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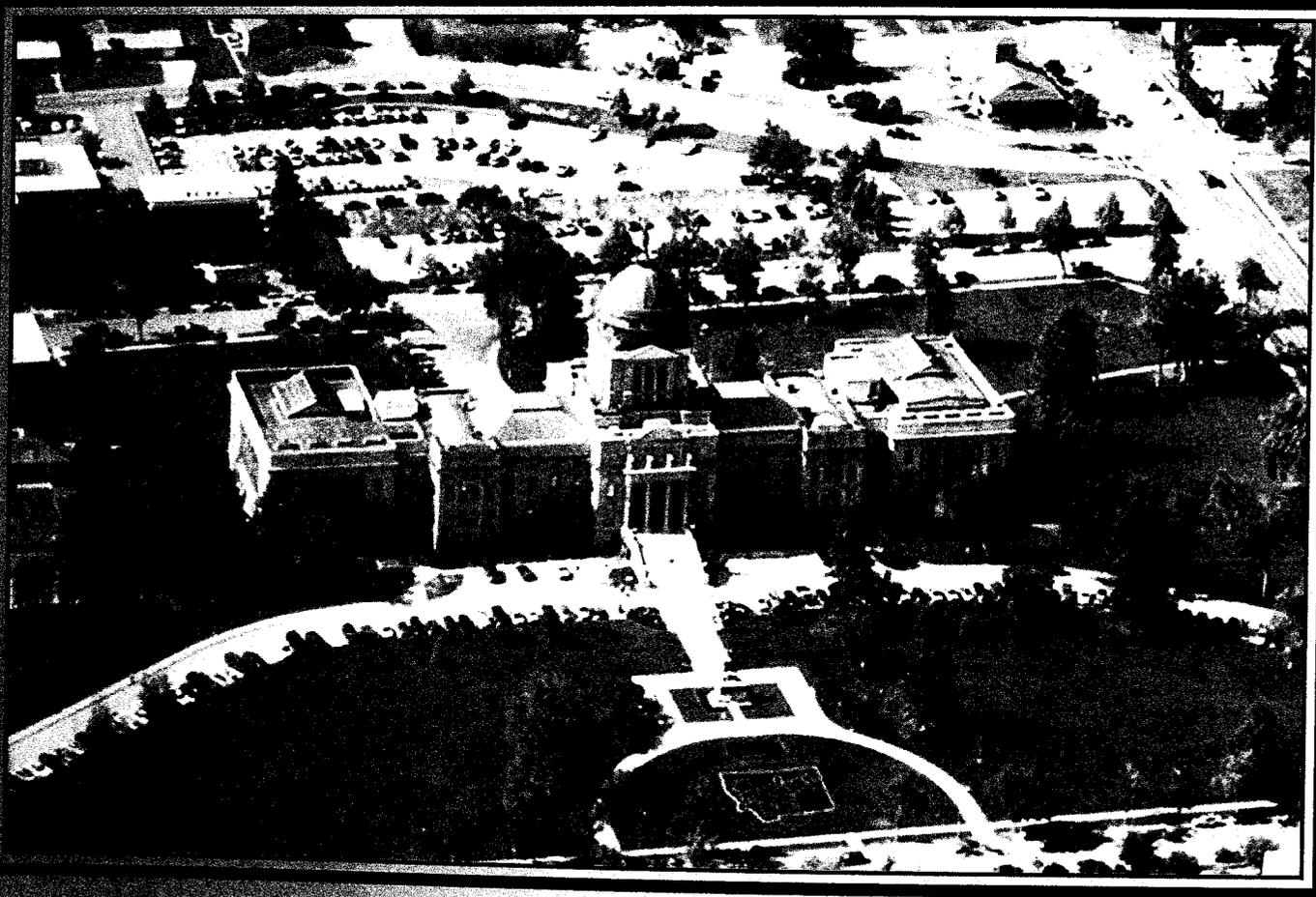
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# Montana Highway Patrol 2013 Annual Report



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## 2012 Annual Report

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Fellow Montanans,

One of the greatest privileges afforded me as Attorney General is overseeing the Montana Highway Patrol. The men and women who don the green and tan uniform every day and risk their lives to keep our highways safe are some of the finest, most professional law enforcement officers I have ever known. I have met many of them during their earliest academy days, shaken their hands at graduation, and seen them work in the field. I have been impressed at every turn.



