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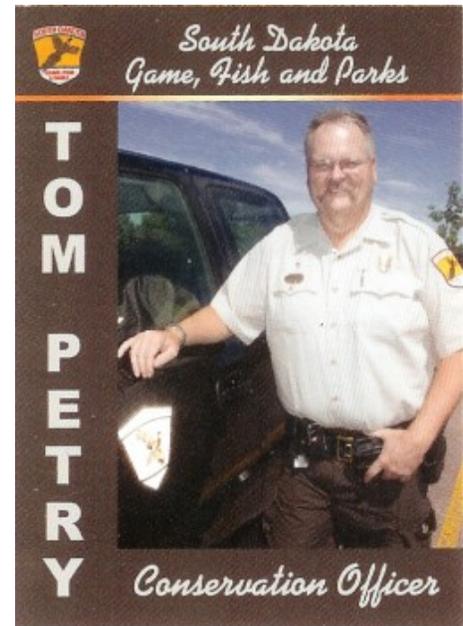
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In Remembrance of:

Tom Petry
May 5, 1956 – February 29, 2008

Tom Petry was born May 5, 1956, in Hawarden, Iowa. Tom grew up on the family farm in Union County, South Dakota. After graduating from West Sioux High School in 1974, Tom attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in Wildlife & Fisheries Science. Tom started his career with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks working in fisheries at Mobridge, South Dakota. He was promoted to Conservation Officer and stationed at Timber Lake. Over the next several years Tom held Conservation Officer Positions in Vermillion and DeSmet before landing in his final duty station at Canton.



One of Tom's passions was introducing young people to the outdoors and to the Conservation Officer profession. He was quite involved with teaching HuntSAFE courses for youth. Tom hosted many high school students on career day job shadows to teach them about the duties of a "Game Warden". Tom was also a top-notch Firearms Instructor for the Department. He did an excellent job of teaching officer safety skills and how to shoot a handgun correctly.

Off the job, Tom proudly served as President of the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association. He worked hard to inform the public of the duties, responsibilities and dangers of the profession.

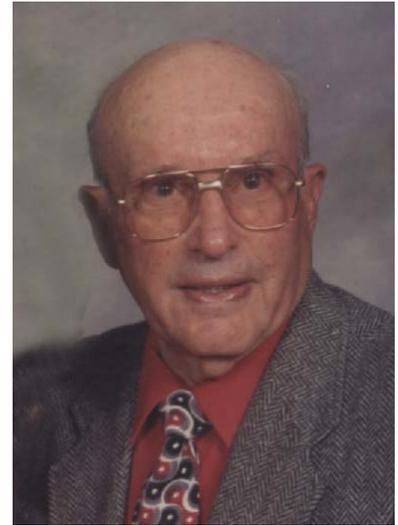
Tom was an avid big game hunter. He enjoyed several big game hunts in Alaska and Canada. He hunted moose, caribou, musk ox, Alaskan timber wolf and Dall sheep. He maintained an impressive display of mounts at his home. Tom was also a passionate football fan of the Chicago Bears. Over the years he made several trips to summer training camp and attended a number of Bears games at Soldier Field in Chicago.

Above all else, Tom Petry was a dedicated public servant to the people and natural resources of South Dakota. Tom passed away on February 29, 2008, at the age of 51. We miss him greatly, but remember him well.

In Remembrance of:

Lewis G. Smith
June 12, 1923 – September 13, 2008

Lewis was born on June 12, 1923, in Elk Point, South Dakota to Minnie and Jake Smith. He grew up along the Missouri River and hunted and fished most of his life. He quit school at the age of 15 (lying about his age in order to be accepted) and entered the Citizen's Military Training Program and was sent to Fort Snelling in Minneapolis. He then tried to enlist in the Navy, when it was discovered he was color blind, he was deemed ineligible. Determined to serve, he then enlisted with the Seabees (a division of the Navy) and served during WWII. Lewis remained a true and loyal servant of the United States of America. After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to South Dakota and completed his schooling in Vermillion. In August 1946, Lewis began what would be a 35 year career with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. His first assignment as a Conservation Officer was in Edmunds/McPherson Counties. In 1957, Lewis accepted a transfer to Mobridge.



It was about being the best he could possibly be, upholding the laws he was hired to enforce and accepting no less from himself or anyone else. Lewis treated everyone fairly and evenly, whether they were close friends, strangers or businessmen. Through the years he became respected by everyone as a warden who was fair and his first concern was proper law enforcement.

Lewis was a die-hard South Dakotan – no state could compare to his beloved South Dakota. “Smitty” was responsible for a large percentage of the shelterbelts in Walworth, Edmunds, and McPherson Counties. He became known as the “Tree Warden”. The fact that Lewis could effectively coordinate tree planting programs between private cooperators and the various Federal, State and Municipal Governments was a credit to his ability to organize and motivate people.

In 1988, Lewis retired from South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. Lewis passed away on September 13, 2008, at the age of 85.

In Remembrance of:

Delmar Gerdes
September 13, 1928 - August 13, 2008

Delmar was born September 13, 1928, at home near Chelsea, South Dakota. He attended school in Cresbard and graduated in 1946. Delmar attended Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen and received a two-year teaching certificate. He taught country school in Faulk County until he entered the army. Delmar served two years in the United States Army Signal Corps, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his honorable discharge in 1953, he returned to teaching in Faulk County.



In 1960, Delmar began work for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks as a Conservation Officer in Dewey and Ziebach Counties. He later moved to Hand and Hyde Counties, serving for a total of twenty-eight years. He loved his work and wore out eleven vehicles while traveling over a million miles. Delmar earned Conservation Officer of the Year in 1977. He was elected President of the South Dakota Conservation Officer's Association and provided exemplary leadership in an effort to gain recognition for the important role conservation officers play within the law enforcement profession. Delmar was one of a very small group of conservation officers who worked diligently to seek improved retirement benefits for conservation officers. Conservation officers serving today, and those who will serve long into the future, can thank Delmar for his tireless efforts to provide the enhanced retirement benefits we enjoy today. Delmar retired from Game, Fish and Parks in 1988. He was elected and served as Hand County Commissioner from 1990 to 1994.

Delmar was a great representative of our agency and well liked by those he served as well as those he served with. "Good 'ol Delm", as we fondly referred to him, was an excellent public servant, peer and mentor. He had a great sense of humor, was a joy to be around and displayed a contagious positive attitude each and every day. Delmar left a lasting, positive impression on the people he dealt with and portrayed our agency and profession in the most positive light.

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DIVISION OF WILDLIFE



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INTRODUCTION

BY EMMETT KEYSER – GAME, FISH AND PARKS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS

Prior to the 1900s, when the Dakota Territories were still being settled and wild animals were being decimated by unregulated hunting and trapping, the Territorial Legislatures recognized the impending disaster and enacted laws in an effort to preserve what few game animals remained. Yet, laws alone were pointless unless someone was willing to enforce those laws, and it was under these very dire circumstances that South Dakota appointed its first fish wardens in 1893.



To place the situation in better perspective, if people living in a sparsely populated area using relatively primitive weapons were able to virtually exterminate our wildlife resources, imagine how easily it can be done today with much higher human population levels and the advantages of modern technology. In short, our wildlife resources still need protection, and in today's world, that responsibility falls squarely on the shoulders of our state's Wildlife Conservation Officers.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated employees in the Division of Wildlife working in the fisheries, wildlife, habitat, and wildlife damage fields. The information contained in this report is specific to Wildlife Conservation Officers and the essential role they play in the day-to-day management and protection of our public-trust wildlife resources.

This report will help answer such common questions as what are the hiring and training requirements for a Conservation Officer and what does an officer do when he or she is not enforcing the wildlife and boating laws? Some readers may be surprised to learn Conservation Officers are fully certified South Dakota Peace Officers and are, by law, a part of the State Constabulary.

Readers will also learn Conservation Officers play an important role in public safety. Whether patrolling our public waterways for reckless or intoxicated boaters, investigating illegal right-of-way hunting, or assisting with homeland security, Conservation Officers are ready, willing, and able to do the job.

Conservation Officers perform many other fish, wildlife, habitat and wildlife damage management duties as well. In addition to natural resource protection and boating safety, Conservation Officers are responsible for implementing virtually every department-sponsored program on a local level. A sampling of these duties includes teaching HuntSAFE classes, resolving wildlife damage complaints, managing fisheries in both public and private waters, conducting wildlife management surveys, making season recommendations, managing habitat on state-owned Game Production Areas, and enrolling private land into the department's popular Walk-In Area Program.

As you can see, the job of a Conservation Officer is multi-faceted, and each officer must possess a commitment to the resource and an innate ability to deal effectively with people if they are to be successful in the respective work districts.

Conservation law enforcement is often misunderstood and almost always involves strong feelings and differing opinions. This report is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Conservation Officer profession. You will learn it can be a dangerous and demanding job, but the rewards are many. I am truly fortunate to have such dedicated employees serving our citizens, visitors, and wildlife resources. I hope you enjoy the report.

*From Game Wardens to Conservation Officers:
100 Years of Service to South Dakota*

BY ANDY ALBAN – LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Much has changed since the first century of wildlife law enforcement and the inception of the game warden in South Dakota. For one thing, we are no longer officially called “Game Wardens,” although that is what we are still referred to by many. We are now “Conservation Officers.” The transition was made to more accurately reflect the duties assigned to today’s officers. We still check hunting and fishing licenses, but we do so much more.



Law enforcement comprises a large part of a Conservation Officer’s duties, but considerable time is also spent on conservation concepts and practices such as wildlife management, habitat management, fisheries management and public relations. Many significant success stories attributed to the work of Conservation Officers go unnoticed. They aren’t the ones about catching the poacher who took a deer out of season, yet these stories are an equally important part of wildlife conservation.

I’m talking about the 1,000 acre walk-in area that an officer signed up after taking the time to visit with local landowners. That relationship provided the general public with another place to hunt. I’m talking about the 100-plus HuntSAFE classes made possible by relationships cultivated by officers working with local volunteers who had the interest and desire to teach kids the proper and safe way to handle firearms. Have you heard about the Conservation Officers who risked their lives during past blizzards, traveling down nearly impassable roads in order to get food, water and supplies to those who were in need? It isn’t always a glamorous job, but it is one that gives each Conservation Officer a great sense of pride and accomplishment after a day’s work.

The education and training required for Conservation Officers has changed drastically in the past decades. Today’s Conservation Officer normally has a long road to travel before getting their official



appointment. Many graduate from college with a bachelor’s degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences or a related field. During the summer months, many students gain valuable experience working for Game, Fish and Parks in various seasonal employee capacities. In fact, within the last five years we have implemented a Conservation Officer intern position for students to get a feel for what a Conservation Officer does. Once officially employed, an officer must attend the State Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pierre. This 12-week program seems like college all over again with the tests and qualifications that are required. Training in the “good old days” consisted of the dissemination

of the badge, ticket book and gun. Many of our predecessors and mentors were told, “Here is your gun and ticket book. Don’t do anything stupid.” Well, liability issues and the potential for lawsuits dictate we

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go a bit further to give these new recruits the training they need to become successful officers. After they complete studies at the Training Academy, they partake in another 17 weeks of training with current Conservation Officers as mentors and coaches. One of the key concepts of the program is “failing forward,” or learning through first-hand experiences in the field. All officers are required to pass semi-annual qualifications in firearms accuracy and defensive tactics. Recently, training in interpersonal communications has been introduced. Proper communication and public interaction is of utmost importance and can diffuse potentially dangerous confrontations from occurring when an officer encounters a violation. GFP supervisors have also stressed the need for continued communication and outreach efforts between local officers and the people they serve – landowners,

local residents, sportsmen and local leaders.

The Conservation Officer of today is trained and prepared to encounter violations that may not have been as prevalent years ago. Social change has caused Conservation Officers to act more as a generalist law enforcement officer, compared to the specialist nature of “warden duties” in former years. Drug and alcohol violations are often encountered, from driving under the influence to possession of illegal drugs. Although these violations are handled as they arise, the vast majority of Conservation Officer law enforcement duties are still devoted to policing voluntary, recreational-based activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping and boating. Most people view these activities as a way to relax and escape the stress and pressure of every day life. Conservation Officers routinely contact the public to perform compliance checks of licenses, game, and equipment. It is during these checks that officers make most of their law enforcement-related contacts with the public, so first impressions are critical. Conservation Officers must learn to balance effective law enforcement and officer safety while at the same time attempting to minimize disturbance to the public. This isn’t always an easy task.

The ultimate goal of conservation law enforcement is voluntary public compliance with game and fish regulations enacted by the legislature and the GFP Commission.

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SOUTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICER DUTIES

The Conservation Officer profession has been around for quite some time. Newly hired Conservation Officers often assume the public, especially the sporting public, knows we do more than just check hunting and fishing licenses. It does not take long for an officer to realize just how wrong that assumption can be and how little the public really knows about the duties of a Conservation Officer.



The truth of the matter is the job of a South Dakota Conservation Officer is incredibly diverse. The public's misconceptions are understandable since the majority of the sporting public only sees a Conservation Officer when he or she is conducting a license inspection and/or compliance check of game and gear. With the exception of HuntSAFE classes, the rest of the duties go largely unnoticed.

There remains a lot of confusion and misunderstanding about the Conservation Officer profession. The purpose of this section is to increase awareness of the many services Conservation Officers provide to private landowners, sportsmen and women, the wildlife resource, and the public in general.

Primary Purpose

Conservation Officers manage wildlife, fisheries, water and land resources, implement department programs, enforce laws in an assigned district to conserve and protect fish and wildlife, represent the department to the public, provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and promote public safety.

Law Enforcement: Conservation Officers enforce state laws and department regulations to ensure compliance, encourage wise and equitable use of the state's wildlife and fisheries resources, and promote public safety.

- 1 Conduct enforcement and surveillance activities and apprehend, arrest and cite violators.
- 1 Conduct investigations and resolve cases by collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses, interrogating suspects, preparing reports and testifying in court.
- 1 Prepare affidavits; obtain and serve search warrants, arrest warrants, and subpoenas; seize, collect, and preserve evidence.
- 1 Check licenses and safety equipment of hunters, anglers, boaters, and trappers and monitor related businesses for compliance with laws and regulations.
- 1 Teach law enforcement tactical and firearms training to co-workers and other law enforcement personnel.
- 1 Plan and assist in search and rescue and recovery operations.
- 1 Coordinate and teach *HuntSAFE* classes as well as recruit and train volunteer instructors.
- 1 Recommend changes to laws, regulations and department policies and procedures.
- 1 Coordinate with other law enforcement agencies to enforce laws across jurisdictional boundaries. Assist other law enforcement agencies as needed.
- 1 Enforce criminal laws in addition to game, fish, parks and boating laws.



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Wildlife Management: Conservation Officers manage wildlife resources to conserve and perpetuate species, provide recreational opportunities for the public and control depredation.

- ✦ Estimate wildlife population levels and trends by conducting seasonal surveys.
- ✦ Evaluate species and habitat availability, hunter numbers, and landowner tolerance to determine harvest quotas.
- ✦ Coordinate with other department personnel, other government agencies, and tribal game managers to develop wildlife management plans.
- ✦ Formulate annual population and harvest goals for big game and small game.
- ✦ Recommend harvest limits and season lengths in a region and statewide.
- ✦ Develop and implement plans to alleviate wildlife depredation, resolve other human-wildlife conflicts, and investigate wildlife deaths.
- ✦ Participate in special work assignments involving threatened and endangered species. Identify and evaluate critical habitat needs and habitat deficiencies.



Fisheries Management: Conservation Officers manage fisheries resources to conserve, perpetuate, and introduce species, develop and maintain aquatic habitat and enhance recreational opportunities.

- Recommend and implement lake management plans on public waters and develop and implement fisheries management strategies on privately owned waters.
- Evaluate area fisheries needs, angler requests and recommend stocking and habitat development.
- Design and implement habitat development projects.
- Recommend harvest numbers and size limits, season designs, and other specific harvest regulations for maintaining healthy fisheries populations.
- Operate and maintain fish-rearing ponds and trap and transfer fish.
- Monitor commercial fishing to protect game fish, record estimated weights of rough fish removed, and authorize contract payments to licensed commercial fishermen.
- Develop and enhance public fishing opportunities on private waters by recruiting landowners into department programs.
- Investigate fish losses to determine cause and evaluate potential impacts on fish populations.
- Recommend action on applications for fishing tournaments and monitor activities during the tournaments



Habitat Management and Private Lands Programs: Conservation Officers develop long- and short-term plans to improve wildlife habitat and recreational opportunity on department-owned and leased lands and develop and coordinate wildlife habitat programs on privately owned lands.

- ✦ Evaluate areas for wildlife production and habitat development potential.



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- 🚒 Develop five-year plans to manage public hunting areas to maximum potential within budgetary feasibility.
- 🚒 Implement, evaluate, and update five-year land management plans annually.
- 🚒 Negotiate and write contracts with public land tenants, evaluate their compliance with contract stipulations, authorize payments, and collect lease fees.
- 🚒 Introduce department programs to landowners and negotiate, monitor, and authorize payment contracts.
- 🚒 Evaluate land for acquisition and recommend purchase.
- 🚒 Monitor unauthorized use of department-owned and leased lands and develop corrective actions.
- 🚒 Direct activities of department land management crews on wildlife habitat and fishing access projects.

Public Relations and Public Education: Conservation Officers act as a liaison between the department and the public to resolve conflicts and enhance and maintain a positive public image.

- 🚒 Meet with members of the community in a variety of situations to relay information about the department; collect public opinion, input, and requests; and establish a network of communication.
- 🚒 Respond to public complaints, inquiries, and requests for information.
- 🚒 Present department information to the public via the media by writing news articles and participating in radio and television shows, sport shows, and fairs.
- 🚒 Prepare and present informational programs for civic organizations, sportsmen's groups, scout groups, and schools.
- 🚒 Facilitate educational programs in the schools.
- 🚒 Coordinate and recommend permits for special events or requests involving department-controlled recreational facilities or areas.



Challenges and Problems

Conservation Officers are challenged to represent the department to the public. This is challenging because officers work daily with a public comprised of broad social and economic backgrounds and must find solutions to situations which involve groups with diverse interests and individuals who have conflicting points of view about wildlife and fisheries management. Officers are also challenged to evaluate law enforcement confrontational situations and determine the appropriate course of action and requisite level of force response. This is difficult because decisions must be made instantly and each situation is potentially volatile.

Problems encountered include allocating time to accomplish required tasks adequately and continually reprioritizing to factor in unexpected incidents, meeting customer service demands during off-duty hours and maintaining proficiency in defensive tactics and firearms use.

Decision-making Authority

Conservation Officers determine components of land, fisheries and wildlife management plans, prioritize work schedules, resolve wildlife depredation problems and other human-wildlife conflicts, formulate license numbers and types for big game and designate hunting unit boundaries, establish



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probable cause for arrests, establish probable cause for obtaining search and arrest warrants, determine solutions to complaints, determine enforcement response in discretionary situations, develop training and educational courses, recommend state law and department regulation changes, bag limits, and season lengths, recommend improvements in wildlife and fisheries survey methods, recommend expenditure of funds for special projects, equipment purchases and capital development projects, recommend land purchases and negotiate contracts for habitat management and other services.

