

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



WHAT WE DO

SERVICE

THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL'S RANGE OF SERVICES IS UNMATCHED IN KANSAS.

Fellow law enforcement partners, other state agencies and the citizens of Kansas heavily rely on our services. Throughout this report you'll see how the services we provide, from rapidly relaying life-saving blood to supplying essential coverage after natural disasters benefit the lives of our citizens.

Photo: The Kansas Highway Patrol received a new Cessna Caravan to replace aging aircraft. The aircraft will assist ground units with surveillance, critical transportation and searches across the state.



COURTESY

WE EARN THE TRUST OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE COURTESY WE SHOW.

Kansas Highway Patrol employees build trust within the community by treating others with courtesy and respect. From community events like the Michael Newton Toy Drive at Christmas to changing a tire on the side of a busy highway, KHP troopers consistently demonstrate courtesy through the work we do.

LT Gustavo Ramirez (Troop A, Johnson County) reads to a child in the hospital.

PROTECTION

IT'S THROUGH THE PROTECTION WE PROVIDE THAT INNOCENCE IS PRESERVED.

Many times what some may call a "routine traffic stop" leads to the discovery of something much more. During 2023, traffic stops conducted by the Kansas Highway Patrol led to the apprehension of impaired drivers and murderers, large narcotics seizures, and the recovery of human trafficking victims.

COL Erik Smith presents a Lifesaving Award to MSTRP Brett Goins for his efforts in saving the life of an infant in respiratory distress. See more: page 24



SUPERINTENDENTS



COLONEL ERIK SMITH

Appointed July 7, 2023

Colonel Erik Smith was appointed Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol on July 7, 2023, by Governor Laura Kelly. Smith is a native of Ellsworth, Kan., and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Friends University in Wichita, Kan. A chance encounter with a Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper serving in Ellsworth County in October of 1980 created an admiration for the agency which has only grown as he collaborated with members of the Kansas Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies throughout his career.

Colonel Smith began his law enforcement career in 1993 as a member of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department where he served for nine years. In 2002, he joined the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a DEA Special Agent/Criminal investigator serving in the Minneapolis/St. Paul District Office. Over the next few years, Smith also served in the Wichita Resident Office investigating complex criminal investigations.

In December 2011, Smith was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent in the Kansas City District Office, where he was responsible for the day-to-day enforcement operations and liaison activities with state and local law enforcement partners in the Kansas City and Jefferson City areas.

From December 2016 to May of 2018, Smith served as Inspector for the Office of Professional Responsibility at DEA HQ in Arlington VA. where he conducted and managed internal, administrative, and criminal investigations related to DEA employee misconduct.

In 2018, Smith returned to the Midwest to serve as Assistant Special Agent in Charge at the Kansas City District Office, where he led more than 130 special agents, intelligence analysts, contractors, and law enforcement support personnel across the four Kansas and four Western Missouri posts of duty. He served in that capacity until his appointment to the Senior Executive Service (SES) in December 2020, and was initially assigned to the Houston Division, where he led the DEA's enforcement, intelligence, and administrative activities in the Houston, Galveston, and Beaumont offices as the Deputy Special Agent in Charge.

In November 2021, he was named as the DEA's Chief Inspector, where he oversaw the three offices that make up the Inspection Division: the Office of Professional Responsibility, the Office of Inspections, and the Office of Security Programs. Together these offices comprise the DEA's integrity system and provide innovative support to DEA Headquarters and field offices. Smith retired from DEA and returned to Kansas on June 30, 2023.



COLONEL HERMAN T. JONES

Retired July 1, 2023

Colonel Herman Jones' 45-year career consists of an array of law enforcement experiences and service to the citizens of Kansas. Jones began working in law enforcement in 1977 with the Emporia State University Campus police while attending college. Subsequently, he served as a patrolman with the Emporia Police Department then later as a Kansas Highway Patrol State Trooper from 1982 to 1992. His passion for training led him to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center as a police instructor from 1992 to 2000. Jones then returned to the KHP as Director of Administration from 2000 to 2011. Following his tenure with the Kansas Highway Patrol, Jones served as Shawnee County Under Sheriff and later Sheriff from 2012 through 2019. Jones stepped down as Shawnee County Sheriff and was appointed acting Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol on April 3, 2019, until his full Kansas Senate confirmation.

His community involvement helped instill his lifelong mission to serve others and be, "selfless not selfish." Jones has been involved in many law enforcement and civic organizations that include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates, Kansas Peace Officer Association, the Kansas Sheriff's Association, Kansas Chiefs of Police, Special Olympics Kansas, United Way, and Boy Scouts of America, various roles within his church, and a big brother for Big Brothers and Sisters of Topeka. Most importantly, his personal life is fulfilled by being a husband, father of two, and grandfather.



ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT LIEUTENANT COLONEL JASON DE VORE

Retired December 1, 2023

Lieutenant Colonel Jason 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, Aircraft, Criminal Interdiction and Task Force Operations, and the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy.

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 bachelor of science 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 sharing 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.



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.

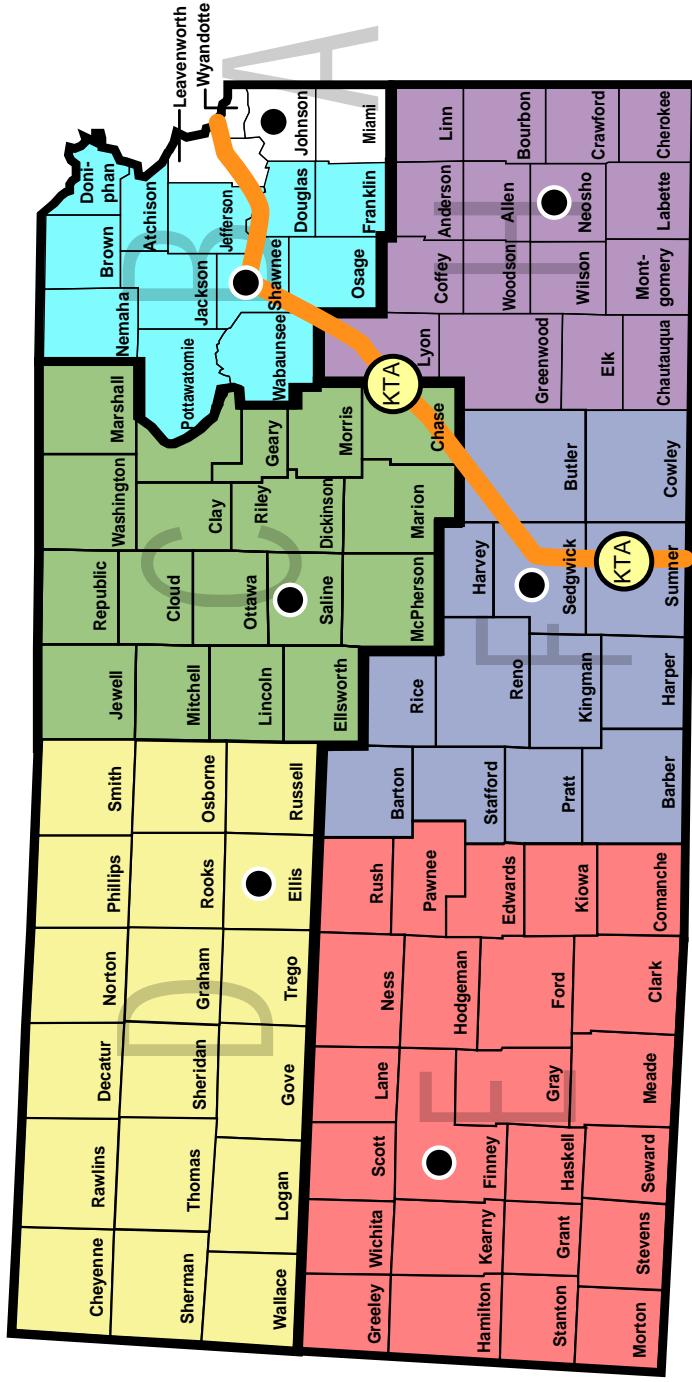
ON THE COVER

In early 2023, KHP Command Staff approved a budget of \$50,000 from the KHP Staffing and Recruitment fund to help build interest in becoming a Kansas State Trooper. The three-phase media buy primarily consisted of digital advertising which included: Google Display Network, YouTube, and Stackadapt programmatic display ads.

