinking and boating, and deadly accidents.

The purpose of the heightened enforcement component of the ODW campaign is to deter boaters

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## 2016 Operation Dry Water Stats

Region	Officers	Vessels	Boaters	Citations	NOV	BUI	Highest BAC	Non-Boat Violations	Lakes
1	14	134	468	5	14	1	0.105	0	Pactola, Angostura
2	11	123	290	3	12	2	0.097	6	Oahe, Sharpe, Francis Case
3	18	108	348	4	19	2	0.121	2	Mitchell, Thompson, Lower Missouri
4	14	84	242	4	7	1	0.21	6	Bitter, Enemy Swim, Poinsett
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>11 Operations/Patrols in 2016</b>

**OPERATION  
DRY WATER**

# NEVER BOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE!

[operationdrywater.org](http://operationdrywater.org)



from boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. When boaters choose to boat impaired they are endangering not only themselves, but the many other boaters on the water as well.

Nationwide statistics show that alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal recreational boating accidents. From 2009 (the first year of ODW) to 2015, there has been a 24% decrease in the number of recreational boaters' deaths where alcohol use was the

known primary contributing factor, and a 16% decrease in accidents associated with alcohol use in the same time frame.

With alcohol use remaining the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths, the primary focus of the ODW campaign and of those who support it is to change the cultural acceptance of drinking and boating and help boaters have safe and fun recreational boating experiences.



# TURN IN POACHERS (TIPS) PROGRAM



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 about 75,000 square miles of land and 1,200 square miles of water in South Dakota it is evident that they can't be everywhere at once. Oftentimes, the best witnesses are the landowners and resource users themselves. In an effort to provide easy and convenient ways to report violations, TIPs is a core component of GFP's law enforcement efforts.

Through TIPs, a 24 hour, seven day 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 may also be submitted through a link to the GFP's website. Just like those calling in on the telephone, the information entered in this form may be reported by those who wish to remain anonymous.

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 \$160,000 in rewards has been paid out to people who observe and report violations. The funding for this program comes from a variety of areas; however, one of the most popular is by sportsmen themselves. During this fiscal year, almost \$30,000 was donated at the time of license purchases.

In the 2015 TIPs year (which began in July 1, 2015 and ended on June 30, 2016), 449 investigations and 193 arrests could be directly attributed to information provided through the program. From this information, violators were fined \$30,794 and required to pay \$13,900 in civil damages. Judges sentenced violators to 940 days in jail for their crimes (all but two days were suspended). TIPs paid out \$4,495 in rewards.

The most well-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, several

## TIPS YEAR 2015

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**449 INVESTIGATIONS**

**193 ARRESTS**

**\$30,794 FINES**

**\$13,900 CIVIL PENALTIES**

**940 DAYS OF JAIL (938 SUSPENDED)**

**\$4,495 REWARDS PAID**

## 1984 TO JUNE 30, 2015

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**11,294 INVESTIGATIONS**

**3,954 ARRESTS**

**\$750,719 FINES**

**\$580,287 CIVIL PENALTIES**

**35,957 DAYS OF JAIL (32,786 SUSPENDED)**

**\$161,435 REWARDS PAID**



radio, electronic and print advertisements have been disseminated to the public in the past. In addition to reinforcing the TIPs contact information, these ads are a constant reminder to the general public for the need to practice good sportsmanship and ethics while on the water and in the field.

Operating under the concept that “a visual is worth a thousand words,” the TIPs program also offers what is commonly called the TIPs Trailer. Conservation officers and TIPs board members 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 2016, the TIPs trailer told the story of poaching to young and old.

For over 30 years, TIPs has been a shining example of what can be done to protect a public trust resource when government, private industry, landowners and sportsmen and women come together to address a common problem.

# EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION COURSE

Each year Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Conservation Officers receive specialized training in firearms, defensive tactics and boating. Staff instructors within the agency conduct each type of training and follow training guidelines to make sure officers are prepared to deal with the situations they find in the field. One area GFP did not have specified training requirements or instructors was with an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC).

None of GFP's officer trainees currently receive any EVOC training specific to the type of patrol vehicles we operate before heading to the field. The only driver training new officers receive is at the Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy, and it is in squad cars. Four-wheel-drive special service trucks and SUVs have a higher center of gravity, require greater breaking distances, have slower acceleration and lower top speeds than a police car; they are the vehicle of choice for COs due to their off-road and towing capabilities that squad cars do not offer.

