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2022
ANNUAL REPORT





COLONEL HERMAN T. JONES SUPERINTENDENT

Colonel Herman T. Jones stepped down as Shawnee County Sheriff and was appointed Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol on April 3, 2019 and confirmed by the Kansas State Legislature on January 16, 2020.

Col. Jones' law enforcement career began in 1977 while in college at Emporia State University working with campus police. His experiences in law enforcement and personal connections helped instill his life-long mission to serve others and be, "selfless not selfish."

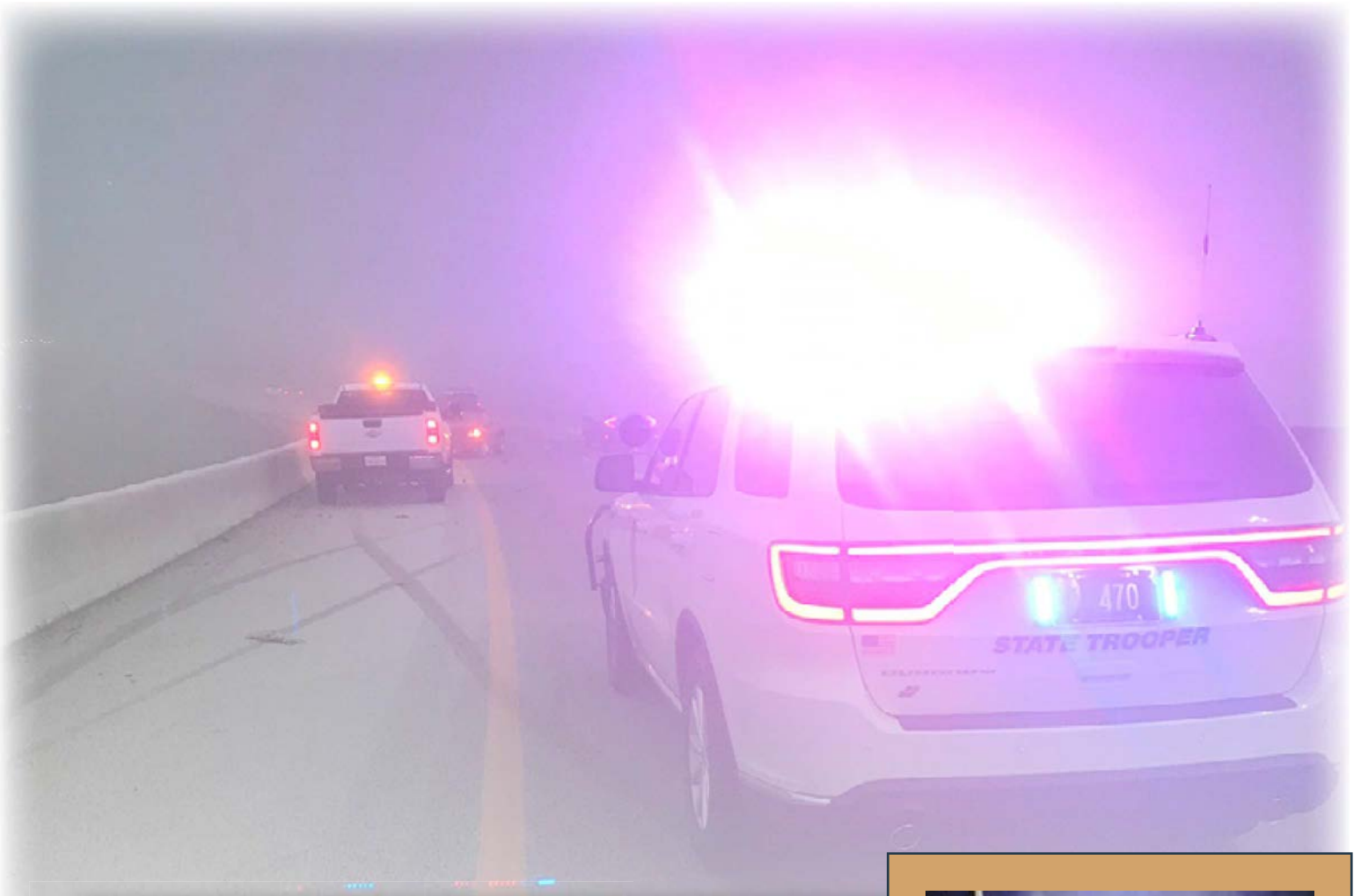
Most recently, Col. Jones was Shawnee County Sheriff from 2012 through 2020. He previously served with the Kansas Highway Patrol as a state trooper from 1982 to 1992, then as Director of Administration from 2000 to 2011.

Jones is involved in many law enforcement and civic organizations including his church, the Kansas Peace Officer Association, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Topeka.

Most importantly, he is a husband, father of two, and grandfather.

Some of Jones' other accomplishments include 2012 FBI National Academy Graduate, 2013 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools Distinguished Alumni, 2014 National Sheriffs' Institute Graduate, 2014 Kansas Sheriffs' Association Sheriff of the Year, 2015 Leadership Topeka Graduate, 2016 Emporia State University Distinguished Alumni, 2018 Leadership Kansas Graduate, Life Member of the Kansas Peace Officer Association (KPOA) and former President, and currently serves as a Commissioner for Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (KCPOST); this Commission oversees certification and training for all Kansas law enforcement.





LIEUTENANT COLONEL JASON DE VORE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

De Vore joined the Patrol in March 1994 after graduating with Class 27 from the academy. During his first six years, he served the Salina area as a trooper. In January of 2000, De Vore was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and began his assignment as assistant Troop M commander in Salina. In 2003, he was promoted to Lieutenant and in 2004 he was promoted to Captain of Central Communications and served as the State CJIS Systems Officer. Starting in 2005, he served as Troop C commander. In 2011, De Vore was promoted to Major. He has served as the West Region and Special Operations Major, overseeing field operations, as well as the Special Response Team, Hazardous Devices Unit, Criminal Interdiction, Canine Unit, and various other organizational units.

During his service with the Patrol, De Vore has been a member of the Criminal Interdiction Enforcement Unit and the Special Response Team (SRT). In 2008, he attended the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, as a member of Class #234. He is a member of the Kansas Peace Officers Association (District Governor), Kansas Sheriffs' Association, the FBI's National Academy Associates, Inc., the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He is also a Certified Public Manager through the KU CPM program.

De Vore graduated from Eureka Sr. High School in Eureka, Kansas. He received his associate degree in criminal justice from Barton County Community College and graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology with a degree in Electronic Engineering Technology.



MISSION AND GOALS

OUR MISSION

The Kansas Highway Patrol is devoted to improving quality of life through spirited and dedicated service. We pledge to be responsive to concerns of citizens and public safety partners. We will do this by providing professional law enforcement services and share resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

We believe in treating all persons with courtesy and respect. The preservation of individual dignity and constitutional rights is paramount in performing our duties. Protecting the rights of co-workers and providing a safe, secure working environment is of equal importance.

We are committed to providing protection of life and property through active enforcement of traffic, criminal and other laws of the State of Kansas, and by supporting Homeland Security initiatives. We recognize our responsibility to uphold and enforce this authority in a competent, fair, and honest manner.



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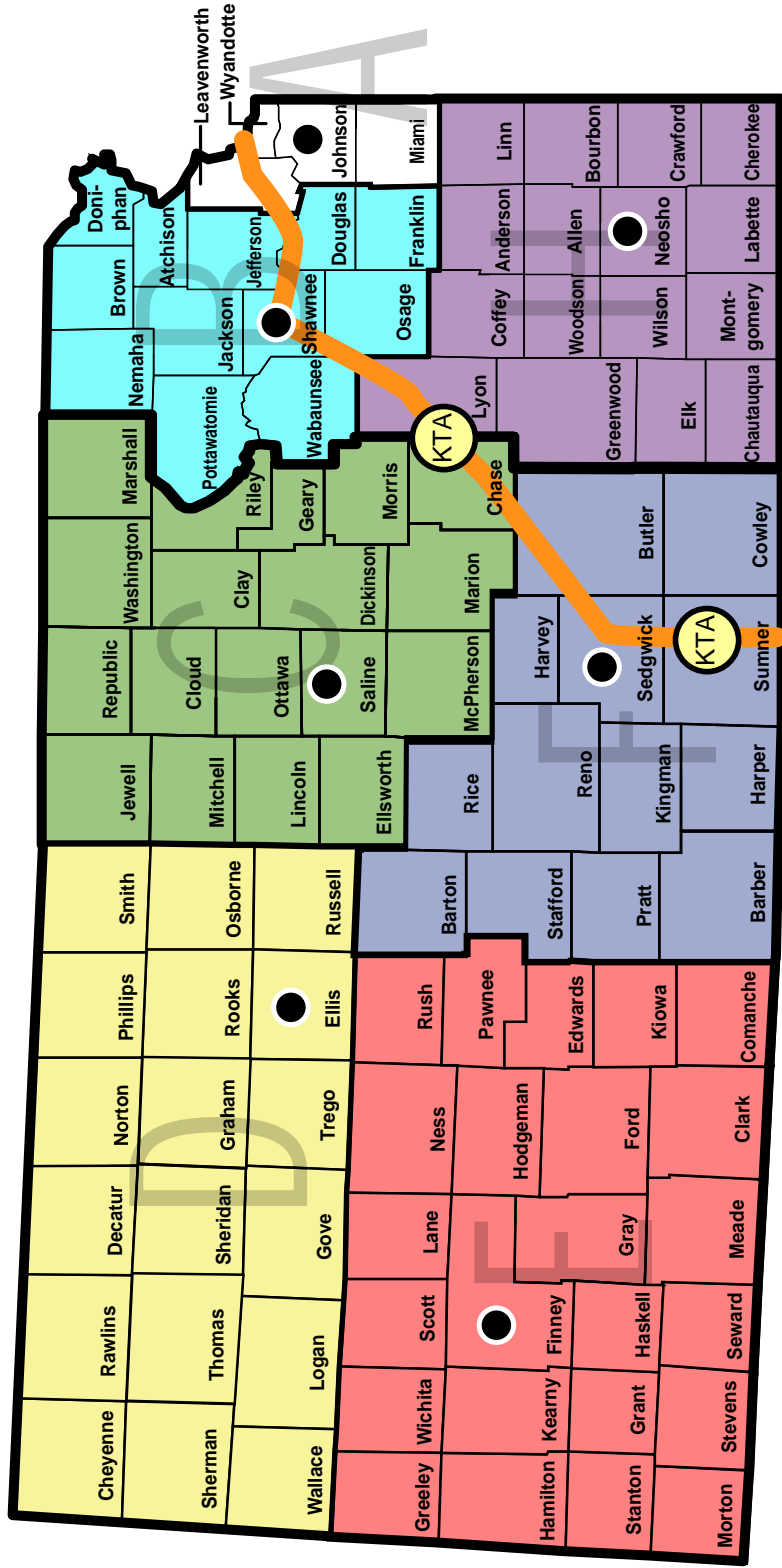
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OUR GOALS

Consistent with the Patrol's mission and principal function, we will strive to attain the following goals:

- To reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes through the enforcement of impaired driving and occupant protection laws.
- The Patrol will promote the use of child restraints and safety belts through aggressive enforcement and educational programs.
- The Patrol will deter motorists from driving impaired and will arrest impaired drivers through proven DUI countermeasures, such as selective enforcement efforts and sobriety check lanes.
- To vigorously pursue, apprehend, and prosecute those who utilize Kansas highways for criminal activities.
- To improve the quality of our service and enforcement activities by developing programs and incorporating technologies that enhance public safety.
- To enhance public relations through local community involvement in schools, civic organizations, and businesses.

343,797
PUBLIC CONTACTS
WERE MADE
IN 2020



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Major Andrew Dean
 Troop K – Capitol Police
 Troop M – Central Communications/CJIS
 Fleet
 Information Technology
 Public & Governmental Affairs
 Records

SOUTH REGION

Major Dennis Marten
 Troop E
 Troop F
 Troop H
 Troop V – Motor Vehicle Enforcement

NORTH REGION

Major Michael Murphy
 Troop C
 Troop D
 Troop G - Turnpike
 Troop I – MCSAP, CHART, MCI

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Major Robert Keener
 Troop J – Training Academy, Breath Alcohol Unit
 Troop N – Domestic Highway Enforcement Team, Task Force, Fusion Center, Evidence
 Troop S – Emergency Services Unit
 Troop T – Air Support Unit

EAST REGION

Major Eric Sauer
 Troop A
 Troop B
 Homeland Security/
 Emergency Operations
 Accreditation
 Fiscal
 Human Resources

YEAR IN REVIEW

The Kansas Highway Patrol experienced a year of many new changes to agency business and operations during 2020. In March, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment announced the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in Kansas. Patrol personnel quickly implemented new health and safety precautions to avoid the spread of the virus, such as wearing face coverings when around others; washing hands and sanitizing workspaces, vehicles, and equipment frequently; maintaining social distance of 5 to 10 feet away from personnel and public contacts whenever possible; and minimizing large gatherings. The agency conducted business by means of telework when possible, alternating schedules to reduce the number of people in a workspace, and began conducting virtual meetings, trainings, and conferences using video calling applications.

