

## State patrol has new mascot

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The newest member of the Nebraska State Patrol was unveiled Monday at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island.

Trooper Buck L. Up, created by Street Characters Inc. for \$9,000, was introduced by Colonel David Sankey, Nebraska State Patrol superintendent, when Sankey pinned a badge on the mascot, Trooper Buck L. Up.

“We are very excited to unveil our new mascot,” Sankey said. “Trooper Buck will be used by our troopers across the state, promoting our agency’s mission of saving lives on Nebraska roads”.

Trooper Buck was purchased for the agency by the Nebraska State Patrol Foundation with a grant from the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

The new trooper will join NSP’s inflatable mascot, Trooper Ted, who debuted in 2004.

Community service officers will manage Trooper Buck’s schedule as they utilize his presence during safety presentations at community and organizational events across the state.

Sankey said he hopes Trooper Buck will engage the young and young at heart as troopers work to encourage everyone to wear their seat belt every trip every time.