LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Chief=1
Captains=4 (3+1 retire 7/15)
Lieutenants=3
Field Wardens/Full-time=31 (19 + 1 retiring 1/16)(9 WR, 7 ER, 15 SR)
Seasonal Wardens/Part time=4 (1)
Reserve Wardens/Part time=2

Total commissioned officers=45 (29- with 1 known additional departures through 1/2016)

Service Time
- Wardens with 20+ years of service=6 (13%)
- Wardens with 10-19 years=11 (24%)
- Wardens with 6-9 years=2 (4%)
- Wardens with less than 5 years=26 (58%)
- Average warden experience=8.2 years

In the last six years, we have had 20 wardens leave for other agencies while having less than 5 years of service.
- Takes approximately one year of training time to get a warden up to speed and on own at their duty station.
- Takes thousands and thousands of dollars to hire and train each new officer as well as countless man hours dedicated to this.

2009
35 total in photo
19 no longer with us
12 retired/7 left for other employment

2014
35 in photo
10 no longer with us
4 retire/6 left for other employment
8 new faces since 2009 photo

WHAT DO WE DO?

Most “police forces” have different divisions:
- patrol, detectives, homicide, traffic, administration, training, internal affairs, task force, SWAT, clerical, CSI, hiring
- Due to the size of our Division and the geographical separation of individuals, each one of us has to do all of these jobs.
• “Face” of NDO\W
• Patrol
• Investigations
• H/W conflict
• Public safety
• Teacher
• Trainer
• Background Investigator
• Recruiter
• Search and Rescue

Contact Type and Breakdowns
“Average Year”

Violations Detected – 2012

Top Five Wildlife Violations – 2012

Top Five Boating Violations – 2012

Nevada area=110,567 square miles (87% Federal)
• At full staffing (31 field wardens) average patrol area= 3,567 square miles per warden
  (2\textsuperscript{nd} only to Alaska)
  – Largest patrol area over 10,000 square miles
• Surface acres of water=385,000 (when not in drought conditions of course)
  – 11,000 acres per warden

2013-2014 license year
• Number of hunting license sales in Nevada
  – 39,319 plus 30,030 combos
• Number of fishing license sales in Nevada
  – 90,884 plus 30,030 combos
• Number of licensed trappers in Nevada
  – 1,491
• Total license sales Nevada
  – 161,724 (includes combo)

Nevada population (2014) 2,839,000

Total registered boats in Nevada (2014)=
  – 44,874
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What does this mean?
- Average of 5,217 license holders per field warden spread out over an average of 3,567 square mile patrol area when fully staffed.
- 1,448 vessels on 12,419 surface acres per field warden (39 patrol vessels)
- Right place at the right time and the public’s help.

OGT
- Major Wildlife Crimes/Investigations
- Guides and Outfitters
- Laws and Regulations
- Boating Program
- OHV
- AIS/Quagga Inspection/Information
- Reserve Program
- Seasonal Program

Operation Game Thief (OGT)
- Most of our case load is generated by the general public who report illegal activity.
- Remain anonymous
- Earn monetary rewards
- Toll free number
  1-800-992-3030
- Save Nevada’s wildlife from unscrupulous individuals

What do we do out there?
- “Police force” for the vast open spaces of Nevada
- Face of NDOW
- Category 1 certified State Peace Officers
  - Full peace officer authority throughout the State
  - Can enforce any laws in Nevada while performing our duties
  - Sportsmen and women pay us to focus on enforcement of Title 45 and Chapter 488 of NRS

Challenges
- Manpower
- Porous regulations
- This isn’t CSI/TV
- Witnesses that can’t speak
- Nonexistent or unreliable back-up (we are essentially on our own)
- Best radio system in State with some coverage issues
- Unreliable cell phone coverage in remote areas
- Weather
- 95% of the people we contact are armed
- 99% of the people we contact are law-abiding recreational enthusiasts
  - Reactive versus Proactive approach

21  Not just checking licenses
  - Squaw Reservoir stolen vehicle
  - Northern Humboldt Felon in possession of firearm
  - Star Peak hermit
  - Buffalo Meadows TPO
  - Warrants

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  - S. Nevada poaching ring
  - Utah border hoppers
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