Troopers, Capitol Police, and civilian personnel assisted their communities throughout the pandemic while following COVID-19 health guidelines. Many troopers helped hand out lunches to students when schools closed in March while some civilian personnel made homemade face masks or worked remotely. The Patrol's Air Support Unit relayed COVID-19 medicine, personal protective equipment, and other medical supplies to hospitals across the state while maintaining their regular Patrol duties. Emergency Operations delivered PPE to Patrol personnel to ensure everyone had enough supplies to last. Additionally, partner organizations, such as AAA of Kansas and Air Capital Distribution, donated masks, hand sanitizer and other supplies to the Patrol.

While personnel adjusted to the new COVID-19 parameters, the agency continued to achieve key advancements. In October, the agency was granted accreditation status for the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Additionally, the agency began the process to acquire accreditation for the Patrol's Central Communications Center in Salina and Troop K (Capitol Police) Dispatch.

The Patrol welcomed seven new troopers who began their career with the Patrol in July. Class #60 graduated from the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy in November after 24 weeks of intensive law enforcement training.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

COVID-19 Impacts



Training Academy Accreditation



Class #60



The men and women of the Patrol appreciate the opportunity to serve across the state and look forward to continuing this service for years to come. Despite the changing conditions of 2020, the agency continued to work toward their mission of providing Service, Courtesy, and Protection to all citizens traveling to and through the state of Kansas.

EAST REGION



MAJOR ERIC SAUER

East Region Executive Commander

Major Eric Sauer joined the Patrol in March 1994 and was assigned to field duties in Goodland, Kan. In 1998, he was assigned to the Governor's Protection Detail, Troop L, in Topeka, Kan., and was promoted to Second Lieutenant in 1999. In 2003, Sauer was promoted to Lieutenant and later that same year to Captain, assuming the duties of Operations Commander of Troop L. In 2011, Sauer transferred and took command of Troop N and the KHP Aircraft wing, Troop T, until 2015. In 2015, Sauer assumed command of the Homeland Security & Emergency Operations Unit in addition to Troop N. He was promoted to Major for the West region in July 2019 and oversaw Troops C, D, E, F and Homeland Security and Emergency Operations. In 2020, he transitioned to overseeing the East Region, which includes field Troops A and B, as well as Homeland Security and Emergency Operations, Accreditation, Fiscal, and Human Resources.

Major Sauer began his law enforcement career in 1991 with the Riley County Police Department as a police officer after graduation from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Sauer is a native of Cimarron, Kan., and a 1987 graduate of Cimarron High School. He later received an Associate degree in criminal justice from Seward County Community College in 1989 and his Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Washburn University in 1991. Sauer is a 2011 graduate of the FBI National Academy Class #247 in Quantico, Va.

TROOPER SAVES FEMALE FROM ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

On July 9, a trooper located a 20-year-old female sitting on an interstate bridge barrier wall with her feet hanging over the open-air side where the ground was over 100 feet down. The trooper positioned his patrol car a safe distance away to warn approaching motorists and made contact with her over his patrol vehicle's public address speaker system. After a while, the trooper was able to negotiate her off of the barrier wall and to the roadside shoulder. She was crying hysterically and said she wanted to commit suicide in a location that her parents would not have to be the ones to find her. The trooper took her to a safe location where her parents and medical professionals were notified.

TROOP A PURSUES KIDNAPPING SUSPECT

The Kansas Highway Patrol assisted the Kansas City, Kan., Police Department on Oct. 22 with a vehicle pursuit for an active kidnapping. The suspect, a 42-year-old white female, stole a vehicle with a two-year-old child inside which was left running in a driveway. The Patrol became the primary pursuing agency when the suspect was able to outrun the original pursuing agency. During the pursuit, multiple jurisdictions fell in line. The Patrol successfully deployed tire deflation devices (stop sticks) on US-69 in southern Johnson County. The suspect vehicle stopped and the driver complied

with law enforcement. The child was safely reunited with family. The driver was in mental distress and had a felony warrant for her arrest.

MICHAEL NEWTON TOY DRIVE BRINGS JOY TO CHILDREN DURING HOLIDAYS



Troops A, I and Public & Governmental Affairs assisted the Missouri State Highway Patrol with the 18th Annual Michael Newton Toy Drive at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kan., and the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, Mo. The cooperative effort is designed to bring joy to children who are forced to spend the holiday season in the hospital. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and restrictions, the ability to see the children was hampered but this did not slow down the contributions.

MOBILE FIELD FORCE



CIVIL UNREST IN DOWNTOWN TOPEKA, SHAWNEE COUNTY

The Kansas Highway Patrol Mobile Field Force (MFF) team was established in 2017. The unit is comprised of highly trained troopers who specialize in the preservation and protection of life, property, and citizens' constitutional rights.

On June 1, the Mobile Field Force team responded to a request for assistance from the Topeka Police Department for a civil disturbance involving dozens of people in downtown Topeka. A platoon of troopers arrived and accomplished the intended mission to disperse those who were taking advantage of others and those who were there to express their constitutional right to free speech.

TROOPERS STOP HOMICIDE SUSPECT

A homicide subject was located by the Patrol's Air Support Unit on June 15 near Perry Lake in Jefferson County. The suspect fled toward the city of Lawrence, Kan., when troopers attempted to stop the vehicle. Two troopers observed the vehicle entering north Lawrence and began to pursue the vehicle. After the suspect lost control of the vehicle at 19th and Massachusetts St., the suspect exited his vehicle and fired shots at the officers. The troopers drew the suspect's attention away from others. The suspect was wanted for three homicides by Nebraska officials.

TROOP B PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR AGENCIES IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES

Troop B was busy assisting other agencies as needs developed during 2020. Troopers provided security for numerous protests in Shawnee, Atchison, Franklin, Douglas and Jackson Counties during the summer months. Personnel assisted local agencies with an increase in manpower to curb the potential threat for disturbance. Additionally, the troop assisted agencies with organized relays of Remdesivir medicine, ventilators and vaccines during the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. They also helped Troop L, Protective Services for the Governor, during critical movements.



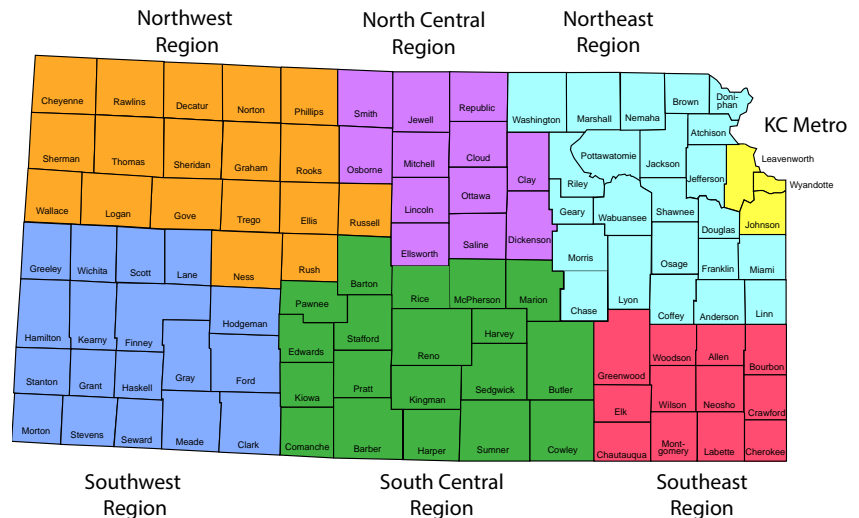
HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Captain Justin Bramlett

The Kansas Highway Patrol Homeland Security Office (HSO) has served as the Governor-appointed State Administrative Agency (SAA) for The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) since 2001 and The Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP) since 2018.

The State of Kansas is divided into seven Homeland Security Regions with each represented by a governing council made up of local volunteers from various disciplines. As the SAA, the Patrol is responsible for pass-through and oversight of the HSGP and NSGP.

- This was the third year Kansas was awarded the NSGP and received \$1,362,576 in Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriated funds for fiscal year 2020. These funds were distributed to multiple recipients in Kansas. The recipients will use these funds to support physical security enhancements and other security initiatives.
- In fiscal year 2020, the HSGP received nearly \$4.1M in DHS appropriated funds. The monetary award is distributed among five sub-recipients to be allocated across the state to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities through planning, equipment, training, and exercise activities.
 - Calendar year 2020 was a difficult year with not being able to provide in-person training and exercise activities. Most trainings were canceled or offered virtually when possible.



- Fiscal year 2020 funding was used to secure and sustain an existing Patrol Fusion Center Analyst to work in the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center (KFIC). The Intelligence Analyst assists with analysis and dissemination of intelligence information to law enforcement in Kansas and beyond.
- Additionally, fiscal year 2020 funding was secured to sustain radiation detection and identification equipment. This will assist the Patrol and other state partners to detect, locate, accurately measure, and identify radiological sources when needed.

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNCTION 13 (ESF-13)



When the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) went to full activation. Members of the Emergency Operations unit helped 24/7 to fulfill the ESF-13 role in the SEOC. The SEOC remains at a full activation but has transitioned to a virtual platform with some special requests for in-person presence of an ESF-13 representative. Emergency Operations members remain in constant contact with the SEOC and ESF partners, attend daily briefings, and complete task requests even in the virtual environment.

The Patrol has made more than 100 deliveries of medical equipment, vaccines, test samples, medicine, and more as the lead agency for ESF-13. The Patrol has responded to and received requests for response for civil unrest, election security, wildfires, and severe weather events, which were all handled in conjunction with the COVID-19 response.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Shellbie Blodgett
Director

Human Resources (HR) works to attract and retain quality employees in an agency of over 800 positions. HR staff provide information and direction to applicants and employees in the hiring process and promotional processes, as well as in compensation, benefit programs, performance reviews and policy development. The HR department works to ensure agency compliance with state and federal employment laws, state statutes, Kansas Administrative Regulations, executive directives, Memorandums of Agreement, CALEA standards and agency policies. The Patrol supports our military employees and veterans and strives to reflect the diversity of the citizens the agency serves. The department provides training to agency employees to ensure clear communication and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action and more.

ACCREDITATION

Christi Asbe
Accreditation Manager

Becoming accredited does not mean that there isn't still room for improvement. It simply means the Patrol will continue to self-assess, grow, and move forward.

The unit contacts and works with divisions and programs within the Patrol and seeks proofs of compliance for each standard.

Proofs include reports, training documents, completed forms, photographs, audio, video and other items. There are three accreditation programs in accordance with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA.) These programs include the Law Enforcement, Academy, and Communications Accreditation programs.



LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

The Patrol achieved initial Law Enforcement accreditation and began a cycle of assessments in July 2018. Each year CALEA conducts a review of the agency's continued compliance with the standards. The Patrol's annual law enforcement review was in August 2020, and this will be reviewed again in 2021 to work toward reaccreditation in 2022.



ACADEMY ACCREDITATION

In January 2020, the Patrol's Training Academy was assessed by CALEA Compliance Service Members and Assessors to determine compliance with 159 standards based on best practices for Law Enforcement Training Academies. The Patrol achieved Academy Accreditation in July 2020. The agency can expect to be reviewed by CALEA again in early Spring 2021.



COMMUNICATIONS ACCREDITATION

In October 2020, the Patrol's Communications Centers (Troop M and Troop K) were assessed by CALEA Compliance Service Members and Assessors to determine compliance with 207 standards based on best practices for Law Enforcement Communications Centers. The agency hopes to achieve CALEA accredited status in March at the Spring 2021 CALEA Conference.

Fiscal Management is tasked with oversight and management to ensure all funds are spent and managed according to the goals, objectives and mission of the organization in accordance with the State policy. Individuals within this office provide account-level monitoring and financial forecasting related to the agency's budget, oversight of asset management, procurement of goods and services, owned and leased facilities, and financial reporting of State and Federal grants.

ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES

During 2020, the Fiscal Accounting staff processed:

- Approximately **12,000 PAYMENTS** in Fiscal Year 2020, **TOTALING OVER \$48.1M** to outside entities for goods and services purchased or contracted by the agency.
- **MANAGED OVER \$12.5M IN GRANT FUNDS** and **PROVIDED OVERSIGHT FOR 124 FACILITIES** whether the Patrol owned, leased through private organizations, or shared space with other state agencies. These contracts include facilities for office space, VIN operations, storage, troop headquarters, Fleet garage and aircraft hangars.

PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

The Patrol's Procurement Officers facilitate the procurement process as delegated by the Department of Administration. The department's functions include product research and sourcing, management of bid solicitations, negotiating and preparing contracts for good and services.

In fiscal year 2020, Procurement:

- **PROCESSED 2,886 UNIQUE PURCHASE ORDERS**
- **PREPARED 49 AGENCY-SPECIFIC CONTRACTS, TOTALING \$27.9M** in purchases.
- Prepared **147 PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS** which, by statute, are submitted to the Office of Procurement and Contracts for approval on requests exceeding the Patrol's annual purchase authority of \$5,000.
- Managed the agencies **619 ACTIVE PROCUREMENT CARDS** with **ANNUAL SPENDING OF \$1.6M.**
- Procurement played an instrumental role in acquiring several key procurement contracts in fiscal year 2020, including the replacement of key equipment such as Stalker radars, tasers, mobile data units (MDUs), and civilian laptops. The Procurement unit also worked hand-in-hand with Information Technology and Troop M to award a contract to upgrade the current CJIS software that will replace multiple Patrol-owned platforms such as KLER, Global Justice RMS, Workflow and DigiTicket.

PANDEMIC IMPACT

The pandemic had a significant impact on the Patrol as an organization and the supply chain was not immune. The Fiscal team developed a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) reporting process to manage, communicate and distribute critical supplies. The team was able to assist the Command Staff by identifying and mitigating risks on an ongoing basis by working with Tier 1 and 2 suppliers, which allowed the agency to maintain business continuity and make sure personnel were safe.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Fiscal Asset Management Unit is required to submit a DA-87 Capital Asset Reporting Log quarterly to the Department of Administration to track assets throughout the agency. The report identifies the Patrol's assets that have been acquired, disposed or changed in value within the identified Fiscal Year. The Department of Administration also conducts random sampling of assets on a three-year cycle. **THE AGENCY ACHIEVED AN ACCURACY RATE OF 95% DURING ITS LAST AUDIT.**

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

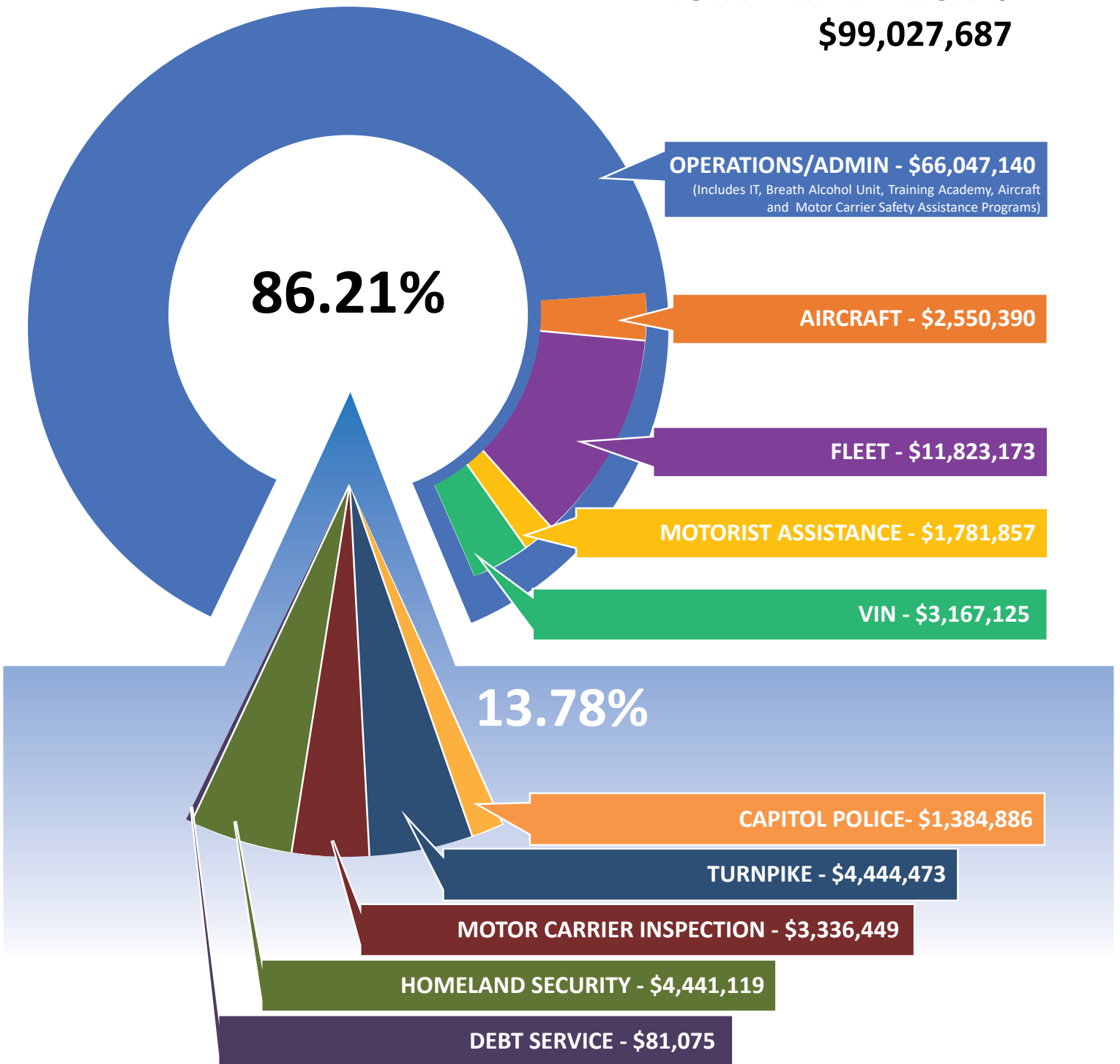
In support of the agency's Mission and Goals, Fiscal Management continues to adhere to the internal strategic goal of continuous improvement and drive for increased efficiency, effectiveness and security in Fiscal operations by reviewing policies and procedures. The objective is for Fiscal to operate as efficiently and effectively at all levels, reducing unnecessary and duplicate processes.

The strategy to accomplish this goal involves eliminating barriers and simplifying procedures by reviewing processes and adopting procedures and best practices. The unit looked to implement automation where possible, clearly define roles and tasks both internal to the Fiscal staff and external to Patrol field personnel, standardize documents, and provide training and reference documents for all applicable employees and suppliers.

One of the key accomplishments in 2020 was the development of a Fiscal Services Troop Reference Guide for Patrol employees which is available on the agency's PowerDMS website. The handbook is an interactive document that identifies over 13 key categories commonly used by field personnel and provides step-by-step instructions on some of the most common tasks. The document is updated quarterly to include new and updated processes and provides a central repository for Fiscal tasks for Patrol personnel.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$99,027,687



2020 AGENCY-WIDE STATISTICS



Cleared **2,353** database entries in the FBI's National Crime Information Center



Recovered **523** stolen vehicles and recovered **743** unattended vehicles



Issued **62,525** speeding citations



Spent **32,049.25** hours assisting **108,282** motorists



Issued **14,420** moving hazardous violations (MHVs)



Conducted **173** MCSAP safety reviews



Weighed **4,588** commercial vehicles with portable scales, **505,336** with fixed scales and **5,764** weight in motion scales



Performed **4,785** fuel inspections



Administered **1,526** preliminary breath tests (PBT)

NORTH REGION



MAJOR MICHAEL MURPHY

North Region Executive Commander

Major Michael Murphy joined the Patrol in 1985 as a Motor Carrier Inspector stationed in Phillipsburg. On June 18, 1988, he was promoted to Trooper and assumed road patrol duties in Lincoln County. He transferred to Osborne in 1993. In 1998, Murphy was promoted to Master Trooper and transferred to Wichita. He was promoted to Lieutenant in February 2002, and began zone supervisor duties for Cloud, Mitchell, Jewell, Republic, Washington, Clay and Marshall Counties. Murphy was promoted to Captain in October 2009 and oversaw the Patrol's Troop D in the northwest region of the state. In September 2019, he was promoted to Major and assumed command of the North Region, including Troops C, D, G – Kansas Turnpike, and I – Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP), Motor Carrier Inspectors (MCIs), and Critical Highway Accident Response Team (CHART).

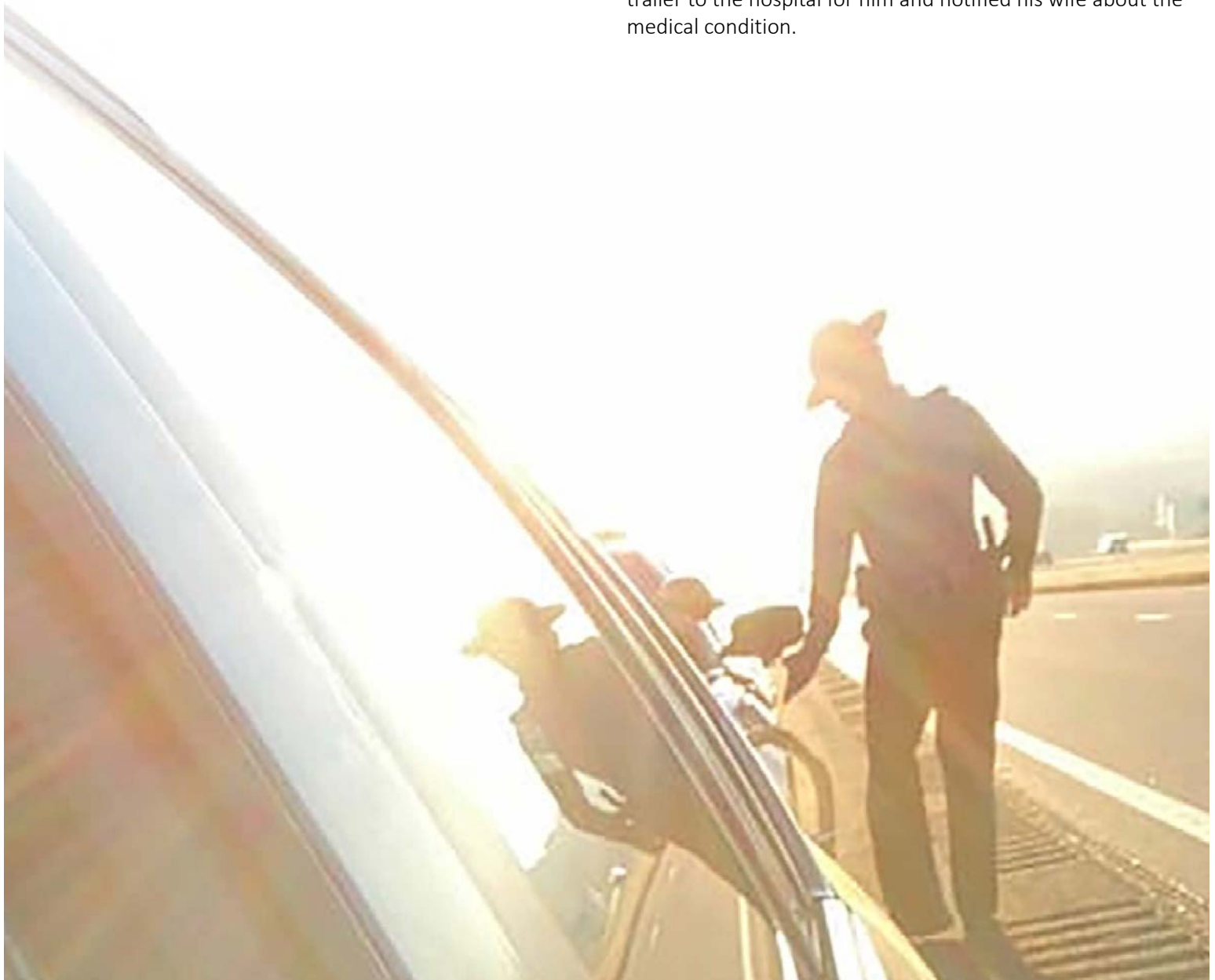
Murphy's career in law enforcement began in 1984 with the Osborne Police Department. He graduated from Natoma High School in Natoma, Kan., and attended Colby Community College where he studied Criminal Justice.

ASSISTING WITH PURSUIT IN SALINE COUNTY

The Kansas Highway Patrol assisted the Salina Police Department on Aug. 29 with a pursuit involving a stabbing suspect from Salina. The suspect was traveling east on Old 40 Highway east of Salina when a trooper took over primary pursuit responsibilities. His lieutenant was secondary in the pursuit. The trooper performed a Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI) maneuver when an opportunity became available. The TVI spun the suspect vehicle into the north ditch. The trooper conducted a felony traffic stop and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

TROOPERS HELP DRIVER SUFFERING FROM MEDICAL CONDITION

A Kansas Highway Patrol trooper was conducting a Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspection (CVSI) when he was contacted by a motorist who reported an erratic driver operating a truck that was pulling a trailer. The trooper released the Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) and was able to locate the erratic driver. Another trooper, who is also a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), was in the area and responded to the scene. They determined the driver was having a diabetic episode. The troopers contacted Emergency Medical Services (EMS). EMS confirmed the driver had an extremely low blood sugar. The driver was transported to the Geary County Community Hospital in Junction City. One of the troopers drove the individual's truck and trailer to the hospital for him and notified his wife about the medical condition.