In the past year, Montana has seen a 30% decline in alcohol-related roadway fatalities. I have no doubt this is due in large measure to the hard work and diligent efforts of our Troopers. They have seen the impacts of drunk driving up-close – the lives lost, livelihoods destroyed, and property smashed beyond recognition. Like the rest of us, they have family and friends who travel Montana's roads. Like the rest of us, they have a vested interest in keeping those roads free of drunk drivers. But unlike most of us, their jobs give them a unique ability to combat this profound threat to public safety.

We also know that credit goes to the 24/7 Sobriety Program, which has created an unparalleled mechanism for holding repeat offenders accountable. While I am pleased to say that most Montanans live in counties with operational 24/7 programs, more work must be done to expand the program throughout the state. I am committed to this great task and am delighted to be working with Colonel Tom Butler, our Highway Patrol chief, to make it happen. He has been instrumental in bringing 24/7 to Montana and making it such an effective, life-saving program across the state.

As a husband, father, and grandfather, when it comes to protecting my home I want only the best. As Montana's Attorney General, when it comes to protecting our great state I know we have the best men and women guarding our highways. Please join me in thanking the Troopers of the Montana Highway Patrol for all they do to help keep us safe and make our home The Last Best Place.

Sincerely,

Tim Fox

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Dear Attorney General Fox:

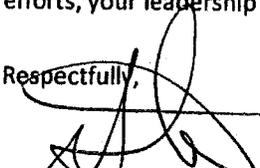
I respectfully submit to you as well as the citizens of Montana, the Annual Report for the Montana Highway Patrol for calendar year 2013. This report contains a significant amount of critical information that is informative as well as a "year in review" relative to statewide highway safety issues.

In writing this letter, I looked back to the archives of the agency and reviewed what prior colonels had noted in past annual reports; reviewed the statistics for fatal crashes and fatalities and then compared those figures to 2013. In the past, Montana has had some horrific years, peaking at 395 deaths in 1972. Clearly advancements have been made in motor vehicles, highway design and enforcement strategies that have impacted our level of fatalities since 1972. In addition to these advancements, we have assisted and supported several meaningful improvements to Montana Statutes related to driving under the influence.

In 2013, there was nearly a 30 percent reduction in alcohol related fatalities. While it is difficult to quantify such a dramatic decrease, I am convinced it is a combination of recent legislative law changes, continued expansion of Montana's 24-7 Sobriety Program and the diligent work of our troopers and the entire law enforcement community that perform visible traffic law enforcement activities across the state. Historically, Montana has had a culture of drinking and driving and I am hopeful that future annual reports continue to build off the positive trend of 2013 in the overall fatality count and alcohol related fatal crashes.

It is important to point out the above noted programs, legislative changes and duties performed by troopers would not be successful without your committed leadership in supporting the men and women of the Montana Highway Patrol in all of our activities. The Montana Highway Patrol as well as all Montanans, recognize and appreciate your efforts, your leadership and your commitment in making Montana a better place for all of us to live and drive.

