

**Highway Patrol
Budget 504
House Bill No. 1011; Senate Bill No. 2371**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 legislative appropriation	198.00	\$35,125,144 ¹	\$11,525,325	\$46,650,469
2009-11 legislative appropriation	<u>194.00</u>	<u>31,357,985</u>	<u>10,893,730</u>	<u>42,251,715</u>
2011-13 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriation	4.00	\$3,767,159	\$631,595	\$4,398,754

¹This amount includes \$1,076,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$34,049,144.

Item Description

New trooper positions - The Legislative Assembly during its November 2011 special session appropriated \$681,870 from the general fund to add 4 FTE trooper positions.

Mobile radio upgrade project - In Section 2 of 2011 House Bill No. 1011, the Legislative Assembly identified one-time funding of \$1,237,000 to be used for a digital radio equipment upgrade. Of this amount, \$1,076,000 is from the general fund and \$161,000 is from the highway tax distribution fund.

Online electronic permit system - Senate Bill No. 2308 (2011) allows the Highway Patrol to establish an online automated routing electronic permit system and creates a motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund. An additional fee of \$15 is to be assessed for overweight and oversize permits issued online with automated routing which is to be deposited in the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund and appropriated on a continuing basis to the Highway Patrol for the costs of establishing and maintaining an online automated routing electronic permit system. The bill also provides that the Highway Patrol may borrow up to \$2,560,000 from the Bank of North Dakota to establish an online automated routing electronic permit system. The Highway Patrol is to repay the loan with funds from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

Status/Result

The Highway Patrol filled the new trooper positions and began an accelerated training program for the positions in March 2012. The new troopers are scheduled to graduate from the Highway Patrol training academy in July 2012.

The Highway Patrol is in the process of upgrading the radio systems. The upgrades are anticipated to be completed by the end of the 2011-13 biennium.

The Highway Patrol issued a request for proposal in February 2012 for the purchase and implementation of a commercial off-the-shelf automated routing module to interface with existing agency applications. The Highway Patrol has requested a loan of \$2,560,000 from the Bank of North Dakota for the project. The implementation of the new module is anticipated to begin in July 2012 and be completed in July 2013.

The Highway Patrol has also updated its E-Permit application to allow all self-issued permits to be purchased online.