2009 Report to our Citizens

IDAHO STATE POLICE

Who We Are

The Idaho State Police is the sole agency charged by statute with public safety on the interstate and much of Idaho's highways. ISP is also responsible for conducting statewide narcotics and racketeering investigations; maintaining the Public Safety and Security Information System; maintaining Idaho's criminal history records, the Sex Offender Registry, Amber Alert and the Missing Persons Clearinghouse; and providing forensic analysis services free of cost to all Idaho law enforcement agencies. Additionally, the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) academy is administered by the ISP while receiving curriculum direction from the POST.

It is ISP's charge to provide a full range of law enforcement services statewide to all of Idaho's citizens, visitors, business entities and agencies of federal, state and local government. Every person living in or traveling through the state is a potential customer and recipient of ISP's diverse services.

ISP leadership places a strong emphasis on fiscal responsibility, service integrity, program assessment, and responsiveness to the needs of both policymakers and Idaho State Police customers. The Director of ISP is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

What We Do

The Idaho State Police is charged with specific enforcement and support activities that are unique from other law enforcement agencies in the state of Idaho. ISP will continue to carry out its mission and deliver the services Idahoans expect and deserve by continuing to identify customer needs in these unique areas of service, as well as in areas of shared responsibility with other entities. The development of both short-term and long-term strategies, overall planning and stewardship as well as the identification of long-term budget priorities and objectives are important elements in delivering timely and relevant services in an efficient and effective manner.

http://www.isp.state.id.us/

ISP Behind the Scenes

The Idaho State Police is comprised of several law enforcement and criminal identification units. The main services provided by ISP are Patrol, Investigations, Dispatch, Forensics, Supreme Court and Executive Protection, Alcohol Licensing and Control, Commercial Vehicle Inspection, POST Academy, and the Bureau of Criminal Identification that maintains the State's central repository of criminal records, fingerprint files, and crime statistics.

Fast Facts

In 1961 30 Troopers were added to the force bringing the total amount to 101. Though there have been fluctuations through the years due to budget constraints, the number of Troopers at ISP has only grown by 42 people.

	1961	2007	% change
ISP Troopers	101	143	+42%
Idaho Population	684,000	1,499,402	+119%
Ratio of Population to Troopers	6,772/1	10,485/1	+55%
Murders	14	49	+250%
Vehicle Thefts	773	2226	+188%

Source: Idaho Law Enforcement Agency Uniform Crime Reports
Trooper Count: FTP allocation for fiscal year 1961 & 2007

Did you Know?
The ISP Forensics Lab processed 8,232 cases last year. 83% of this caseload was in support of local law enforcement agencies.

ISP Mission:
Providing public safety across the State of Idaho through law enforcement excellence

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Goals & Progress

ISP Employees	Classified	Non-Classified Includes temporary
Patrol & Dispatch	231	11
Investigations	70	3
Support & Financial Services	34	10
Commercial Vehicle Safety	27	2
Police Training (POST & ISP)	33	3
Forensics	36	2
Criminal Identification	31	1
Alcohol & Beverage Control	6	17
Information Technology	18	0
Total Employee Count	**486**	**49**

Source: Idaho Business Intelligence Solution (IBIS)

Performance Measures

For fiscal year 2009, ISP completely revamped its Strategic Plan and performance measures to better reflect the use and availability of limited resources.

During the first 6 months, ISP focused on the following measures:

Goal 1: Direct patrols to high-crash locations.

Goal 2: Maintain a balance between investigative assistance to local law enforcement agencies and the ability to proactively work large-scale drug and conspiracy cases.

Goal 3: Decrease forensic evidence analysis turnaround time.

Goals for Fiscal Year 2009

Investigations: Assess staffing needs to support Investigations.

Patrol: Aggressive enforcement of hazardous violations; aggressive criminal investigation and apprehension.