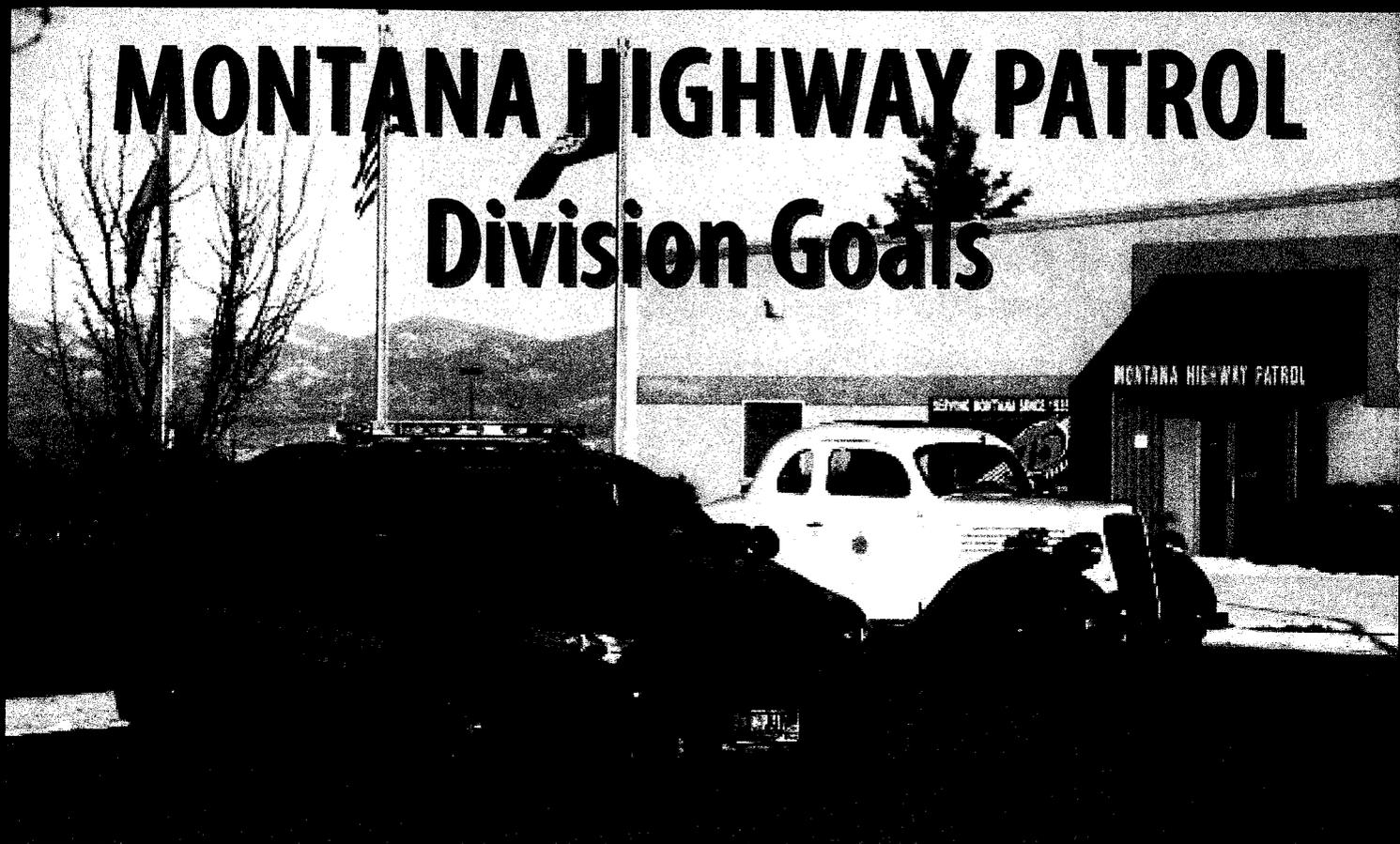
Respectfully,

  
Colonel Tom Butler  
Chief Administrator



# MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

## Division Goals



- To maintain the Highway Patrol Division's excellent public relations with citizens of the State of Montana and other law enforcement agencies
- To build and maintain partnerships with the Indian Nations, surrounding states and Canada in order to continually improve the delivery of efficient and professional law enforcement services to the motoring public.
- To live out core values of Service, Integrity, and Respect in order to maintain the public trust.
- To make efficient and effective use of time by diligently detecting and making contact with people who violate traffic and criminal laws on Montana's roadways as mandated by the citizens of the State of Montana, especially those laws concerning driving under the influence and occupant protection.
- To have pride in the Highway Patrol Division and the professional image all employees present to the public.