Other decisions deferred are final approval of management plans, harvest limits, and season lengths; state laws and department regulations; schedule of training courses; equipment, land purchases, and capital development projects; and work assignments outside of districts.

Contact with Others

Conservation Officers maintain daily contact with the public, both formally and informally, to establish rapport, resolve conflicts and complaints, enforce laws, implement department programs, and answer questions about wildlife and fisheries management and law enforcement; maintain weekly contact with other law enforcement and natural resources management agencies to coordinate similar functions and purposes; maintain contact with the media to provide information or write articles about wildlife and fisheries resource issues, and maintain contact with civic organizations, schools and sportsmen's groups to present informational programs.



Working Conditions

Conservation Officers work outdoors in all weather conditions and on all terrains and waterways, apprehend and cite violators who carry weapons and are sometimes confrontational, encounter situations that may involve high-speed pursuits often while alone and in remote areas,



operate equipment in adverse weather and wind conditions during search and rescue operations and spawning, deal with hysterical and bereaved relatives and friends, fly in small aircraft at low levels while conducting game surveys and enforcement patrols, are exposed to hazardous materials while applying pesticides and investigating chemical spills and poisoned carcasses and are exposed to contagious diseases and physical harm as trained first responders and while dealing with sick, injured, or dead wildlife.

Summary

The job of a Conservation Officer is remarkably varied and each day can bring a new set of challenges and adventures. The next time you see your local Conservation Officer driving around the country, you will know they are not just out looking for poachers. The officer may be heading to a farm to work on a wildlife damage complaint or meeting a rancher to enroll land in the department's Walk-In Area Program. The officer may have been dispatched to a crippled deer call. If it is sun-up in early August, the officer is probably counting pheasant broods, or possibly he or she is heading to one of the local lakes to help set nets for a fisheries survey. And there are times when an officer may do each of these tasks, and more, all in one day.



CONSERVATION OFFICER HIRING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

NEW CONSERVATION OFFICERS – 2008



Jeff Martin was raised and attended high school in Mitchell, South Dakota. Jeff holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from South Dakota State University. Prior to being hired as a Conservation Officer, Jeff worked for the Department in a Habitat Internship position. Upon completing his Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Jeff was stationed in Burke.



Clay Eberhart grew up in Park Rapids, Minnesota. Clay holds a Bachelor of Science in Field Biology and Ecology with a minor in Environmental Studies from St. Cloud State University, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Clay worked for the U.S. Geological Survey on a Pallid Sturgeon project on the Missouri River prior to employment with SD GFP. After completing his Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Clay was stationed in Wagner.



Cody Symens was raised on a farm south of Willow Lake, South Dakota. Cody went to college at South Dakota State University and holds a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. Cody was a Conservation Officer Intern the summer before he was hired on as a Conservation Officer. After completing his Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Cody was stationed in Redfield.

NEW CONSERVATION OFFICERS – 2009



Dan Altman was raised in Kimball, South Dakota. After completing high school, he attended South Dakota State University. Dan majored in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and graduated with a bachelor's degree. Prior to being hired as a Conservation Officer, Dan worked four summers for the Department as a seasonal and an intern. After completing Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Dan was stationed in Presho.



Matt Talbert was raised in Sioux Falls. Matt went to Washington High School and went to College at South Dakota State University. Matt graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. Prior to being hired as a Conservation Officer, Matt worked for South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks as an Intern in Sioux Falls doing fisheries work and in Webster assisting with goose depredation issues. After completing his Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Matt was stationed in Wall.

NEW CONSERVATION OFFICERS – 2009 (Continued)



Chris Subbert was raised and went to high school in Graettinger, Iowa. Chris attended Iowa Lakes Community College, then South Dakota State University. Chris graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. During the summers while in college, Chris worked as a seasonal Water Patrol Officer for Iowa DNR. After completing his Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Chris was assigned to his first duty station in Rapid City.



Jeff Lautenslager grew up near Green Bay, Wisconsin. He went to high school at Notre Dame Academy. Jeff attended college at Northern Michigan University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Conservation and a minor in Criminal Justice. Prior to being hired by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, Jeff was an Intern for Wisconsin DNR, worked as a Seasonal Water and ATV patrol officer for Iowa DNR, and worked on salmon study in Alaska. After completing his Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Jeff was stationed in Clark.



Matt Hill was raised in Dante, South Dakota and attended high school in Wagner. Matt attended South Dakota State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. Prior to being hired as a Conservation Officer, Matt worked as a biological aide for the Corps of Engineers, assisted with a SDSU Paddlefish research project and worked as a Conservation Officer Intern. After completing his Law Enforcement training and Field Training, Matt was stationed in Winner.



Greg Hastings grew up and attended high school in Jamestown, North Dakota. Greg attended Valley City State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management. Prior to being hired by South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, Greg worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, USGS-Northern Prairie Research Center and the North Dakota Game and Fish. After completing Law Enforcement training and the Field Training Program, Greg was stationed in Buffalo.



Jamin Hartland grew up on a farm west of Winner and attended Winner high school. Jamin attended South Dakota State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and a minor in Journalism. Jamin spent his summers working as a Wildlife Biologist at Custer State Park and working as a Conservation Officer Intern in Rapid City. Upon completing his Law Enforcement training and the Field Training Program, Jamin was stationed in Wall.

HIRING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

For most, the first step to becoming a Conservation Officer is to complete college. It is advantageous for an applicant to have a background in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, Zoology, or Biology.

A person with an interest in becoming a Conservation Officer must submit an application on a standardized form to the South Dakota Bureau of Personnel. The actual position title is called "Conservation Officer-In-Training" or Trainee. The Bureau of Personnel will compile a list of applicants and forward the list to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks. Upper-level administrators within the Division of Wildlife will then review the list and set-up interviews. During the interviews, each candidate is asked to complete a questionnaire which is used as another tool to determine which candidate is most qualified to become a Conservation Officer Trainee. Once a candidate is chosen for the position, they move onto the next phase of the hiring and training process.

There is a training timeline that all Conservation Officer Trainees must complete prior to assuming their first duty station as a newly hired Conservation Officer. The minimum timeframe to complete all aspects of the training is 31 weeks. However, the timeline may be extended by a period of weeks due to the impact of holidays, availability of Wildlife Training Officers, conflicts in work schedules, or the need for more in-depth training. The training regimen for a Conservation Officer Trainee consists of the following stages:

- ❖ Pre-Academy Training;
- ❖ Basic Academy Training;
- ❖ Post-Academy Training; and
- ❖ Wildlife Training Officer Program

The Pre-Academy training takes place in Pierre and lasts a minimum of two weeks. This time consists of a drug-screening test, a formal swearing in by a Circuit Court judge, some administrative processing, and in-house orientation. The Trainee also receives their equipment and initial uniform allotment during this time and spends time on the firing range qualifying with their state issued duty weapons.

The next step for the Trainee is the 12-week Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pierre at the George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center. A Conservation Officer Trainee must attend the state's law enforcement training academy the same as any other law enforcement officer.

Next, Trainees must complete a week of Post-Academy Training. This training is rotated around between the four administrative regions. Time is spent learning and reviewing wildlife laws and regulations. This training is conducted in-house by regional and Pierre administrative staff, as well as by experienced Conservation Officers.

After completion of the Post-Academy Training, a Wildlife Conservation Officer Trainee must then complete a minimum of fifteen weeks in the Wildlife Training Officer Program in various locations around the state. The Wildlife Training Officer Program was implemented as part of a strategic plan to improve communications between Wildlife Conservation Officers and the public within our state. This new approach to training replaced the department's previous program known as the Field Training Program. Previously, the Field Training Program was primarily based on developing mechanical skills; however, the Wildlife Training Officer Program combines community policing philosophies, contemporary adult educational methods, and a version of problem-based learning adapted for Conservation Officers.



Conservation Officer Matt Hill receives the Coler-Williams award from Attorney General Marty Jackley at the completion of his Basic Law Enforcement Academy training.

CONSERVATION OFFICER HIRING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Essentially, the Wildlife Training Officer Program offers an invaluable tool for teaching Trainees to perform their duties and responsibilities in a more efficient, effective, and equitable manner by:

- Providing learning opportunities for the Conservation Officer Trainee that meet or exceed the training needs for both the Division of Wildlife and the community;
- Developing and enhancing the Conservation Officer Trainee's learning from the academy and transferring it to the community environment through a series of real-life problem solving activities;
- Fostering a growing independence from the Wildlife Training Officer Program over the course of the program;
- Producing graduates of the Wildlife Training Officer Program who are capable of providing responsible community-focused services;
- Preparing the Conservation Officer Trainee to use a problem-solving approach throughout their career;
- Promoting the practice of using community members as partners in solving problems and
- Designing fair and consistent evaluations that address the Conservation Officer Trainee's skills, knowledge, application, and ability to problem solve effectively.

Once the Trainee successfully completes all the training requirements, he or she officially becomes a Conservation Officer and as such is assigned to a vacant Conservation Officer district. If there are no vacant Conservation Officer districts, the Conservation Officer will be assigned to a regional office until there is a vacancy.

However, if a Conservation Officer Trainee believes their training obligation ends after becoming a Conservation Officer they would be mistaken. In fact, their training is just beginning.

Each year the department holds annual training sessions in topics such as firearms, defensive tactics, search and seizure, domestic violence, body dragging, officer liability, laws of arrest, hazardous materials, homeland security, BUI enforcement, terrorism, federal wildlife, firearm and immigration laws, emergency vehicle operation and wildlife diseases.



Conservation Officer Matt Talbert receives the Coler-Williams award from Attorney General Larry Long at the completion of his Basic Law Enforcement Academy training.

CONSERVATION OFFICERS' JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

According to South Dakota Codified Law (41-15-10.1) Conservation Officers have statewide authority to enforce those statutes which:

- fall under Title 22 (Crimes);
- pertain to game, fish, parks, forestry, or boating;
- pertain to driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, or eluding an officer;
- regulate open alcohol containers in motor vehicles and underage possession of alcohol and occurs on property owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks;
- regulate snowmobile licensing and operation;
- regulate carrying firearms on motorcycles and off-road vehicles;
- pertain to littering.

Additionally, according to SDCL 41-15-10, South Dakota's Conservation Officers "have full power and authority to serve and execute all warrants and process of law issued by a court in enforcing the provisions of any law of the state".

EQUIPMENT

The equipment provided by the department to its Conservation Officers is a direct reflection of the many duties the officers are required to perform. Whether the equipment is an extended cab pickup or a 12' flat bottom boat with a 10 horsepower kicker, Conservation Officers are capable of working in virtually any environment and responding to a wide variety of law enforcement situations. These situations can include responding to any number of unforeseen and potentially life-threatening emergencies, patrolling high-risk areas during a terrorist threat, or assisting in search and rescue or search and recovery operations.

Another unique aspect of wildlife law enforcement, and another reason why Conservation Officers have need for such a wide variety of equipment, is the fact hunting, fishing, and trapping activities, legal or otherwise, occur 24 hours a day on water as well as on land.

And let us not forget, Conservation Officers are the designated "waterway police" for the State of South Dakota and are responsible for all boating-related law enforcement activities. The size and type of boats assigned are based upon the particular water resources found in an officer's district.

Simply stated, Conservation Officers have access to equipment that allows them to do their job. The availability and diversity of equipment together with an officer's familiarity with his or her district are just two reasons why Conservation Officers are such an integral part of their local law enforcement communities.



Standard gear on a Conservation Officer's duty belt includes (clockwise) collapsible baton, tactical flashlight, pepper spray, handcuffs, Glock .40 pistol, and two extra magazines



The Workhorse of the Wildlife Conservation Officer Profession: The department equips its officers with either ¾-ton or ½-ton extended cab 4-wheel drive pickups. **Inset:** Officers are also often assigned an ATV for getting in places and doing things a standard pickup cannot do.

EQUIPMENT



ABOVE: Conservation Officer patrol vehicles are fully equipped emergency vehicles complete with warning lights, siren and communications equipment installed.
BELOW: Conservation Officer Brook Brown stands ready for a day of work on the water with his patrol vehicle and attached jet ski.



EQUIPMENT



South Dakota's public waters come in a variety of shapes and sizes and Conservation Officers have access to specialized watercraft that enables them to work on the water regardless of the conditions. **ABOVE:** Conservation Officers in Region 3 use a flat bottom boat on the Missouri River. **BELOW:** Conservation Officer Nick Cochran on his boat patrol at Richmond Lake in Region 4.



EQUIPMENT



Conservation Officers use various electronic tools in their job. **ABOVE:** Jamie Pekelder is operating side scan sonar during training. These devices are useful in locating sunken vessels, drowning victims and other items under water. **BOTTOM LEFT:** GPSs are used by officers for mapping, marking evidence and locating items reported by the public. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Conservation Officers use Preliminary Breath Testers (PBTs) primarily for underage consumption and BUI/DUI enforcement. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A night vision monocular is used to improve an officer's ability to work in dark conditions.

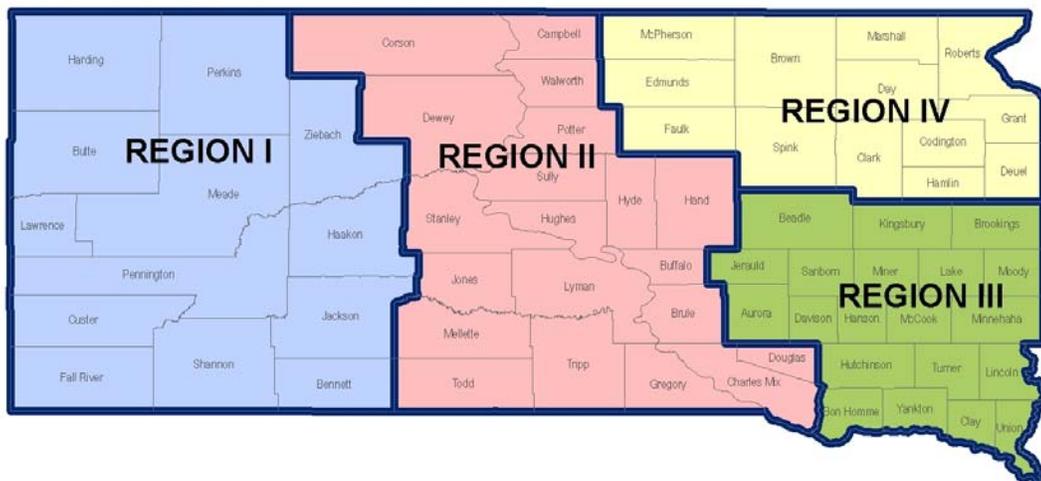


WILDLIFE DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS

The Division of Wildlife's Operations Section is split into four administrative regions. Each region is under the guidance of a regional supervisor, as well as other assistant supervisory staff. An array of Conservation Officers is assigned to each region.

Although Conservation Officers are assigned to specific regions, they are not limited by those boundaries. Conservation Officers may work law enforcement and resource management details across the state.

In addition to the four regions, the Division of Wildlife also has an administrative section that is made up of various coordinators, investigators, program administrators and support staff.



Region 1: THE COUNTIES OF BENNETT, BUTTE, CUSTER, FALL RIVER, HAAKON, HARDING, JACKSON, LAWRENCE, MEADE, PENNINGTON, PERKINS, SHANNON, AND ZIEBACH.

Region 2: THE COUNTIES OF BRULE, BUFFALO, CAMPBELL, CHARLES MIX, CORSON, DEWEY, DOUGLAS, GREGORY, HAND, HUGHES, HYDE, JONES, LYMAN, MELLETTE, POTTER, STANLEY, SULLY, TODD, TRIPP, AND WALWORTH.

Region 3: THE COUNTIES OF AURORA, BEADLE, BON HOMME, BROOKINGS, CLAY, DAVISON, HANSON, HUTCHINSON, JERAULD, KINGSBURY, LAKE, LINCOLN, MCCOOK, MINER, MINNEHAHA, MOODY, SANBORN, TURNER, UNION, AND YANKTON.

Region 4: THE COUNTIES OF BROWN, CLARK, CODINGTON, DAY, DEUEL, EDMUNDS, FAULK, GRANT, HAMLIN, MARSHALL, MCPHERSON, ROBERTS, AND SPINK.

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REGION 1 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

WILDLIFE DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE REGION 1
LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF LISTING FOR 2008 – 2009



Mike Kintigh

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Conservation Officer Supervisor

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Conservation Officer Supervisor

Conservation Officers

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Bill Eastman	Butte County
Jeff Edwards	Central Pennington County
Adam Geigle	Southern Custer County
Scot Hawks	Western Meade County
Brian Meiers	Central Pennington County
Keith Mutschler	Perkins County
Darren "DJ" Schroeder	Fall River and Western Shannon Counties
Chris Subbert	Central Pennington County
Matt Talbert	Eastern Pennington and S.E. Meade Counties
Nathan Wagner	Harding County
Blair Waite	N. Custer, S. Lawrence and W. Pennington Counties
Vacant	Eastern Meade and Ziebach Counties

REGION 1 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2008 AND 2009

BY JOSH BRAINARD AND JIM MCCORMICK, CONSERVATION OFFICER SUPERVISORS



Region 1 encompasses most of western South Dakota. The region includes 13 counties, and has 15 field officers when fully staffed and three supervisory officers. You can find officers investigating cases from the North Dakota state line all the way down to the Nebraska border. Conservation Officers continued to be diligent in their law enforcement efforts for 2008 and 2009. Conservation Officers made over 26,000 resource user contacts for those two years.



Region 1 is known for its vast amount of public land hunting opportunity. There are over four million acres located within the region. Conservation Officers run across a wide variety of violations with all the different user groups. Some of the more common violations directly associated with public land use are: driving off of designated roads, uncased firearms on ATV'S and carcass dumping/littering.