Recognizing the need for EVOC training specific to our job and vehicles, GFP occasionally partnered with the South Dakota Highway Patrol in the past to get officers EVOC training in their assigned patrol vehicle. But that limited amount of training and the constant changes and improvements being made to vehicles over the years, there was a need for a change in our approach to this important training.

In 2016, Game, Fish and Parks moved forward with building a team of Emergency Vehicle Operation Course Instructors and developing our own EVOC training curriculum. To start the program, five officers were selected and trained as EVOC instructors. These

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officers drove and trained in their assigned patrol vehicles at the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Driver Training Instructor Training School in Burns Flat, Oklahoma. Bruce Nachtigall, Cody Symens and Josh Vanden Bosch attended in October and Chris Dekker and Ross Fees in December.

The challenging course involved classroom instruction, various driving skill courses as well as mock pursuits during the day and night. All five officers successfully completed the course and were certified by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol as Law Enforcement Driver Training (LEDT) instructors.

GFP is currently working to develop the EVOC program and training standards. The first training session for new officers is scheduled for April 2018. This session will be for those officers who have never driven a truck or SUV on an EVOC range. In the coming years, the plan is to expand the EVOC training program which will be similar to training for firearms, defensive tactics and boating for all officers.

# DISABILITY PERMITS

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) offers a variety of special licenses and permits for individuals with disabilities. These licenses and permits cannot be purchased or obtained over the counter through license agents. Specific criteria must be met to obtain a permit. Some of these licenses or permits are free-of-charge and others have a fee. For more information, visit [gfp.sd.gov/hunting/accessibility](http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/accessibility).

## Disabled Hunter Permit

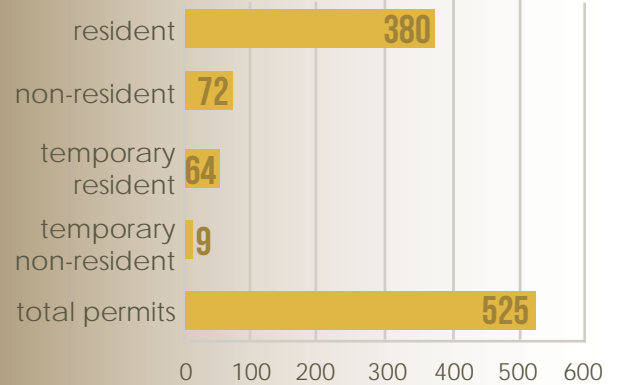
It is illegal to shoot game animals from a motor vehicle in South Dakota. For the legal discharge of a weapon, a hunter must be outside of the vehicle or off an all-terrain vehicle. There are two exceptions to this law. 1) A hunter may shoot coyotes, jackrabbits, rodents, skunks, badgers, raccoons and foxes from a motor vehicle. 2) Hunters who possess a valid Disabled Hunter Permit may shoot game animals from a stationary motor vehicle.

The disabled hunter permit is only intended for use in situations where an applicant's physical or medical condition makes it impossible, or causes severe pain or physical hardship on the applicant to walk a field while hunting. The permittee must still obtain the required hunting licenses for the desired species to be hunted. A Disabled Hunter Permit is issued free-of-charge to qualified hunters. Depending if the qualifying disability is temporary or permanent, the permit may be issued for a period of up to four years and may be renewed within 60 days of the date of expiration.

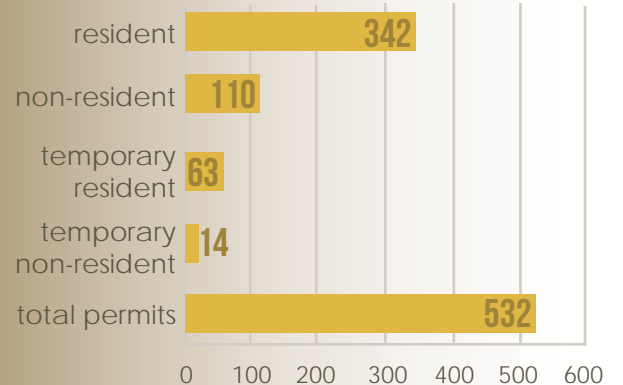
## Designated Shooter Permit

A Designated Shooter Permit is available to any person who is legally blind/visually impaired or to any person with paralysis of all four limbs. Visually impaired is defined as a person who has a visual acuity 20/200 or less in the better eye with

### 2016 DISABLED HUNTER PERMITS



### 2016 CROSSBOW PERMITS







correcting lenses or has a limited field of vision such that the widest diameter subtends an angular distance of no greater than twenty degrees. The applicant may designate one shooter to legally hunt or take game on their behalf. The designated shooter must be in immediate physical presence of the permittee during the hunt or taking of game animals. The free permits are non-transferable.