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NORTH REGION	SOUTH REGION	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	SPECIAL OPERATIONS	EAST REGION
MAJOR MICHAEL MURPHY	MAJOR DENNIS MARTEN	MAJOR MITCHELL CLARK	MAJOR ROBERT KEENER	MAJOR ANDREW DEAN
Troop C	Troop E	Troop K – Capitol Police	Troop J – Training Academy, Breath Alcohol Unit	Troop A - Kansas City Metropolitan Area
Troop D	Troop F	Public & Governmental Affairs	Troop N – Domestic Highway Enforcement Team, JTTF and DEA TF, Fusion Center, Evidence	Troop B - Northeast Kansas Homeland Security/ Emergency Operations
Troop G - Turnpike	Troop H	Fleet	Troop S – Emergency Services Unit	Troop M – Central Communications/CJIS
Troop I – MCSAP, CHART, MCI	Troop V – Motor Vehicle Enforcement	Information Technology	Troop T – Air Support Unit	
		Records		
		Human Resources		
		Fiscal		
		Accreditation		



YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 2023 was one of transition and growth for the Kansas Highway Patrol as the agency experienced changes in command staff and organizational structure, Information Technology security improvements, and enhanced recruitment efforts.

On July 7, 2023, Colonel Erik Smith assumed command as the 24th Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol. The appointment was the result of a national search by Governor Laura Kelly upon the announcement of Colonel Herman Jones' retirement. Prior to his appointment, Smith served as the Assistant Administrator and Chief of the Inspection Division within the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. Immediately upon his appointment, Smith began evaluating how the agency is structured and planning ways to enhance our core mission of providing Service, Courtesy and Protection.

As society becomes more dependent upon the availability of digital services, a new type of criminal threat has emerged. Over the last few years, the State of Kansas has experienced some of the greatest cyberthreats ever encountered. From high volumes of identity theft to ransomware attacks, the State of Kansas has experienced it all. These threats not only caused millions of dollars of damage to Kansas infrastructure and financial resources, but they also caused Kansans to lose faith in the State's ability to protect its citizens.

The Kansas Highway Patrol is working hard to ensure the agency stays ahead of these threats. During 2023, the agency updated aging digital infrastructure. Servers were upgraded, network switches were refreshed, firewalls were replaced, and we began migrating data to a new data center.

Not only is the Kansas Highway Patrol command staff trying to build the trust within communities we serve, but the administration is working hard to build camaraderie within the agency. During 2023, leaders from the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas State Trooper's Association conducted Meet and Confer discussions to outline terms for a new Memorandum of Agreement. Historically, these discussions take many months before a consensus is reached. As a result of the efforts between Colonel Smith and his administration and the KSTA, negotiations for the new Memorandum of Agreement took just 28 days. This relationship continues to be built through the implementation of committees to research scheduling, incentive pay, and uniforms.

In addition to improvements in agency functions and infrastructure, the Kansas Highway Patrol focused on multi-faceted recruitment initiatives to build trooper ranks and civilian staff for years to come. Through modernizing the agency tattoo policy and investing in a multi-phase advertising campaign, 28 new troopers were added to the ranks during 2023. Ten of these troopers joined through the Condensed Academy for experienced law enforcement officers wanting to join the Kansas Highway Patrol. The success of the Condensed Academy has proven it is possible for the KHP to attract qualified recruits while continuing to hold them to the high standard of excellence expected by the citizens of Kansas.

During the two-phase advertising campaign, the agency saw a 251% increase in traffic to KSstateTrooper.com. While the KHP is currently seeing modest increases in application rates, it is important to remember that applying for a career in law enforcement is not an impulse decision driven by the view of a single ad. The agency is working on long-term strategies to approach new demographics and generate interest in becoming the next generation of trooper.

EAST REGION

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 Troop K - Capitol Police. He transferred to the Public and Governmental Affairs Unit at General Headquarters in 2017, and served as the Troop Commander. Dean was promoted to Major in August 2020.

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.

MAJOR
ANDREW DEAN



EAST REGION COMPONENTS:

- Troop A - Kansas City Metropolitan Area
- Troop B - Northeast Kansas
- Homeland Security/Emergency Operations
- Troop M - Central Communications/CJIS

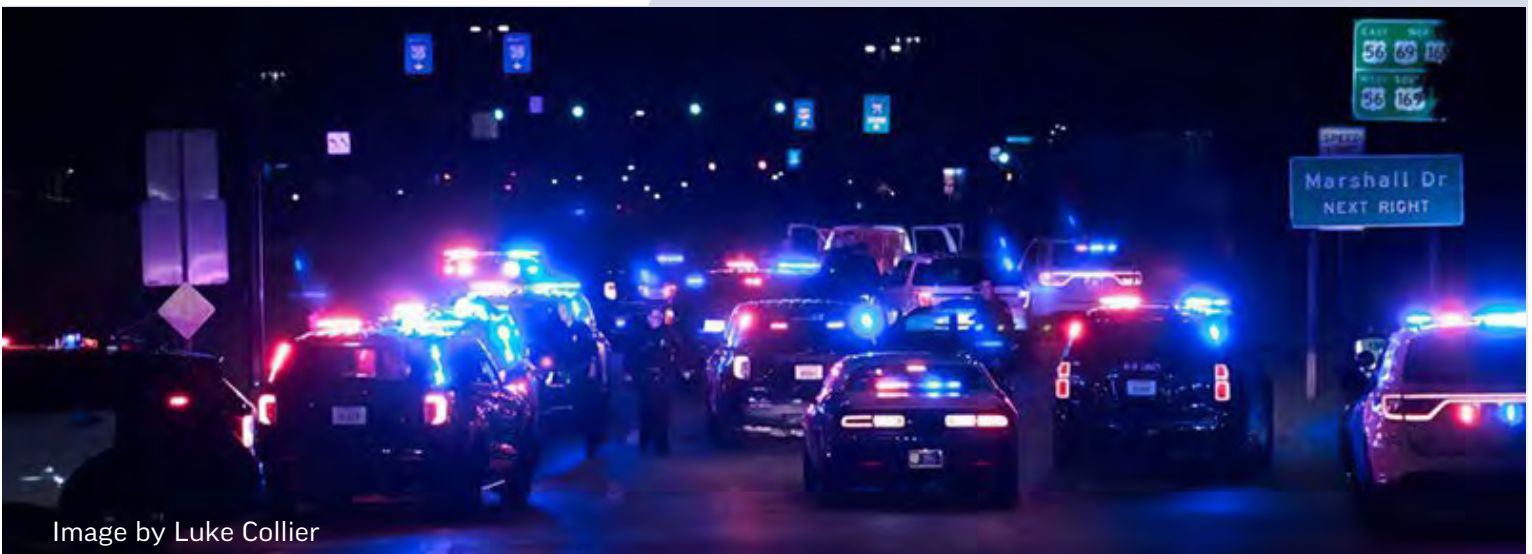


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TROOP

A



Made **24,995** citizen contacts



Worked **1,661** collisions



Issued **793** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **4,289** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **2,121** stops for speeding

KANSAS CITY METRO

Captain Johnny Ingram



FICTITIOUS BILL OF LADING LEADS TO KHP'S 9TH LARGEST SEIZURE

09/21/2023: During a commercial motor vehicle safety inspection, a trooper became suspicious when he noticed the bill of lading appeared to be fictitious. A probable cause search of the semi-trailer led to the discovery of 1,382 lbs of marijuana in vacuum sealed packages inside cardboard boxes and 411 lbs of THC wax. The truck was loaded in California and destined for New Jersey. A controlled delivery was not attempted because a GPS tracker was found concealed inside the contraband. This is the ninth largest shipment of this type ever discovered in Kansas.