Colonel Tom Butler  
Chief Administrator

5-6-2014

Date

# Our Mission

The Highway Patrol's mission is to safeguard the lives and property of the people using Montana's Highways through education, service, enforcement, and interagency cooperation.



# Core Values



**Service** is what the MHP is about. Service is "to be of assistance to." This can take the form of:

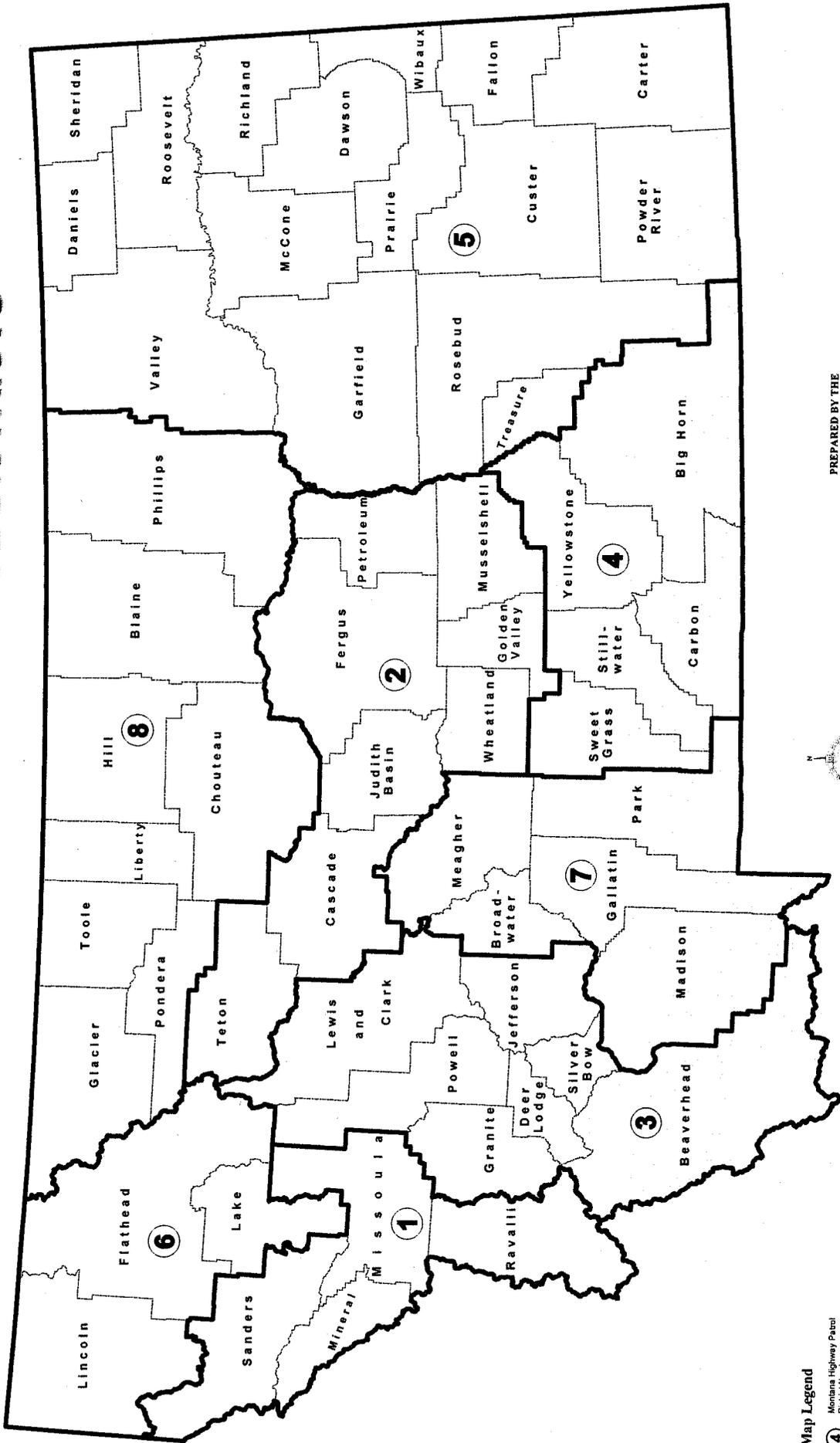
*Service* to the citizens of Montana. *Service* to those passing through our state, *Service* to other agencies, and *Service* to each other. Many times, this service is performed through the enforcement of traffic and criminal codes. For example, by removing a DUI suspect from our highways, we have potentially saved an innocent person from death or injury. The same goes for enforcement of speed and safety belt violations. Changing human behavior through education and enforcement of the standards set by society serves all.