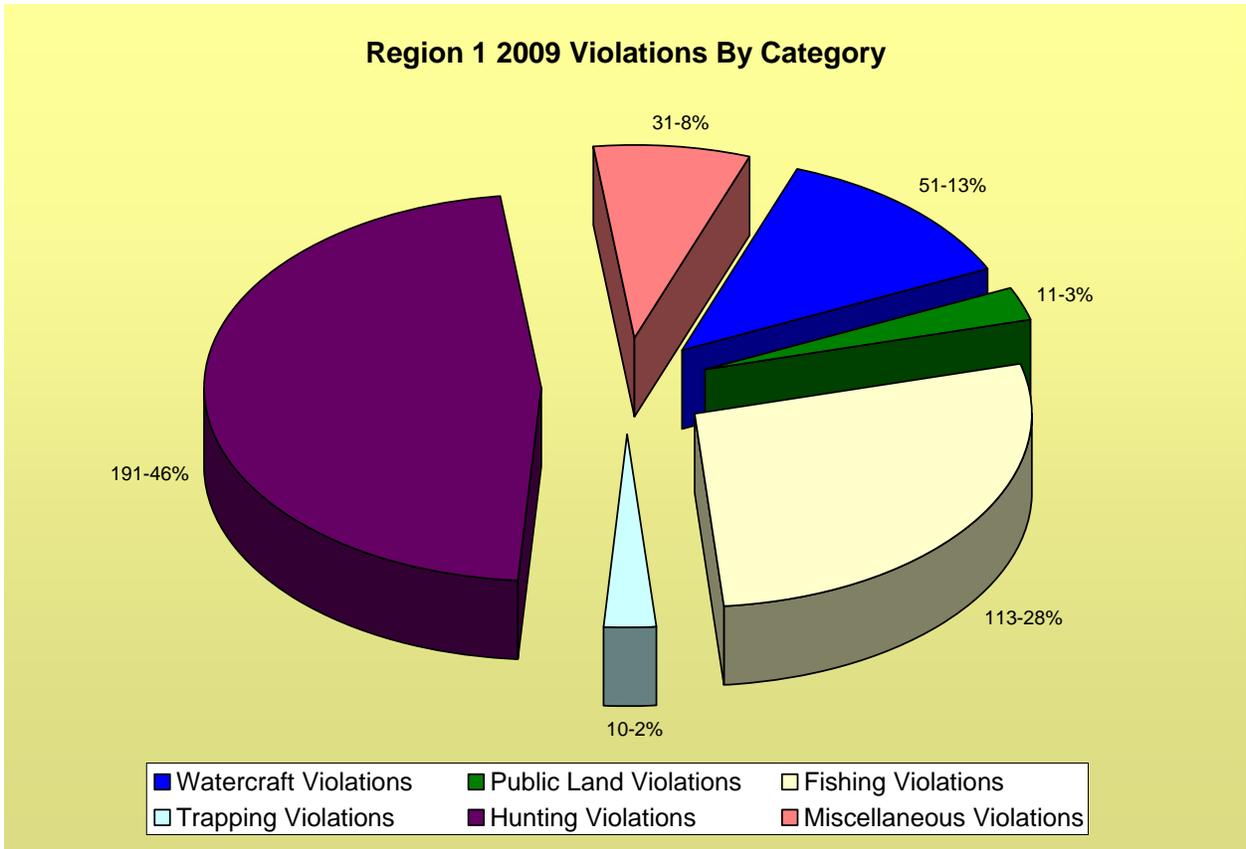
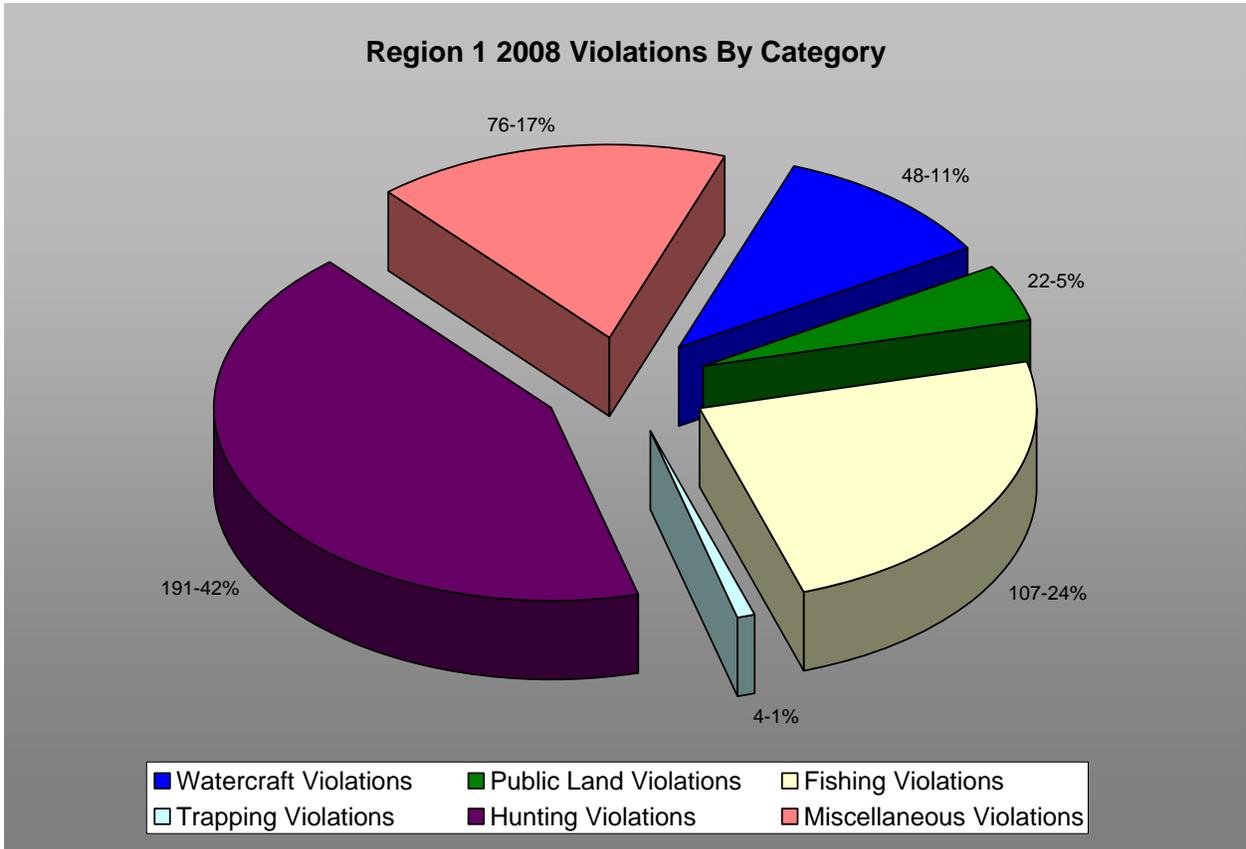
Conservation Officers are some of the best trained officers in the state. Our training is done in house by our own staff. Each year, Region 1 holds multiple training sessions to keep our officers up to speed in the different disciplines. Region 1 has three defensive tactics instructors that provide training in the areas of: knife defense, weapon retention, ground fighting, and less-lethal weapon systems. We also have four firearms instructors who continue to provide different dynamics to our training curriculum. We currently have two boat accident investigators within the region. Region 1 has four wildlife training officers that take on the added challenge of training our new officers after they have completed the Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Community and landowner relations continue to be an important role for Conservation Officers in the west. Conservation Officers communicate through on-ranch visits, landowner/sportsman input meetings, newspaper articles and by promoting our Hunt Safe program for all ages. Conservation Officers are also involved with a variety of educational programs not directly related to wildlife conservation in their districts. For example, Conservation Officers assist other agencies with the Tri-County Alcohol Awareness Program which is an alcohol and drug outreach program designed to reach the freshman age classes to increase awareness and deter accidents related to alcohol and drug use. Conservation Officers assist in this program by educating the classes on boating under the influence while utilizing Game, Fish & Parks Jet Ski (BUI) simulator.

Spring and summer recreation increased with higher water levels on area lakes and streams. All lakes and dams were at or near full capacity which increased recreational use during the spring and summer months. Region 1 Conservation Officers stayed busy checking the many fishermen and watercraft on area lakes and dams. Conservation Officers investigated six boating accidents in which two of those were serious injury accidents. Conservation Officers also investigated a total of six boating under the influence (BUI) cases in the Region. Saturation patrol efforts continued on Black Hills Lakes to increase enforcement with minor consumption issues. Conservation Officers close working relationships with the various Sheriff's Offices and US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers has helped with enforcement efforts as Conservation Officers are unable to enforce alcohol violations on US Forest Service lakes other than BUI.

Wildlife populations in areas of Region 1 suffered a slight decline in this period. The biggest limiting factor for wildlife populations is the harsh winters and western South Dakota had two long winters in 2008 & 2009. Antelope numbers decreased between 40% - 50% in areas, while prairie deer numbers also declined in parts of Region 1. Black Hills deer numbers declined due to increased hunter harvest and a stable mountain lion population. Elk populations continued to decline primarily due to directed hunter harvest in our private land units. Turkeys also saw a decline in parts of the region with the harsh winters and wet spring storms.

REGION 1 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS



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REGION 1 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
0	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	1	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE
8	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	1	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT
0	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	4	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
37	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	17	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
4	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	2	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
0	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
12	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	5	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
0	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	1	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
2	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	0	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
1	EXCEED MAXIMUM SIZE-HUNT PARTY	0	USE OF TWO-WAY RADIO IN VEHICLE
0	FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF RELEASE OF BIRDS	0	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
2	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	1	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
1	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	0	VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF UNARMED RETRIEVAL
1	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	1	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
0	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	0	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
10	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	191	
0	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
0	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		
Fishing Violations			
7	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	BAIT DEALER - ILLEGAL POSSESSION/TRANSPORT
0	HUNTING IN REFUGE	1	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
21	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	0	FAILURE TO RETURN GAME FISH BACK TO WATER
1	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	1	FALSE RECORD KEEPING - BAIT DEALER
2	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	0	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
0	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	14	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-NON RESIDENT
18	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	62	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
0	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	0	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
11	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	3	OVER LIMIT OTHER SPECIES FISH
1	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME-2ND OFFENSE	1	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
1	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
2	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
1	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	1	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
1	NO PLUG IN GUN	1	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
1	NONRESIDENT BIG GAME LICENSE REQUIRED	1	PROHIBITED BAIT
0	NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	1	RETAIL BAIT DEALER LICENSES
5	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	2	TOO MANY LINES
2	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	1	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
0	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	2	UNATTENDED LINES
0	RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	14	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	0	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE -INSUFFICIENT RELEASE	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	2	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
6	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	107	

REGION 1 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

**REGION 1 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS
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Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
4	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	12	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
1	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	0	CARELESS DRIVING
13	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	0	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
0	NO THROWABLE LIFESAVING DEVICE	0	DISTURBANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL DEVICE
2	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
15	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
1	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
7	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	1	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
1	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	0	DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	0	ELUDING OFFICER
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	1	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
1	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	0	FAILURE TO APPEAR
3	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	0	FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN
48		1	FAILURE TO SURRENDER LICENSE
		0	FALSE REPORTING TO LAW OFFICER
		0	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
Public Land Violations		1	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
0	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	0	IMPERSONATION OF AN OFFICER
1	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	1	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
5	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	21	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
2	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	1	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
1	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	10	LITTERING PROHIBITED
0	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	4	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
0	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	0	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
2	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	0	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
1	START OPEN FIRE IN BLACK HILLS	1	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
10	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	0	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
0	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	0	POSSESS MARIJUANA LESS 1/2 LBS
22		2	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
		0	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
Trapping Violations		5	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM
0	FAILURE TO RENDER TRAP INOPERABLE	2	RECKLESS DRIVING
0	POSSESS WILD ANIMAL-FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPT	0	RESISTING ARREST
4	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	1	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
0	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE	1	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
4		0	SIMPLE ASSAULT
		8	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
		2	VANDALISM
		76	

REGION 1 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 1 2009 VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
2	ACCOMPANIED BY UNLICENSED PERSON	8	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
6	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	11	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	3	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
0	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	2	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
13	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
4	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	1	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
1	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	7	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE NON-RESIDENT
11	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	0	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE - RESIDENT
0	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	0	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
0	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	1	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
7	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	0	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
3	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	1	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
3	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	6	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
3	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	0	WILDLIFE PROCESSING FACILITY
2	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	191	
2	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
0	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		Fishing Violations
0	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON- NON RES	0	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
9	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
0	HUNTING FROM SNOWMOBILE	8	FISHING LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
29	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	17	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE - NON RESIDENT
1	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	54	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
1	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	0	ILLEGAL FISHING METHODS (SNAGGING)
1	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	2	ILLEGAL POSSESSION GAME/FISH
14	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	1	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
1	INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
0	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	1	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
12	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
1	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	4	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
4	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	1	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
0	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	3	PROHIBITED BAIT
0	NO PLUG IN GUN	9	TOO MANY LINES
5	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	0	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
1	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	0	UNATTENDED LINES
0	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	10	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	0	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
9	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	3	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
0	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE	0	UNLAWFUL SALE/PURCHASE OF FISH
1	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT	113	

REGION 1 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

**REGION 1 2009 VIOLATION STATISTICS
CONTINUED**

Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
6	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	4	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
2	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	0	COMPOUNDING A MISDEMEANOR
15	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	0	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
9	MOTORBOAT WAKE/WASH VIOLATIONS	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
2	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
6	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
2	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
3	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-UNDER 21
3	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	0	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
1	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	0	ELUDING OFFICER
1	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	0	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	0	EXHIBITION DRIVING IN PARKS
0	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	0	FAILURE TO STOP AT SIGNAL OF OFFICER
1	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	4	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
51		2	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
		0	IMPERSONATION TO DECEIVE OFFICER
Public Land Violations		1	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
0	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	1	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
0	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	0	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
7	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	5	LITTERING PROHIBITED
0	FIREARMS WITHIN PARKS	1	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
0	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	0	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
1	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	0	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
0	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	0	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
0	LEAVING PROPERTY ON DEPT. LAND	0	PETTY THEFT 2ND DEGREE-\$400 OR LESS
0	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	0	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
0	LOUD SPEAKER PROHIBITED	3	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
2	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	0	POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
0	PETS TO BE LEASHED	0	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
1	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	0	RECKLESS DRIVING
0	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	0	RESISTING ARREST
11		4	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
		2	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
Trapping Violations		0	TAXIDERMY LICENSE
3	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	4	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
2	TRAP MARKING REQUIRED	31	
4	TRAP ROBBING OR INJURY		
1	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE		
10			

REGION 2 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

WILDLIFE DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE REGION 2
LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF LISTING FOR 2008 – 2009



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Regional Supervisor

Dale Gates
Conservation Officer Supervisor

John Murphy
Conservation Officer Supervisor

Conservation Officers

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Josh Carr	Stanley County
Doug DeLaRoi	Campbell and Northern Walworth Counties
Clay Eberhart	Southern Charles Mix County
Cory Flor	Hyde and Hand Counties
Shawn Madison	Corson and Dewey Counties
Jeff Martin	Gregory County
Don McCrea	Sully County
Brent Nye	Douglas and Northern Charles Mix Counties
Mark Ohm	Buffalo and Eastern Lyman Counties
Steve Rossow	Brule County
Brad Saltsman	Potter and Southern Walworth Counties
Tony Stokely	Hughes County
Mike Thorson	Pierre Area and Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access

REGION 2 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2008 AND 2009

BY DALE GATES AND JOHN MURPHY, CONSERVATION OFFICER SUPERVISORS



Region 2 is located in the central portion of the state. The region includes 18 counties, most of which border the Missouri River. The region has 18 uniformed officers when fully staffed. Watercraft enforcement involved checking boaters for required safety equipment, investigating boat accidents, and monitoring for safe boat operation on reservoirs and lakes. These enforcement efforts have significantly increased compliance, making our waterways much safer for the boating and angling public.



With increased precipitation and runoff, the number of anglers and boaters using the Missouri River reservoirs was up due to increase in lake levels. The most common boating violations encountered in Region 2 were insufficient numbers of lifejackets and no valid boat license.

Anglers experienced very good success in the northern part of region due to favorable fish populations and lake levels. Most of the violations encountered were no fishing license and walleye length cases. Officers continued to receive reports of over-limits during those times that fishing was good. Several over-limit citations were issued in 2008 and 2009.

Favorable weather conditions once again were credited for great pheasant numbers in 2009. Prairie grouse numbers were also good in most traditional areas of the region. Illegal road hunting, including violations related to hunting from motor vehicles, continued to be a problem in some areas of Region 2. Officers will continue to monitor such activity and plan for enforcement efforts to address problem areas.

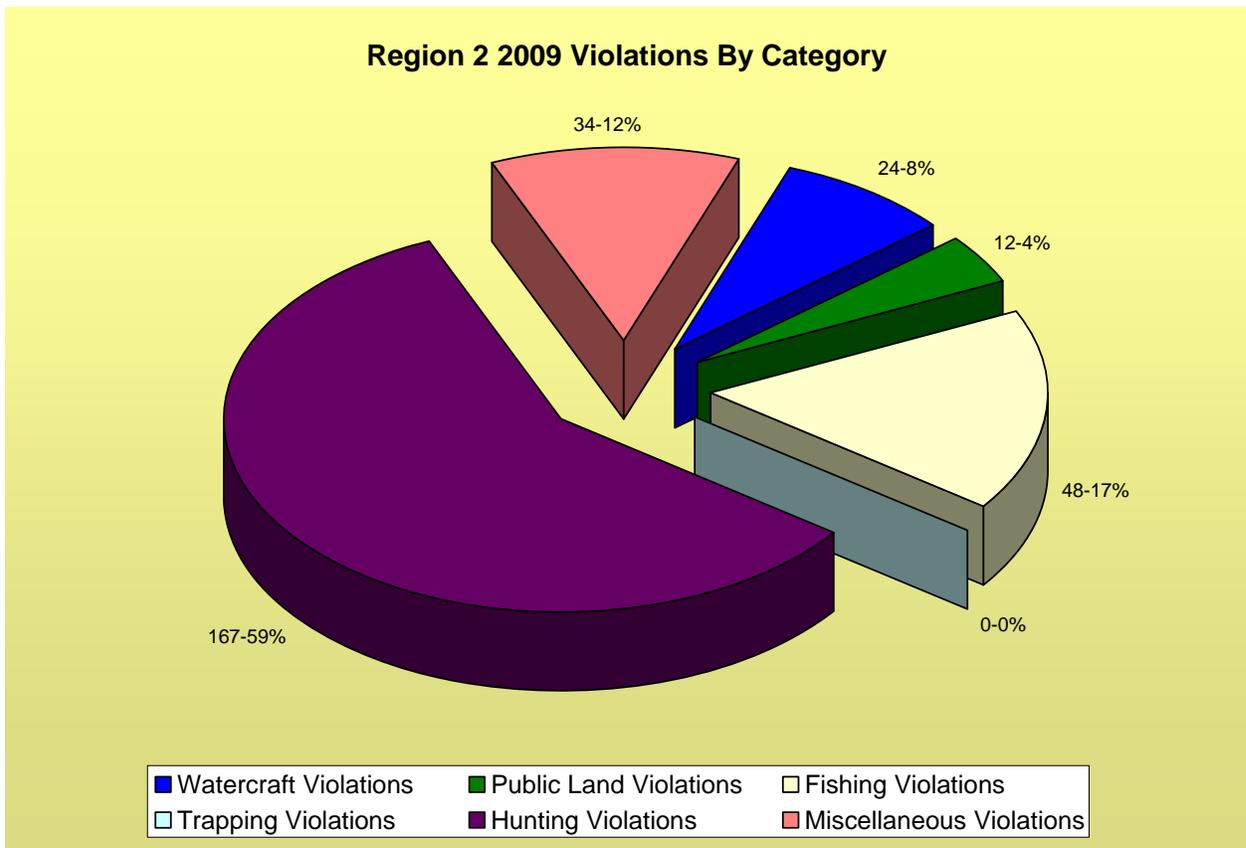
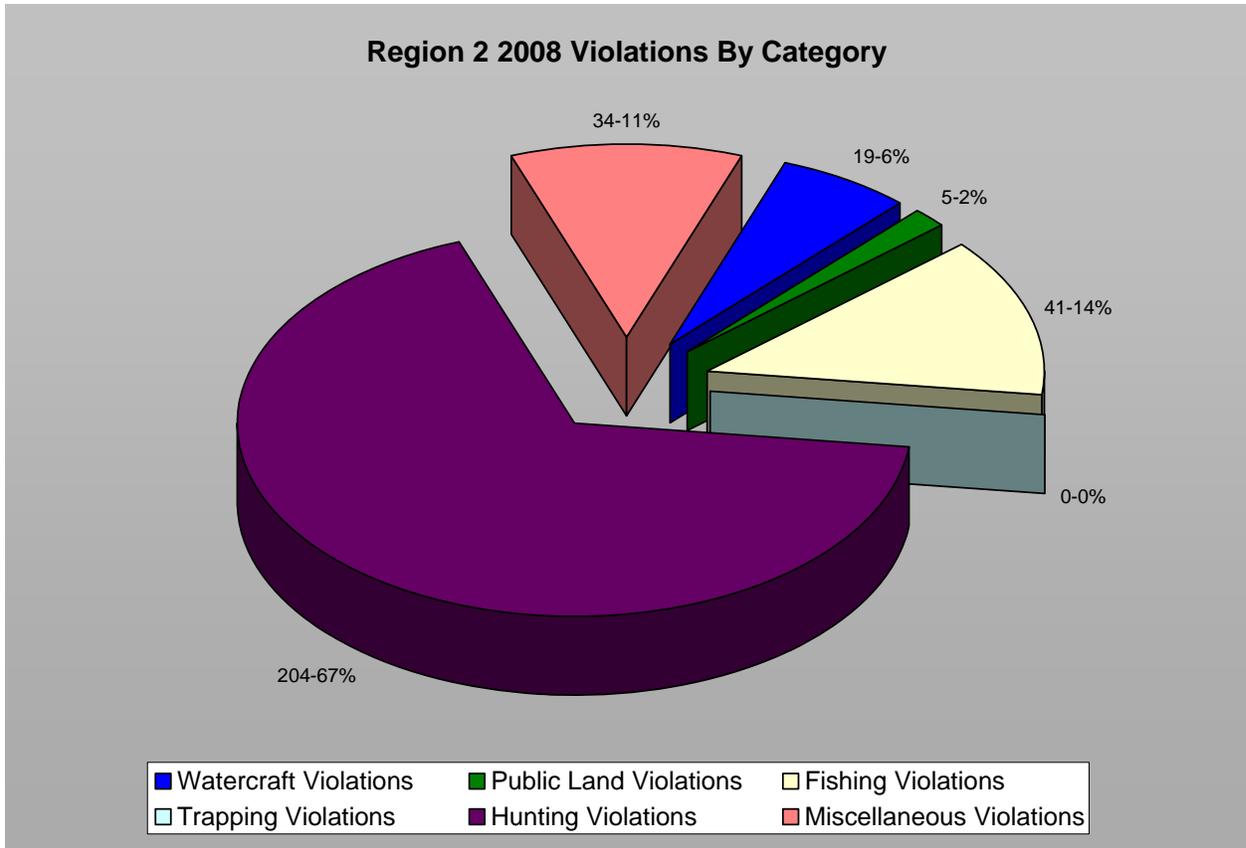
Big game hunting opportunities were again strong in both years. Violations for shooting big game from road rights-of-way and hunting from vehicles continue to be a problem and will be addressed in coming seasons. Region 2 officers organized several operations using wildlife replicas to address this issue and expect to do so again in the future. All such operations conducted in the region are implemented at the request of private landowners.