21ST ANNUAL MICHAEL NEWTON TOY DRIVE BRINGS SMILES TO KIDS IN THE HOSPITAL

12/15/2023: Troopers from Missouri and Kansas gathered at The University of Kansas Medical Center Hospital, in Kansas City, Kansas. The Trooper Michael L. Newton Toy Drive is the cooperative effort of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Kansas Highway Patrol, Murphy-Hoffman Company (Kenworth), Pediatric Partners, and the citizens we serve.

The toy drive is named after a MSHP trooper who died in the line of duty on May 22, 2003. Each year, toy donations are collected and distributed to bring smiles to the faces of children who are forced to spend the Christmas holiday in the hospital.



TROOP B



Made **19,377** citizen contacts



Worked **482** collisions



Issued **383** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **4,380** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **2,290** stops for speeding

NORTHEAST KANSAS

Captain Joe Witham

SPEEDING STOP LEADS TO ARREST OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUSPECTS

A vehicle traveling on southbound US-75 near the Nebraska line was stopped by a trooper for speeding. The vehicle was occupied by two females and one male. During the investigation, the trooper discovered the FBI was working a sexual exploitation of a child case involving one of the women. She was believed to be heavily involved in recruiting girls under the age of 16 for human trafficking purposes. The second woman was wanted by St. Louis, Missouri officials for sex trafficking as well. Ultimately, all three individuals were arrested.

During an inventory of the vehicle, \$50,000 in stolen jewelry was recovered. A search warrant was requested to harvest data from cellphones seized during the investigation. Additional human trafficking suspects were identified and later located in Texas and Nebraska. The evidence and information gathered during the investigation was given to the appropriate authorities.



ROCK CHALK AND THE KHP

Troopers from northeast Kansas are honored to work alongside the University of Kansas Athletics during football and basketball seasons. Troopers work with University of Kansas Police, Lawrence Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Office. This past football season, troopers assisted home and visiting teams during seven home games. Troopers assigned to work these games assisted with movements to and from hotels and to and from the stadium. Troopers also escorted teams safely to and from local airports.

During the basketball season, troopers ensure the safety of traffic points along the exit corridor. With the success of KU's basketball program over the last several years, KHP's duties broaden to assist Lawrence PD with crowd control in downtown Lawrence. This is done to help ensure everyone stays safe during victory celebrations. The Highway Patrol's post season effort transitions to an agency-wide effort as the agency generally provides around 40 troopers to assist with semi-final games and around 70 troopers to assist with the NCAA National Championship night.

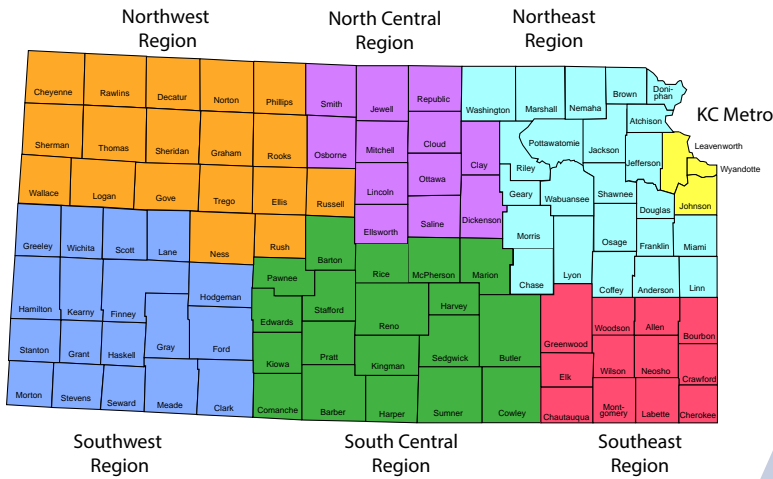


HOMELAND SECURITY/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Captain Justin Bramlett

THE KHP HOMELAND SECURITY OFFICE (HSO) IS THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY (SAA) FOR THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) AND THE NON-PROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (NSGP).

- In fiscal year 2023 Kansas received over \$10,000,000.00 in applications from eligible nonprofits competing for \$2,434,318.00 of available NSGP funding. 19 nonprofit facilities received awards from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for security enhancements and other security initiatives related to acts of terrorism.
- The HSGP fiscal year 2023 funding was \$4,847,500 in DHS appropriated funds across seven regions and five state agencies. Changes were implemented to this award with increased minimum spends, Kansas and National Priorities, with a Law Enforcement Set-aside being 35% of the total award.



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

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #13

The Kansas Highway Patrol serves as the Public Safety and Security representative in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) as Emergency Support Function #13 (ESF #13).

2023 the SEOC was activated multiple times. While some were planned activations, others were not. KHP assisted:

- Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Coffey County with the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation graded exercise in November,
- Participated in an exercise with Kansas Department of Agriculture
- Updated our own Continuity of Operations Plans.
- KHP staffed ESF#13 for severe storms, fire weather and tornado assessments to provide law enforcement resources and update the SEOC for situational awareness during the activation.

Investment	Project Total	LE
Agricultural Security	\$85,261	\$2,500
Domestic Violence Extremism	\$953,160	\$929,168
Cybersecurity	\$592,464	\$77,129
Deployable Response Resources	\$70,430	\$48,930
Emergency Communications and Public Information	\$182,040	\$6,167
Enhancing Community Resilience & Preparedness	\$37,000	\$6,167
Enhancing Election Security	\$13,945	\$13,945
Intelligence and Information Sharing	\$264,410	\$226,356
Planning Training, Exercise and Operational coordination	\$425,626	\$126,567
Soft Target/Crowded Places	\$694,254	\$386,708
Total	3,318,590	



CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS

KCJIS - Criminal Justice Information Systems

Captain Jim Oehm

Communications Specialists support field personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These dedicated personnel adapt to ever-changing events across the state and often work additional hours to ensure operational effectiveness.

- Maintain radio contact with officers.
- Run queries for information on individuals and vehicles.
- Take calls from the public and other agencies; dispatch personnel where needed.
- Coordinate blood and organ relays across the state.
- Monitor alarms and warnings, such as those issued by the National Weather Service.
- This dispatch center is also the central calling point for specialized topics such as Safe School Hotline, Hazmat Hotline, and Drug Recognition Requests Hotline.

CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS EVENTS:

TAC-COM DEPLOYMENTS:

- Kansas State Fair: Provided on-site dispatching services along side Reno County Medical dispatchers.
- Deployed 44 times to support KHP Recruit Classes 65, 66, and 67 Scenarios.

HOSTED 1 COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING OFFICER COURSE

- This course establishes performance criteria to create common expectations and increase effectiveness when training new Communications Specialists. Five Communications Specialists completed this training.

HOSTED 3 BASIC COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST COURSES

- Teaches new hires the basics of CAD operations and policy and procedures/rules and regs. regarding their new dispatch career. 3 New Communications Specialists completed this course.

ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATION OFFICIALS (APCO) NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE

Professional training included: Administration, Management, Technology, and Operations as well provided a view of current systems and equipment. One Staff member from each level of Central Communications attended. Training was then developed to pass on to staff who could not attend.

MCT AND CAD INTEGRATION TRAINING

Troop M personnel instructed KHP personnel on advanced utilization of the Mobile Communications Terminal (MCT) and its integration with the Computer Aided Dispatch system (CAD).