## Crossbow Permit

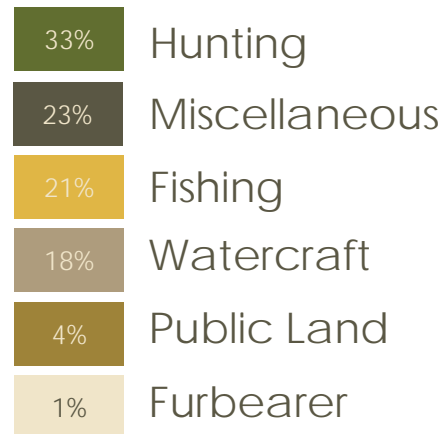
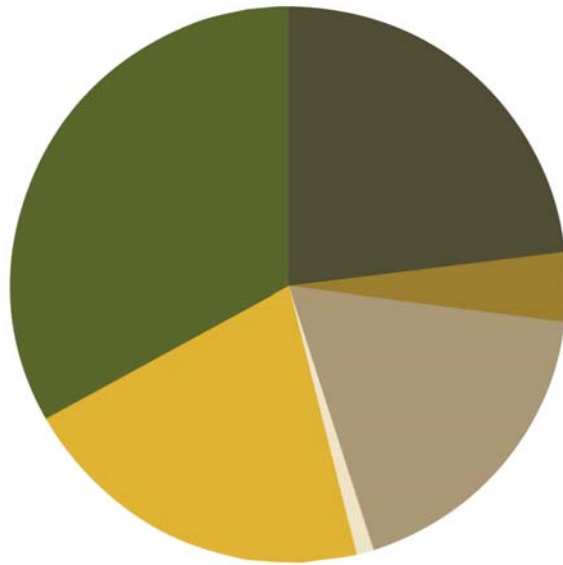
A Crossbow Permit is available to any person who is permanently incapable of using a bow and arrow due to the loss of use of one or both arms, caused by birth defect, injury, disease; or any person who is confined to a wheelchair. The crossbow/draw-lock application has a section that must be completed and signed by a licensed physician or chiropractor that documents the medical condition, disability or injury that restricts the applicant from using a conventional bow and arrow. The physician or chiropractor is required to list a date of recovery for the applicant. A Crossbow Permit is available free-of-charge, but the permittee must still obtain the required hunting licenses for the desired species to be hunted. Crossbows used for hunting shall have a minimum pull of 125 pounds and be equipped with a functional mechanical safety device. The bolts shall be equipped with a broadhead that has at least two metal cutting edges. This permit also entitles a person to

use a bow that is equipped with a draw-lock device that holds the bow at a partial or full draw. A person issued a crossbow/draw-lock permit may not possess a firearm in the field nor be accompanied by a person carrying a firearm during any season restricted to archery, except for those persons who possess a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon.

## Reduced Fee Hunting and Fishing License

Three different reduced fee hunting and fishing licenses are available to South Dakota residents. They included the developmentally disabled fishing license, the non-veterans total disability license and the veterans disability license. The non-veterans total disability license and the veterans disability license are a combination small game and fishing license. Each license has specific conditions that must be met and certain documentation that must be provided in order to obtain a license. More specific information can be obtained by contacting the GFP licensing office. South Dakota residents who qualify and are approved will be issued a Disabled/Veteran Hunting and Fishing Card for a \$10 fee. A Disabled/Veteran Hunting and Fishing Card is the equivalent of the resident fishing and small game licenses until the expiration of the card. The card is valid for a period of four calendar years if the permittee remains a resident of the state.