Region 2 offers some of the best opportunities in the nation for upland game hunting and fishing. Managing such a diverse resource with a broad user base has its problems and challenges. The Conservation Officers stationed along the central Missouri River in South Dakota are a group of dedicated officers that strive to protect both those resources and the people who enjoy them.



Conservation Officer Trainees Matt Hill, Jamin Hartland, and Greg Hastings at the completion of their Basic LE training.

REGION 2 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS



REGION 2 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 2 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
0	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	1	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE
6	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	6	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT
1	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	7	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
11	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	9	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
0	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	19	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
0	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	7	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
1	CARRY UNCASED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	3	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
0	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	46	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
0	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	2	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
0	EXCEED MAXIMUM SIZE-HUNT PARTY	0	USE OF TWO-WAY RADIO IN VEHICLE
0	FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF RELEASE OF BIRDS	4	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
1	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	0	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
4	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	1	VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF UNARMED RETRIEVAL
4	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	5	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
3	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	2	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
8	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	204	
1	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
0	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		
Fishing Violations			
6	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	BAIT DEALER - ILLEGAL POSSESSION/TRANSPORT
0	HUNTING IN REFUGE	0	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
5	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	0	FAILURE TO RETURN GAME FISH BACK TO WATER
0	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	0	FALSE RECORD KEEPING - BAIT DEALER
1	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	0	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
0	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	2	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-NON RESIDENT
4	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	7	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
0	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	0	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
8	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	9	OVER LIMIT OTHER SPECIES FISH
0	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME-2ND OFFENSE	10	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
0	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
12	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
0	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	0	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
0	NO PLUG IN GUN	0	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
0	NONRESIDENT BIG GAME LICENSE REQUIRED	0	PROHIBITED BAIT
1	NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	0	RETAIL BAIT DEALER LICENSES
7	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	4	TOO MANY LINES
5	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	0	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
0	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	0	UNATTENDED LINES
0	RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	8	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
2	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	1	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE -INSUFFICIENT RELEASE	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
0	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	41	

REGION 2 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 2 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS
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Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
2	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	0	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
0	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	0	CARELESS DRIVING
7	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	1	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
0	NO THROWABLE LIFESAVING DEVICE	0	DISTURBANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL DEVICE
3	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
4	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
1	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	0	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
0	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	0	DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS
1	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	0	ELUDING OFFICER
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	0	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
0	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	0	FAILURE TO APPEAR
1	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	0	FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN
19		0	FAILURE TO SURRENDER LICENSE
		0	FALSE REPORTING TO LAW OFFICER
		0	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
Public Land Violations		0	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
2	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	0	IMPERSONATION OF AN OFFICER
0	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	2	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
3	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	1	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
0	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	0	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
0	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	15	LITTERING PROHIBITED
0	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	2	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
0	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	0	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
0	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	1	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
0	START OPEN FIRE IN BLACK HILLS	4	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
0	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	1	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
0	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	0	POSSESS MARIJUANA LESS 1/2 LBS
5		0	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
		5	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
Trapping Violations		1	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM
0	FAILURE TO RENDER TRAP INOPERABLE	0	RECKLESS DRIVING
0	POSSESS WILD ANIMAL-FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPT	1	RESISTING ARREST
0	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	0	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
0	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE	0	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
0		0	SIMPLE ASSAULT
		0	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
		0	VANDALISM
		34	

REGION 2 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 2 2009 VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
0	ACCOMPANIED BY UNLICENSED PERSON	5	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
0	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	9	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
8	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	15	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
0	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
8	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
0	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	34	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
0	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	0	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE NON-RESIDENT
1	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	0	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE - RESIDENT
2	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	2	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
0	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	1	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
3	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	0	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
14	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	2	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
4	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	1	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
9	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	0	WILDLIFE PROCESSING FACILITY
4	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	167	
0	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
0	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		Fishing Violations
0	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON- NON RES	0	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
6	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	2	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
1	HUNTING FROM SNOWMOBILE	3	FISHING LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
6	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	8	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE - NON RESIDENT
0	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	5	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
2	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	1	ILLEGAL FISHING METHODS (SNAGGING)
0	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	1	ILLEGAL POSSESSION GAME/FISH
2	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	1	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
0	INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING	1	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
0	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	7	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
7	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
1	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	0	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
4	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	0	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
1	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	0	PROHIBITED BAIT
0	NO PLUG IN GUN	2	TOO MANY LINES
1	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	4	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
3	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	1	UNATTENDED LINES
0	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	7	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	1	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
2	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	1	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
2	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
2	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE	3	UNLAWFUL SALE/PURCHASE OF FISH
4	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT	48	

REGION 2 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 2 2009 VIOLATION STATISTICS
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Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
3	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	2	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
0	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	1	COMPOUNDING A MISDEMEANOR
8	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	0	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
0	MOTORBOAT WAKE/WASH VIOLATIONS	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
1	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
7	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
2	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-UNDER 21
1	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	1	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
0	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	0	ELUDING OFFICER
1	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	2	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	0	EXHIBITION DRIVING IN PARKS
0	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	0	FAILURE TO STOP AT SIGNAL OF OFFICER
1	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	0	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
24		1	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
		0	IMPERSONATION TO DECEIVE OFFICER
		3	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
Public Land Violations			
1	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	7	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
1	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	2	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
7	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	3	LITTERING PROHIBITED
0	FIREARMS WITHIN PARKS	1	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
0	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	0	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
2	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	0	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
0	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	2	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
0	LEAVING PROPERTY ON DEPT. LAND	0	PETTY THEFT 2ND DEGREE-\$400 OR LESS
0	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	0	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
0	LOUD SPEAKER PROHIBITED	3	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
0	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	1	POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
1	PETS TO BE LEASHED	2	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
0	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	0	RECKLESS DRIVING
0	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	0	RESISTING ARREST
12		0	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
		0	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
		0	TAXIDERMY LICENSE
Trapping Violations			
0	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	1	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
0	TRAP MARKING REQUIRED	34	
0	TRAP ROBBING OR INJURY		
0	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE		
0			

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WILDLIFE DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE REGION 3
LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF LISTING FOR 2008 – 2009



Arden Petersen
Regional Supervisor
Marty Pennock
Conservation Officer Supervisor
Mark Smedsrud
Conservation Officer Supervisor

Conservation Officers

Todd Crownover	Bon Homme County
Jeff Grendler	Brookings County
Brandon Gust	Lake County
Jared Hill	Minnehaha County
Brian Humphrey	Hutchinson and Turner Counties
Michael Kavanagh	Aurora and Jerauld Counties
Joe Keeton	Clay and Southern Union Counties
Tim McCurdy	Beadle County
Evan Meyer	Miner and Sanborn Counties
Andy Petersen	Davison and Western Hanson Counties
Jeremy Roe	Lincoln and Northern Union Counties
Jeremy Rakowicz	Minnehaha County
Sam Schelhaas	Yankton County
Andy Schmahl	McCook and Eastern Hanson Counties
Shane VanBockern	Kingsbury County
Shawn Wichmann	Minnehaha County
Chad Williams	Moody County

REGION 3 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2008 AND 2009

BY MARTY PENNOCK AND MARK SMEDSRUD, CONSERVATION OFFICER SUPERVISORS

The law enforcement officers of Region 3 continued to grow and mature in 2008 and 2009. We lost a dear friend and respected Conservation Officer with nearly 30 years of wildlife work in the State, Tom Petry, to an illness in 2008. We had motivated officers that stepped up into roles within our Region to fill vacancies created from deployments of personnel that supported the Global War on Terrorism overseas.



Those that filled vacancies and those that remained in their duty stations continued on by meeting our mission to manage wildlife and serve the public without affecting our service to them.

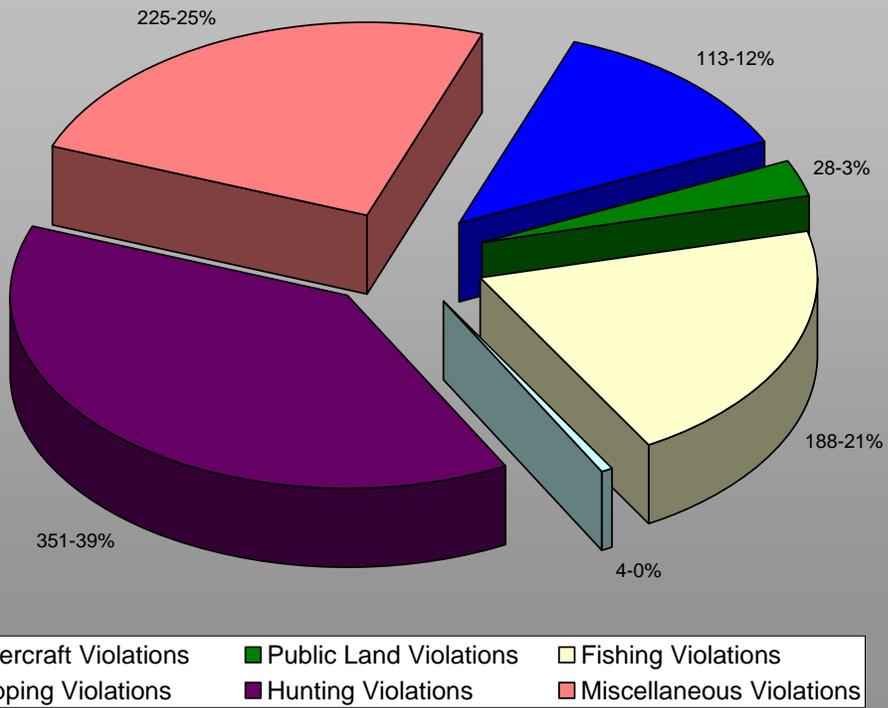
The focus of our law enforcement activities in 2008 and 2009 was centered on the goal of retaining hunters, fishermen and trappers. Additionally, we expanded our vision to identify potential future recruiting sources and sought out every venue to gain interest from the public in hunting, fishing, boating and trapping. These parameters served as the left and right limits of our officers' law enforcement activities. These activities continued to target those that intentionally violated the hunting, fishing, boating and trapping laws within the 20 county area of southeastern South Dakota. Our officers zeroed in on those that jeopardized the safety of others, used our resources negatively (greed or unlawful profit) for commercial use, those that were wasteful and disrespectful to others, and those who used illegal methods for the taking of wildlife. Along with the basic foundation of targeting those that stole opportunities from others, our officers' keen awareness of trying to gain public access to outdoor activities made our efforts even more sharpened. This understanding directed all 21 law enforcement officers' work and provided sound guidance to meeting our commitment of providing quality outdoor opportunities for those that wished to enjoy the resources of this state.

Our officers are well trained, professional, skilled, effective and efficient law enforcement officials of the state. Officers are tasked daily to balance laws, rules, policies, procedures, written guidance and work direction from the Department to drive proactive law enforcement efforts. These parameters along with community opinion, public involvement and landowner/resource user complaints drove the reactive law efforts of the officers. In these efforts, the officers of our Region had over 30,000 law enforcement contacts in 2008/2009 and over 3,600 law enforcement actions. The officers of this Region continually challenged themselves in becoming advanced instructors and trainers. We had five trained Defensive Tactic Instructors in the Region skilled in Knife Defense, Handgun and Long gun Disarming and Retention, Ground Fighting and Basic Self Defense. We had five certified Firearm Instructors that brought our officers up to an excellent level of performance in the potential use of firearms in dealing with those who would harm the public or us. We were fortunate to have five Wildlife Training Officers in the Region that took on new Trainees and taught them the necessary skills a Wildlife Conservation Officer needs in meeting our mission.

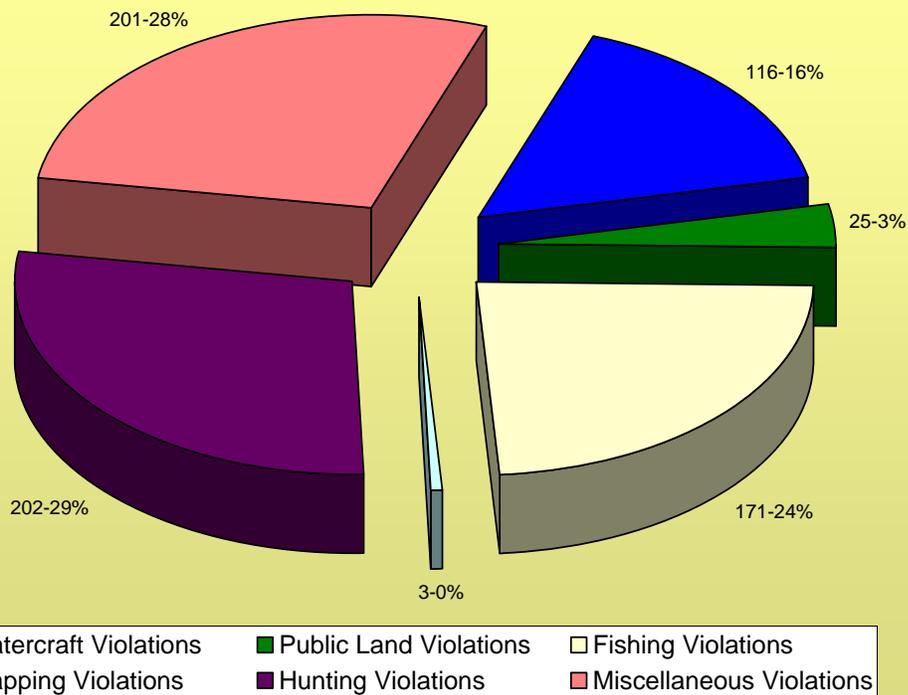
In summary, as in past years, the officers of Region 3 handled their positions professionally and treated everyone with respect. Their motivation to enforce the laws of this state was second to none and they could be counted on to serve the needs of the public, which does extend beyond Departmental duties to include other law enforcement and emergency support, in South Dakota. Our officers continued to serve the public selflessly and their unyielding persistence to excellence is a credit to them and ultimately a benefit and asset for the citizens of South Dakota.