SMART COP UNITE CONFERENCE

Troop M and KHP IT attended to gain knowledge concerning records development and investigative capabilities of the SMART COP system as well as get an overview of future features.

PARTICIPATED IN 1 CAREER FAIR

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT EVENTS

- 2 Open House events were held at Central Dispatch in an effort to highlight careers with KHP Central Communications.
- 11 Outside Community Service Events attended including multiple presentations and tours for regional schools surrounding Central Dispatch.

INSTRUCTED 1 WEST POINT LEADERSHIP COURSE

- Supervisors from Central Communications helped instruct West Point Leadership Training for KHP supervisory staff.



Communications Specialists:
4 Hired
66 Applications
4 Resignations
1 Retirement



3 Communications Specialist classes held



14,432 Case Numbers issued



308,864 Calls for service (Troops M, K, and G dispatch centers combined)



12 Underage Drinking Hotline Calls taken



78 Safe School Hotline calls
16 forwarded to law enforcement

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CJIS STATS 2023

NCIC TECHNICAL SECURITY AUDIT UNIT

- 3 auditors completed 101 Information Technology Security Audits
- 542 New NCIC terminal devices approved.
- 5 NCIC terminal deactivations
- 7 Network change and relocation approvals effecting 34 devices.
- 3 Post – Incident reconnections approved.
- 370 people completed LASO training using the various methods offered:
 - ◊ 176 students attended one of 13 LASO in person training classes.
- 194 additional people completed LASO self-instruction training online.

N-DEX AND RECORD CHECKS

- Presented N-DEx and other FBI CJIS services in 3 KCJZSI Users groups and 13 KASo classes
- 276 active current users from 112 different agencies.
- PSA attended free training on FBI CJIS Data Sharing Service at FBI CJIS in Clarksburg, WV.
- Submitted 768 fingerprint cards for record checks of KHP applicants and IT contractors within the KCJIS community.
- Completed over 1370 named-based record checks for KHP applicants, annual rechecks of employees and contractors and retiree gun checks for range.

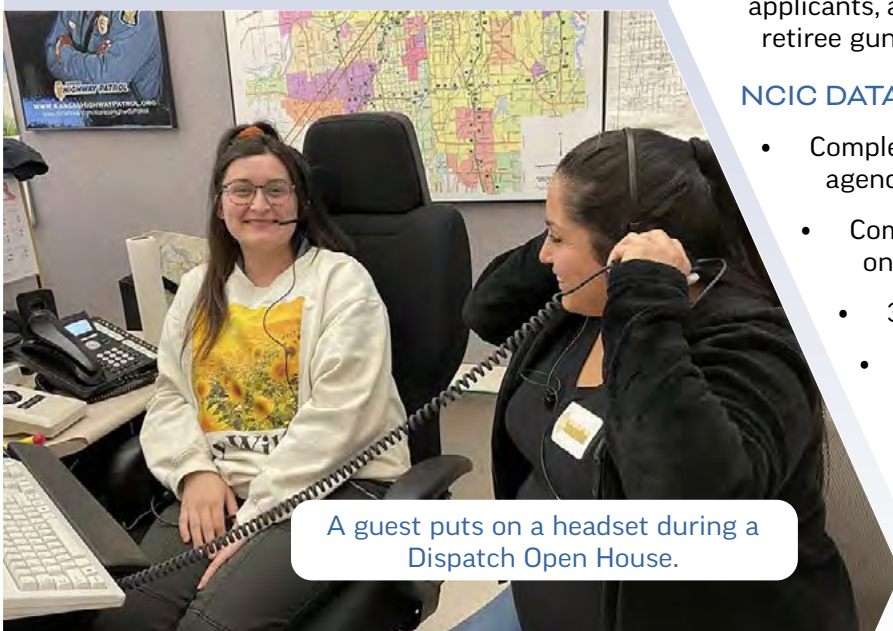
NCIC DATA QUALITY AUDIT UNIT

- Completed Full Access NCIC Audits – all on-site: 84 agencies
- Completed Limited Access NCIC Audits – On site or online – 55 agencies
- 31 Full Access NCIC classroom training – 681 users
- 10 Limited Access NCIC classroom training – 146 users
- 26 TAC classroom training – 248 users
- 44 Various specialized KCJIS type trainings – 1042 users

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CJIS)

The Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) unit provides:

- Training to local agencies throughout Kansas and conducts audits to ensure proper use of systems.
- Administers several components of the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS). Local agency computer networks undergo security reviews before allowing workstations to be connected.
- Manages and provides assistance to local agencies using the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC), including FBI-mandated certification of all operators with access to NCIC.
- Coordinates the annual validation of all Kansas entered records, such as wanted/missing persons and stolen property.
- KHP CJIS Trainers also instruct the Basic Law Enforcement Communications Operators (BLECO) training course for new local agency dispatchers.



A guest puts on a headset during a Dispatch Open House.

2023 STATISTICS



Encountered **2367** hits in the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Database



Recovered **497** stolen vehicles and removed **500** abandoned vehicles



Issued **51,102** citations for speeding



Spent **20,019.05** hours assisting stranded motorists



Issued **13,452** citations for Moving Hazardous Violations



Conducted **2851.5** MCSAP safety reviews



Weighed **7,836** commercial motor vehicles with portable scales
308,074 with fixed scales
89,015 weight-in-motion



Performed **5,421** inspections on fuel samples



Administered **1,484** preliminary breath alcohol tests (PBT)

NORTH REGION

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.

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.

Murphy retired on December 1, 2023

MAJOR
Michael Murphy



NORTH REGION COMPONENTS:

- Troop C - North Central
- Troop D - Northwest Kansas
- Troop G - Kansas Turnpike
- Troop I - Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program, (MCSAP) Motor Carrier Inspectors (MCI) and Critical Highway Accident Response Team (CHART)



TROOP

C



Made **34,669** citizen contacts



Worked **455** collisions



Issued **1,312** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **5,916** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **8,649** stops for speeding

NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Captain Dan DiLoreto

Troopers work an injury crash on I-135 in December 2023

HIT AND RUN CRASH KILLS BICYCLIST

09/30/23: A trooper trainee and his field training officer investigated a fatal hit and run crash involving a bicyclist and an unknown vehicle. A witness description of an erratic driver in the area, and a piece of plastic possibly from a GMC or Chevy pickup were the only leads. The following day, McPherson County Dispatch received a call from a person reporting he had struck something. Troopers responded and the subject agreed to show them his vehicle. The vehicle was a 2004 Chevy Colorado with damage matching debris at the scene. The truck was seized and the subject taken to the Sheriff's Department for questioning. The subject confessed to investigators that he had been drinking and didn't want to stop at the time because he knew he was intoxicated. The interview and subsequent confession produced several traffic and criminal charges including Unintentional but Reckless Second Degree Murder.

INTOXICATED SUBJECT RESISTS ARREST

11/05/23: Troopers assisted the Beloit Police Department locate a violent offender believed to be armed and dangerous and under the influence of alcohol and narcotics. The suspect was known to resist arrest and commented he would do it again. That afternoon Beloit PD located and attempted to stop the suspect. After a short pursuit, the suspect stopped, put his vehicle in reverse, and rammed the police vehicle. The officer was injured and his vehicle disabled.

The suspect's vehicle was located a short time later abandoned in Jewell County. As multiple agencies continued to search, a trooper went to investigate a residence about a mile away that they knew was associated with the suspect. He was seen in the yard. Additional troopers and law enforcement responded to the scene and verbal commands were given. The suspect refused to comply and threw a bottle at a trooper as he approached. Additional commands were given and lethal and non-lethal weapons were drawn. The suspect continued to physically and verbally resist as he was taken into custody.



Troopers and recruits from Troops C & J hand out candy and Jr. Trooper stickers at the annual Trunk or Treat.

