

## **01.03 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE IDAHO STATE POLICE**

### **Programs and Facilities**

The Idaho State Police (ISP) provides law enforcement services to Idaho including patrol, investigations, forensic, training and support activities. Additionally, the ISP maintains the state's criminal history records and a number of registries required by law. The statewide Public Safety and Security Information System, connectivity to national criminal justice databases, and backup data for other agencies is also maintained by the ISP. The Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) division provides training and certification for Idaho's law enforcement officers and dispatchers, felony probation and parole, correction and juvenile detention, and misdemeanor probation officers. POST maintains files on all certified officers, instructors and schools as the state's trustee for the POST Council. The Brand Inspector division provides brand inspection requirements for cattle, horses, mules, and asses and brand recording information for the Brand Board. The Idaho State Racing division licenses, regulates, and supervises live and simulcast horse racing for the Racing Commission. The Director of the ISP is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Periodically, changes are made to the agency structure and supervisory responsibilities based on experience and evaluation, to effectively and efficiently provide law enforcement services to Idaho's citizens.

Activities of ISP's divisions and work units are governed by the procedures in this Handbook.

Key programs of the ISP are: Patrol, Investigations, Forensics, Police Services and Management Services. Formerly known as the Department of Law Enforcement, the agency reorganized in 1999 and took the name of its former division, the Idaho State Police, carrying on a proud history of service since the Bureau of Constabulary was organized in 1919. ISP operates from a headquarters complex in Meridian that includes facilities for the POST Academy. ISP also maintains district facilities at the following locations:

- District 1, Coeur d'Alene: Patrol, Communications, Investigations, Forensics and POST;
- District 2, Lewiston: Patrol and Investigations;
- District 3, Meridian: Patrol, Communications, Investigations, Forensics, Management Services and the POST Academy;
- District 4, Jerome: Patrol, Investigations and POST;
- District 5, Pocatello: Patrol, Investigations, Forensics and POST; and
- District 6, Idaho Falls: Patrol and Investigations.

## **Statutory Authority**

The Department derives its statutory authority from multiple sections of Idaho Code. During the legislative session of 2000, those code sections were amended to reflect the agency's reorganization from the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement to the Idaho State Police. Idaho Code [§67-2901](#) creates the Department and the position of Director, and provides for any divisions and units "deemed necessary for the administration of its duties."

- **Patrol** activity and associated duties are authorized by [§§67-2901](#) (c) through (h), [67-2901A](#) and [67-2901B](#).
- **Investigations** of major crimes, drug, racketeering and liquor violations, carried out by ISP Investigations and the Alcohol Beverage Control Office, are mandated in Titles [18](#), [37](#) and [23](#), respectively.
- **Forensic Services'** additional authority specific to drug testing of juveniles resides in [§63-2552A](#).
- **Police Services** provides law enforcement support through the **Bureau of Criminal Identification**, created in [§67-3003](#). Maintaining Idaho's Sex Offender Registry and Juvenile Sex Offender Registry is mandated by Idaho Code Chapters 83 and 84. Additional duties delegated to ISP Police Services are defined in [§19-5201](#) (public safety and security information system).
- **POST Council** activities are authorized in [§§19-5101 through 19-5118](#).
- **Brand Board** activities are authorized in [§25-1102](#), [25-1110](#), [25-1160](#) and [25-3302](#).
- **Racing Commission** activities are authorized in [§54-2506](#), [54-2507](#), [54-2508](#), [54-2509](#), [54-2512](#), [54-2513](#), and [54-2514](#).

## **Succession of Leadership**

To ensure continuity of leadership in times of executive absence, whenever the Director is unable to respond to agency needs through extended absence or unavailability, the Deputy Director assumes full command of the ISP.

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In the unlikely event that both the Director and Deputy Director are unable to respond to agency needs through extended absence or unavailability, the Major with the greatest tenure in grade assumes operational and executive command of the ISP until an appointment is made by the Governor.