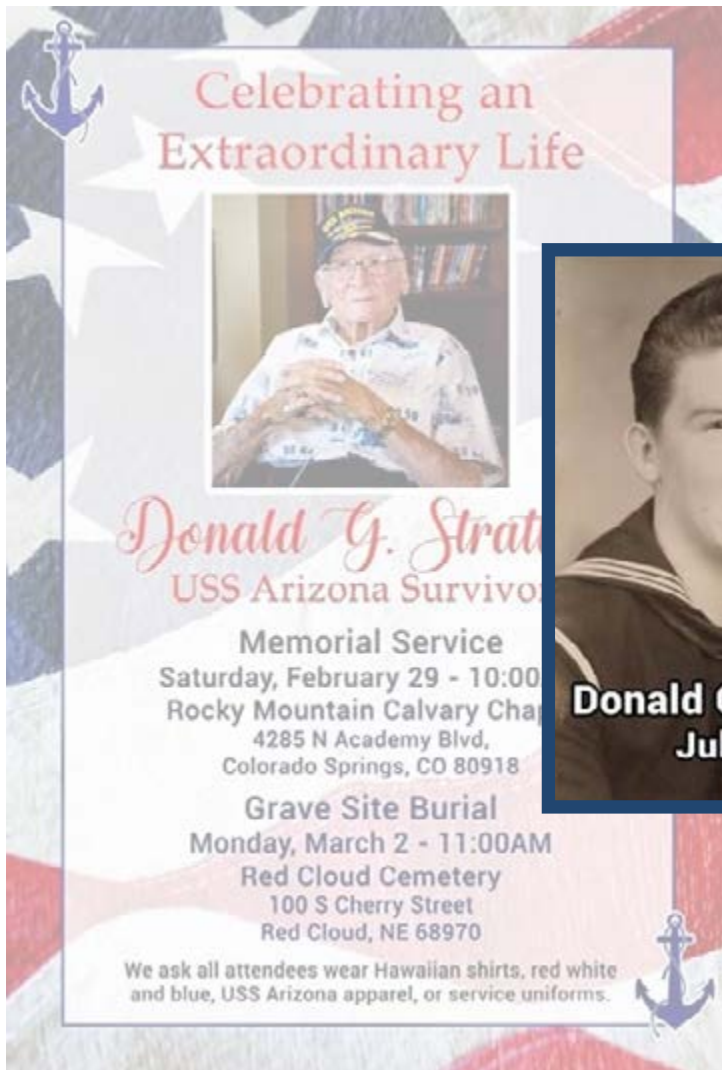
DE-ESCALATING A SUICIDE ATTEMPT ON I-70

The Kansas Highway Patrol was contacted on Feb. 12 regarding a suicidal subject operating a loaded truck and semi-trailer traveling eastbound into Kansas from Colorado. Troop D was dispatched to locate the truck and driver. The driver stated she intended to commit suicide by driving her truck the wrong way on I-70. The Patrol's Communications Center contacted the driver and established a dialog which greatly aided the troopers and local sheriff deputies. The dialog and coordination with deputies and troopers led to a safe stop of the truck and driver at a rest area in Trego County. The driver was taken into protective custody and was provided mental health aid through a local provider.


TROOPERS ASSIST WITH MEMORIAL ESCORT FOR WWII VETERAN

A Dignified Honors Motorcade including seven troopers, a lieutenant, and captain assisted with a memorial escort in honor of WWII Veteran and Author Donald Stratton. The escort started at the Colorado border on I-70, traveled through Hays, and went north to the Nebraska border. The motorcade ended at Red Cloud, Neb. Stratton's son was grateful for the escort and gifted a Pearl Harbor challenge coin to the troopers and others assisting.

Stratton survived the attack on Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Arizona on Dec. 7, 1941. He was the only person on the bow of the USS Arizona to survive the blast. Stratton was granted a medical discharge due to his injuries. He re-enlisted and served until 1946. In later years, he wrote the memoir "All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor" to honor his shipmates and others who passed away during the attack. Stratton passed away on Feb. 15 at the age of 97 at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Celebrating an Extraordinary Life



Donald G. Stratton
USS Arizona Survivor

Memorial Service
Saturday, February 29 - 10:00
Rocky Mountain Calvary Church
4285 N Academy Blvd,
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Grave Site Burial
Monday, March 2 - 11:00AM
Red Cloud Cemetery
100 S Cherry Street
Red Cloud, NE 68970

We ask all attendees wear Hawaiian shirts, red white and blue, USS Arizona apparel, or service uniforms.

Donald Stratton Motorcade Schedule

Route and Timeline for Dignified Honors Procession:

12:15 p - 12:30 p Depart:
Rocky Mountain Calvary Church
4285 N Academy Blvd

12:25 p - 12:40 p Academy Blvd onto Austin Bluffs Pkwy
Austin Bluffs Pkwy onto I-25 NB at Garden of the Gods Rd.



6:50 p - 7:05 p EB I-70 onto NB 183
7:00 p - 7:15 p NB 183 at Buckeye
7:15 p - 7:30 p NB 183 at Plainville
7:30 p - 7:45 p NB 183 at Highway 24
7:50 p - 8:05 p NB 183 onto EB Highway 36 (Philipsburg)
8:20 p - 8:35 p EB 36 at Smith Center
8:30 p - 8:45 p EB 36 onto NB 281
8:45 p - 9:00 p NB 281 at Kansas/Nebraska State Line
8:55 p - 9:05 p NB 281 onto WB 4th Ave to:

Williams Funeral Home
241 W Fourth Ave
Red Cloud, Nebraska

APPREHENDING A HOMICIDE SUSPECT

On June 25, troopers were notified about a homicide suspect's electronic monitoring system being pinged southbound on I-335 from Topeka. It was noted that the suspect was possibly armed with a 9 mm handgun and he had shot someone during a robbery. Two troopers stopped the vehicle southbound on I-35 at mile marker 99. They conducted a felony traffic stop, and the driver and passenger were taken into custody without incident. The passenger had two warrants out of Wichita. The suspects were turned over to Wichita Police Department. The suspect in question had an active felony warrant for Failure to Comply on the charges of First-Degree Murder, two counts of Criminal Discharge of a Firearm, two counts of Aggravated Assault, two counts of Flee or Attempt to Elude, and Possession of Stolen Property.

TROOPER RECEIVES COMMENDATION FOR BRINGING A PURSUIT TO SAFE CONCLUSION

On Oct. 3, a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper assisted with a pursuit which was initiated by the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. The pursuit involved a homicide suspect who fled the scene of a stabbing. The trooper joined the pursuit after it crossed the Missouri state line and successfully deployed a Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI) maneuver at the request of Kansas City, Kansas police officers. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department presented a commendation to the trooper on Nov. 10 for his efforts to bring the situation to a safe conclusion.

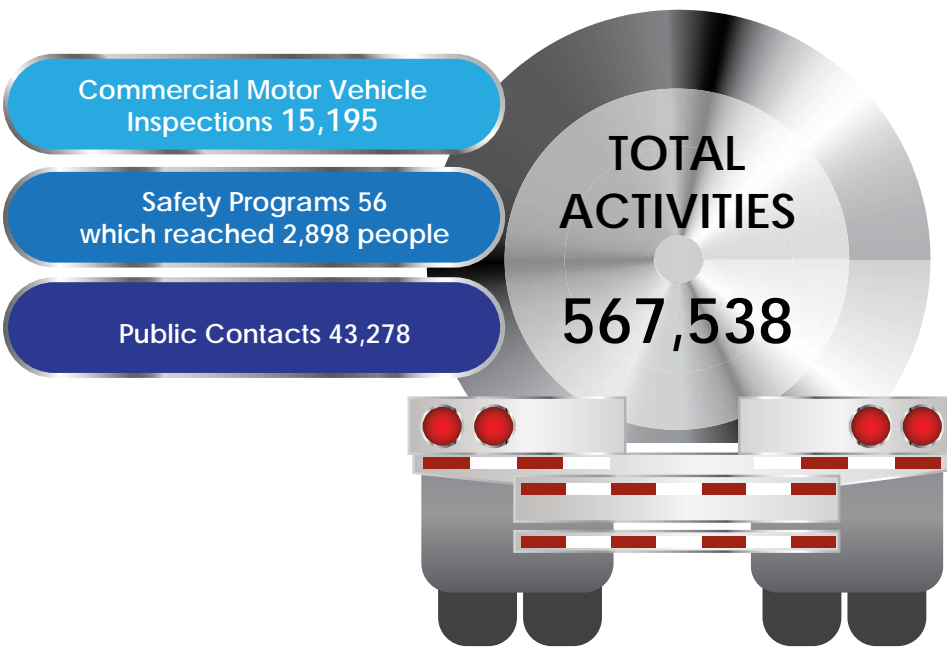


TROOP I

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP), Motor Carrier Inspectors (MCI), Critical Highway Accident Response Team (CHART)
Captain Wesley Ludolph

Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement was not immune to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Emergency declarations directly impacted interstate commerce and those directly supporting the relief or restoration efforts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Many of the safety and training programs presented by Troop I were temporarily halted until safety protocols and alternative learning methods were developed.

Troop I personnel continued their mission and public safety efforts to reduce large truck and bus crashes in the state by performing commercial vehicle inspections and safety programs. These inspections and programs are key in educating Kansas' industry stakeholders and stakeholders at the national level. Through Troop I's safety program efforts alone, the troop reached 2,898 people. The following is a snapshot of Troop I's activities during the Federal Fiscal Year 2020.



2020 TROOP I ACTIVITY	
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Violations	
OFFENSE	ARRESTS
MHV	486
Speed	1,766
Seatbelt	473
Misdemeanor Traffic	605
Felonies	18
Drug Arrests	24
DUI	6
Misdemeanor Non-Traffic	103
NCIC Hits	26

CHART TEAM

The severity of certain traffic accidents require more intensive investigations to determine the cause. To fulfill this need, the Patrol has assembled a team of highly trained officers who possess specialized training in the field of collision reconstruction to respond to and assist with critical highway accident investigations. These officers are assigned to the Critical Highway Accident Response Team (CHART). CHART has long been a part of Troop I and often assists in serious crashes involving commercial motor vehicles.

During the last year, the CHART members were called to **122 INCIDENTS** for the Kansas Highway Patrol and local agencies. These calls involved **116 COLLISIONS, 90 OF WHICH WERE FATAL, AND SIX CRIME SCENES**. CHART completed **84 FORENSIC MAPS AND 12 COLLISION RECONSTRUCTIONS** during these incidents.



2020 AGENCY-WIDE STATISTICS



Investigated **5,726** non-injury, property damage only crashes



Investigated **230** fatality crashes



Investigated **1,512** injury crashes



Inspected **10,862** school buses



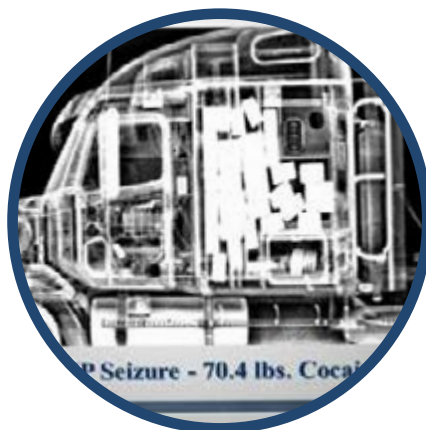
Verified **144,092** Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN)



Inspected **25,791** trucks



Seat belt use in Kansas **85%**



Made **1,476** felony drug arrests



Made **1,365** felony arrests

SOUTH REGION



MAJOR DENNIS MARTEN

South Region Executive Commander

Major Dennis Marten graduated from the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy in 1989. He was assigned to field duties in Sedgwick County, Troop F, where he served as a Trooper. In 1998, Marten was promoted to Second Lieutenant and began serving as the first-line supervisor in Sedgwick County. During an agency organizational restructure in 2003, he was reallocated to the position of Lieutenant and continued to supervise Troopers in the Wichita area. Marten was promoted to Captain in 2008 and served as Troop Commander for Troop F until his recent promotion. Marten was promoted to Major in August 2020 and oversees field Troops E, F, H and V-Motor Vehicle Enforcement.

Marten is a graduate of Chanute High School. He attended Wichita State University where he obtained an associate degree in mathematics and science.