TROOP D



Made **29,005** citizen contacts



Worked **494** collisions



Issued **440** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **4,743** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **7,576** stops for speeding

NORTHWEST KANSAS

Captain Travis Phillips

FENTANYL OVERDOSE LEADS TO 11 ARRESTS IN MULTI-COUNTY INVESTIGATION

01/05/2023: Troopers in Thomas County responded to the scene of a suspected crash and found an undamaged 2016 Chevy in the ditch occupied by an incoherent female driver. EMS arrived and transported the driver who appeared to have overdosed on fentanyl.

Troopers, along with Thomas County deputies investigated the incident and arrested the individual suspected of supplying fentanyl to the driver. During this arrest, a substantial quantity of methamphetamine and fentanyl was located.

This investigation grew to include multiple counties and agencies. In the coming weeks, troopers assisted the KBI, Colby PD, and Thomas County SO apprehend numerous subjects with felony warrants stemming from the initial case. All subjects were fentanyl, heroin, and meth users or area drug dealers. Overall, there were 11 arrests and a significant dent was made to fentanyl trafficking in northwest Kansas.



WOMAN PUSHED FROM MOVING VEHICLE

05/17/23: Troopers responded to a scene on I-70 in Ellis County where a woman had reportedly been pushed out of a vehicle moving at highway speeds. Witnesses stated that as they attempted to help the woman, the suspect vehicle backed up the shoulder and two men exited the car. They then loaded the woman into the back seat, and sped off. As troopers attempted to locate the vehicle, the Gove County Medical Center about 30 miles away reported a female with life-threatening injuries had been brought in by private vehicle. She was assessed and transported to the Hays Medical Trauma Center. At the hospital in Hays, troopers located two male subjects matching the description provided by witnesses and a video taken during the incident. They were taken into custody for questioning.

The woman, who was air lifted to Wichita for advanced medical treatment, described getting into an argument with a male in the back seat. The argument became physical and the male opened the door and forced her out of the moving vehicle.

The male suspect was booked into the Ellis County Jail. The KHP worked with the County Attorney on charges of Attempted Murder, Aggravated Battery and Kidnapping.



TROOP



Made **40,427** citizen contacts



Worked **1,840** collisions



Issued **1,368** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **8,734** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **8,034** stops for speeding

KANSAS TURNPIKE

Captain John Lehnerr - Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel 10/15/2023
Captain David Hundley

VEHICLE PURSUIT STOPPED USING LEGAL INTERVENTION

07/08/2023: A trooper attempted to stop a stolen Lincoln Navigator pulling a trailer on I-70 in Leavenworth County. The driver fled and a pursuit was initiated. As the pursuit entered Douglas County, the driver abruptly slammed on the brakes, made a U-turn and headed eastbound in the westbound lanes towards the trooper. Fearing for the safety of the motoring public, the trooper performed a legal intervention to disable the fleeing vehicle. The impact disabled the trooper's vehicle, and the Lincoln continued to flee into on-coming traffic. A second trooper disabled the vehicle via legal intervention at the Lawrence Service Plaza finally disabling it. Both occupants were taken into custody. Methamphetamine was located in the stolen vehicle. The troopers involved sustained minor injuries during the incident.

The two troopers involved in this incident were awarded Commander's Commendations for their actions.



DANGEROUS NARCOTICS DISCOVERED AFTER INCIDENT WITH CONSTRUCTION SIGN

05/23/2023: Troopers stopped a vehicle after it struck a construction sign. The driver was suspended and subsequently arrested. During the vehicle tow inventory, 115,000 fentanyl pills, 25 lbs. of methamphetamine and 24 lbs. of heroin were discovered. Cellphones, laptops and a large amount of U.S. currency were also found.

WRONG WAY DRIVER INTENTIONALLY RAMS OTHER VEHICLE

09/10/23: Troop G dispatch received a report that a white SUV had entered the Kansas Turnpike the wrong way through the Emporia Toll Plaza exit lanes. Moments later, dispatch received reports of an injury crash at the Emporia service area. Troopers responded. Not only was 60 grams of methamphetamine found in the SUV, but the initial investigation also revealed the driver intentionally rammed the other vehicle four times before they both rolled. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Lyon County Jail.

Earlier in the evening, the suspect had fled from Emporia PD. That pursuit had been disregarded because Emporia PD knew the identity of the suspect. It was later discovered that the suspect was wanted in Colorado for two homicides.

TROOP



MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTION, CHART

Captain Wes Ludolph: promoted to Major 11/26/2023

TROOP I ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS THAT HELP:

- CREATE ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- INCREASE THE ABILITY TO CONDUCT PUBLIC OUTREACH/SAFETY PROGRAMS,
- FUND TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS.

NW KANSAS SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT LANE

During a three-day period in April, inspectors from Troop I partnered with the Kansas Corporation Commission and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to conduct a special enforcement in northwest Kansas. The purpose of the enforcement was to check compliance with commercial motor vehicle safety regulations and state laws. Personnel from Troop I were joined by those from Troop N, BAU, Troop S and Troop D. Law enforcement officers primarily worked in Sherman, Thomas, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Wallace and Logan counties in northwest Kansas. Motor Carrier Inspectors worked at the Kanorado port of entry.

RESULTS:

- 1,271 public contacts
- 3,512 activities
- 667 CMV inspections
- 61 drivers and 104 vehicles placed out-of-service
- 1,581 CMV violations

There was also enforcement action taken on numerous traffic violations by either CMVs or vehicles around CMVs. Of those, four DUIs were removed from the roadways and 131 speed citations were issued.



Performed **62,224** total activities



Weighed **403,328** commercial vehicles



Conducted **36,308** CMV inspections



Instructed **114** safety programs



Made **51,307** public contacts



Issued **427** citations for Moving Hazardous Violations



Issued **2,404** citations for Speeding



Arrested **8** drivers for DUI



Issued **422** citations for Seat Belt violations



Made **11** felony arrests



Arrested **3** offenders for drugs



Issued **808** citations for misdemeanor traffic violations



Wrote **57** citations for non-traffic misdemeanors



39 hits on the NCIC database

CRITICAL HIGHWAY ACCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (CHART)

03/05/2023: CHART investigated a collision that resulted in the death of two individuals on US-50 west of Emporia. The crash involved two commercial vehicles and three passenger vehicles. The investigation determined that an eastbound commercial vehicle failed to maintain a single lane and struck a westbound passenger vehicle. That first westbound passenger vehicle rotated and struck a second commercial vehicle traveling eastbound behind the first one. The first eastbound commercial vehicle continued across the westbound lane and struck two additional passenger vehicles fatally injuring those drivers and seriously injuring a juvenile passenger.

A check within the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse showed the driver that caused the collision had two current prohibitions which should have kept him from operating a commercial motor vehicle.

The case was presented to the Lyon County District Attorney and felony criminal charges were filed on behalf of the State of Kansas. The felony case is currently pending adjudication.

THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL HAS ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF HIGHLY TRAINED OFFICERS WITH SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN CRASH RESPONSE TO RESPOND TO AND ASSIST WITH CRITICAL HIGHWAY CRASH INVESTIGATIONS. THESE OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE CRITICAL HIGHWAY ACCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

CHART incident/callouts	86
CHART response involving CMVs	49
CHART full reconstructions	8
CHART Criminal Homicide collision investigations	6
CHART forensic maps	74
CHART airbag control module downloads	60
CHART drone flights	59



2023 STATISTICS



Analyzed **1,295** individuals for alcohol impairment



Arrested **1,288** drivers for being under the influence



Issued **7,155** citations for Moving Hazardous Violations



CHART responded to **68** requests for assistance with crash investigations and crime scene reconstructions (more CHART stats, page 19)



Issued **956** child restraint violations and spent over **618** hours installing car seats



Conducted **3,262** criminal interdiction searches



Spent **4663.5** hours testifying in court or hearings



Spent **699.25** hours conducting checklanes



Patrolled **1,813,269** miles

SOUTH REGION



MAJOR
DENNIS MARTEN

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 2nd 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 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.