# 2016 STATEWIDE VIOLATIONS



## HUNTING VIOLATIONS = 830

108	TRESPASS - HUNTING (UNKNOWING)
65	TRESPASS - HUNTING (KNOWING)
53	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION
41	BIG GAME - HUNTING ON HIGHWAY
34	SHOOTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE
33	BIG GAME - NO LICENSE
32	BIG GAME - WRONG UNIT
28	SMALL GAME - HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS
25	WATERFOWL - UNPLUGGED SHOTGUN
24	BIG GAME - CLOSED SEASON
20	GAME BIRD TRANSPORTATION/PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS
20	SMALL GAME - CLOSED SEASON
20	SMALL GAME - RIGHT OF WAY RESTRICTION
19	PROTECTED GAME - HUNT OR POSSESS
19	SMALL GAME - OVER LIMIT
18	SMALL GAME - NO LICENSE
17	HUNT WITHIN 660 FEET OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK
16	BIG GAME - NO FLUORESCENT ORANGE
16	WATERFOWL - NO FEDERAL STAMP
15	BIG GAME - TRANSPORT WITHOUT SEX/SPECIES ID
15	WATERFOWL - IMPROPER TAGGING
13	BIG GAME - FAILURE TO TAG
12	BIG GAME - INELIGIBLE APPLICATION FOR LICENSE
12	BIG GAME - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

12	SMALL GAME - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION
12	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE
10	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION
8	INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING
8	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
8	WATERFOWL - NO LICENSE
7	BIG GAME - USE OF SALT LICK TO ATTRACT
7	WATERFOWL - HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS
6	DOVE HUNTING WITHIN 50 YDS OF HIGHWAY
6	PROTECTED GAME - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION
6	WATERFOWL - RIGHT OF WAY RESTRICTION
5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM
5	BIG GAME - BAIT STATION/ELECTRONIC CALL PROHIBITED
5	BIG GAME - UNLICENSED ARMED ACCOMPANIMENT
5	SMALL GAME - WRONG UNIT
5	WATERFOWL - CLOSED SEASON
4	BIG GAME - VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF LICENSE
4	HUNT WITHIN 660 FEET OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK - POSTED
4	MINOR HUNTING WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION
3	SHOOTING PRESERVE - FAILURE TO TAG BIRDS
3	WATERFOWL - OVERLIMIT
2	BIG GAME - MINIMUM SIZE/TYPE OF AMMUNITION
2	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED

2	FURBEARER - HUNT DURING CLOSED SEASON
2	SMALL GAME - HUNT WITHIN A STATE GAME BIRD REFUGE
2	SHOOTING PRESERVE - RECORDS VIOLATION
2	SMALL GAME - UNPLUGGED SHOTGUN
2	UNPROTECTED GAME - NO LICENSE
2	WATERFOWL - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION
1	ARCHERY - ARMED ACCOMPANIMENT
1	ARCHERY - EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS
1	BIG GAME - IMPROPER TAGGING
1	BIG GAME - USE OF TRAP, DOGS OR BAIT (LION)
1	WATERFOWL - SHOOT FROM BOAT WITH MOTOR
1	WATERFOWL - TRANSPORTATION/PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

6	DRUGS - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA -MORE THAN 2 OZ
6	LICENSE - LENDING
5	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON SNOWMOBILE
5	DRUGS - POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA
5	LITTERING FROM VEHICLE
5	OBSTRUCTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
5	TRAFFIC - EXHIBITION DRIVING
4	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
4	VANDALISM-\$400 LESS-3RD DEGREE
4	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
3	IMPERSONATION TO DECEIVE OFFICER
3	POSSESSION OF FIREARM - CONVICTED DRUG FELON
3	RESISTING ARREST
2	DRUGS - POSSESSION, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION FOR INTOXICATION
2	FIREWORKS - DISCHARGE WHEN PROHIBITED
2	LICENSE - HUNT UNDER REVOCATION
2	LICENSE - PURCHASE/APPLY UNDER REVOCATION - HUNTING
2	POSSESSION OF CONCEALED WEAPON WITHOUT PERMIT
2	PROBATION VIOLATION
2	UNLAWFUL PUBLIC STORAGE OF FISH
1	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT
1	ALCOHOL - FURNISHING TO A MINOR
1	ANIMAL CRUELTY
1	COMPOUNDING A FELONY
1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-FELONY
1	DRIVING WITH SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE
1	ELUDING
1	LICENSE - APPLY/PURCHASE BIG GAME WHEN INELIGIBLE
1	MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, OR POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
1	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM/BOW
1	TAXIDERMY - NO LICENSE
1	TRAFFIC - CARELESS DRIVING
1	VIOLATION OF A VALID COURT ORDER