TROOP E

Southwest Kansas
Captain Randell Mosher

TROOPERS JOIN UNITY MARCH IN GARDEN CITY

Troops E and S helped local law enforcement agencies with a planned protest on June 3 at a park in Garden City. After meeting with the leaders of the planned protest, an agreement was made to have a Unity March instead of a protest. Leaders from local government, social groups, law enforcement and the public attended the Unity March. There were no incidents of damage or violence. The resulting conversation created a positive dialogue between the parties and the community.

PROVIDING SECURITY AT COVID-19 TEST SITE

Troopers assisted with security and traffic control for a mobile COVID-19 testing site for several months during the start of the pandemic in Garden City. The Patrol provided personnel for approximately three months while the drive-in testing site was operable. The community was supportive of the Patrol's role in the orderly administration of COVID-19 tests.

TROOP F

South Central Kansas
Captain Jimmie Atkinson

ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Although the pandemic caused a reduction of traffic statewide, Troop F continued to focus and remained steadfast in making Kansas roads safe. Troopers investigated more than **1,528** crashes, wrote over **11,000** speed citations, and inspected **2,385** school buses. Additionally, personnel conducted various special enforcements, focusing on areas of concern such as seat belt compliance, targeting Moving Hazardous Violations (MHVs), saturation patrols, concentrated enforcement in problematic areas, multiple STEP campaigns, and holiday enforcements. Many of these enforcements focused heavily on removing impaired drivers, which is evident with over **308** DUI arrests and **49** Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol or drug arrests during the calendar year.

TROOPERS ASSIST AGENCIES DURING WICHITA METRO PROTESTS

On May 30, Patrol units from Troop F, Troop C, Troop H, Troop N and KHP Air Support Unit assisted the Wichita Police Department with a large Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest. The information gathered from various sources showed the protestors intended to disrupt traffic flow on I-135 near 21st Street. Patrol units were tasked to contain and control civil disorder and prevent access and assembly of pedestrian traffic on the interstate system. Additionally, troopers were tasked to assist other law enforcement agencies with crowd control.



TROOPERS PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

The pandemic caused many to think about how to provide direct in-person services to the public. Troopers had to re-think how to participate with the public at events as well. During 2020, Troop F participated in a drive-thru parade for seniors at a retirement community. Later in the year, they participated in a drive-thru birthday party for a local 11-year-old. Troopers presented a package of KHP memorabilia to the child.

TROOP H

Southeast Kansas
Captain Charles Yokley

SUSPECT ATTEMPTS TO STEAL HELICOPTER

Troopers responded to a male subject attempting to steal an AeroMed helicopter from the Chanute airport. The suspect started the helicopter inside the hangar. An employee entered the hangar and disabled the helicopter. Then the suspect fled in his vehicle when officers arrived at the airport. A pursuit started north of Chanute and an officer fired shots at the vehicle. The suspect crashed his vehicle in Humboldt and then stole a vehicle. The suspect drove the stolen vehicle a few blocks, pulled into a garage, entered the residence, and demanded the owner's keys for the car. The suspect fled again in the second stolen car. This car was disabled in a wooded area east of Humboldt and the suspect fled on foot. The suspect was located hiding in an oil pump storage shed near the second crash scene. The suspect pointed a piece of pipe out of the door and pretended it was a long barrel gun when officers ordered the suspect to exit the shed. After a brief stand-off, a K-9 was deployed and the suspect was taken into custody.

TROOPERS RESPOND TO REPORT ABOUT GUNSHOTS

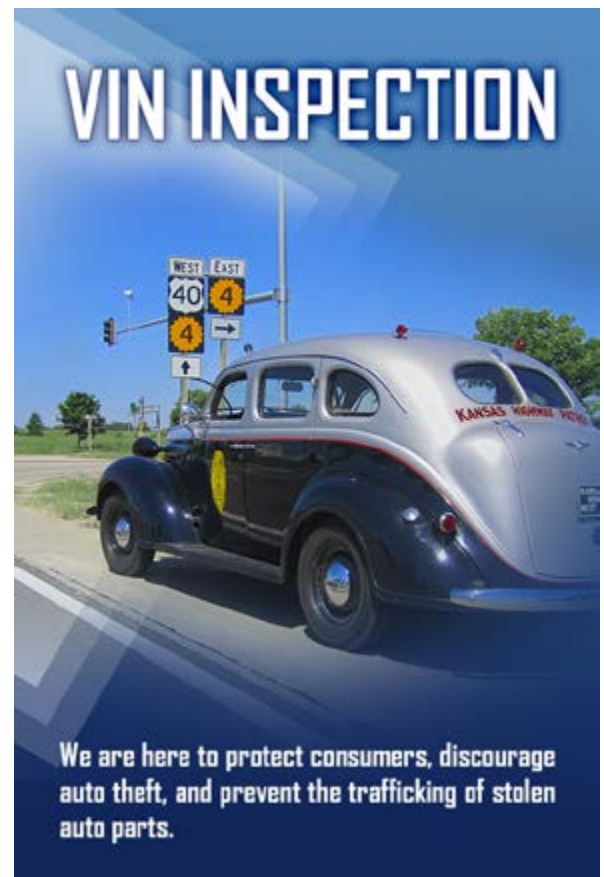
Troopers responded to a domestic disturbance with a report about gunshots in Woodson County. Troopers determined a male living at the residence fired a handgun into the second story of the house where children were playing. During the investigation, troopers arrested the convicted felon who fired the handgun. A second male and a female, who were involved in the disturbance at the residence and were in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia were also arrested. Three small children were removed from the residence. Troopers executed a search warrant and seized the weapon, drugs and drug paraphernalia.

TROOP V

Motor Vehicle Enforcement
Captain Craig Phillips

Troop V, Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE), coordinates the statewide vehicle inspection program. The goals of the program are to increase the recovery of stolen vehicles and/or component parts, detect and prevent titling fraud, and provide Kansas residents with vehicle inspections they need to title and register a vehicle with an out of state title. MVE trains Kansas law enforcement agencies in auto theft investigation and the vehicle inspection processes so more inspection options are available to Kansas residents. Additionally, MVE works closely with Kansas vehicle dealers, Kansas Department of Revenue, and county treasurer offices for vehicle titles and registration.

The Kansas Highway Patrol and its designees conducted **214,031 VIN INSPECTIONS** and recovered or assisted in the recovery of **117 STOLEN VEHICLES**. Many of those investigations led to the prosecution of auto theft and title fraud offenders.



2020 AGENCY-WIDE STATISTICS



Administered **1,196** evidentiary alcohol tests



Arrested **1,271** impaired drivers



Issued **9,344** total Seat belt violations



CHART responded to **122** requests for assistance, crash investigations and crime scene reconstructions



Issued **1,098** child restraint violations and spent over **373** hours installing car seats.



Conducted **4,572** criminal interdiction searches



Spent **4,051.4** hours preparing for court



Conducted **231** check lanes



Patrolled **12,005,949** miles

SPECIAL OPERATIONS



MAJOR ROBERT KEENER

Special Operations Executive Commander

Major Robert Keener began his career with the Kansas Highway Patrol on September 19, 1999. He was first stationed in Ellsworth County. He was awarded a transfer to the Special Response Team (SRT) in January 2001 and remained with SRT until 2005. He transferred to Sedgwick County in July 2001, and was promoted to Technical Trooper/SRT Team Leader in March 2005 then transferred to Dickinson County. In June 2008, he was promoted to Lieutenant/SRT Tactical Commander. He was promoted to Captain in December 2013 and oversaw Troop J – Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy and Breath Alcohol Unit (BAU). He transferred to Troop C and served as the Troop Commander in December 2016. Keener was promoted to Major in September 2019 and oversees Special Operations, including Troop J – Training Academy and BAU; Troop N – Domestic Highway Enforcement Team (DHET); Troop S – Special Response Team, Canine Unit, and Hazardous Devices Unit; and Troop T – Air Support Unit.

During his service with the Patrol, he was on the Patrol's Firearms Team from 2001 until 2013, and was a member of the Patrol's Pistol Team from 2003 to present. Additionally, Keener has received a Unit Citation award and a Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police Gold Award.

Prior to joining the Patrol, he served on the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1996-2003. He joined the Kansas Army National Guard from 2003-2004. Keener is from Derby, Kan., and is a graduate of Derby High School.

Troop J encompasses the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy (KHPTA), the Breath Alcohol and Drug Evaluation Unit (BAU), and the Ignition Interlock Vendor Oversight Program (IIVOP) and Ignition Interlock Customer Compliance Program.

The KHPTA facilitates basic recruit training and continuing education for all sworn personnel. The KHPTA also offers training to outside law enforcement agencies and serves as a venue for training provided by outside entities. All training provided to KHP personnel must be approved via the KHPTA.

The BAU conducts training and education reference Drug and Alcohol Impaired driving and also assists KHP personnel and outside agencies with DUI Checklanes by conducting mobile breath testing. BAU also serves as the agency coordinator for the Roving Aggressive Violator Enforcement (RAVE) program. That KDOT funded program places KHP personnel in areas known for DUI activity and serious traffic offenses for the purpose of vigorous enforcement.

The IIVOP program serves to ensure ignition interlock vendors are operating according to law and regulation. This protects the citizens of Kansas who are mandated to have a device and also the motoring public from impaired drivers. The program also has two troopers who check for offender compliance with their ignition interlock device restrictions in an attempt to limit recidivism and ensure sober drivers are on our Kansas highways.

NEW TROOPERS JOIN THE PATROL



Troop J, the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy, encountered many challenges due to COVID-19. Many training events were cancelled or moved online.

Despite the hazards and safety restrictions necessary to prevent COVID-19, Recruit Class #60 began their training in June and graduated on time in November. Seven new troopers began their Field Training assignment. Only one positive COVID-19 case was reported during six months of training, and it was not a result of an exposure at the KHP Training Academy.

BREATH ALCOHOL UNIT RECEIVES FIRST GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM MADD

The Patrol's Breath Alcohol Unit (BAU) received the first Golden Achievement Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), presented by Lori Marshall of MADD. This award was given for the BAU's continued support of MADD's mission to eliminate drunk and drugged driving through outstanding expertise, education and enforcement in impaired driving prevention.

WESTPOINT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Personnel implemented an intensive three-week leadership training in 2020. West Point Leadership Training is 120 hours of classwork modeled directly after the curriculum delivered to West Point Cadets. The class was presented by David "Dave" Mather, Ph.D. The agency is training several Patrol employee instructors to facilitate this training and it is intended all Patrol supervisors will attend West Point Leadership in the future. KHP Training Academy welcomed personnel from Iowa and Missouri State Patrols for the training.



TROOP N

Domestic Highway Enforcement Team (DHET), Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), Fusion Center, Central Evidence
Captain Brent Hogelin



CRIMINAL INTERDICTION/ASSET FORFEITURE:

In addition to normal road duties, this unit is responsible for coordinating specialized enforcement activities targeting criminals utilizing Kansas roadways for the furtherance of criminal activities, such as drug trafficking, human trafficking and violent crime. The forfeiture of criminal proceeds through state and federal courts also falls under the purview of this unit.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) TASK FORCE:

These personnel are temporarily assigned to the U.S. DEA to assist with cases with a Kansas nexus or impact. Members provide expertise to Patrol and Kansas law enforcement officers in the investigation and apprehension of drug traffickers, initiating federal level prosecution when applicable.

FBI'S JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE:

These officers are temporarily assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and investigate terrorism-related cases that have a connection to Kansas.

KANSAS INTELLIGENCE FUSION CENTER:

The Kansas Highway Patrol assigns one officer to the Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center as an intelligence analyst.

EVIDENCE PROGRAM

Oversees evidence inflow, maintenance and requisite safeguarding for all of the Patrol's evidence operations.

YOUNG GIRL RECOVERED DURING TRAFFIC STOP

Five days after human trafficking training, a Troop N trooper made a traffic stop on US-54 in southwest Kansas. The large SUV was full of illegal immigrants, which included mostly males and a single adult female. Further inquiry by the trooper revealed there was a 3-year-old female hidden under a blanket under the third-row bench seat. The investigation revealed that she was not related to anyone in the vehicle and had been sent across the border by her parents as they hoped to unlawfully cross the border using a different method. The girl was not heard about for six days. The trooper contacted the girl's family in New York and the family left immediately to pick her up. Her parents did not make the border crossing.

TROOP N INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS

The Patrol's Intelligence Analyst helped the Hiawatha Police Department with electronic device exploitation. The Hiawatha Police Department needed the analyst's resources. They discovered a large amount of child sexual exploitation images. The suspect was charged and arrested in Juneau, Alaska, and extradited back to Brown County, Kan., to face felony charges. This component of Troop N has served well for the Patrol, DEA, and other local, state and federal agencies.