REGION 3 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

Region 3 2008 Violations By Category



Region 3 2009 Violations By Category



REGION 3 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 3 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
2	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	1	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE
50	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	13	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT
2	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	18	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
30	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	14	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
4	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	10	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
1	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	1	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
1	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	9	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
6	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	8	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
1	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	0	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
0	EXCEED MAXIMUM SIZE-HUNT PARTY	1	USE OF TWO-WAY RADIO IN VEHICLE
0	FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF RELEASE OF BIRDS	1	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
12	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	1	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
0	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	2	VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF UNARMED RETRIEVAL
11	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	6	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
17	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	3	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
7	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	351	
0	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
4	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		
Fishing Violations			
11	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	BAIT DEALER - ILLEGAL POSSESSION/TRANSPORT
1	HUNTING IN REFUGE	0	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
5	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	0	FAILURE TO RETURN GAME FISH BACK TO WATER
1	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	0	FALSE RECORD KEEPING - BAIT DEALER
9	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	0	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
3	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	28	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-NON RESIDENT
6	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	127	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
6	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	0	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
26	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	1	OVER LIMIT OTHER SPECIES FISH
0	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME-2ND OFFENSE	2	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
1	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	1	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
9	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	1	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
2	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	0	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
10	NO PLUG IN GUN	0	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
1	NONRESIDENT BIG GAME LICENSE REQUIRED	0	PROHIBITED BAIT
1	NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	0	RETAIL BAIT DEALER LICENSES
10	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	11	TOO MANY LINES
8	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	0	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
0	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	7	UNATTENDED LINES
1	RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	2	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	5	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE -INSUFFICIENT RELEASE	3	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
2	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
0	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	188	

REGION 3 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 3 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS
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Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
1	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	2	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
8	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	1	CARELESS DRIVING
61	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	2	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
2	NO THROWABLE LIFESAVING DEVICE	1	DISTURBANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL DEVICE
5	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	8	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
28	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
3	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	0	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
2	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	1	DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS
2	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	2	ELUDING OFFICER
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	1	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
0	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	1	FAILURE TO APPEAR
1	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	1	FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN
113		0	FAILURE TO SURRENDER LICENSE
		1	FALSE REPORTING TO LAW OFFICER
		0	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
		4	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
Public Land Violations		1	IMPERSONATION OF AN OFFICER
1	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	5	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
3	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	46	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
16	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	1	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
0	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	25	LITTERING PROHIBITED
0	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	12	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
2	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	1	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
5	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	0	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
0	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	13	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
0	START OPEN FIRE IN BLACK HILLS	3	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
0	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	1	POSSESS MARIJUANA LESS 1/2 LBS
1	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	25	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
28		23	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
		0	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM
Trapping Violations		6	RECKLESS DRIVING
0	FAILURE TO RENDER TRAP INOPERABLE	0	RESISTING ARREST
0	POSSESS WILD ANIMAL-FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPT	2	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
2	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	4	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
2	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE	2	SIMPLE ASSAULT
4		27	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
		0	VANDALISM
		225	

REGION 3 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 3 2009 VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
0	ACCOMPANIED BY UNLICENSED PERSON	11	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
2	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	10	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
28	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	3	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
1	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	17	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
15	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	7	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
3	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	11	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
0	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	0	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE NON-RESIDENT
2	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	0	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE - RESIDENT
1	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	0	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
0	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	0	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
3	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	7	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
1	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	3	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
8	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	5	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
12	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	0	WILDLIFE PROCESSING FACILITY
3	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	202	
0	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
4	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		
Fishing Violations			
0	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON- NON RES	0	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
9	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
0	HUNTING FROM SNOWMOBILE	0	FISHING LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
2	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	20	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE - NON RESIDENT
4	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	120	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
1	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	0	ILLEGAL FISHING METHODS (SNAGGING)
4	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	0	ILLEGAL POSSESSION GAME/FISH
1	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	0	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
1	INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
1	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	3	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
5	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	3	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
3	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	0	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
1	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	0	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
2	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	0	PROHIBITED BAIT
3	NO PLUG IN GUN	11	TOO MANY LINES
7	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	0	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
0	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	4	UNATTENDED LINES
1	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	4	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	5	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	1	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
0	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
0	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE	0	UNLAWFUL SALE/PURCHASE OF FISH
0	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT	171	

REGION 3 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

REGION 3 2009 VIOLATION STATISTICS
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Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
10	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	0	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
4	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	0	COMPOUNDING A MISDEMEANOR
55	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	0	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
5	MOTORBOAT WAKE/WASH VIOLATIONS	4	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
13	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
18	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
1	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
1	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-UNDER 21
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	0	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
0	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	1	ELUDING OFFICER
4	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	0	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
1	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	1	EXHIBITION DRIVING IN PARKS
1	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	1	FAILURE TO STOP AT SIGNAL OF OFFICER
3	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	3	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
116		18	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
		2	IMPERSONATION TO DECEIVE OFFICER
		8	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
Public Land Violations		0	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
1	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	3	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
0	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	32	LITTERING PROHIBITED
11	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	5	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
1	FIREARMS WITHIN PARKS	4	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
0	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	1	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
0	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	14	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
3	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	1	PETTY THEFT 2ND DEGREE-\$400 OR LESS
0	LEAVING PROPERTY ON DEPT. LAND	1	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
7	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	27	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
1	LOUD SPEAKER PROHIBITED	2	POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
0	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	43	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
0	PETS TO BE LEASHED	2	RECKLESS DRIVING
0	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	0	RESISTING ARREST
1	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	0	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
25		0	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
		1	TAXIDERMY LICENSE
Trapping Violations		0	TAXIDERMY LICENSE
3	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	25	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
0	TRAP MARKING REQUIRED	201	
0	TRAP ROBBING OR INJURY		
0	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE		
3			

REGION 4 VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

WILDLIFE DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE REGION 4
LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF LISTING FOR 2008 – 2009



Doug Alvine
Regional Supervisor

Dave Wicks
Conservation Officer Supervisor

Ben Chambers
Conservation Officer Supervisor

Conservation Officers

Dave Bartling	Deuel County
Brook Brown	Brown County
Corey Carlton	Marshall County
Nick Cochran	Brown County
Casey Dowler	Day County
Nick Fleury	Codington County
Joe Galbraith	Edmunds and McPherson Counties
Kraig Haase	Hamlin County
Mike Klosowski	Codington County
Jeff Lautenslager	Clark County
Bob Losco	Day County
Jamie Pekelder	Grant County
Dean Shultz	Roberts County
Cody Symens	Faulk and Spink Counties

REGION 4 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2008 AND 2009

BY BEN CHAMBERS AND DAVE WICKS, CONSERVATION OFFICER SUPERVISORS



Region 4 is comprised of 13 counties covering the prairie pothole country in northeast South Dakota. This region is blessed with abundant natural resources to attract outdoor enthusiasts year-round. The 14 conservation officers that cover this area stay busy from one season to the next. Whether it is boating and fishing or hunting and ice fishing,



sportsmen and women come from a wide area to enjoy the great opportunities this area offers.

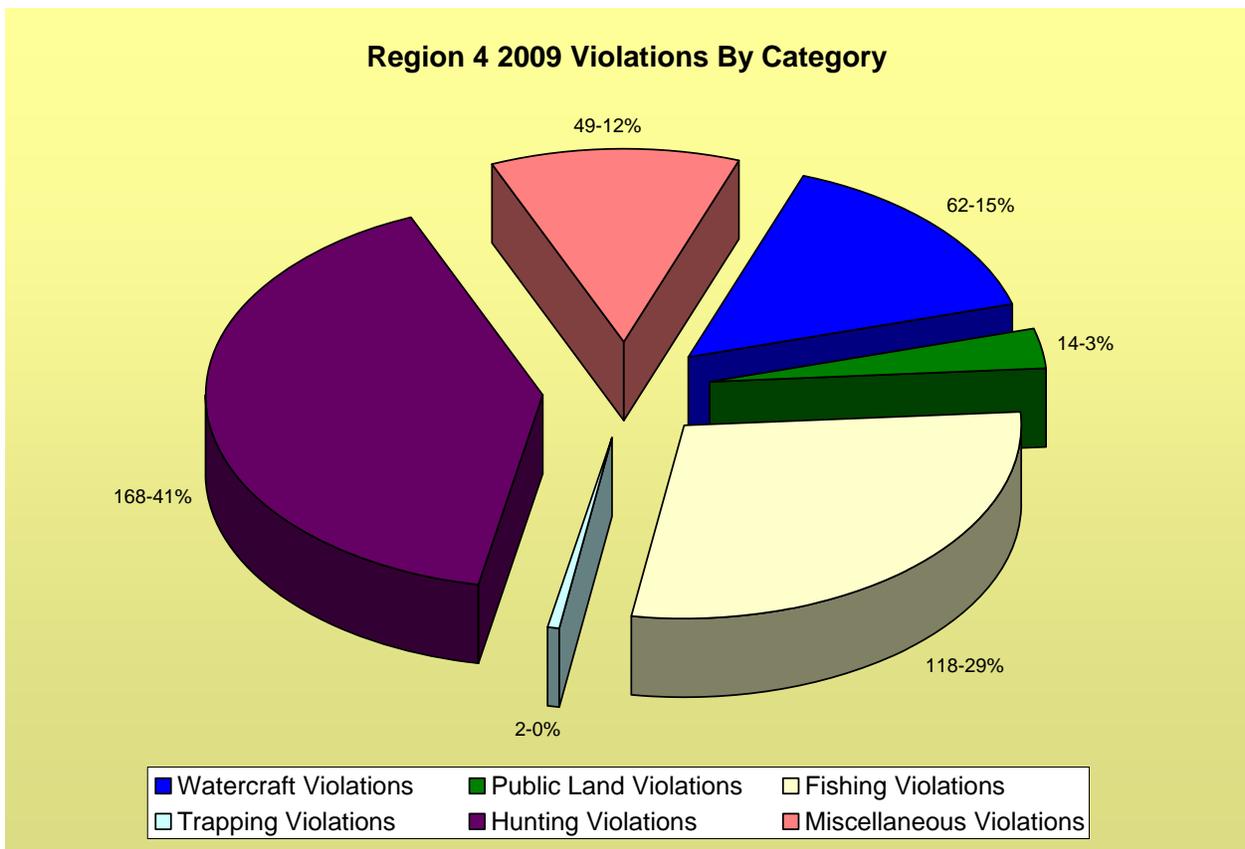
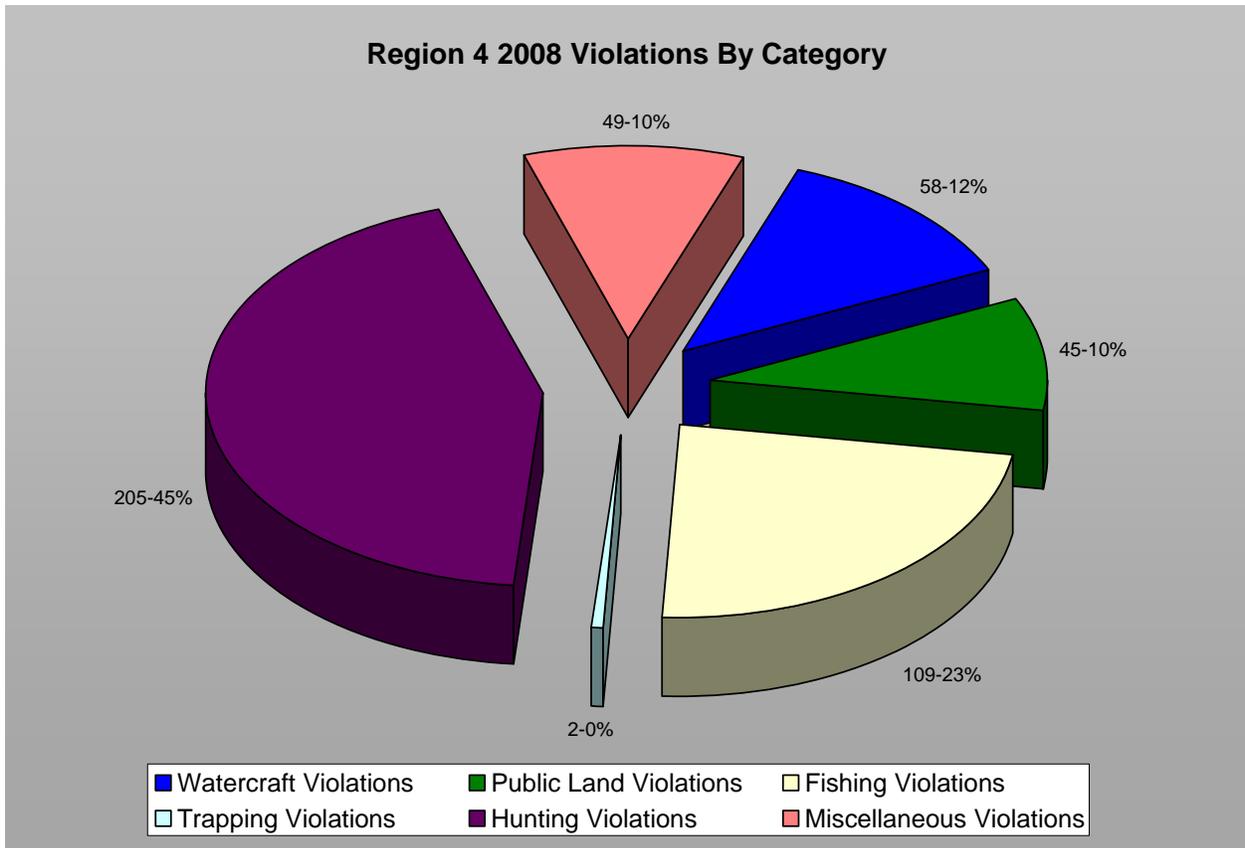
In 2008 and 2009, weather had a profound effect on outdoor activities during all four seasons of the year. Consequently, the weather had an immense affect on Region 4 law enforcement activities. The winters were characterized by having an abundance of snow and very cold temperatures. Early deep snow hampered ice fishermen as they tried to move about on their favorite lakes. The snow melt in the spring along with abundant rain resulted in a great deal of runoff creating flooding in the area along with filling most of the lakes. The summers remained cool and wet for the most part which kept boating and fishing activity slower than normal. These conditions also prevented a normal corn harvest from occurring until much later. Hunters were forced to wait until crops were harvested before they could be successful. Pheasant numbers remained high throughout this time along with our deer and waterfowl populations. Hunting pressure was evenly distributed throughout the season rather than all on the opening weekends.

Jamie Pekelder, Conservation Officer stationed in Milbank was named the Wildlife Officer of the Year for 2009 by Shikar-Safari Club International. Jamie has been an officer with Game, Fish and Parks since 1999. Region 4 is very fortunate to have Jamie as part of the law enforcement team. Jamie exhibits all of the qualities and common sense of a 20 year veteran. He definitely has all the bases covered in his job. A large part of his effectiveness as a law enforcement officer is his ability to work with landowners and the local communities in his area. As a Wildlife Training Officer, Jamie is mentoring new officers and is an excellent example of what a Conservation Officer in South Dakota should be.

Our Region had a few staff changes in 2008 and 2009. Evan Meyer transferred in 2008 from Redfield to Howard in Region 3. Cody Symens was chosen to replace Evan as the Conservation Officer for Spink and Faulk Counties. Cody is putting on a lot of miles as he has a large area to cover. In 2008, Tony Stokely transferred from Clark to Hughes County. Tony was replaced by Jeff Lautenslager who hit the ground running. Jeff originally hails from Green Bay, Wisconsin. Before this, Jeff had not driven on a gravel road; however, this is where he spends most of his time now. Jeff has adapted well to life as a Conservation Officer in Clark County.

The biggest staff change in our Region was the retirement of Dave Wicks in December 2009. Dave was a Game, Fish and Parks icon for almost 38 years. Dave experienced many changes over the years having been a Conservation Officer in Sisseton and Watertown. Most of his time was spent as a law enforcement supervisor in the northeast. As you would expect, he was a wealth of knowledge and experience for the Department. What will be missed most is his selfless dedication to wildlife law enforcement and the support of his fellow officers. Dave was a person that you could always count on to be there whenever someone needed help. Dave's humor and stories were the highlight of any gathering or meeting. Dave was one of a kind and will be missed.

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REGION 4 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	1	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE
14	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	4	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT
1	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	8	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
21	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	14	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
3	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	16	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
0	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	1	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
0	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	4	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
4	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	3	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
0	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	0	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
0	EXCEED MAXIMUM SIZE-HUNT PARTY	0	USE OF TWO-WAY RADIO IN VEHICLE
1	FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF RELEASE OF BIRDS	4	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
1	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	2	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
3	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	3	VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF UNARMED RETRIEVAL
19	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	1	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
4	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	2	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
6	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	205	
0	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
1	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		
Fishing Violations			
14	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	1	BAIT DEALER - ILLEGAL POSSESSION/TRANSPORT
1	HUNTING IN REFUGE	1	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
1	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	1	FAILURE TO RETURN GAME FISH BACK TO WATER
0	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	0	FALSE RECORD KEEPING - BAIT DEALER
1	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	1	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
0	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	9	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-NON RESIDENT
2	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	29	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
2	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	12	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
1	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	14	OVER LIMIT OTHER SPECIES FISH
0	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME-2ND OFFENSE	2	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
4	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
3	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
0	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	1	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
5	NO PLUG IN GUN	0	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
1	NONRESIDENT BIG GAME LICENSE REQUIRED	0	PROHIBITED BAIT
0	NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	0	RETAIL BAIT DEALER LICENSES
12	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	15	TOO MANY LINES
10	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	0	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
1	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	7	UNATTENDED LINES
0	RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	13	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	3	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE -INSUFFICIENT RELEASE	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
0	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	109	

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REGION 4 2008 VIOLATION STATISTICS
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Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
1	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	2	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
0	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	0	CARELESS DRIVING
29	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	0	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
0	NO THROWABLE LIFESAVING DEVICE	0	DISTURBANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL DEVICE
1	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	2	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
13	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
3	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
6	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
1	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	0	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
0	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	0	DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	0	ELUDING OFFICER
1	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	0	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
0	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	0	FAILURE TO APPEAR
3	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	0	FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN
58		0	FAILURE TO SURRENDER LICENSE
		0	FALSE REPORTING TO LAW OFFICER
		2	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
Public Land Violations		1	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
17	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	0	IMPERSONATION OF AN OFFICER
0	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	1	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
23	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	24	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
0	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	0	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
0	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	3	LITTERING PROHIBITED
1	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	0	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
4	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	3	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
0	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	0	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
0	START OPEN FIRE IN BLACK HILLS	1	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
0	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	1	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
0	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	0	POSSESS MARIJUANA LESS 1/2 LBS
45		1	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
		5	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
Trapping Violations		0	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM
1	FAILURE TO RENDER TRAP INOPERABLE	1	RECKLESS DRIVING
1	POSSESS WILD ANIMAL-FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPT	0	RESISTING ARREST
0	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	0	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
0	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE	0	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
2		0	SIMPLE ASSAULT
		2	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
		0	VANDALISM
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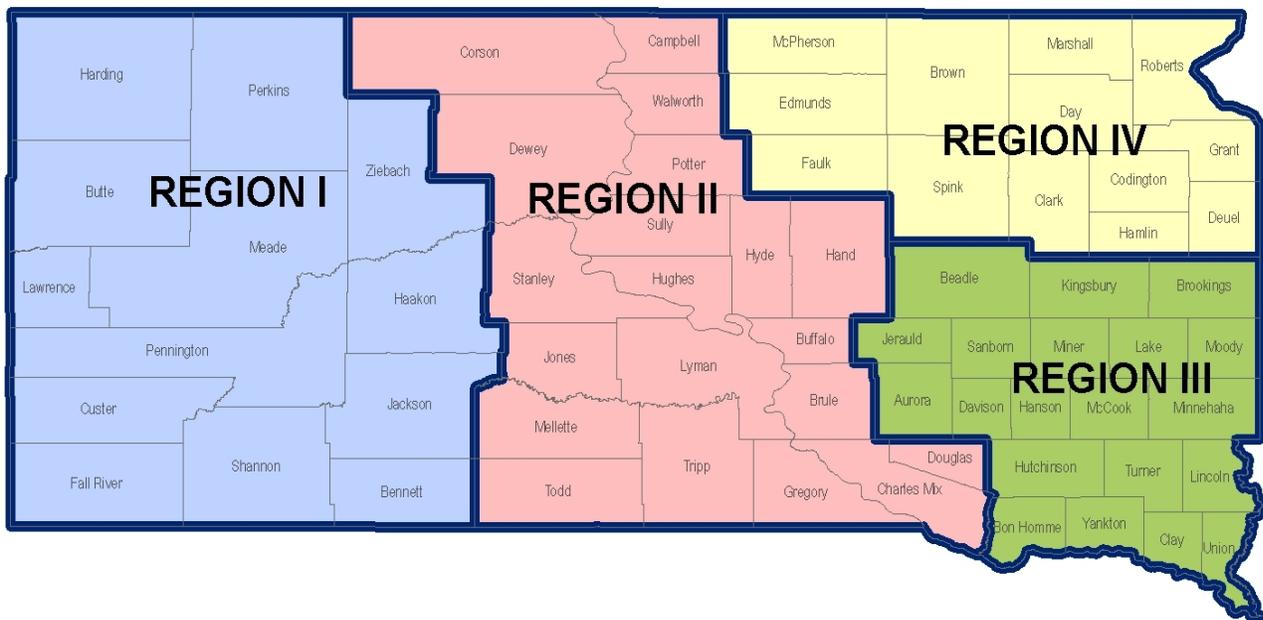
Hunting Violations			
1	ACCOMPANIED BY UNLICENSED PERSON	3	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
1	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	12	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
4	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	30	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
1	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	2	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
11	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	4	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
0	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	5	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
0	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	0	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE NON-RESIDENT
3	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	1	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE - RESIDENT
0	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	0	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
1	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	2	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
1	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	0	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
6	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	3	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
6	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	0	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
1	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	1	WILDLIFE PROCESSING FACILITY
0	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	168	
0	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
8	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		Fishing Violations
4	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON- NON RES	1	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
7	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	5	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
1	HUNTING FROM SNOWMOBILE	1	FISHING LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
4	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	11	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE - NON RESIDENT
0	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	38	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
2	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	0	ILLEGAL FISHING METHODS (SNAGGING)
3	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	0	ILLEGAL POSSESSION GAME/FISH
1	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	4	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
0	INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING	2	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
0	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	27	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
4	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	0	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
3	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	2	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
5	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	0	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
0	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	0	PROHIBITED BAIT
12	NO PLUG IN GUN	5	TOO MANY LINES
2	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	0	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
12	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	3	UNATTENDED LINES
0	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	15	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
0	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	4	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
0	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	0	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
0	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE	0	UNLAWFUL SALE/PURCHASE OF FISH
0	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT	118	