## MISCELLANEOUS VIOLATIONS = 570

89	DRUGS - USE OR POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA
71	DRUGS - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OUNCE OR LESS
58	DRUGS - INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
58	LITTERING PROHIBITED
37	ALCOHOL - POSSESSION BY MINOR
23	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-MISDEMEANOR
21	ALCOHOL - OPEN CONTAINER
21	DRUGS - POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
15	LICENSE - FRAUD TO OBTAIN
13	UNLAWFUL PUBLIC STORAGE OF GAME
11	LICENSE - NOT IN POSSESSION
10	LICENSE - FISH UNDER REVOCATION
10	TRESPASS - CRIMINAL
9	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV
9	LICENSE - MINIMUM RESIDENCY REQUIRED
9	TRAFFIC - RECKLESS DRIVING
8	FIREWORKS - SELL/DISCHARGE
7	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
6	DRUGS - INGESTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

# 2016 STATEWIDE VIOLATIONS

## FISHING VIOLATIONS = 529

231	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE
104	OVER LIMIT OF FISH
68	LENGTH LIMIT VIOLATION
37	TOO MANY LINES
25	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FISH ON THE WATER
19	UNATTENDED LINES
11	ILLEGAL FISHING METHOD
8	ILLEGAL TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
8	TRESPASS - FISHING (UNKNOWING)
5	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION - FISH
3	ORGANIC BAIT
2	AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES - FISH AND BAIT TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS
2	AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES - ILLEGAL POSSESSION/SALE/TRANSPORT
2	PADDLEFISH LENGTH RESTRICTIONS
1	BAIT DEALER - RECORDS REQUIRED
1	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
1	FISHING IN RESTRICTED AREA/CLOSED SEASON
1	POSSESSION/USE OF NETS SEINES

## PUBLIC LAND VIOLATIONS = 97

23	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED
19	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME
12	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS/PLATFORMS/BLINDS
11	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS
10	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP
7	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES
4	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND
3	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LANDS
2	BAIT STATION PROHIBITED ON DEPARTMENT LAND
2	LEAVING PROPERTY ON DEPARTMENT LAND
2	MISC. PARK VIOLATIONS
2	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND

## WATERCRAFT VIOLATIONS = 464

175	AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES - WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS
111	PFD - INSUFFICIENT NUMBER
42	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE
27	OPERATE WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER
21	CARELESS OPERATION
20	OPERATE VESSEL WITHOUT LIGHTS
14	OPERATE VESSEL IN VIOLATION OF POSTED WATERS
14	PFD - NOT WEARING ON PERSONAL WATERCRAFT
10	RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF VESSEL
6	AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES - WATERCRAFT INSPECTIONS
4	PFD - NO THROWABLE
4	PFD - USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)
2	ILLEGAL OPERATION/TAMPERING WITH WATERCRAFT
2	IMPROPER DISPLAY OF BOAT NUMBERS
2	PWC - GREATER THAN NO WAKE WITHIN 150 FEET
2	UNAUTHORIZED/IMPROPER BUOY PLACEMENT
2	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR
1	BOAT ACCIDENT - FAILURE TO PROVIDE OPERATOR ID
1	BOAT ACCIDENT - FAILURE TO REPORT
1	NO DIVER DOWN FLAG
1	PWC - OPERATE IN UNREASONABLE MANNER
1	PWC - OPERATE WITHOUT LIGHTS
1	PWC - UNDERAGE OPERATION

PFD = Personal Floatation Device

PWC = Personal Watercraft

## FURBEARER VIOLATIONS = 25

9	TRAP CHECKING REQUIRED
4	FUR DEALER - NO LICENSE
4	SNARE RESTRICTIONS
3	FAILURE TO REGISTER BOBCAT WITHIN 5 DAYS
3	TRAPPING WITHOUT LICENSE
1	POSSESSION OF UNCHECKED RAW FUR
1	FURBEARER - NO LICENSE

# 2016 STATEWIDE VIOLATION STATISTICS

## VIOLATION TOTALS BY ACTIVITY

Hunting	830
Fishing	529
Furbearer	25
Watercraft	464
Public Land	97
Miscellaneous	570
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,515</b>

## WRITTEN WARNINGS BY ACTIVITY

Watercraft	715
Fishing	208
Hunting	342
Parks	6
Shooting Preserve	2
Taxidermist	6
Furbearer	10
Bait Dealer	4
Miscellaneous	445
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,738</b>

## SUSPENSIONS

Hunting	314
Fishing	258
Trapping	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>