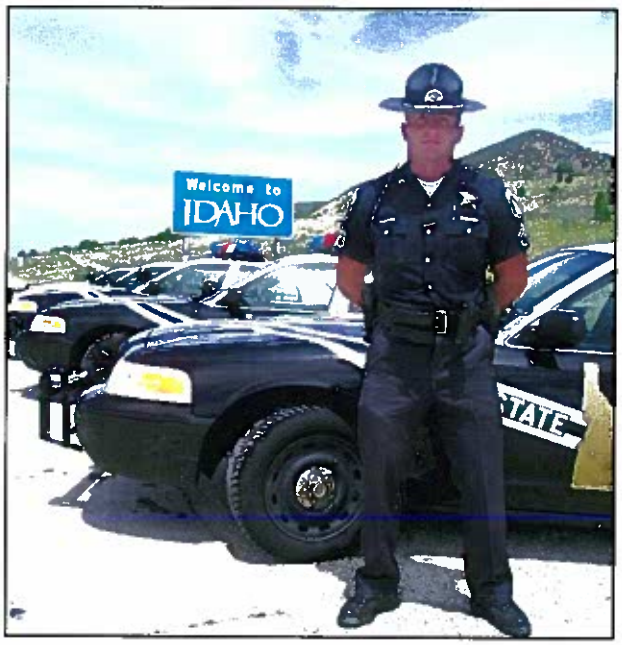
Forensics: Satisfy timelines for all disciplines.

Agency Operations: Identify and address institutional inconsistencies that may exist.

Workforce Development: Evaluate and modify hiring criteria as needed. Evaluate compression and monitor work conditions.

Performance Statistics	Fiscal Year 2007	Fiscal Year 2008
DUI Arrests	1,754	1,801
Investigation Cases	440	409
Drug/Conspiracy Investigations	185	168
Crash Investigations	5,621	6,223

Source: ISP Statistical Database



Department Highlights

The Idaho State Police provides coverage and security to special events including the 2009 Special Olympics. ISP also performed criminal history background checks on each of the 1,000 Special Olympics volunteers.

The ISP Forensics Lab has been awarded international accreditation as an ISO certified facility.

The Idaho Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) was presented with the Phillip Hoke National Publication Award for Excellence in the Statistical/Management Report category for the "Police Allocation Model (PAM) Study."

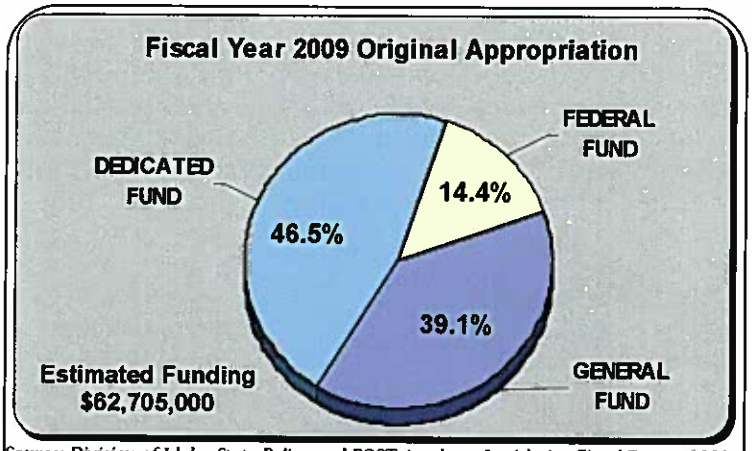
A Day in the Life of an ISP Investigator

A recent investigation that included ISP, local and federal agencies, uncovered two large marijuana grows near Silver City. These grows netted over 7,000 plants capable of producing an estimated 8,000 pounds of finished product with a street value of over $14,000,000 dollars. This was one of the largest seizures in recent history in Owyhee County. One suspect was arrested and, during a search of his vehicle, 25 pounds of processed marijuana was located. An additional 125 pounds were located at his residence.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments we have made throughout the year and look forward to providing exemplary service to the people of Idaho in the years to come."

Colonel G. Jerry Russell, Director of ISP

Revenue & Expenditures



Source: Division of Idaho State Police and POST Academy Legislative Fiscal Report 2009

Revenue

ISP receives the majority of its revenue from dedicated funds. Dedicated funds come from fees or taxes that are collected to finance a specific service or project. Examples of dedicated funds for ISP are fuel tax and monies collected from vehicle registrations.