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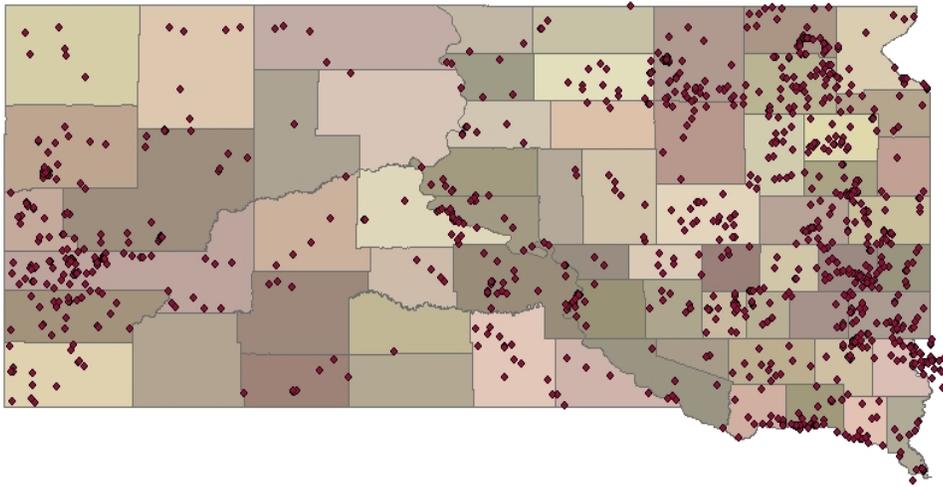
Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
0	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	0	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
0	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	0	COMPOUNDING A MISDEMEANOR
37	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	2	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
0	MOTORBOAT WAKE/WASH VIOLATIONS	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
1	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
16	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	2	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
2	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
4	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	0	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-UNDER 21
0	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	2	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
0	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	1	ELUDING OFFICER
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	0	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
0	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	0	EXHIBITION DRIVING IN PARKS
0	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	0	FAILURE TO STOP AT SIGNAL OF OFFICER
2	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	5	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
62		1	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
		1	IMPERSONATION TO DECEIVE OFFICER
		1	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
Public Land Violations			
0	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	1	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
0	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	1	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
10	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	5	LITTERING PROHIBITED
0	FIREARMS WITHIN PARKS	1	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
1	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	6	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
0	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	2	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
0	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	3	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
2	LEAVING PROPERTY ON DEPT. LAND	0	PETTY THEFT 2ND DEGREE-\$400 OR LESS
1	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	0	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
0	LOUD SPEAKER PROHIBITED	2	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
0	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	0	POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
0	PETS TO BE LEASHED	3	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
0	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	1	RECKLESS DRIVING
0	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	3	RESISTING ARREST
14		0	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
		1	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
Trapping Violations			
1	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	1	TAXIDERMY LICENSE
1	TRAP MARKING REQUIRED	2	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
0	TRAP ROBBING OR INJURY	49	
0	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE		
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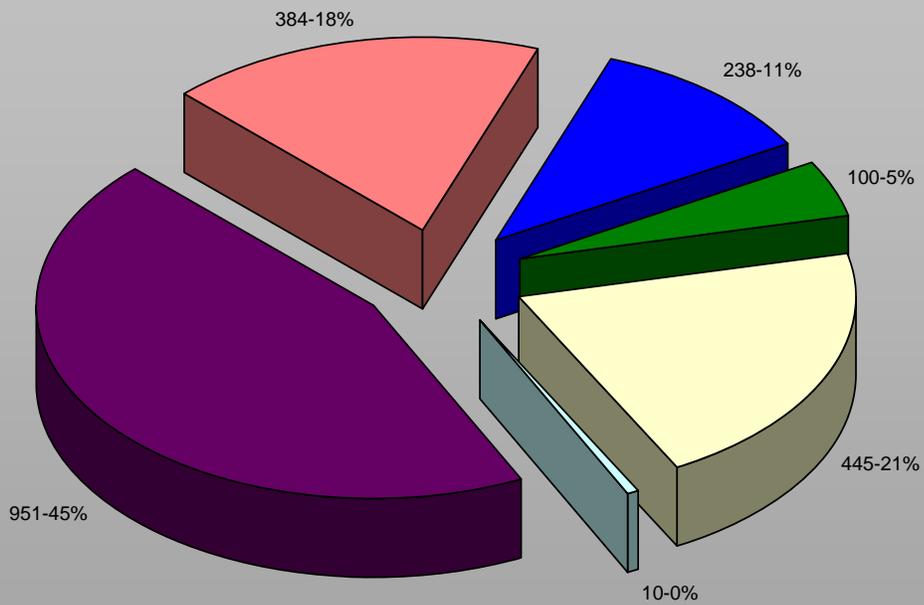


STATEWIDE VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

2008 VIOLATIONS



Statewide 2008 Violations By Category



- Watercraft Violations
- Public Land Violations
- Fishing Violations
- Trapping Violations
- Hunting Violations
- Miscellaneous Violations

STATEWIDE VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

2008 STATEWIDE VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
7	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	4	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE
78	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	24	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT
4	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	37	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
99	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	54	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
11	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	47	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
1	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	9	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
14	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	21	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
10	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	58	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
3	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	2	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
1	EXCEED MAXIMUM SIZE-HUNT PARTY	1	USE OF TWO-WAY RADIO IN VEHICLE
1	FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF RELEASE OF BIRDS	9	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
16	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	4	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
8	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	6	VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF UNARMED RETRIEVAL
35	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	13	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
24	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	7	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
31	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	951	
1	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
5	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		
		Fishing Violations	
38	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	1	BAIT DEALER - ILLEGAL POSSESSION/TRANSPORT
2	HUNTING IN REFUGE	2	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
32	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	1	FAILURE TO RETURN GAME FISH BACK TO WATER
2	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	1	FALSE RECORD KEEPING - BAIT DEALER
13	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	1	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
3	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	53	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-NON RESIDENT
30	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	225	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
8	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	12	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
46	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	27	OVER LIMIT OTHER SPECIES FISH
1	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME-2ND OFFENSE	15	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
6	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	1	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
26	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	1	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
3	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	2	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
16	NO PLUG IN GUN	1	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
3	NONRESIDENT BIG GAME LICENSE REQUIRED	1	PROHIBITED BAIT
2	NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	1	RETAIL BAIT DEALER LICENSES
34	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	32	TOO MANY LINES
25	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	1	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
1	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	16	UNATTENDED LINES
1	RESIDENT WATERFOWL LICENSE	37	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
3	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	9	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE -INSUFFICIENT RELEASE	3	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
4	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	2	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
6	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	445	

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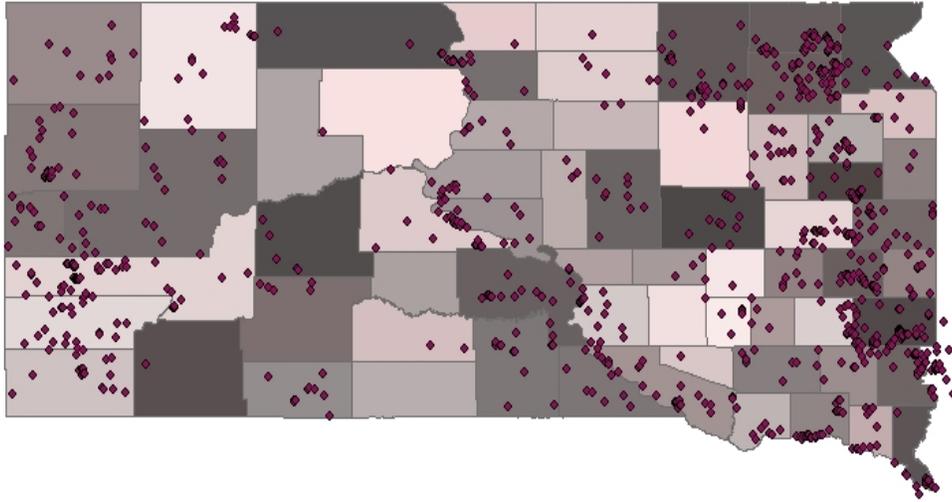
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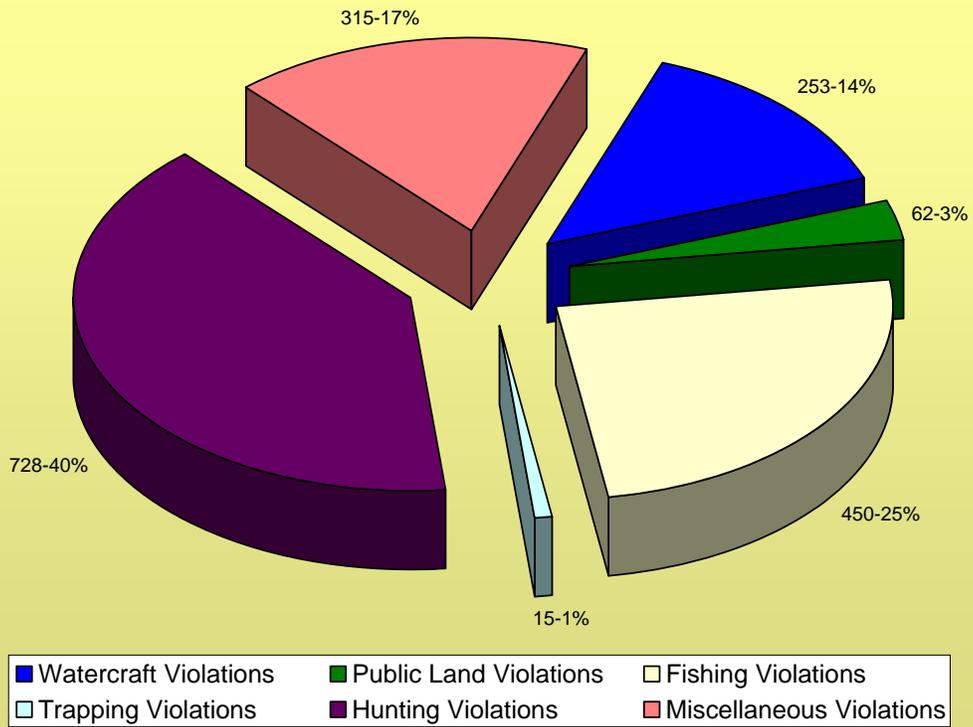
Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
8	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	16	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
9	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	1	CARELESS DRIVING
110	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	3	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
2	NO THROWABLE LIFESAVING DEVICE	1	DISTURBANCE OF DEPARTMENTAL DEVICE
11	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	10	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
60	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	2	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
7	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
14	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
1	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	1	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
3	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	1	DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS
3	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	2	ELUDING OFFICER
1	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	2	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
1	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	1	FAILURE TO APPEAR
8	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	1	FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN
238		1	FAILURE TO SURRENDER LICENSE
		1	FALSE REPORTING TO LAW OFFICER
		2	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
Public Land Violations		6	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
20	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	1	IMPERSONATION OF AN OFFICER
4	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	9	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
47	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	92	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
2	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	2	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
1	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	53	LITTERING PROHIBITED
3	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	18	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
9	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	4	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
2	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	1	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
1	START OPEN FIRE IN BLACK HILLS	19	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
10	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	5	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
1	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	1	POSSESS MARIJUANA LESS 1/2 LBS
100		28	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
		33	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
Trapping Violations		6	RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM
1	FAILURE TO RENDER TRAP INOPERABLE	9	RECKLESS DRIVING
1	POSSESS WILD ANIMAL-FAILURE TO NOTIFY DEPT	1	RESISTING ARREST
6	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	3	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
2	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE	5	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
10		2	SIMPLE ASSAULT
		37	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
		2	VANDALISM
		384	

STATEWIDE VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

2009 VIOLATIONS



Statewide 2009 Violations By Category



STATEWIDE VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

2009 STATEWIDE VIOLATION STATISTICS

Hunting Violations			
3	ACCOMPANIED BY UNLICENSED PERSON	27	TRESPASS (KNOWING) RESIDENT
9	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT PROHIBITED AFTER 10PM	42	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) RESIDENT
45	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION	51	TRESPASS (UNKNOWING) NON-RESIDENT
2	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT/NIGHT VISION LANDOWNER	21	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION BIG GAME
47	BIG GAME HUNTING ON HIGHWAY	11	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION PROTECTED GAME
7	BIG GAME METHODS PROHIBITED	51	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION SMALL GAME
1	BOBCAT TRAPPING AND HUNTING SEASON	7	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE NON-RESIDENT
17	CARRY UNCASSED OR LOADED FIREARM ON ATV	1	UNPROTECTED GAME NO LICENSE - RESIDENT
3	DISTURBING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED	2	USE OF RIFLES/HANDGUNS TO HUNT BIRD
1	DOVE HUNTING 50 YDS FROM HIGHWAY	4	USE OF VEHICLE/BOAT TO DISTURB OR CHASE
14	FAILURE TO TAG BIG GAME	7	USE SALT LICK-ATTRACT BIG GAME
24	GUN PROTRUDING FROM VEHICLE	9	WANTON WASTE OF GAME
21	HUNT BEFORE/AFTER LEGAL HOURS	12	WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE BY HUNTERS
25	HUNT WITHIN 660 FT OF DWELLING/LIVESTOCK	1	WILDLIFE PROCESSING FACILITY
9	HUNTING BIG GAME OUT OF SEASON	728	
2	HUNTING BOBCAT W/OUT LICENSE-RESIDENT		
12	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON - RESIDENT		Fishing Violations
4	HUNTING DURING CLOSED SEASON- NON RES	1	FAILURE TO EMPTY BAIT TRAPS
31	HUNTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	7	FISHING DURING CLOSED SEASON
2	HUNTING FROM SNOWMOBILE	12	FISHING LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
41	HUNTING IN WRONG UNIT	56	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE - NON RESIDENT
5	HUNTING NO ADULT SUPERVISION	217	FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE-RESIDENT
6	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - NONRES	1	ILLEGAL FISHING METHODS (SNAGGING)
8	HUNTING SMALLGAME W/OUT LICENSE - RESIDENT	3	ILLEGAL POSSESSION GAME/FISH
18	IMPROPER TAGGING OF GAME	6	LABELING/ACCESS TO ICE HOUSE
2	INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL HUNTING	3	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS GAME FISH
1	LEND LICENSE/TAG TO ANOTHER	38	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS OTHER SPECIES
28	LICENSE REQUIRED HUNT BIG GAME	3	OVER LIMIT/UNLAWFUL POSS PADDLEFISH
8	MIGRATORY BIRD HUNT RESTRICTION	6	POSSESS FISH UNLAWFULLY ON THE WATER
14	MISC ROAD ROW HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	1	POSSESSION OF ORGANIC BAIT
3	NO MIGRATORY BIRD CERTIFICATION	3	PROHIBITED BAIT
15	NO PLUG IN GUN	27	TOO MANY LINES
15	NONTOXIC SHOT AREAS FOR SMALL GAME	4	TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH
16	OVER LIMIT OF SMALL GAME	8	UNATTENDED LINES
1	PROHIBITED METHOD OF TAKING FURBEARER	36	UNDER MINIMUM LENGTH OF FISH
1	SHOOTING PRESERVE BIRD TAGGING VIOLATION	10	UNLAWFUL FISHING EQUIPMENT
3	SHOOTING PRESERVE RECORDS VIOLATION	2	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION FISH
11	TRANSPORT BIG GAME NO HEAD NO HIDE	3	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MINNOWS OR BAIT
2	TRANSPORT OF BIRD WITHOUT PLUMAGE	3	UNLAWFUL SALE/PURCHASE OF FISH
5	TRESPASS (KNOWING) NON RESIDENT	450	