**Integrity** means having the personal ability to be honorable and upright and *exercising* that ability in every situation. Basically, we are to be honest in our dealings with each other, our agency, the citizens that we serve, and ourselves. This value is key to everything else we do. It is the behavioral foundation of the individual employee, who in turn is the foundation of the agency. Without integrity on an individual or collective level we are nothing.

**Respect** is an unbiased consideration and regard for rights, values, beliefs and property. It is much more than just being polite; it is a deeper commitment to the beliefs stated in the constitution of the United States, which is something those of us in uniform took an oath to uphold. Respect can and must be shown to all those we contact, even those who may not respect us or our authority to enforce society's laws.

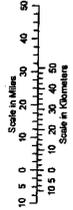
These core values will be the foundation on which the vision is built. The vision in turn will decide the direction that the agency will take in the future. The Colonel has made it clear that it is his desire that the MHP become a leader in the world of law enforcement in the northwestern United States. Something this bold will take the input and efforts of all of us.

# MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL DISTRICTS



**Map Legend**

- ④ Montana Highway Patrol District Number
- ▭ MHP Districts
- ▭ County



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## Commander

Captain James Kitchin

## Detachments

111	Missoula	Sgt. Scott Hoffman	(406) 329-1514
112	Missoula	Sgt. Chad Dever	(406) 329-1513
113	Hamilton	Sgt. Ken Breidenbach	(406) 777-2517
114	Superior	Sgt. Roman Zylawy	(406) 822-6699

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Population	167,169	167,169
FTE Uniform Positions	33	32
Vehicle Miles Driven	715,688	745,748
Calls for Service	21,639	27,317
Assists Citizen	456	591
Crashes Investigated	1,560	1,728
Traffic Stops	13,693	16,647
Total Citations	9,492	11,865
Total Warnings	15,480	19,108
Fatal Crashes in Area	21	30



# District II – Great Falls

812 14<sup>th</sup> Street North

Great Falls, MT 59401-5595

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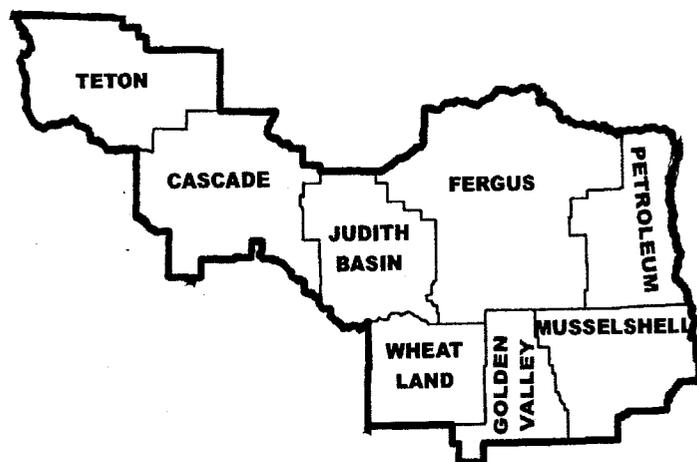
## Commander