DEA GROUP 42A

During calendar year 2020, KHP/DEA group 42A investigated 41 federal cases and numerous state cases. Task Force Officers (TFOs) assisted federal, state and local agencies with cases related to narcotics, human trafficking, property crimes and other unlawful offenses. The group assisted the Patrol with manhunts, pursuits and other investigations. They also wrote and executed multiple search warrants, spent hundreds of hours investigating drug offenses, and assisted other DEA offices with surveillance and other drug operations.

Group 42A completed nine controlled deliveries in nine different states. The group delivered 138.5 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, 55 pounds of cocaine, 368 pounds of marijuana, 2.5 pounds of heroin, and 1 pound of fentanyl. All of the deliveries were successful leading to an additional 17 arrests and seizure of numerous assets. Intelligence was gained by receiving local, state, and federal agencies leading to several new cases.

TROOP N RECEIVES TRAINING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Troop N personnel helped the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office with a human trafficking case in October 2020. A 51-year-old Kansas resident was traveling weekly to Topeka for illicit encounters with an underage female and were giving her marijuana and currency during each encounter.

Troop N personnel have been attending training about human trafficking throughout the year. The troop hosted Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) instructors for a four-day class in November. In addition, personnel attended a 5-hour training and networking session in December at MSHP's Troop A headquarters in Lee's Summit, Mo. They received training from some of Missouri State Highway Patrol's best interditors for the protection of children.

TROOPS N AND S SEIZURES (JAN. 1 – DEC. 31)



152 CASES WORKED

Troop S serves under the Special Operations Division of the Kansas Highway Patrol and encompasses three specialized units:

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Special Response Team's (SRT) primary function is to respond to high-risk warrant service, clandestine labs, barricaded suspects, hostage rescue, marijuana eradication and other critical incidents requiring specialized tactics and related equipment. SRT additionally instructs a SWAT Basic Course, SWAT Advanced Course, SNIPER Course and other related courses annually at the direction of the Kansas Highway Patrol. The courses taught by SRT are provided to KHP SRT members and other state and local law enforcement partners.

POLICE SERVICE DOG UNIT

The Police Service Dog Unit (PSDU) primary function is to provide criminal interdiction patrols, focusing on suspects that pose an elevated risk for violence to the community, potential to be armed and dangerous and disrupt the flow of illicit narcotics into the communities. PSDU additionally responds to manhunts, building searches, area searches, tracks and evidence searches. PSDU instructs a bi-annual Police Service Dog Basic course, providing basic level training to handlers and PSD teams relating to Explosive Detection, Narcotics Detection and Patrol. PSDU conducts weekly maintenance training, in three regions of the state. PSDU conducts and certifies Explosive Detection, Narcotics Detection and Patrol dog teams annually. PSDU's basic course instruction, weekly maintenance and annual certification is provided to members of the KHP and other state and local law enforcement partners.

HAZARDOUS DEVICES UNIT

The Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU) members utilize Explosive Detection Dogs, by taking proactive measures to prevent injuries or casualties caused by hazardous devices, hazardous materials and explosive related devices. HDU conducts canine-preventive, protective and threat sweeps to detect the threat of explosive devices. HDU responds to explosive threat calls, rendering suspected IED's or explosives safe for removal or destruction. HDU provides education and training to other law enforcement entities on explosive identification, recognition and awareness.



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

NEGOTIATE WITH ARMED AND BARRICADED SUSPECT

Troop S assisted Ulysses Police Department on December 10 with a report about an armed and barricaded suspect in Ulysses, Kan. The male resident in Apartment 6 was pointing a handgun at a female neighbor in Apartment 12. The Ulysses Police Department attempted to contact the male who went into his apartment and refused to exit.

The suspect was reported leaving and returning to his residence the next morning. A Special Response Team (SRT) member and a Sergeant with the police department attempted to contact the suspect at his apartment. The suspect had a handgun during the interaction. The suspect began waving and pointing the gun at the Officers and the SRT member who were attempting to negotiate with the suspect. Negotiations continued for several hours. Ulysses Police Department established a perimeter while Troop S responded to assist. The team continued to negotiate and attempted to get the suspect outside peacefully, but he fired a shot from his pistol.

Troop S used the Bearcat Armored Rescue Vehicle to breach the front door of the apartment and allow for an unobstructed

area to negotiate, which gave the suspect an avenue to surrender. They developed a plan to break the window on the south side of the apartment. After breaching the front door, Troop S attempted to communicate with the suspect through the robot device.

Commanders from Troop S observed the suspect put the gun down. A Limited Penetration Team approached the south window and deployed a taser while a K-9 Unit went to the front door to apprehend the suspect. The tactics allowed the Apprehension Team the ability to take the suspect into custody. Both teams helped take the suspect into custody with minor injuries. Grant County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) assessed the suspect's injuries and advised he was okay to be transported to the Grant County Jail.

The suspect became non-compliant as the officer attempted to place him inside a patrol car. One of the Troop S Tactical Commanders approached and talked to the suspect. After speaking with the suspect, he complied and was transported from the scene.

CANINE UNIT

CANINE UNIT DEPLOYED DURING HOSTAGE SITUATION

A member of the Special Response Team (SRT) responded to assist with a vehicle pursuit on August 19 in Jackson County, Kan. Two Jackson County Deputies were in a pursuit involving a stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle crashed into a creek in rural Jackson County and the two suspects in the vehicle fled on foot. They quickly established a perimeter. The SRT member coordinated an Arrest and Search Team including a Canine unit, one additional SRT member, and two additional Jackson County Deputies. After a quick track, the suspects were located by a K-9 on a densely wooded hill. The area had limited cell phone and radio communication due to a lack of signal.

The Arrest and Search Team discovered a male suspect holding a female hostage on the side of the hill with a knife. The team was unable to approach the two individuals due to the threats of the hostage taker and the terrain. There was a stand-off about 80 yards apart. The team negotiated with the hostage taker in an attempt to end the hostage stand-off peacefully. During the negotiations, the SRT member was informed the hostage was pregnant and she had taken



a large amount of methamphetamine prior to the incident. After about 30 minutes of negotiations, the suspect refused to let the pregnant hostage go but agreed to move closer to the team. As the hostage taker and hostage approached the team, officers could see the suspect displaying pre-assault indicators and attempted to put himself into a position to attack the officers or murder the hostage. Fearing the hostage was in danger, one of the SRT members engaged the

hostage taker with his rifle and critically injured the hostage taker. This successfully eliminated the threat and rescued the hostage without injury.

The SRT member made the decision to have the pregnant hostage transported by KHP Air Support Unit followed by ground EMS to the local hospital to be checked for injuries and for the safety of the baby. At the same time, law enforcement officers and medical personnel began working on the hostage

taker, attempting to save his life. During the medical efforts, the hostage taker stopped breathing and lost his heartbeat twice but was revived both times. The hostage taker became stabilized before being air lifted to a Level 1 Trauma Center in Kansas City. After undergoing multiple surgeries, the hostage taker was released from the hospital, charged criminally, and awaits trial.

HAZARDOUS DEVICES UNIT

HAZARDOUS DEVICES UNIT RESPONDS TO EXPLOSIVE DEVICES REPORT

The Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU) was requested by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) on July 13 to assist with multiple Improvised Explosive Devices near Oakley, Kan. KBI stated that a rural property owner contacted the local Sheriff about explosive devices in a storage shed on his property. The owner previously evicted an individual from his property.

Members from HDU responded and waited for a search warrant before beginning any search or mitigation of the devices. The Patrol's Special Response Team (SRT) and local Troop D Troopers provided security and surveillance during the operation because the suspect was not in custody and his location was unknown.

After receiving a search warrant, HDU began searching the property and identifying all explosive threats. There were nine completed and fused galvanized pipe bombs. Electric initiators indicated a more complex method of deployment. The pipe bombs contained a low explosive energetic material with shrapnel. The device construction had a welded base plate, and two galvanized end caps completing the device.

HDU operations analyzed the construction of each device, individually and safely rendered each device to preserve evidence for any possible future prosecution, and conducted energetic burn tests to determine if the devices were operable.

The suspect was involved in a case from 2013 in Colorado where similar explosive devices were discovered. HDU assisted with a follow-up interview in Colorado about the facts and circumstances of the Oakley incident. All completed reports were forwarded to the KBI for investigation.



TROOP T

Air Support Unit
Captain Jason Vanderweide

The Kansas Highway Patrol Air Support Unit provides professional aviation support and services to the Kansas Highway Patrol and other agencies throughout the State of Kansas. The Air Support Unit goal is to support public safety personnel through the strategic deployment of airborne assets and technologies to increase the safety and effectiveness of first responders with the use of aircraft. Troopers fly KHP aircraft across the State of Kansas and beyond in support of personnel on the ground and missions. Pilots respond to a multitude of urgent missions such as searches for missing people, pursuits, manhunts, surveillance, emergency relays of blood, personnel and equipment.

PATROL'S AIR SUPPORT UNIT HAS RECORD YEAR

The demand for the Patrol's Air Support Unit continues to increase. The unit saw a **24% INCREASE** of requests for service in 2020 when compared to 2019, which set a new record for call requests. Additionally, Troop T **ASSISTED OVER 148 PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES** during the calendar year.

In 2020, KHP Troop T – Air Support Unit consisted of 16 pilots and operated 3 bases located in Hays, Topeka and Wichita with a total of five law enforcement aircraft and the State of Kansas Executive aircraft. ASU supports local, state and federal public safety partners throughout the state with a wide variety of public safety support missions. ASU assisted over 148 agencies and had 1,037 calls for service in 2020. ASU is a rapid response unit that responds to public safety and public health needs by deploying airborne assets.



TROOP T RELAYS SUPPLIES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

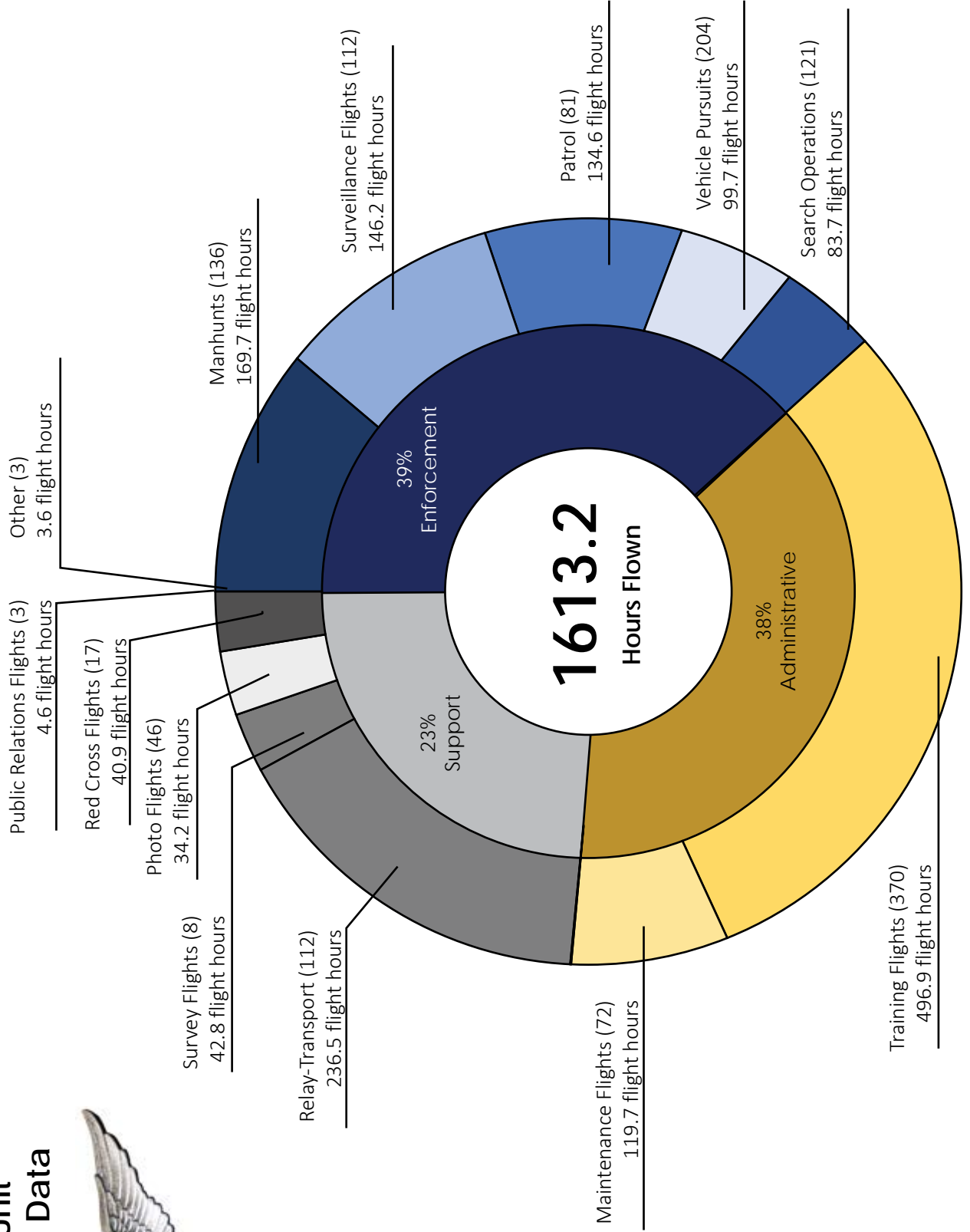
The Patrol's Air Support Unit assisted with the COVID-19 pandemic response. Patrol pilots transported COVID-19 samples for emergency testing; relayed ventilators; and COVID-19 medicine to hospitals across the state and expedited the COVID-19 vaccine distribution by flying time sensitive boxes of vaccines to all corners of the state.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT LOCATES ARMED SUSPECT