Marten retired on December 1, 2023

SOUTH REGION COMPONENTS:

- Troop E - Southwest Kansas
- Troop F - South Central Kansas
- Troop H - Southeast Kansas
- Troop V - Motor Vehicle Enforcement



TROOP E



Made **20,091** citizen contacts



Worked **172** collisions



Issued **817** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **2,563** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **3,780** stops for speeding

SOUTHWEST KANSAS

Captain Randell Mosher

TROOPERS RESPOND TO GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON REPORT OF ACTIVE SHOOTER

10/19/2023: Garden City Police received a report of an active shooter on the Garden City Community College campus. Twelve KHP troopers immediately responded to assist in the locations where the activity was reportedly occurring. A suspect was located in the library and taken into custody. KHP units then assisted with searching and clearing every building on Campus. Specially equipped KHP officers also assisted by searching a large set of underground tunnels around the campus. Ultimately, it was determined that there were no actual shots fired. The suspect did not have any weapons but claimed someone was shooting on campus. The suspect was charged with several felonies regarding his actions.

SUSPECTS SHOOT AT OFFICERS DURING PURSUIT

01/23/2023: A Clark county deputy attempted to stop a vehicle occupied by two subjects wanted in connection with a double homicide in Phoenix, Arizona. A pursuit ensued and troopers responded to assist. The pursuit ended in Dodge City when the Clark County deputy forced the suspect vehicle into a ditch. The suspects then shot at responding officers hitting a Clark County deputy and a Ford County deputy. Both suspects were injured by returning gun fire. The male suspect died at the scene and the female was seriously injured. A KHP motor carrier officer assisting at the scene was bitten by a Sheriff's canine. All law enforcement officers involved are expected to make full recoveries. KHP aircraft and drones provided aerial photographs and video.



TROOP F



Made **40,427** citizen contacts



Worked **1,416** collisions



Issued **1,998** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **6,996** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **14,293** stops for speeding

SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Captain Jimmie Atkinson

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED 24-7 DURING KANSAS STATE FAIR

Over 330,000 people attended the 2023 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. This was a 5% increase over the previous year. During the two week event, KHP personnel patrol the fairgrounds and Reno County roadways, investigate criminal activity, and staff the Patrol's booth and on-site communication center. The Patrol also responds to a variety of assistance calls including medical calls and reuniting separated persons.

- KHP cars were once again strategically parked on the fairgrounds near the entrance gates to make police presence more visible to those walking onto the fairgrounds and provide quick access to emergency equipment.
- Our communications team continued to improve calls for service by utilizing the what3words program to narrow down the location of callers within 3 meters, and agency issued cell phones were used to disseminate photos of lost or missing persons, trespassed individuals, daily weather, anticipated attendance, and other information.

New to the Fair this year:

- The KHP dispatch center was expanded to include Reno County 911 dispatchers. This allowed Reno County to seamlessly dispatch county fire and EMS units and provide real time information from incoming 911 calls.

Safety Equipment added by Fair Board:

- A new Public Address (PA) system located across the fairground and inside buildings made it possible to immediately communicate important information to all visitors.
- 60 surveillance cameras were placed in areas around the fairgrounds to monitor high traffic areas and aid investigations.
- Golf carts used by the KHP are now equipped with emergency lights and sirens/horns giving ground units the ability to respond to emergency calls more safely.

IMPAIRED DRIVER FOCUS

Troop F troopers focused on removing impaired (drunk/drugged) drivers from Kansas roadways by utilizing RAVE enforcements during late nights, holidays and weekends; troopers also made numerous DUI arrests at all hours of the day during the week.

- DUI Arrests - 190
- DRE - 41 Drug Recognition Evaluations

TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO FIREARM AND DRUG SEIZURE

03/11/2023: A trooper stopped a vehicle for a tint violation at the intersection of U-81 and 11th Street in Wellington. During the stop, the trooper noticed the driver did not have a required ignition interlock installed on the vehicle. He also observed an open container and smelled marijuana. This led to a probable cause search of the vehicle. A loaded 9mm handgun was located in the pocket of a jacket on the floor, and a black bag containing a glass jar with suspected marijuana; a sealed black bag with additional marijuana; a clear bag containing 60 grams of an unknown white substance; and a 4-gram psilocybin-mushroom infused candy bar were seized. The driver was arrested and taken to the Sumner County jail on various charges including Criminal in Possession of a Firearm.

TROOP H



Made **18,169** citizen contacts



Worked **312** collisions



Issued **905** Occupant Protection Citations and Warnings



Conducted **2,464** stops for moving hazardous violations



Conducted **4,324** stops for speeding

SOUTHEAST KANSAS

Captain Chuck Yokley

TROOPER SAVES INFANT'S LIFE

08/30/2023: Master Trooper Brett Goins responded to a 911 call of an infant not breathing. When he arrived, he found the mother and grandmother performing CPR on the infant. While the Grandmother continued CPR, Goins drove them to the hospital. They met the ambulance en-route and transferred the infant to their care. The infant was breathing again before the ambulance left. Goins' calm demeanor and quick action saved the infant's life.



Goins received a Life Saving Award for his actions.

ATTEMPT TO ASSIST DISABLED MOTORIST LEADS TO FELONY ARREST

A trooper stopped to assist a disabled motorist in Cherokee County. The driver stated the vehicle was being delivered to a local garage for repairs, but could not provide the name of the service center. Upon further investigation, the trooper discovered the vehicle had been reported stolen in 2022 from Joplin, Missouri. During the vehicle inventory 422 grams of methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were seized.

WOLF CREEK EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

In 2023, Troop H staff devoted over 100 hours training in preparation for an emergency response at the Wolf Creek Generating Station. Training included:

- General Exercise Tabletop Drill
- Two General Response Drills
- FEMA Evaluated Exercise

SUSPECT'S REFUSAL TO STOP TURNS TRAGIC

A registration check performed by a Troop H trooper revealed the pickup in question had been reported stolen during an armed robbery in Dallas, Texas the day before. The trooper attempted a traffic stop, but the driver refused to yield and a pursuit ensued. The fleeing driver attempted to use the shoulder to pass a semi-truck and lost control. The vehicle then crossed the roadway and struck a southbound semi-truck and trailer. Both occupants in the stolen vehicle perished.

FLEEING SUSPECT SHOOTS AT DEPUTY

A suspect fired multiple shots at a Crawford County Deputy during a vehicle pursuit. The vehicle became disabled near Pittsburg, and the suspect fled on foot. Troopers responded to help locate the armed and dangerous suspect. After a nine-hour ground and air search, the suspect was located hiding under a bridge and was taken into custody.



MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Captain Craig Phillips



VIN inspections performed **305,186**



VIN Inspectors and designee partners recovered or assisted in the recovery of **184** stolen vehicles

THE VIN INSPECTION PROGRAM HELPS PROTECT CONSUMERS AND DISCOURAGE AUTO THEFT BY INSPECTING VEHICLES PURCHASED OUTSIDE OF KANSAS AND CLEARING THEM TO RECEIVE KANSAS TITLE AND REGISTRATION THROUGH THE COUNTY TREASURER.

Troop V, Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE), coordinates the statewide vehicle inspection program.

Currently, Troop V consists of 12 uniformed personnel and 40 civilian personnel.

THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

- Increase the recovery of stolen vehicles and/or component parts
- Detect and prevent titling fraud
- 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.

CAREERS
beyond the stop
VIN Inspection

In an effort to protect consumers, discourage auto theft, and prevent the trafficking of stolen auto parts, VIN inspectors conduct inspections on certain vehicles before they receive a Kansas title and registration.