Captain Robert Armstrong

## Detachments

212	Great Falls	Sgt. Ben Havron	(406) 453-1121
213	Great Falls	Sgt. Shawn Hazelton	(406) 453-1121
222	Lewistown	Sgt. Josef Kinsey	(406) 538-8718

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Population	109,354	109,354
FTE Uniform Positions	22	22
Vehicle Miles Driven	608,153	568,862
Calls for Service	15,579	14,493
Citizen Assists	365	507
Crashes Investigated	900	784
Traffic Stops	12,862	11,153
Total Citations	8,791	7,506
Total Warnings	14,765	12,285
Fatal Crashes in Area	13	15



# District III - Butte

3615 Wynne

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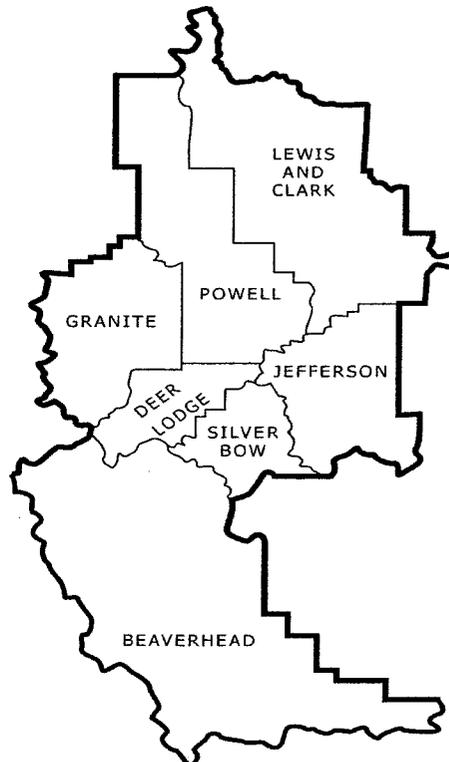
## Commander

Captain Gary Becker

## Detachments

311	Butte	Acting Sgt. Michael Rhodes	(406) 533-6622
313	Butte	Sgt. Mark Wilfore	(406) 533-6623
321	Helena	Sgt. Jay Nelson	(406) 442-0477
322	Helena	Sgt. Alex Betz	(406) 442-0478

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Population	139,458	139,458
FTE Uniform Positions	29	29
Vehicle Miles Driven	914,766	788,516
Calls for Service	25,647	27,717
Citizen Assists	536	452
Crashes Investigated	1,583	1,511
Traffic Stops	20,243	18,249
Total Citations	11,826	12,010
Total Warnings	16,946	15,752
Fatal Crashes in Area	24	25



# District IV - Billings

615A South 27 Street

Billings, MT 59101

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## Commander

Captain Keith Edgell

## Detachments

421	Billings	Sgt. Scott Ayers	(406) 896-4357
422	Billings	Sgt. Craig Baum	(406) 896-4359
423	Columbus	Sgt. Tony Beehler	(406) 322-6173
424	Billings	Sgt. John O'Neill	(406) 896-4358

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Population</b>	187,870	187,870
<b>FTE Uniform Positions</b>	32	32
<b>Vehicle Miles Driven</b>	840,790	835,368
<b>Calls for Service</b>	20,584	23,036
<b>Citizen Assists</b>	640	669
<b>Crashes Investigated</b>	1,442	1,679
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	13,496	12,750
<b>Total Citations</b>	11,255	10,050
<b>Total Warnings</b>	12,082	12,011
<b>Fatal Crashes in Area</b>	35	38