STATEWIDE VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

2009 STATEWIDE VIOLATION STATISTICS CONTINUED

Watercraft Violations		Miscellaneous Violations	
19	BOAT - REASONABLE SPEED/DISTURBANCE	6	APPLY FOR LICENSE WHEN INELIGIBLE
6	BOAT IN ZONED SWIM AREA	1	COMPOUNDING A MISDEMEANOR
115	INSUFFICIENT NUMBER PFD	2	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
14	MOTORBOAT WAKE/WASH VIOLATIONS	6	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-1ST
17	OPERATE VESSEL UNDER INFLUENCE	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-2ND
47	OPERATING BOAT WITHOUT LICENSE/NUMBER	2	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD
7	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO PFD	1	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-4TH
8	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-NO WAKE	2	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-UNDER 21
4	PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES-UNDERAGE	3	DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
1	PFD USE REQUIRED (CHILD UNDER 7)	2	ELUDING OFFICER
6	RECKLESS OPERATION OF BOAT	2	ENTER PROPERTY AFTER NOTICE GIVEN
1	RECKLESS OPERATION OF PWC	1	EXHIBITION DRIVING IN PARKS
1	WATER SKIING AFTER HOURS	1	FAILURE TO STOP AT SIGNAL OF OFFICER
7	WATER SKIING W/O OBSERVER OR MIRROR	12	FRAUD TO OBTAIN GAME LICENSE
253		22	HUNT/FISH/TRAP UNDER REVOCATION
		3	IMPERSONATION TO DECEIVE OFFICER
Public Land Violations		13	INGEST INTOXICANT OTHER THAN ALCOHOL
2	CURFEW ESTABLISHED	9	LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION
1	DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF NATURAL FEATURES	6	LITTER FROM VEHICLE
35	DRIVING OFF ROADS PROHIBITED	45	LITTERING PROHIBITED
1	FIREARMS WITHIN PARKS	8	MINIMUM PERIOD OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED
1	HUNTING GUIDE ON PUBLIC LAND	10	NO SNOWMOBILE LICENSE
3	JUMPING/DIVING PROHIBITED	3	OBSTRUCTION OF LAW OFFICER
3	LEAD SHOT TARGET SHOOTING ON PUBLIC LAND	19	OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEV CONTAINER ACCESS
2	LEAVING PROPERTY ON DEPT. LAND	1	PETTY THEFT 2ND DEGREE-\$400 OR LESS
8	LIMITATION ON TREE STANDS	1	POSSESS LOADED FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED
1	LOUD SPEAKER PROHIBITED	35	POSSESSION 2 OZ OF MARIJUANA OR LESS
2	OPERATING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL & PUBLIC LAND	3	POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
1	PETS TO BE LEASHED	48	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR
1	UNAUTHORIZED FIRE/PUBLIC LAND	3	RECKLESS DRIVING
1	UNAUTHORIZED LAND USE ON POSTED GFP	3	RESISTING ARREST
62		4	RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FIREARMS AND
		4	SELL/DISCHARGE FIREWORKS-SPECIFIED
Trapping Violations		1	TAXIDERMY LICENSE
7	PROHIBITED TRAPPING METHODS	32	USE/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
3	TRAP MARKING REQUIRED	315	
4	TRAP ROBBERY OR INJURY		
1	TRAPPING OTHER FURBEARER W/OUT LICENSE		
15			

STATEWIDE VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

STATEWIDE VIOLATION STATISTICS CONTINUED

VIOLATION TOTALS BY ACTIVITY		
<u>Activity</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Hunting	951	729
Fishing	445	449
Watercraft	238	253
Trapping	10	15
Public Land	100	62
Miscellaneous	384	315
Total	2,128	1,823

WRITTEN WARNINGS BY ACTIVITY		
<u>Activity</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Hunting	560	474
Fishing	478	529
Watercraft	430	459
Public Land	9	9
Trapping	16	16
Miscellaneous	72	49
Total	1,565	1,536

SENTENCING TOTALS		
FINES		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Fines assessed	\$126,930.00	\$158,957.00
Fines suspended	\$1,755.00	\$2,785.00
Actual fines assessed	\$125,175.00	\$156,172.00

COSTS		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Costs assessed	\$86,792.00	\$101,658.00
Costs suspended	\$54.00	\$288.00
Actual costs assessed	\$86,738.00	\$101,370.00
Actual fines and costs assessed	\$211,913.00	\$257,542.00

JAIL		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Jail time assessed – in days	5,700	6,311
Jail time suspended – in days	4,470	6,006
Actual jail time served – days	1,230	305

PROBATION		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Probation – in months	519	524

REVOCATIONS		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Number of hunting revocations	368	262
Number of fishing revocations	260	303
Number of trapping revocations	16	2
Total number of revocations	644	567

STATEWIDE VIOLATION/CONTACT STATISTICS

STATEWIDE VIOLATION STATISTICS CONTINUED

CIVIL PENALTIES ASSESSED		
	2008	2009
Big Game	\$45,000.00	\$12,000.00
Fish	\$2,600.00	\$1,200.00
Small Game	\$500.00	\$2,500.00
Furbearer	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total	\$49,100.00	\$17,700.00

STATEWIDE CONTACT STATISTICS

FIELD CONTACT TOTALS		
	2008	2009
Anglers – nonresident	6,355	6,005
Anglers – resident	27,417	28,629
Hunters – nonresident	7,216	7,297
Hunters – resident	15,702	16,263
Trappers – nonresident	3	2
Trappers – resident	336	259
Total	57,029	58,455

INSPECTION TOTALS		
	2008	2009
Bait Dealers	105	94
Watercraft	8,528	8,147
Fur Dealers	73	40
Private Fish Hatchery	21	8
Private Shooting Preserve	280	288
Snowmobile	114	259
Taxidermist	164	174
Total	9,285	9,010

LANDOWNER ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE REQUESTS		
	2008	2009
Miscellaneous	152	167
Shoot too close to dwellings/livestock (660')	125	109
Spotlight	122	107
Trespass	309	306
Total	708	689

LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES		
Activity	2008	2009
HuntSAFE classes	220	211
Presentations to groups and civic organizations	284	292
Radio/TV/Newspaper articles	539	565
School programs	127	110
Total	1,170	1,178

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Conservation Officers Clay Eberhart and Brent Nye with mule deer rack after it was retrieved from Platte Lake in Region 2. The deer antlers were dumped in the lake after the two individuals who illegally killed the deer at night with a .22 and a .17 caliber rimfire got scared they might get caught.

WATERFOWL ENFORCEMENT



ABOVE: Canada geese, hen mallard, and white fronted geese illegally taken in Day County during spring snow goose season. **BELOW:** Snow and Canada geese shot and dumped in Beadle County during spring season. This case was initiated from a TIPS call; one individual involved was a felon who could not legally possess a firearm.



BIG GAME ENFORCEMENT



ABOVE: Conservation Officer Shane VanBockern with a deer that was taken by a hunter while trespassing in Kingsbury County. **BELOW:** Officer Cory Carlton pictured with some corn that was illegally placed on a Game Production Area to bait big game.



WILDLIFE AND BOATING LAW ENFORCEMENT – A PICTORIAL
FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT



ABOVE: A TIP call led to a citation for the subjects who illegally transported paddlefish from the Missouri River. **BELOW:** Conservation Officer Casey Dowler pictured with an overlimit of perch taken by a group of fishermen on Waubay Lake.



VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC LANDS



Conservation Officers deal with more than just the standard hunting and fishing violations. They often find individuals in possession of illegal drugs/alcohol or damaging public property. **ABOVE:** Alcohol was seized from juveniles over the 4th of July at Twin Lakes in Sanborn County. **BELOW:** Officers found individuals after they caused damage and illegally drove ATVs on a Game Production Area in Region 3.



WILDLIFE AND BOATING LAW ENFORCEMENT – A PICTORIAL
BOATING ENFORCEMENT



During the summer months, Boating Enforcement is an important part of a Conservation Officer's duties. **ABOVE:** Joe Galbraith on boat patrol in Region 4. **BELOW:** Conservation Officer Brook Brown patrolling on a jet ski in Region 4



RESCUE AND RECOVERY



Officers are trained in various methods to aid in the location and recovery of vessels and drowning victims. **ABOVE:** Officers in Region 3 are using with Side Scan Sonar to search for an individual who drowned in the Missouri River. **BELOW:** Region 1 Officers with three boats tied together operating a drag to locate and recover an individual who drowned on Angostura Reservoir.



BOAT ACCIDENTS



Conservation Officers respond to and investigate boating accidents. **ABOVE:** A boat was run aground and damaged on Brant Lake in Region 3. **BELOW:** Conservation Officer Darren Schroeder assists with the recovery of a sunken boat that resulted from an accident at Angostura Reservoir in Region 1.



PUBLIC RELATIONS



A significant part of a Conservation Officer's role is relating information to the public. One way officers relate information about various programs is by displaying information at booths and being on hand to answer questions during events including fairs and sport shows. **ABOVE:** Officer Chad Williams is answering questions at our Turn-In Poachers trailer. **BELOW:** Conservation Officer Brian Humphrey talking about trapping equipment at a Step Outside event in Region 3.



FIREARMS TRAINING



The Department requires that Conservation Officers qualify twice per year with their duty issued rifles, 12-gauge shotguns and Glock pistols. **ABOVE:** Region 1 Conservation Officers cleaning M-14 rifles during regional meeting. **BELOW:** Conservation Officers in Region 3 are qualifying with their issued M-14 rifles.



FIREARMS TRAINING

Officers are exposed to various types of firearms training. **RIGHT:** Region 4 Conservation Officers participate in a simulation scenario. **CENTER:** Officers Cody Symens and Ben Chambers prepare to enter a room in an active shoot scenario. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Officer Jeff Lautenslager on back with shotgun. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Officer Dean Shultz is qualifying with a .40 caliber Glock.



DEFENSIVE TACTICS TRAINING



In order to ensure our Conservation Officers are well trained, training exercises are held around the state throughout the year.

LEFT: Defensive Tactics Instructor John Murphy observes CO Doug DeLaRoi and CO Shawn Madison as they attempt different maneuvers of escape if they ever run into a situation that has them at a disadvantage to their subject.

BELOW: Defensive Tactics Instructor Don McCrea demonstrates on CO Mark Ohm the proper procedure for handcuffing while the subject is standing up.



WILDLIFE AND BOATING LAW ENFORCEMENT – A PICTORIAL
ROAD CHECK



Each year officers conduct road checks across the state in various locations to determine compliance with the game and fish laws and regulations. **ABOVE:** Conservation Officers in Region 3 visit with sportsmen at a road check north of Mitchell on opening day of the pheasant season in 2009. **BELOW:** Conservation Officer Andy Schmahl inspects some pheasants at the road check.



HOUSE BILLS:

House Bill 1014 - An act to stagger the licensing of snowmobiles and boats

Aligns snowmobile and boat registration renewal period with that of other motor vehicle registrations

House Bill 1042 - An act to revise certain provisions pertaining to the definition of residency and the issuance of resident hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses

Revises definition of "resident" and creates definition of "domicile"; revises residency criteria to also include dual residency allowances; establishes guidelines for termination of residency

House Bill 1043 - An act to revise certain provisions regarding exemptions to the boat numbering requirement

Revises statutory language pertaining to boat numbering requirements, including boats docked in South Dakota marinas

House Bill 1061 - An act to revise the penalty for the distribution or possession with intent to distribute marijuana to a minor

Changes the penalty for violations

House Bill 1228 - An act to revise certain provisions related to bow hunting methods used by persons who are disabled or physically incapacitated

Creates allowance for temporary crossbow permits (see also ARSD 41:09:12:01)

House Bill 1263 - An act to establish a hunter mentoring program, to authorize hunting under certain conditions by persons less than sixteen years of age, and to authorize the Game, Fish and Parks Commission to promulgate rules

Creates the hunter mentoring program

SENATE BILLS:

Senate Bill 111 - An act to extend the prohibition of road hunting of big game to include hunting using certain additional weapons

Closes loophole that previously allowed for big game hunting within the improved road right-of-way with weapons other than a rifle or bow and creates an allowance for turkey hunting within the improved road right-of-way using a shotgun using shotshells or bow

HOUSE BILLS:

House Bill 1001 - An Act to revise certain provisions related to free access to state parks and recreation areas to include certain persons with disabilities

Sets forth the criteria for certain resident veterans to receive free lifetime admission to state parks and recreation areas

House Bill 1004 - An Act to provide for the killing of mountain lions under certain circumstances

Sets forth the criteria for the killing of mountain lions when deemed a threat and the notification process to follow thereafter

House Bill 1051 - An Act to make the sale or purchase of lawfully mounted fish an exception to the prohibition against the sale or purchase of fish taken from the waters of the state

Allows for lawfully-taken fish mounted by a taxidermist or other person to be sold

House Bill 1053 - An Act to repeal the prohibition against the resale of certain seized or abandoned property purchased from the secretary of game, fish and parks.

Repeals 41-15-21 and allows for seized or abandoned items sold by GFP to be resold

House Bill 1054 - An Act to authorize certain youth licensees who possess a disabled hunting permit to hunt big game animals using a designated hunter

Authorizes designated shooters for certain disabled youth hunters during youth big game seasons

House Bill 1104 - An Act to authorize a sentencing court to impose consecutive revocations of hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges under certain conditions

Gives the sentencing court the discretion to impose consecutive revocations of applicable hunting/fishing/trapping privileges for convictions of two or more statutes that mandate revocation

SENATE BILLS:

Senate Bill 1 - An Act to clarify, repeal, update, and make form and style revisions to certain statutes related to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks

Revises numerous statutes found in SDCL Title 41 and replaces archaic language, while not changing the intent and purpose of each statute

Senate Bill 173 - An Act to revise the elements of the crimes of vehicular homicide and vehicular battery

Links the elements of the crimes of vehicular homicide & battery with criminal provisions found in § 32-23-1 (DUI)

BY CHARLIE WHARTON – TURN-IN-POACHERS PROGRAM COORDINATOR



The Turn-In-Poachers (TIPs) program is a partnership between South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks and a non-profit organization, Wildlife Protection, Inc. While the typical “face” of the TIPs program is a uniformed Conservation Officer, at the heart of the effort is the Board of Directors, which is primarily comprised of sportsmen from around the state who have a passion for protecting wildlife.



This cooperative effort provides a convenient way for citizens who witness violations pass the information on to law enforcement. A toll free number, **1-888-OVERBAG (683-7224)**, which is monitored 24 hours a day, has been set up to field wildlife violation calls. Information may also be provided through a link to the GF&P’s website: <http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/law-enforcement/turn-in-poachers.aspx>. While most people who report crimes do so out of a sense of fairness, the partnership between government and the private sector allows those who provide information to be compensated for their information and, for those who choose to do so, to remain anonymous.

The funding for this program comes from a variety of areas; however, one of the most popular is through a donation at the time of license purchases.

During the 2007 TIPs year (which began in July 1, 2007 and ended on June 30, 2008) 550 investigations and 169 arrests could be directly attributed to information provided through the program. From this information, violators were fined \$28,639 and required to pay \$24,200 in civil damages. Even though most of their sentences were suspended, judges sentenced violators to 1,330 days in jail for their crimes. For their efforts, South Dakotans received \$8,130 in TIPs rewards.

In the 2008 TIPs year, 481 cases were made from reports that came in through the system which resulted in 170 arrests. \$27,301 was collected in fines and \$10,600 was assessed in civil damages. Violators were sentenced to 967 days in jail. During this fiscal year, \$6,545 was paid out in rewards.

The 2008 figures show a decrease in the number of investigations from the previous year; however, an increase in the number of arrests.

The TIPs program has come a long way since it’s inception in 1984. For example, in 1990 there were 296 investigations and 88 arrests. During 1990, there was \$2850 paid in rewards. The increase might be attributed to the prevalence of cell phones and the improvements in cellular coverage; however, it may also be in to the citizens’ attitude towards poaching and game violations. No longer is it “cool” or even acceptable to illegally take game and fish. People who take wildlife outside the rules established for the good of nature and in the best

TIPs Overall Report			
TIPs Year	# Investigations	# Arrests	Rewards Paid
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
1999	386	140	5,325
1998	360	144	2,600
1997	345	135	3,375
1996	502	123	3,925
1995	368	113	2,970
1994	424	144	3,975
1993	368	114	3,775
1992	364	121	4,375
1991	364	126	2,895
1990	296	88	2,850

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

TURN-IN-POACHERS PROGRAM (TIPs)

interest of society are taking a resource that is held in trust for the good of all of our citizens. Those who violate that public trust commit a crime against current and future South Dakotans.

In the past twenty-five years, over 9,000 investigations have been launched and 3,000 arrests have been made because of the TIPs program. During that time, almost \$120,000 in rewards has been paid out for information provided through TIPs.

The TIPs program is a valuable tool that assists law enforcement in pursuing and prosecuting those who break the laws. There are about 80 Conservation Officers that are called upon to cover about 75,000 square miles of land and 1,200 square miles of water in our state. Even with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies, without the help of the general public, our public investment would not be as well protected.

Most citizens of our state value the natural resources we have available. Not only are they moral and ethical users of those assets, they are also on the frontline in their defense by reporting violations. The TIPs program is proud to be an important part of the partnership between government, the private sector and citizens which maintains and protects those resources that have been placed into the public trust.

TIPs SUMMARY

TIPs Program Totals for TIPs Year 2007

550 INVESTIGATIONS
169 ARRESTS
\$28,639 FINES
\$24,200 CIVIL PENALTIES
1330 DAYS OF JAIL (1275 days suspended)
\$8,130 REWARDS PAID

TIPs Program Totals for TIPs Year 2008

481 INVESTIGATIONS
170 ARRESTS
\$27,301 FINES
\$10,600 CIVIL PENALTIES
967 DAYS OF JAIL (954 days suspended)
\$6,545 REWARDS PAID

Program Totals 1984 to June 30, 2009

9,168 INVESTIGATIONS
3,140 ARRESTS
\$610,618 FINES
\$451,643 PENALTIES
30,014 DAYS OF JAIL (26,871 days suspended)
2204 hours of community service
\$118,015 REWARDS PAID

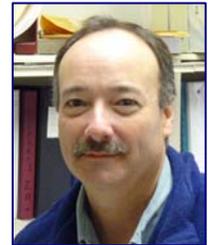
TIPs HOTLINE NUMBER

1-888-OVERBAG

BY CHARLIE WHARTON – INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR



By the end of 2009, the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact topped the 30 mark. With the addition of Alaska, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin, 32 states are now participating in the Compact. This allows states to share convictions and suspensions with each other and provides a way in which



violators can be held accountable in their home state for out-of-state violations. While each state has its own criteria for suspension and reporting, this partnership filled a

void through which many violators could be held to a higher standard than was the case in the years before the Compact was formed. Additionally, this agreement allows states like South Dakota to “cite and release” member-states’ residents for most wildlife violations; a process that didn’t exist prior to the IWVC.

#	MEMBER STATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	NEVADA	02/19/1991
2	OREGON	02/19/1991
3	COLORADO	02/25/1991
4	IDAHO	03/15/1991
5	WASHINGTON	03/15/1991
6	ARIZONA	10/14/1991
7	UTAH	03/01/1993
8	MONTANA	02/03/1996
9	WYOMING	08/03/1996
10	MISSOURI	12/20/1999
11	MARYLAND	02/28/2000
12	MINNESOTA	03/01/2000
13	NORTH DAKOTA	08/15/2001
14	NEW MEXICO	08/30/2001
15	IOWA	08/31/2001
16	INDIANA	10/31/2001
17	CALIFORNIA	01/01/2002
18	GEORGIA	06/01/2003
19	SOUTH DAKOTA	09/01/2004
20	MICHIGAN	08/08/2005
21	KANSAS	11/01/2005
22	NEW YORK	03/01/2006
23	FLORIDA	09/01/2006
24	TENNESSEE	11/01/2006
25	ILLINOIS	07/01/2007
26	MISSISSIPPI	09/01/2007
27	OHIO	01/01/2008
28	WISCONSIN	04/15/2008
29	KENTUCKY	07/15/2008
30	ALASKA	09/08/2008
31	LOUISIANA	02/01/2009
32	WEST VIRGINIA	11/23/2009

While the Compact’s impact is far-reaching, the most often utilized part of the agreement is the ability to honor other state’s suspensions and revocations. If a violator has a privilege revoked in a member state, other states have the ability to deny those privileges within their state. While each state’s suspension or revocation process is different, the agreement provides an opportunity to hold violators accountable.

South Dakota has been a very active participant in the Compact since joining in 2004. In 2008, our state supplied 491 names to the database and in 2009, 447 violators were reported. During that two year period 9,201 violators were entered nationwide in the Compact. Considering these figures, South Dakota entered 10% of the Compact names; which ranked us a close second (behind Oregon) in contributions.

