

State of Iowa
Department of Transportation – Department of Public Safety

Agency Integration:
ONE SYSTEM – ONE OPERATION – ONE PRESENCE

Goals:

- 1. Facilitate DOT and DPS integration in related mission areas to capitalize on expertise ensuring success of the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety.**
- 2. Focused integration at all levels to improve transportation operations and safety through collaboration, consolidation and budget savings.**

Key Concepts:

- Unification of Iowa law enforcement activities
 - Enforcement of non-commercial and commercial vehicle operation
 - Equal standing as Peace Officers – Parallel duties – More Presence
- Integration of traffic engineering and law enforcement activities to maximize value and effectiveness for all Traffic Operations across the system and state of Iowa.
- Integrate systems, infrastructure and resources to enhance operations for DOT and DPS
- Implement interoperability internal to DOT and DPS and, with key partners
- Maintain respective department operational authority

Recommend a 2-step Implementation Plan:

Step 1: Integration of Agencies operations across common missions – beginning January 2012

- 1) Implement Joint Operations meetings between DPS and DOT
 - a. Clarify and unify the direction, structure, and expectations for cross-functional programs and operations of DOT and DPS. This oversight team provides the necessary executive-level management direction to set broad annual program performance measures and outcomes.
 - b. Implement regular core working relationships in all cross-functional mission areas of DPS and DOT.
- 2) Implement common presence in vehicle use for Iowa State Patrol (ISP) and Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE)
 - a. Modify MVE vehicles to ISP emblem and coloring scheme.
 - b. Vehicles are most visible means on transportation system – increased presence.
 - c. Purchasing law enforcement vehicles in one coloring scheme will lower initial cost and increase re-sale value for retired vehicles.

Step 2: Recommend movement of MVE to DPS as part of 2013 legislative session and FY 2014/2015 budget

- 1) Move MVE (131 FTEs) into DPS as a division reporting to the Commissioner
 - a. MVE movement would include Commercial Vehicle Unit and Investigative Units. Essentially, this will unify all law enforcement activities currently in DOT in DPS - the state of Iowa law enforcement agency.
- 2) All current assigned personal will maintain their established headquarters (unless facility changes enhance operational outcome for both DPS and DOT).
 - a. This will enhance ongoing agency integration activities (Step 1) and reduce costs.
- 3) Current ISP's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP funding are federal dollars) be folded into new MVE division at DPS.
 - a. Consolidation of federal funding will maximize value for state and all current ISP troopers involved in ISP MCSAP will return to non-commercial activities.

4) Cost of recommended movement of MVE into DPS

Salary & Benefits

Uniformed Officers	\$ 7,822,986
Investigation Unit	<u>\$ 1,754,893</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 9,577,879
Support	<u>\$ 1,133,000</u>
Total	\$10,710,879

Offsetting funds

MCSAP Federal Funds	\$ 3,400,000
Commercial Vehicle Fines	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u> (conservative 3-year average of fines paid and deposited in RUTF)
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 5,400,000</u>

Total General Funds needed (corresponding savings to Road Use Tax Fund) \$ 5,300,000

- 5) This recommendation concludes the move of MVE to DPS will not increase the cost of MVE as a work unit.
- 6) DPS and DOT have begun to coordinate their respective hiring process and a joint academy for ISP Troopers and MVE Officers.