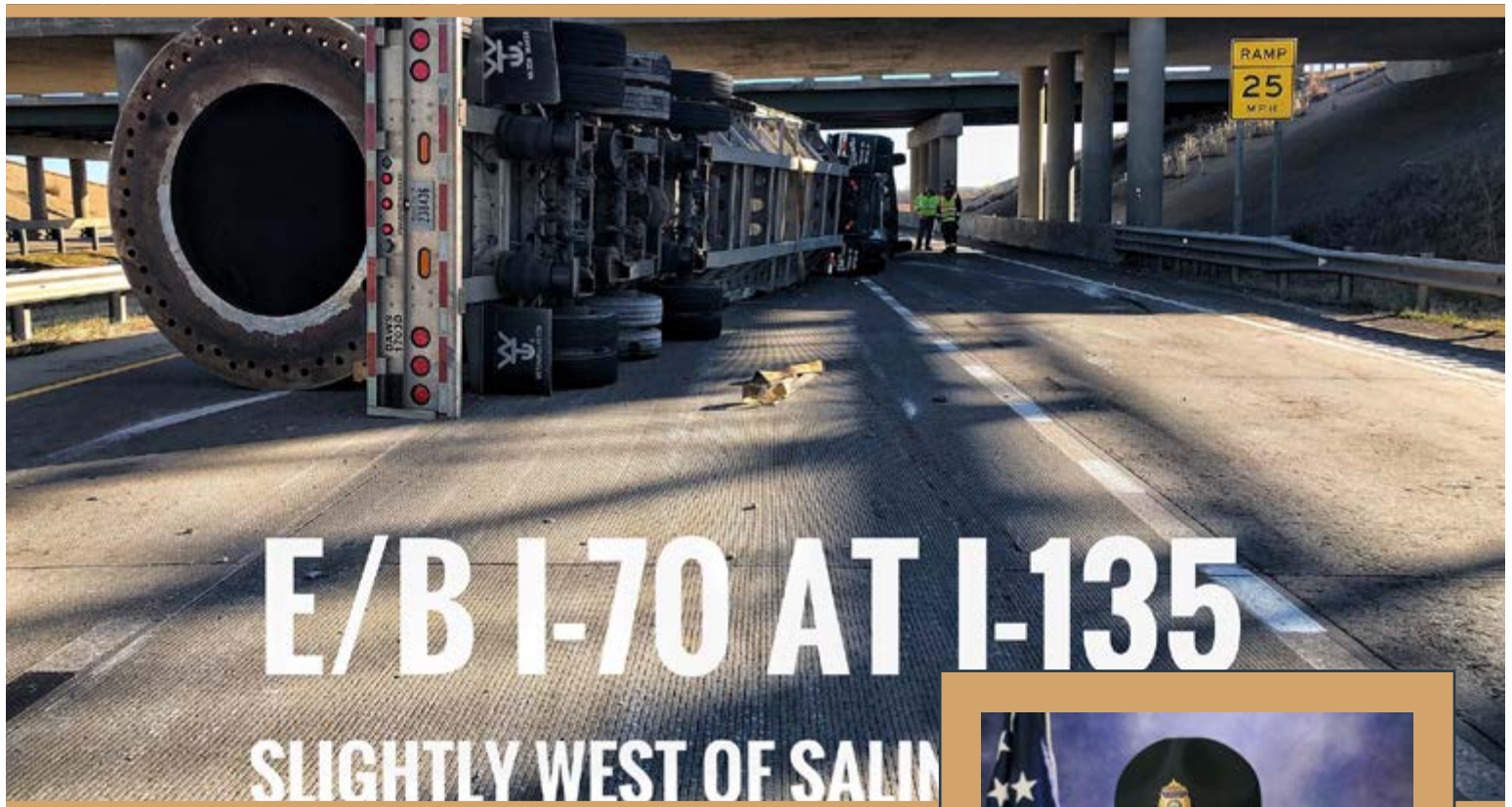
In February, a Patrol aircraft crew located an armed suspect who led an officer on a pursuit and then fled on foot in Butler County. Aircraft relayed the suspect's location to officers on the ground. The suspect fired shots at approaching officers and was later taken into custody.



KHP Air Support Unit 2020 Year End Data



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



MAJOR ANDREW DEAN

Administrative Services Executive Commander

Major Andrew Dean graduated from the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy in 2001. He was assigned to field duties in Riley County, Troop C, where he served as a Trooper and Master Trooper. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2008, and served as the first-line supervisor for Pottawatomie, Nemaha and Wabaunsee Counties in Troop B. In 2009, he was awarded a transfer to the Domestic Highway Enforcement Team, Troop N. After serving approximately three years with Troop N, Dean was awarded a transfer to the Professional Standards Unit at General Headquarters in Topeka, KS. In 2014, Dean was promoted to Captain and served as the Troop Commander for Capitol Police, Troop K. He transferred to the Public and Governmental Affairs Unit at General Headquarters in 2017, where he served as the Troop Commander. Dean was promoted to Major in August 2020 and oversees Troop K – Capitol Police, Troop M – Central Communications/Criminal Justice Information System, Public and Governmental Affairs Unit, Information Technology, Fleet and Records.

During his law enforcement career, Dean received several agency awards and honors, including an El Paso Intelligence Center Award in 2002; Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police Bronze Award for Police Service in 2002; Drug Enforcement Administration Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding contributions in the field of drug law enforcement in 2003, 2004 and 2006; Kansas Highway Patrol award for Heroin Seizure in 2006; and Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police Bronze Award for Accomplishments in 2010. In addition, Dean is a 2020 graduate of FBI National Academy Class #279 in Quantico, Va.

Dean is a native of Topeka, KS, and a graduate of Washburn Rural High School. He attended Kansas State University and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology in December 2000.





CAPITOL POLICE DISPATCH PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING

Headquartered near downtown Topeka, Troop K provides around the clock law enforcement services for properties owned and/or leased by the State of Kansas, in Shawnee County. The troop has their own dispatch center which operates first and second shift patrols. In addition to full-time law enforcement officers, Troop K has part-time law enforcement officers and non-sworn Capitol Area Guards (CAG) located across the Capitol complex. Full time officers are assigned to road patrol, with their primary focus being on the Capitol Complex. Officers are also assigned to the First Family at Cedar Crest. In addition, CAGs monitor cameras and security systems in and around Shawnee County.

Troop K Dispatch participated in a two-day scenario-based training on Aug. 26-27 in partnership with the Topeka Fire Department (TFD), TFD Hazmat Team, Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)/FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) team coordinators, and the Army National Guard Civil Service Team (CST) at the Docking State Office Building.

The training involved testing of each agency's standard operating procedures in response to Fentanyl exposures, handling victims exposed, a Fentanyl lab, decontamination, and mitigation of the lab.

After the scenarios were completed, all agencies came together for a debriefing session. Each Agency discussed their own agency observations as well as determined how well the agency SOPs were followed. Additionally, each agency provided valuable feedback on what they observed with the other agency.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS MAINTAIN OPERATIONS DURING PANDEMIC

Communications Specialists support field personnel 24 hours per day, seven days a week. They maintain radio contact with officers, run queries for information on individuals and vehicles, take calls from the public and other agencies, and dispatch personnel to crashes and other events. Communications personnel also coordinate blood and organ relays across the state and monitor alarms and warnings, such as those issued by the National Weather Service.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Central Communications maintained operations, worked frequent overtime, adapted to changes, and took on additional tasks while many service locations were shutdown following executive orders and other events. Two supervisors from Central Communications completed West Point Leadership Training.



CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS EVENTS

- TAC-COM deployed one time to assist Troop J with trooper final scenarios. It was scheduled for State Fair and Fake St. Patty's Day in Manhattan but it was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Established a Communications Training Officer Course and hosted the class three times. Through the course, performance criteria were established to have a common expectation and to increase the effectiveness of the training for new Communications Specialists
- Eight supervisors and 15 Communications Specialists completed the course from Troop M, Capitol Police Dispatch (Troop K), and Kansas Turnpike Dispatch (Troop G).
- Two Communications Specialists attended a Manhunt and Track Awareness Class in Kansas City, hosted by Troop S. The course provided dispatchers with a better understanding of necessary elements to complete a manhunt successfully and help refine their role in the process. Future training for all Communications Specialists will take place in 2021.
- One Communications Specialist attended the Interdiction for the Protection of Children course in Topeka, Kan., covering topics related to trafficking of minors for illegal trade.
- Installed a new audio Recorder in June 2020. The new recorder provides needed upgrades to the way audio evidence can be tracked, accessed and provided.
- Completed CALEA requirements to include a file review and on-site review with no issues that needed to be resolved. Central Communications is waiting on final approval of accreditation from CALEA, which will be announced in 2021.
- SmartCop was awarded the bid for the new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and development began with Patrol staff and SmartCop.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CJIS) 2020 STATISTICS



NCIC TECHNICAL SECURITY AUDIT UNIT

Information Technology Security Audits (mostly online due to COVID-19)	102
New NCIC terminal devices approved	52
NCIC terminal deactivations	2
Network change and relocation approvals	1
Post-incident reconnections approved	1
Local Agency Security Officer (LASO) in-person training students (only one session due to COVID-19)	30
Additional online LASO trainings	164

NCIC DATA QUALITY AUDIT UNIT

NCIC Data Audits completed	130
Full Access NCIC Training: Students	172
Full Access NCIC Initial Certifications (online)	255
Students in Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) classes	92
TAC certifications/students (online)	243
Limited Access NCIC Training students	250
KLETC students	258
Basic Law Enforcement Communications Operator (BLECO) Classes	2
Students in BLECO classes	21
Specialized KCJIS training students	112
NCIC certification instructed to KHP Trooper Recruits. (instructed on-line via CJIS Launch Pad)	6

N-DEX AND RECORDS CHECKS

Students in N-DEX classes (1 student out sick)	7
Advanced records checks for potential applicants (some finger printed/some not)	175
Annual employee record checks completed	832
Vendor records checks	575
Token users managed and new tokens issued	469
Verify NCIC certifications are current every	2 years

REINTRODUCING BLUE AND GRAY COLOR SCHEME

Fleet issued 2020 V8 Dodge Chargers with the retro blue and gray color scheme in May. This was the first time since 2012 that the Patrol has used this color scheme. The Ford Crown Victoria's displayed these traditional colors, including the large red beacon on the roof. The new Dodge Chargers are equipped with a modern LED light bar which emits all red lights like the traditional red rotating beacon. The blend of old and new made a positive impact with active troopers working on the road and retired troopers who caught a glimpse of the blue and gray vehicles.

The receiving troopers were picked by their Captains to receive the vehicles based on their use, care of equipment, and activity levels. A total of 16 blue and gray vehicles were issued with two vehicles assigned to each of the seven field troops across Kansas, and two blue and gray Chargers sent for use on the Kansas Turnpike.



IMPLEMENTED NEW PROGRAMS FOR VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES

The Patrol's Fleet personnel, Fiscal Management and Information Technology departments worked together to develop two new software programs with a better tool to manage Fleet assets and reports. The systems working together will be used to track mileage, vehicle maintenance records, fuel costs, asset management, vehicle sales records, mileage reports, and more.

Fleet Mobile, a web-based program, will replace the need for paper car cost books, reports, paper vehicle requisition forms and mileage reports. It will provide a more efficient method of data storage, and data transfer between the end user, administrative personnel, and Fleet. The end user can track scheduled services and mileage until their next service is needed as well as services that are overdue. This system will save the agency hours annually and provide instant access to the data as needed.

Additionally, the Fleet Asset Management Program will combine a multitude of excel spreadsheets and database systems to provide a method to track assets and generate reports in a single program. It will replace Fleet's need to utilize the AS400 system. The program will also provide needed data tracking for Fleet, Fiscal and Command staff. This system will be used to populate the Fleet Mobile system and reduce administrative tasks for field units.