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2023 STATISTICS



Investigated **5,564** non-injury property damage crashes



Investigated **1,562** injury crashes



Investigated **213** fatal crashes



10,066 school buses inspected



Verified **156,945** Vehicle Identification Numbers



Conducted **36,308** Commercial Motor Vehicle inspections



Issued **3,080** speeding citations for speeds reaching 100 mph and higher



Made **769** felony drug arrests



Made **1301** felony arrests

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Major Robert Keener began his career with the Kansas Highway Patrol on September 19, 1999. He was first stationed in Ellsworth County. He became a member of the Special Response Team (SRT) in January 2001. In July of 2001, he transferred to Sedgwick County as a road Trooper. He promoted to Technical Trooper/SRT Team Leader in March 2005 and relocated 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), DEA, and JTTF; Troop S – Special Response Team (SRT), Police Service Dog Unit (PSDU), and Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU); 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 in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1996-2003. He joined the Kansas Army National Guard from 2003-2004. Keener is from Derby, KS, and is a graduate of Derby High School. Keener is a 2016 graduate of the FBI National Academy Class #263 in Quantico, VA.

MAJOR
ROBERT KEENER



EAST REGION COMPONENTS:

- Troop J – Training Academy, Breath Alcohol Unit
- Troop N – Domestic Highway Enforcement Team, JTTF and DEA TF, Fusion Center, Evidence
- Troop S – Emergency Services Unit
- Troop T – Air Support Unit



TROOP

J

KHP TRAINING ACADEMY

Captain Christopher Bauer

29 NEW TROOPERS TRAINED

Troop J trained three recruit classes during the year. Two of these were basic recruit classes lasting 24 weeks, while the third was a condensed 14-week class comprised of previously certified Kansas law enforcement officers. In total, 29 new troopers successfully completed their training and transitioned to the Field Training phase.



2023 MARKED ANOTHER EXCITING AND SUCCESSFUL CHAPTER FOR THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL TRAINING ACADEMY.

AS THE NATION NAVIGATED BEYOND THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, TRAINING ACTIVITIES HAVE RETURNED TO A MORE NORMAL PACE AND APPEARANCE.

EQUIPMENT UPGRADES:

The Academy played a pivotal role in coordinating the research for a new Pistol Mounted Optic and sidearm. Following thorough evaluation, the Steiner Pistol Optic and the Glock 17 were selected as the new sidearm platform for the Patrol. This decision initiated a comprehensive transition training program for all sworn law enforcement officers of the Patrol. Despite enduring challenging weather conditions, the Academy and adjunct instructors successfully executed the program, receiving positive feedback on the preparation provided for utilizing the new platform during duties.

Steiner Pistol Optical sight



IGNITION INTERLOCK PROGRAM:

In accordance with legislation effective July 1, 2023, the Kansas Highway Patrol assumed the role of administrator for the Ignition Interlock Vendor and Offender Compliance program for the State of Kansas. The Breath Alcohol and Drug Evaluation Unit, comprising both uniformed and civilian members, undertook the responsibility of overseeing compliance reviews. On average, **200 reviews** are conducted weekly as part of this program. The initiative directly addresses and helps prevent Driving Under the Influence recidivism, showcasing the Patrol's commitment to enhancing public safety.



DHET, JTTF AND DEA TASK FORCE, FUSION CENTER, EVIDENCE

Captain Brent Hogelin - Promoted to Major November 26, 2023

INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS CONDUCTED:

76 iOS DEVICES ACCESSED

37 ANDROID DEVICES ACCESSED

54 CASES SUPPORTED

15 OUTSIDE AGENCIES SUPPORTED

REMOVED FROM THE STREETS

MARIJUANA 3,481 lbs.

METHAMPHETAMINE 421 lbs.

COCAINE 205 lbs.

FENTANYL 62 lbs.

HEROIN 25 lb.

WEAPONS 39

SEIZED VEHICLES 18

EVIDENCE

The Central Evidence Facility, located in Salina, hosted the annual Advanced Criminal Interdiction course and Troop meetings in November and December 2023.

EVIDENCE PERSONNEL ACTIVITY

- Received 4,970 items
- properly disposed of 2,717 items.

TRAINING AT TEXAS U.S. PORT OF ENTRY

In June, members of Troops N and S traveled to El Paso, Texas for training. KHP personnel worked side-by-side with Customs and Border Patrol (CPB) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) performing secondary inspections of vehicles flagged by CPB. The training gave the KHP an opportunity to experience smuggling trends before they reach Kansas borders and gave members an opportunity to create professional connections.

During one secondary inspection, a large load of concealed narcotics was discovered and stopped before it could reach the heartland.

DEA GROUP 42A:

Members of this task force assist Federal, State, and local agencies with cases related to narcotics, human trafficking, property crimes, and other unlawful offenses. The group also assists the Patrol with manhunts, pursuits and other investigations.

CASES INVESTIGATED:

- Federal: 20
- State: 22
- Indictments: 18

Leading to 6 federal convictions totaling 335 months in Federal Prison and 8 State convictions leading to 182 months in State Prison

INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVED:

- 355 lbs of Crystal Methamphetamine
- 34 lbs of Fentanyl Powder
- 1,000 Fentanyl pills
- 24 lbs Heroin
- 212 lbs Cocaine
- 3,015 lbs Marijuana

Task Force officers spent hundreds of hours investigating drug offenses while assisting other DEA groups with surveillance and other operations.

TASK FORCE OFFICER INVOLVEMENT:

- 33 search warrants written and executed
- 40 phones searched
- 344 hours of training
- 54 instructing hours
- over 60,000 miles driven



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT), POLICE SERVICE DOG UNIT (PSDU), HAZARDOUS DEVICES TEAM (HDU)

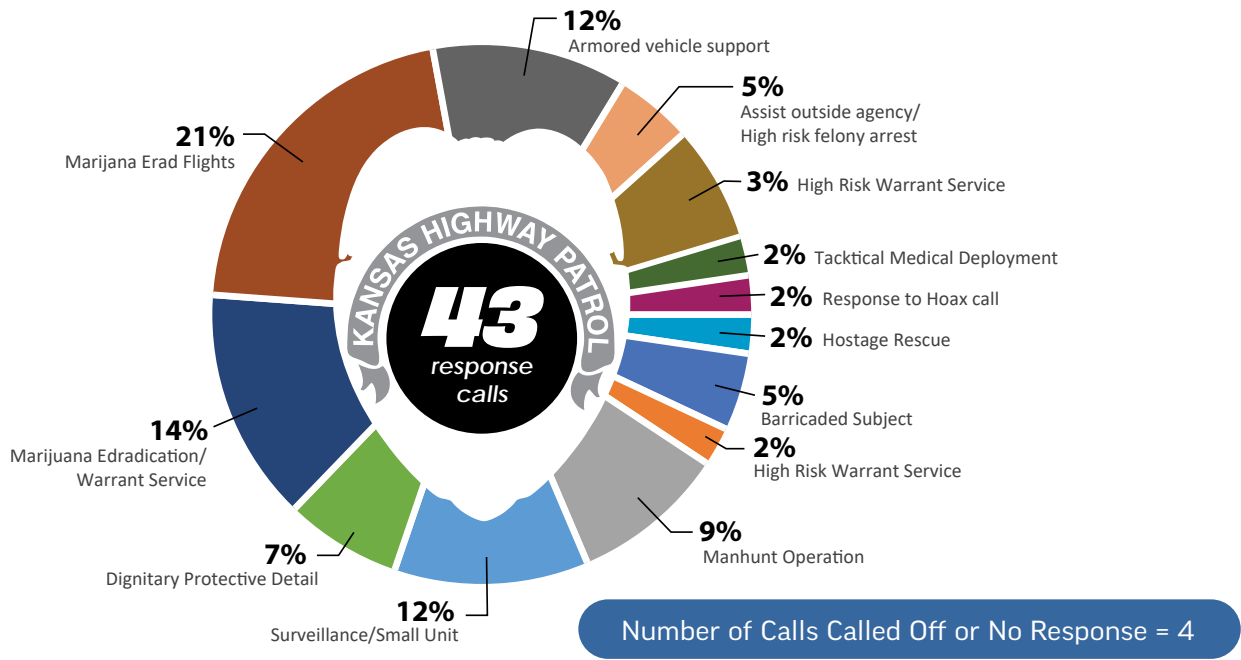
Captain Dennis Shoemaker - Retired February 1, 2024

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

ATTEMPTS TO DE-ESCALATE DOMESTIC SITUATION

10/20/23: The Stanton County Sheriff's Department requested SRT deployment to assist with an armed barricaded suspect. The incident started with a call reporting an altercation between a 45-year-old male and his 14-year-old daughter. During the investigation, it was determined the male subject had taken his daughter to the ground and pounded her head on the floor. The Sheriff's department requested and was granted an arrest warrant for battery. The deputies knew the suspect was home, so they attempted to knock and gain compliance to enter. The subject instead yelled that if they tried to come in, he would shoot them.