Shifts in the economy affect ISP just like any other organization. When gas prices increase for example, ISP incurs higher fuel costs for patrolling, and also loses dedicated revenue for the agency in the form of fuel tax because people drive less.

General Funds are more generic funds collected from taxes and fees imposed by the state. These are the main support funds for most state agencies and services. ISP also collaborates with and provides services for the FBI and other federal entities. Federal funding is allocated to ISP to help support these services.

Creative Revenues

Cash and property seizures from drug related profits are used to enforce drug prevention and patrol. Seized vehicles, for example, may be sold at auction or used by the agency to continue drug patrols and investigations.

ISP also applies for state and federal grants to fund such things as patrol emphasis in construction zones and gang task forces. Grants are also used to supplement the enforcement of underage drinking laws and costs associated with the location of and destruction of marijuana growing operations on US Forest land.

Zero-Base Budgeting

The Idaho State Police is participating in the new Zero-Base Budget process for the fiscal year 2011 budget. Zero-Base Budgeting is a comprehensive efficiency, cost, and personnel analysis of all functions and activities performed by an organization. This budget process is different from the normal budget setting in that instead of adjusting the last year's budget for inflation and new equipment, the agency must start from *scratch* and build the budget from the ground up. This is similar to the process for proposing a new program. ISP will justify every employee and every dollar spent as well as evaluate the efficiency of all programs and services.

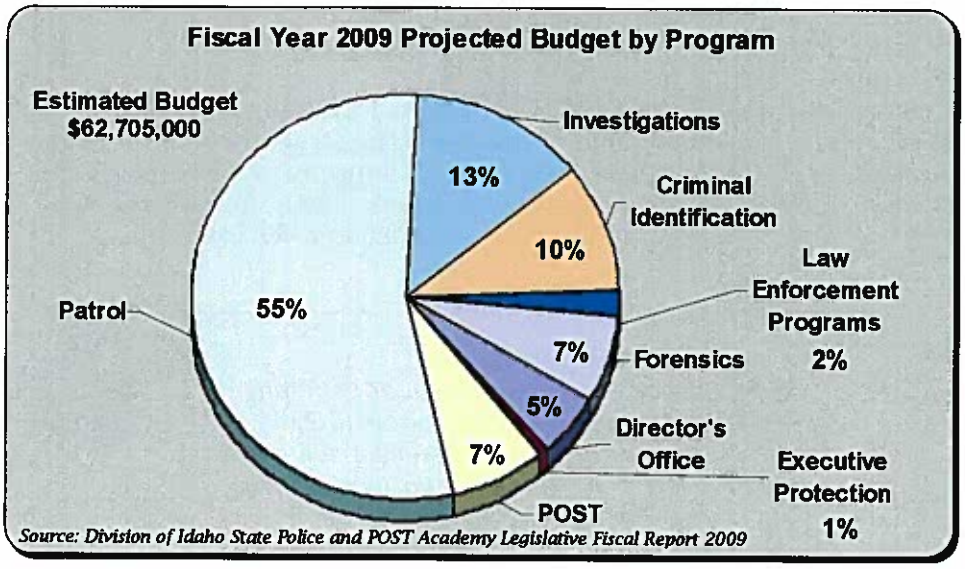
For more information on the ISP budget go to:
http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/

Budget Expenditures

The majority of ISP's budget is allotted towards Patrol and Investigations. The remaining budget supports criminal services such as forensics and criminal identification, which includes fingerprinting, background and employment checks. It is important to note that the budget is flexible and can be changed during the year by either the Governor or the Legislature.

Did you Know?

ISP's cars have a distinctive image that dates back to the 1930s. This unique black car with twin stripes, white roof and door emblems is not only highly identifiable but also codified in Idaho law as ISP's official look.



