

Delegate Committee #2: The Committee to Evaluate the Role of Area Officers

1. What are the current duties of Area Officers?

Once elected, Area Officers are currently required to attend the following events:

- **Area Officer Training (2 days in August or September)**
- **Area Forestry CDE (1 day in September or October)**
- **Area LDEs (1 day in November or December)**
- **State Leadership Delegates Conference (2 days in March)**
- **State Convention Committee Meetings (1 day in June)**

2. What are the current duties of State Officers?

State Officer duties are wide-ranging and include mandatory and as-needed events:

- **Mandatory:**
 - **Basecamp (6 days in June)**
 - **Leadership Camp (13 days in June and July)**
 - **State Officer Summit (4-6 days in July)**
 - **Area Officer Training (3 days in August or September)**
 - **Fall Executive Committee Meeting (1 day in September or October)**
 - **National Convention (8 days in October)**
 - **Checkpoint Training (3 days in December)**
 - **State LDEs (1 day in December)**
 - **State Leadership Delegates Conference (3 days in March)**
 - **State Spring CDEs (1 day in March or April)**
 - **Spring Executive Committee Meeting (1 day in March or April)**
 - **Capitol Day (1 day in April or May)**
 - **State Convention (9 days in May and June)**
- **As-needed**
 - **Chapter visits (Each officer is assigned 10 chapter visits per year; sometimes, these assigned visits do not happen, but often times, other chapters request visits. Most officers will do at least 10 during the year.)**
 - **Industry and Government visits (Most officers will do at least five visits with industry and government officials throughout the year.)**
 - **Special events (Special events such as television appearances, attending other organizations' conferences and events, and representing FFA on boards and commissions take place periodically.)**

3. What is the estimate of how much time State Officers spend in each Area?

This is a difficult question to answer. The best way may be to breakdown how much time is allocated for State Officers to interact with members from each Area or to make industry visits:

- **Leadership Camp**
 - **Each Area is assigned a three-day camp (in a normal year). This works out to approximately 30 hours spent with members of each Area who attend camp.**
- **Area Officer Training**
 - **State Officers spend approximately 16 hours with Area Officers.**
- **State Leadership Delegates Conference**
 - **State Officers spend approximately 16 hours with Area Officers.**
- **Chapter Visits**
 - **Roughly half of the chapters in each Area are assigned visits each year. From each Area, this approximately works out to:**
 - **Area I – 19 schools**
 - **Area II – 20 schools**
 - **Area III – 30 schools**
 - **Area IV – 31 schools**
 - **If each chapter visit is one day long, this equals 100 days. Not every chapter visit last the entire school day.**
 - **In addition to these, many schools request banquet visits at the end of the school year.**
- **Industry and Government Visits**
 - **This is difficult to estimate the number of times an Area will be visited since these events take place when a business or government official agrees to meet with State Officers.**

4. How could Area Officers help take some of this workload from State Officers?

Area Officer Training typically offers Area Officers basic training on workshop facilitation and advocacy. State Officers would likely not need to give up any of their assigned activities, but enhanced Area Officer training could allow more FFA members and industry and government leaders to be visited if Area Officers could also conduct visits.