## FINES AND COSTS

Fines assessed	\$182,259
Fines suspended	\$1,924
Actual fines assessed	\$180,335
Costs assessed	\$127,713
Costs suspended	\$0
Actual costs assessed	\$127,713
<b>Actual fines &amp; costs assessed</b>	<b>\$308,048</b>

## JAIL TIME - IN DAYS

Jail time assessed	10,727
Jail time suspended	9,003
<b>Actual jail time served</b>	<b>1,724</b>

## PROBATION - IN MONTHS

Probation	220
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## CIVIL DAMAGES ASSESSED

Big Game	\$29,500
Fish	\$14,750
Furbearer	\$0
Small Game/Waterfowl	\$2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,750</b>

# 2016 STATEWIDE CONTACT STATISTICS

## FIELD CONTACT TOTALS

Anglers – nonresident	9,565
Anglers – resident	23,513
Hunters – nonresident	5,359
Hunters – resident	11,240
Parks – nonresident	78
Parks – resident	213
Trappers – nonresident	1
Trappers – resident	191

<b>Total</b>	<b>50,160</b>
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## LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Presentations to groups	245
School programs	122
HuntSAFE classes	165
Radio	386
TV	23
Newspaper articles	258

**total**

## LANDOWNER ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

Trespass	214
Shoot too close to dwellings/ livestock (660')	85
Spotlight	65
Miscellaneous	157

<b>Total</b>	<b>521</b>
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## INSPECTION TOTALS

Watercraft	8,200
Private Shooting Preserve	348
Taxidermist	105
Bait Dealers	54
Public Storage	82
Snowmobile	59
Captive Game Bird	10
Fur Dealers	13

<b>Total</b>	<b>8,871</b>
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# NEW CONSERVATION OFFICERS



**JON DUNLAP** completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and started the Conservation Officer Training Program in June 2016. Jon grew up in Mitchell, South Dakota. He graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University with Bachelor's degrees in both Biology and Criminal Justice. Prior to becoming a Conservation Officer, Jon was a Corrections Officer at Davison County Sheriff's Office and served in the Army. While in college, Jon did two summers of internships with GFP in the habitat program and one summer in the wildlife damage program. After completing his training, Jon was assigned to the Miller duty station.



**JACOB HASZ** completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and started the Conservation Officer Training Program in February 2016. Jacob grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. Prior to becoming a Conservation Officer, Jacob worked as a fisheries intern for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Nebraska Game and Parks, and GFP. After completing the training program, Jacob was assigned to the Wall duty station.



**TYLER KREKELBERG** completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and started the Conservation Officer Training Program in November 2016. Tyler grew up in Cokato, Minnesota. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Ecology and Environmental Law Enforcement. Prior to becoming a Conservation Officer, Tyler attended Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, earning a diploma in the Law Enforcement program. He worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a seasonal Law Enforcement Officer, US Fish and Wildlife Service in Montana as a Wildland Firefighter, and Portage County Parks Department as a Park Ranger. After completing the training program, Tyler was assigned to the Fort Pierre duty station.



**DAN STERNHAGEN** completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and started the Conservation Officer Training Program in November 2016. Dan grew up in Yankton, South Dakota. He graduated from Mount Marty College with a Bachelor's degree in Recreation Management. Prior to becoming a Conservation Officer, Dan worked for the GFP Division of Parks and Recreation for seven years. Through those years, Dan worked across the state in five different management positions before establishing roots in the Hamlin County area. After completing the training program, Dan was assigned to the Estelline duty station.



**MICHAEL UNDLIN** completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and started the Conservation Officer Training Program in February 2016. Michael grew up in Spearfish, South Dakota. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. Prior to becoming a Conservation Officer, Michael worked as a Fisheries Management and Conservation Officer Intern for GFP. After completing the training program, Michael was assigned to the Onida duty station.

# CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR

AWARD PRESENTED ANNUALLY BY: SHIKAR—SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL



2016 CONSERVATION OFFICER JOE GALBRAITH

## 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 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.



**DAN ALTMAN** Conservation Officer in Yankton, received the Officer of the Year Award from the National Wild Turkey Federation for protecting wildlife and providing a safe hunting environment.



### BRYCE MCVICKER

Conservation Officer in Watertown, received the Brook Brown Boating Safety Officer of the Year Award from the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) for his efforts with boating safety.



**ZACH THOMSEN** Conservation Officer in Philip, 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



**CHRIS KUNTZ** Conservation Officer in Huron, received the Officer of the Year Award from the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association for his outstanding efforts.



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