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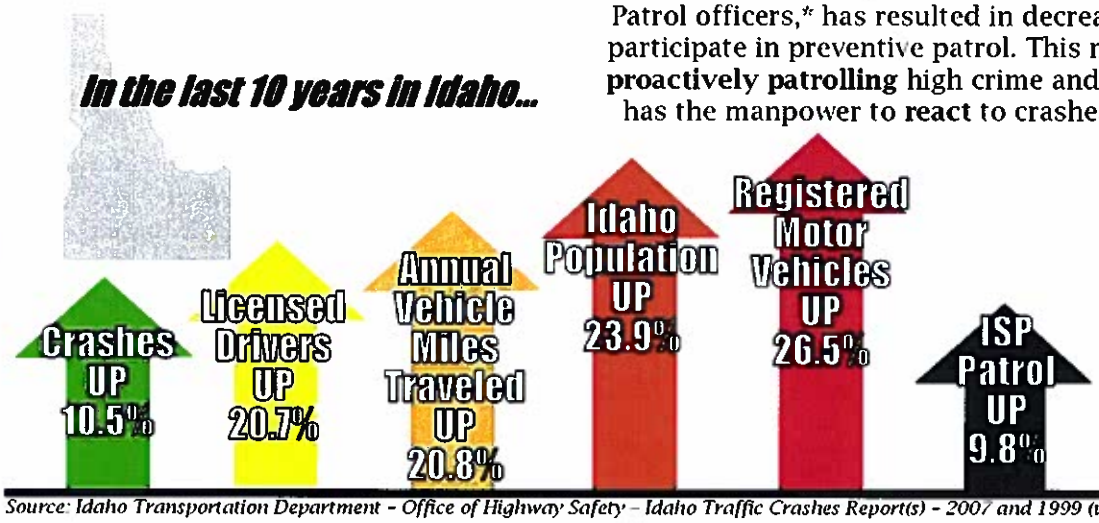
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Idaho's growth has created problems for ISP. The increase in population and drivers, combined with the slow growth in Patrol officers,* has resulted in decreased ability for ISP to participate in preventive patrol. This means that instead of **proactively patrolling** high crime and crash areas, ISP only has the manpower to **react** to crashes, injury, and crime.



Source: Idaho Transportation Department - Office of Highway Safety - Idaho Traffic Crashes Report(s) - 2007 and 1999 (using 1997 data)

*Patrol officers include ISP Troopers, Sergeants, and Commercial Vehicle Safety Specialists.

Source: FTP allocation for fiscal year 1997 and 2007

A Day in the Life of an ISP Trooper

In the early morning hours, Dora Ramirez was driving on a rural stretch of highway when she became drowsy and drifted off the roadway. During the violent crash, Mrs. Ramirez was ejected from the vehicle and nearly crushed by the van. Although she was near the road, her location prevented other drivers from seeing her, and her injuries prevented her from dragging herself to the road. Approximately three hours after the crash, ISP Corporal Pat Mooney was traveling on his way to Fruitland. He noticed faint, but apparently fresh tire marks on the roadway. Off the road, he caught a glimpse of what he thought could be a vehicle tire and a white bumper. When he stopped to investigate further, he saw the van and the motionless body of Mrs. Ramirez. He immediately notified dispatch and requested medical assistance. Mrs. Ramirez was alive, but in shock. As a direct result of his actions, Mrs. Ramirez survived her life-threatening injuries. Corporal Mooney was honored with a life saving award for his courageous effort.

What's Next for ISP

ISP recently opened the **Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center (IC)²** in Meridian. The center will connect FBI information with local law enforcement. This center is designed to host analysts from several different law enforcement, state, and federal agencies with the goal of better sharing information. The analysts will respond to law enforcement inquiries regarding criminal activity, cross-check current police operations against each other to avoid duplication, and provide investigative case support for major crimes. The information provided to and analyzed by the (IC)² will also be used to identify trends in criminal activities.

In July 2009 the **Regional Communications Center** located in Pocatello will be closed, and statewide dispatch services, backup and redundancy will be provided from the two remaining centers located in Coeur d'Alene and Meridian. This consolidation will create significant enhancements in agency efficiency and effectiveness without diminishing the current response times or services provided.

Construction on the **Linda Huff ISP Region 1 Building** in Coeur d'Alene is scheduled for completion in June 2009. The structure is estimated at approximately 35,000 square feet and will house Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Safety, the Regional Communications Center, Investigations, Peace Officer Standards and Training, and a Forensics Laboratory.

Did you Know?

In fiscal year 2008, the Bureau of Criminal Identification successfully matched 230 unidentified fingerprint submissions from crime scenes, providing criminal investigators with possible suspect information.