ACTIVELY WORKING ON UPGRADES

The agency started replacing the old outdated DV1 WatchGuard camera system with the new 4RE WatchGuard technology. The upgrade will end the need to utilize DVDs to store and transport video recordings from the end user to records and from records to customers. The systems will provide the ability for wireless uploads and additional features to make the handling of the captured data more efficient.

The agency began replacing the old DSR 2X radar units with the new generation DSR 2X units. This will be a statewide replacement project. The old radar units are supplied to Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) as part of the replacement project.

MOTORIST ASSIST PROGRAM UPDATES UNIFORMS AND VEHICLE GRAPHICS

A new decal scheme was developed to improve the visibility of Motorist Assistance vehicles. The new decal package will be installed from the front fender to the back fender and include a robust color scheme on the rear of the vehicle. The decals are made from a highly reflective material. A new door shield and graphics will be added to better identify the vehicle as a Motorist Assist unit while showing the partnership between the Patrol and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Additionally, the Motorist Assist uniforms were upgraded to a more reflective material.

IT TEAM LEADS EFFORT TO MOBILIZE ENTIRE AGENCY



The Kansas Highway Patrol Information Technology (IT) team ensures that troopers, civilians and the Command Staff have the latest technology available to quickly provide any and all relevant data in the most convenient method possible. This reduces time on the side of the road while increasing officer and public safety.

The IT Team has helped lead the effort to mobilize the entire agency for operations in and outside of the office when needed. IT's staff monitor and maintain an advanced network of servers and hundreds of mobile devices, including both mobile data units (MDU) and cellular phones. Internally, programmers and system engineers look ahead to provide the next generation hardware and software required for reliable operation. IT staff are tasked with the installation, operation and troubleshooting of the Capitol Complex video network and system-wide access control.

RECORDS

Cheryl Bukacek, Records Manager

The Patrol's Records Department processes, maintains, and archives arrest and offense reports, incident reports, crash reports, Critical Highway Accident Response Team (C.H.A.R.T.) investigation records, incident-related photos, and in-car videos, which are all generated by the Patrol's field personnel. Additionally, the department also processes and responds to Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) requests, business records subpoenas, court orders, and other records in the possession of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The requests are received from prosecuting and defense attorneys, courts, insurance companies, other federal and state law enforcement agencies, and the public. Processing each request is accomplished by reviewing the request and thoroughly reviewing the requested materials to ensure the materials are released in accordance with the exemptions of the Kansas Open Records Act and the mandates of the Court.

In 2020, the Patrol began transitioning to a digital format for in-car camera equipment in lieu of the in-car equipment that records videos onto DVDs. The new digital system has proved to produce better quality videos and has made the requested footage easier for the Records team to access. The new digital system allows a secure link to be provided to the requester to access the digital video rather than the time-consuming method of reproducing the footage from an original DVD to a reproduced copy sent via US mail.

2020 RECORDS PROCESSED

Field generated reports	25,765
CHART investigations	108
Records requests processed and fulfilled	6,862
KORA requests processed and fulfilled	224
Business records subpoenas, court orders compiled and processed	119
Field generated photo CDs duplicated	1,219
In-car video footage requests fulfilled	2,671

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Captain Thomas Spencer

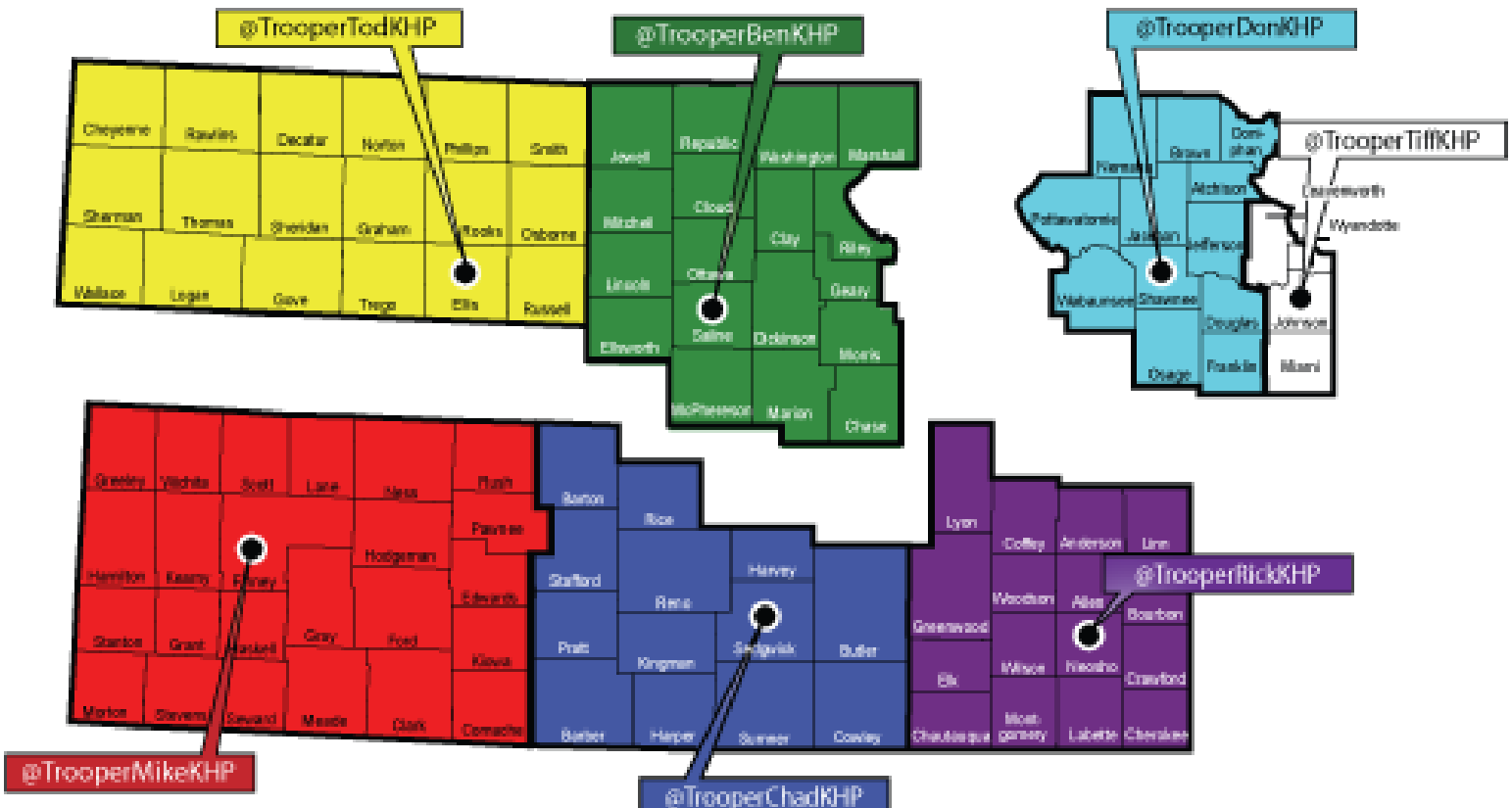
The Public & Governmental Affairs (P&GA) unit is responsible for a wide variety of outreach programs to the general public and government elected officials.

- The unit handles the Patrol's public image and houses the agency's Public Information Officer who relays information to the media and supervises the Public Resource Officers. The unit also houses the agency's Recruiter who is responsible for bringing new personnel to the agency.
- The unit includes the agency's media team who plan, write, and design agency publications, execute photography and videography for internal and external distribution, and maintain and update the agency website and social media pages.
- The P&GA unit is involved in the State's legislative process. This unit prepares legislative testimony and provides security during the legislative session.
- Additionally, the unit coordinates the agency's policies and assists with the agency's accreditation processes.

PUBLIC RESOURCE OFFICERS (PROS)

The Patrol's Public Resource Officers (PROs) operate under the P&GA section. Each field troop has a PRO who handles media calls, safety programs, car seat installations and the Kansas Active Shooter Mitigation program.

- The PROs are also known as the Tweeting Troopers and utilize social media to connect with the public across the state and nationally.
- The PROs have become creative with the use of video conferencing programs to continue their outreach to provide safety education to citizens across the state during the COVID-19 pandemic.



OTHER DEPARTMENTS

HONOR GUARD



HONOR GUARD

Lieutenant Robert Istas
Team Leader

The Honor Guard portrays the highest degree of professionalism and fosters pride in the organization by exhibiting respect and honor. The Honor Guard provides ceremonial duties at funerals, memorial dedications, recruit graduations, law enforcement functions and other special events.

The Honor Guard is made up of 12 members, including a Team Leader, Color Guard, Firing Detail, Flag Folding Detail, Body Bearer Detail, Honorary Pallbearers, and Bugler. Additionally, two Chaplains are part of Honor Guard.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES DETAIL

Captain Brett Johnson

The Protective Services Detail handles security for the Governor and the First Family in public. Visiting dignitaries may also be provided protection at the request of the Governor or the Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent. Protective Services works with the Executive Aircraft Operations section to provide aerial transport for the Governor and other public officials.

Congratulations to Lt. Dereck Hood on reaching 30 years of service with the Kansas Highway Patrol. I've gotten to know Dereck during his time as a member of the Protective Service detail, and I'm grateful for his service to the people of Kansas.



LEGAL COUNSEL

Luther Ganieany , General Counsel

Kansas Highway Patrol Legal staff provide guidance and advice on all aspects of the Patrol's law enforcement mission as well as provide advice to various Patrol commanders and senior staff needed for day-to-day operations. Day-to-day operations of the Legal department include representing the Patrol in civil litigation; interpretation of agency policy; Kansas Administrative Regulations; and state and federal laws; providing legal training for staff; reviewing in-custody medical claims. Additionally, Legal helps with the preparation of Memorandum of Agreement/ Understanding - contract negotiations; provides legal counsel

in matters concerning employment and labor law; reviews and drafts responses to agency complaints such as those filed with the Kansas Human Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or complaints alleging racial or other biased-based policing. Legal also handles the filing of asset forfeitures and quiet title cases on behalf of the Patrol and responds to business records subpoenas and public requests made through the Kansas Open Records Act. Legal provides support and counsel to both sworn and civilian members.

PEER TEAM

Robert Ware and Joseph Bott
Coordinators

PEER TEAM PROVIDES SUPPORT TO 247 CONTACTS

The Kansas Highway Patrol PEER Team continues to grow and serve the KHP and various law enforcement entities and state agencies since 1994. The team deploys to various locations across Kansas to host and assists with Critical Incident Stress Management and defusing when requested.

In 2020, the PEER team had 30 members who provided support for 247 total contacts. This includes 51 for first quarter, 83 for second quarter, 47 for third quarter, and 66 for fourth quarter. Additionally, the team participated in 12 debriefs. These debriefs were as a result of officer-involved shootings and fatality crashes.

Emotional support was provided for marital matters, employment-related issues, supervisor or subordinate relationships, financial and medical concerns, family-related concerns, bereavement, and suicidal matters.

2020 ACTIVITY

First Quarter	51 contacts
Second Quarter	83 contacts
Third Quarter	47 contacts
Fourth Quarter	66
TOTAL CONTACTS	247
Debriefs	12

The PEER Team coordinators are proud of the team members demonstrating compassion for personnel by reaching out to them during a critical time in their lives. COVID-19 changed the way the unit supports each other; however, they have been learning how to safely reach out to peers to provide emotional stability during this time.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

Captain Mitch Clark

The Professional Standards Unit (PSU) is an impartial, fact-finding investigations unit tasked with safeguarding the confidentiality of the administrative investigation process, upholding the integrity of the agency, and ensuring the employees are afforded due process. The unit maintains the confidential archives of agency and employee conduct investigations. Troopers assigned to the unit conduct investigations of complaints against employee conduct or agency procedures received from within and outside the agency. Investigations assigned to supervisors throughout the state are monitored and reviewed by the Professional Standards Unit as well. Investigatory findings are utilized by the unit to identify agency training and supervisory needs. The Professional Standards Unit receives assignments from and reports directly to the Superintendent.

2020 ACTIVITY

COMPLIMENTS

Compliments received	199
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COMPLAINTS & INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations carried over from 2019	4
New investigations initiated	46
Total investigations concluded	39
Pending investigations as of Jan 1 2021	11

RESOLUTIONS

TOTAL ALLEGATIONS RESOLVED	67
Exonerated, Unfounded, or Not sustained	41
Sustained	25
Closed	1

Lost in the Line of Duty



Maurice Plummer
1944



Jimmie Jacobs
1959



John McMurray
1964



Bernard Hill
1967



Eldon Miller
1968



James Thornton
1973



Conroy O'Brien
1978



Dean Goodheart
1995



Larry Huff
1993



Bud Pribbenow
1981