

1  **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)

2  **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%)
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- Average warden experience=8.2 years

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- 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.

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2009

35 total in photo

19 no longer with us

12 retired/7 left for other employment

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2014

35 in photo

10 no longer with us

4 retire/6 left for other employment

8 new faces since 2009 photo

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WHAT DO WE DO?

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Most "police forces" have different divisions:

patrol, detectives, homicide, traffic, administration, training, internal affairs, task force, SWAT, clerical, CSI, hiring

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Due to the size of our Division and the geographical separation of individuals, each one of us has to do all of these jobs.

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- "Face" of NDOW
- Patrol
- Investigations
- H/W conflict
- Public safety
- Teacher
- Trainer
- Background Investigator
- Recruiter
- Search and Rescue

9  **Contact Type and Breakdowns
"Average Year"**

10  **Violations Detected – 2012**

11  **Top Five Wildlife Violations – 2012**

12  **Top Five Boating Violations – 2012**

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- Nevada area=110,567 square miles (87% Federal)
- At full staffing (31 field wardens) average patrol area= 3,567 square miles per warden (2nd 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

14  **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

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- Total registered boats in Nevada (2014)=
 - 44,874
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16  **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)
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- Right place at the right time and the public's help.

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

18  **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
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19  **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

20  **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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