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact continues to be a very valuable partnership in regulating illegal hunting in the United States. South Dakota is proud to be a supporter of the processes and is committed to helping protect our resources by working cooperatively with other states.

WILDLIFE INVESTIGATORS REPORT

Our two Wildlife Investigators worked on several complex, multi-jurisdictional, commercial investigations in 2008 and 2009. Cooperating with other states, Tribes and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, our investigators completed cases involving license tag transfers, license frauds, unlawfully commercial sales of wildlife, illegal interstate transportation of fish and wildlife and taking game without licenses.

The investigators continued training in electronic surveillance, investigative techniques and hosting advanced investigative training for the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Investigators. They also attended organizational meetings hosted by fellow members of the Western States and Midwest Wildlife Investigators Associations. The associations provide our investigators the opportunity to share valuable information with investigators from other states and Canadian provinces.

Attorney Paul Bachand continues to be a part of our Law Enforcement Administration Section. Mr. Bachand brings a wealth of both state and federal prosecuting experience to the section. Mr. Bachand's duties are to provide our investigators with legal assistance from the initial implementation through the completion of these complex investigations. Due to the mobile nature of today's poacher, these investigations often cross multiple county and state borders. A single prosecutor completes an effective team for successfully apprehending and convicting criminals in spite of the geographic issues.

In 2008 sentences were handed down in a case involving an outfitter in Tripp County transferring both state and tribal big game licenses to non-residents to kill white tailed, mule deer and elk. Twenty people were prosecuted in the case. The Outfitter and two guides plead guilty to felony federal wildlife violations and one guide plead guilty to a federal felony for the sale of Methamphetamines.



The remaining subjects all plead guilty to either state or federal misdemeanor wildlife violation. Total fines involved in the case were \$29,810. Civil penalties and restitution in the amount of \$45,100 were awarded to South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe for wildlife unlawfully taken on both state and tribal property. A total of 1170 days of jail time was served. The outfitter was also sentenced to 4 ½ months of home detention. Sentences included a total of 121 months of probation and two hunters hunting privileges were revoked for 1 year in South Dakota.

PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVES

BY JANELLE BLAHA – SHOOTING PRESERVE COORDINATOR

In 1963, the South Dakota Legislature enacted the Private Shooting Preserve Act authorizing the issuance of licenses to private shooting preserves. This permit can be issued to an individual (South Dakota residents only), or corporation owning, holding or controlling by lease or otherwise, any contiguous tract of land of at least 160 acres and not to exceed 2,560 acres.



According to state law, a shooting preserve may not be located within one mile of publicly owned land managed for hunting and wildlife without prior approval from the Division of Wildlife Director. The private shooting preserve permit fee for a 1-year preserve permit is \$100, plus 40 cents for each preserve acre. Permit fee for a 3-year permit is \$300, plus \$1.20 for each acre of land within the preserve.

The shooting preserve season runs from September 1 until March 31 of the following year. Shooting hours are restricted from sunrise until sunset. The game birds that can be licensed for South Dakota preserves include pheasants, partridges, quail, and turkey. The bag limits will vary for each species. Preserve operators release a minimum of 300 rooster pheasants during the first year of operation and a minimum of 600 rooster pheasants each season thereafter.

Interest in preserves continues to grow and the number of permitted private shooting preserves has steadily increased. The number of birds harvested on shooting preserves has also continued to increase.

PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVE PHEASANT HARVEST AND RELEASE RECORDS 2001-2009

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># OF PSP'S</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>BIRDS RELEASED</u>	<u>TOTAL BIRDS HARVESTED</u>	<u>RELEASED BIRDS HARVESTED</u>	<u>WILD BIRDS HARVESTED</u>
2001-02	157	Pheasants	219,869	138,213	113,344 (82%)	24,869 (18%)
2002-03	177	Pheasants	236,647	152,399	124,882 (82%)	27,417 (18%)
2003-04	201	Pheasants	269,173	183,395	143,387 (78%)	40,008 (22%)
2004-05	222	Pheasants	305,053	193,294	154,227 (80%)	39,067 (20%)
2005-06	198	Pheasants	326,601	222,894	166,281 (75%)	56,613 (25%)
2006-07	215	Pheasants	394,061	247,165	200,729 (81%)	46,436 (19%)
2007-08	223	Pheasants	439,454	278,242	214,066 (77%)	63,152 (23%)
2008-09	229	Pheasants	394,184	262,709	198,895 (76%)	63,914 (24%)
2009-10	220	Pheasants	375,273	227,138	177,638 (78%)	50,180 (22%)

BY JANELLE BLAHA – PERMITS COORDINATOR

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks offers a variety of special licenses and permits for disabled individuals and former prisoners of war. These licenses and permits cannot be purchased or obtained over the counter at the various license agents. Specific criteria are required for their application process and approval. Some of these licenses or permits are free-of-charge and others have a permit fee. The following narrative contains helpful background information on the various disabled hunter permits available from the department. Further information can be found on the Game, Fish and Parks' web site at <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/accessibility/disabled-hunter.aspx>.



Disabled Hunter Permit

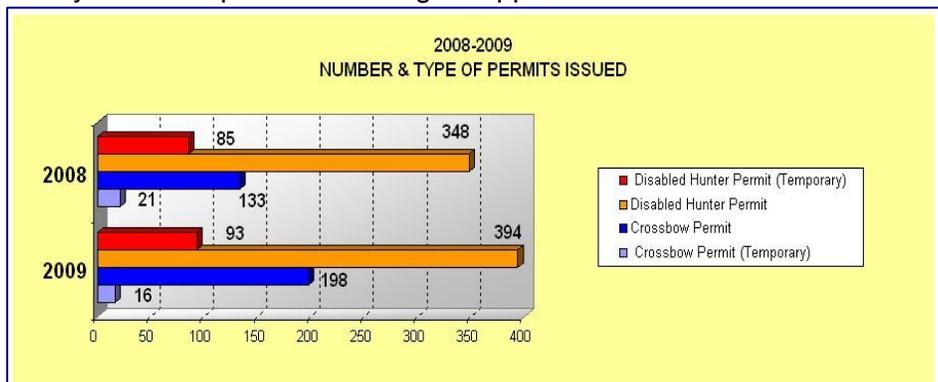
Generally speaking, it is illegal to shoot game animals from a motor vehicle in South Dakota. For the legal discharge of a weapon, a hunter must be outside of the vehicle or off an all-terrain vehicle to shoot game. However, there are two exceptions to this law: The first exception is a hunter may shoot coyotes, jackrabbits, rodents, skunks, badgers, raccoons, and foxes from a motor vehicle. The second exception allows hunters who possess a valid Disabled Hunter Permit to shoot game animals from a stationary motor vehicle. A permitted disabled hunter must still obtain the required hunting licenses for the desired species to be hunted. 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 after the date of expiration.

Designated Shooter Permit

A Designated Shooter Permit is available to a legally blind person or to any person with paralysis of all four limbs who is legally licensed, but who cannot safely discharge a firearm or bow and arrow. A designated sighted hunter is allowed to shoot the game for the permittee; however, the permittee must be physically present and participate in the hunt. The permittee may claim the game birds and animals taken by the designated hunter in accordance with the license possessed by the legally blind hunter. The permit is valid for one season, with an annual renewal requirement.

Crossbow/Draw-Lock Permit

A Crossbow/Draw-Lock Permit is available to any person who is temporarily or permanently incapable of using a bow with the minimum draw weight of 40 pounds due to the loss of use of one or both arms, caused by birth defect, injury, disease, or who is uses a wheelchair for mobility. Applicants must have the application form signed by a licensed physician, verifying the applicants medical condition or disability and listing the expected date of recovery if the disability is temporary. Permanent Crossbow/Draw-Lock Permits are only issued to persons missing an upper limb. A Permit is available free-of-charge; however, the permittee must still obtain the required hunting licenses for the desired species to be hunted. A Permanent Crossbow/Draw-Lock Permit is valid for four years and may be renewed after the date of expiration.



BY CURT ROBERTSON – GAME, FISH AND PARKS PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Acting in response to a rash of hunting accidents involving young hunters, the 1955 South Dakota Legislature enacted legislation requiring first-time hunters under the age of sixteen to complete a course in the “safe handling of firearms”. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks was authorized to set up and implement the course. The four-hour course was named the Firearms Safety Course and was almost exclusively about handling firearms safely. Many of the volunteer instructors recruited to teach the courses were certified through the National Rifle Association (NRA) and NRA manuals and materials were purchased for use in the courses.



In the early 1970’s the program was expanded to six hours of instruction. Information about conservation, wildlife management, wildlife identification, and introduction into bowhunting was added to the curriculum. The name was changed to Hunter Safety Course.

The course was changed to a 10-hour minimum format in 1985. Topics added to the course at this time included the study of hunter ethics, responsibility plus personal health and safety. These changes were necessary to meet the requirements for Game, Fish and Parks to receive federal aid funding for hunter education.

South Dakota’s basic hunter education course, renamed the HuntSAFE course in 1999, continues to adjust and renew, meeting the challenges of our changing times. All HuntSAFE instructors volunteer their time and energy to help share South Dakota’s hunting heritage with a new generation of young hunters.



The safe handling of firearms and other hunting implements is as important as ever. However, the future of hunting itself may depend on how well all hunters understand our hunting tradition, the hunter’s role and relationship with wildlife and that hunter behavior is a fact in whether hunting as we know it will continue.

All program funding comes from license fees paid by sportsmen and women or through provisions of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Preservation Act of 1937. No state general fund tax money is used to fund HuntSAFE courses.

All courses are taught on a local level by volunteer instructors in conjunction with the local Conservation Officer. Course curriculum and learning standards have been approved / adopted from the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA).

The total number of students who have successfully completed a Firearms/Hunter Safety course since the program’s inception is **240,138**.



Graduates from a HuntSAFE Course

BY CURT ROBERTSON – GAME, FISH AND PARKS PROGRAM SPECIALIST

In 2009, 39 hunting related incidents were reported in South Dakota. The majority of these incidents occurred while upland game bird hunting, primarily pheasants. The major reason for the incidents was the shooter swinging on game and covering the victim in the background.



2009 Hunting Incidents

- ❖ 39 incidents reported
- ❖ 1 fatality (Heart attack)
- ❖ 30 incidents related to upland game bird hunting
- ❖ 3 incidents related to a loaded firearm in vehicle
- ❖ 2 incidents were related to treestand falls
- ❖ 2 incident related to small game
- ❖ 1 incident was related to target shooting

In 2008 there were 28 hunting related incidents in South Dakota.

2008 Hunting Incidents

- ❖ 28 incidents reported
- ❖ 2 fatalities (Heart attack, loaded firearm in vehicle)
- ❖ 18 incidents related to upland game bird hunting
- ❖ 3 incidents were related to tree-stand incidents
- ❖ 3 incidents were related to deer hunting
- ❖ 2 incidents were related to a loaded firearm in a vehicle

BY JEANNE UECKER – LAW ENFORCEMENT SECRETARY

Boating incidents must be reported immediately, by the quickest means of communication, to the nearest Conservation Officer or other law enforcement officer. A vessel operator involved in a boating incident must report the incident if it results in: Death or disappearance of any person; injury to any person; or damage in excess of \$1,000 to any one person's property or total damage in excess of \$2,000. (Property damage may include damage from striking submerged objects such as stumps, rocks and etc.).



The following are the statistics for reportable boating incidents in South Dakota for 2008:

Boating Incidents

- ⊗ 19 incidents reported
- ⊗ 3 fatalities
- ⊗ 10 injured in 8 injury accidents
- ⊗ \$82,250 in property damage

In 2009, the following are the statistics were reported:

Boating Incidents

- ⊗ 24 incidents reported
- ⊗ 3 fatalities
- ⊗ 21 injured in 16 injury accidents
- ⊗ \$79,900 in property damage

CONSERVATION OFFICER AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Every year our Conservation Officers, Supervisors and administrative staff receive awards in recognition of their efforts toward wildlife law enforcement and wildlife management. This portion of the report recognizes those achievements for 2008 and 2009. Congratulations to all of the recipients for going above and beyond!

2008



Jeff Martin, Conservation Officer Trainee, received the **Top Gun Award** at the 135th Session of the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy for his marksmanship.



Clay Eberhart, Conservation Officer Trainee, received the **Inspiration Award** at the 134th Session of the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy. This award is given to the officer who imparts a standout demeanor of inspiration to the entire class



Brandon Gust, Conservation Officer in Lake County, received the **Conservation Officer of the Year Award** from the South Dakota Conservation Officer Association.



John Murphy, Conservation Officer in Hughes County, received the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) **South Dakota Boating Safety Officer of the Year Award**.



Shawn Wichmann, Conservation Officer in Minnehaha County, received the **Pinch of the Year Award** from the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association. Shawn received the award for his efforts working an illegal trapper who was trapping while under revocation for previous violations.



Matthew Talbert, Conservation Officer Trainee, received the **Coler-Williams Award** at the 135th Session of the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy for his academic achievements and leadership abilities. This award is presented in memory of FBI Agents Jack Coler and Ron Williams who were slain on June 26, 1975.



Keith Mutschler, Conservation Officer in Perkins County, received the South Dakota Conservation Officer Association **Patton-Torch Award**. The Torch Award is a fitting tribute to the memory of Conservation Officer Mark Patton, who died in 2004 after a lengthy battle with cancer. The award is presented to a young Conservation Officer with five years or less years of service.

CONSERVATION OFFICER AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2009



Jeremy Roe, Conservation Officer in Lincoln and Union Counties, received the **Conservation Officer of the Year Award** from The South Dakota Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.



Jamin Hartland, Conservation Officer Trainee, received the **Top Gun Award** for the Fall 2009 Session of the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy for his marksmanship.



Matt Hill, Conservation Officer Trainee, received the **Coler-Williams Award** for the Fall 2009 Session of the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy for his academic achievements and leadership abilities. This award is presented in memory of FBI Agents Jack Coler and Ron Williams who were slain on June 26, 1975.



Adam Geigle, Conservation Officer in Custer County, received the South Dakota Conservation Officer Association **Patton-Torch Award**. Adam also received the **Pinch of the Year Award** from the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association with Officers Waite and Schroeder.



Brandon Gust, Conservation Officer in Lake County, received the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) **South Dakota Boating Safety Officer of the Year Award**.



Jeremy Rakowicz, Conservation Officer in Minnehaha County, received the **Conservation Officer of the Year Award** from the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association.



Darren Schroeder, Conservation Officer in Fall River County, received the **Pinch of the Year Award** from the South Dakota Conservation Officers Association with Adam Geigle and Blair Waite. Darren, Adam and Blair worked together on a case where a bobcat was illegally taken by two subjects.

South Dakota's hunting, fishing, trapping and parks regulations come from two sources – codified law established by the South Dakota Legislature and administrative rule adopted by Game, Fish and Parks Commission. Most laws are found in Title 41 of the South Dakota Codified Law while most rules are in Article 41 of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS



Since 2003 there have been six Conservation Officers deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism in Southwest Asia, of which some have had multiple tours. They have used their civilian law enforcement experience, skills and training to be combat multipliers for our Armed Forces and have ultimately contributed to the stabilization of the Middle East.

The deployed Conservation Officers of this Department have had tremendous



Marty Pennock

support for the past seven years from Supervisors and fellow co-workers during their absence. Neighboring Conservation Officers in many cases expanded their range of duties geographically to cover down on the voids created and in some cases stepped up into positions of higher responsibility during the Service Members' absence.



Nick Fleury

The absence when the Service Member is gone has a significant impact on the Department's ability to provide service to the public; however, at no time did the

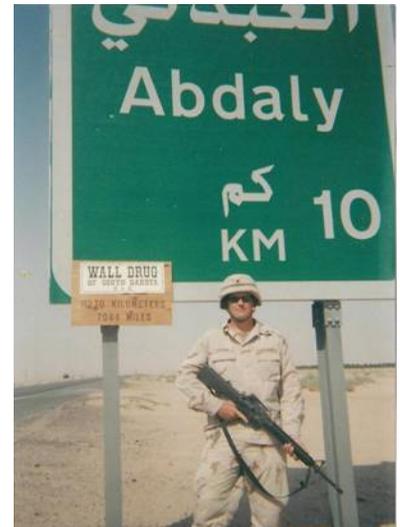
Department falter in this endeavor. The officers in this Department embraced the duty to fill these voids as they understood that the fight across seas is one that they do not want on American soil and that it is better to send the men and women of today to the fight rather than to send our sons and daughters in future years.

The Law Enforcement Officers of this Department are committed to



Martin Yost, Tim McCurdy and Tony Stokely

servicing the public both here in South Dakota and overseas in future years. We are grateful for the dedication of all the employees of this Department that embrace the fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.



Brook Brown

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belong to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again. Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat". ~ Theodore Roosevelt

GAME, FISH AND PARKS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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2008 – JIM McCORMICK

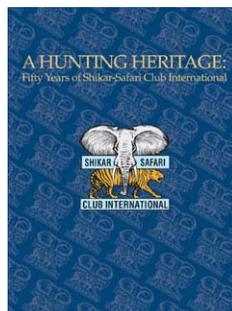


2009 – JAMIE PEKELDER



2007 – BLAIR WAITE
2005 – MIKE APLAND
2003 – BRUCE NACHTIGALL
2001 – JEFF MCENTEE
1999 – EMMETT KEYSER
1997 – MIKE KINTIGH
1995 – DAVE WICKS
1993 – DAVID GRAY
1991 – DAVID MCCREA
1989 – BILL ANTONIDES
1987 – HAROLD HAIVALA
1985 – ROBERT PRIEKSAT
1983 – RONALD SCHAUER
1981 – ROBERT HAUK
1979 – JAMES SCHROEDER
1977 – DELMAR GERDES
1975 – TOM LE FAIVE
1973 – ART REHN
1971 – HAROLD LUNDE

2006 – JEFF GRENDLER
2004 – DAVE BARTLING
2002 – DARREN SCHROEDER
2000 – SCOTT MIKKELSON
1998 – DARELL TILBERG
1996 – MARK SMEDSRUD
1994 – TOM BECK
1992 – SCOTT LINDGREN
1990 – DANIEL PLUT
1988 – DANIEL LIMMER
1986 – OWEN MEADOWS
1984 – RONALD CATLIN
1982 – JACK MERWIN
1980 – WILLIAM SHATTUCK
1978 – DENNIS LENGKEEK
1976 – SPENCER VAA
1974 – STANLEY LUNDQUIST
1972 – FLOYD GAARDER
1970 – LA VERNE ROTH



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To encourage the wise use of our natural resources and to ensure no harm to public safety or to the environment in this pursuit;

To educate the inadvertent violator of conservation law and to take the appropriate level of enforcement action to achieve this goal;

To identify and lawfully pursue the intentional offender and bring them before the court for judgment;

To conduct our personal outdoor recreational activities in an exemplary manner, above reproach, and to serve as a role model of outdoor ethics to our peers and to the public;

To conduct ourselves, both on-duty and off-duty, in a lawful and respectful manner, with due regard for integrity of the agency;

This we pledge to our families, our fellow officers and the citizens and visitors of South Dakota.