A KHP SRT negotiator attempted to deescalate the situation by phone and PA system. The subject would occasionally come to the door, yell at law enforcement, and act unreasonable. The decision was made to breach the front door and deploy a "throw phone" for the suspect to communicate with officers. Once this was done, it was determined an unmanned aerial surveillance platform needed to be flown into the house. The subject was found in the bedroom with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was pronounced dead at an area hospital.



HAZARDOUS DEVICES UNIT

SUSPICIOUS MAIL SENT TO STATE SENATORS

06/16/2023: The Hazardous Devices Unit was notified that Kansas Representatives were receiving suspicious letters containing a white powder at their homes. Federal and State agencies set up a command station in Topeka to coordinate a state-wide response. KBI agents and Hazardous Material Response group members met with HDU personnel in their assigned territories for localized response. Over the next several weeks, HDU members tested the powder in over 100 letters across the state.

POLICE SERVICE DOG UNIT

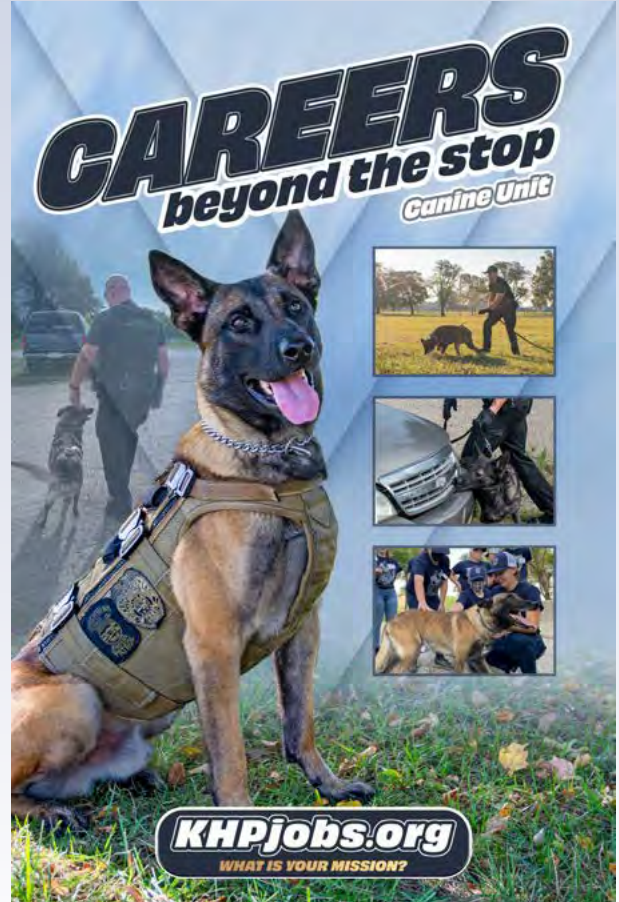
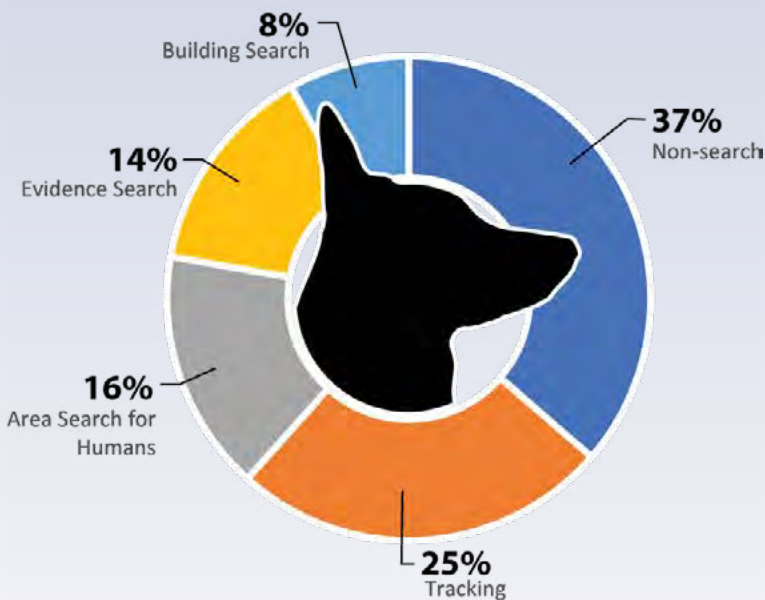
ESCAPED SUSPECT INVESTIGATION LEADS TO MORE ARRESTS

In December 2022, a suspect involved in a multi-county pursuit escaped custody from the Saline County Jail. A Troop N trooper was informed that an individual had been spotted slowly driving around the area where the pursuit had ended. A loaded handgun was found in the ditch during a KHP canine team search of the area. Troopers then attempted to locate the suspect who was believed to be armed, and had made statements that he would shoot at police and not be taken alive. Over the next few days, several vehicles were stolen from neighboring counties and the suspect was believed to be the perpetrator. Two of the vehicles were recovered by troopers.

In January 2023, information was received that the suspect may be at a residence in Russell. During the search a KHP canine team located a different department of corrections offender with several felony warrants under a bed, and two additional arrests were made after narcotics and paraphernalia were located inside the residence. The original suspect was not located at that time.

Three days later, a tip came into Rice County Dispatch stating the suspect could be found at a location in Genseso, Kansas. A canine team was requested and deployed. The suspect was found hiding in a closet. He refused to surrender and took his life with a handgun.

In March 2023, the U.S. Marshal's Service contacted KHP to report the suspect's brother was on the run after a pursuit where he shot at Barton County officers. KHP provided information from the previous investigation which led to the apprehension of the brother in California.





AIR SUPPORT UNIT

Captain Jason Vanderweide

The Kansas Legislature designated funding during FY 2023 to help the Kansas Highway Patrol replace aging aircraft. The new aircraft will greatly improve Troop T's ability to assist ground units with searches, surveillance, and critical transportation.

REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT INCLUDE:

Delivered September 2023

- Cessna Caravan EX

Delivery expected in 2024

- Cessna CJ3+
- Two Airbus H125 helicopters

The Kansas Highway Patrol's Air Support Unit (ASU) provides professional aviation support and services to local, state, and federal public safety partners. Pilots rapidly respond to various urgent assignments, such as searches for missing people, pursuits, manhunts, surveillance, and emergency blood, personnel, and equipment relays.

THE ASU'S GOAL IS TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS AND INCREASE THEIR SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH THE STRATEGIC USE OF AIRCRAFT.



KHP AIRCRAFT ALLOWS KHP TO SAFELY TRACK FELONS

01/28/23: A motorcycle fled from officers in Kansas City. Since KHP aircraft was in the air, a vehicle pursuit was not needed. The suspect drove to Lawrence and hid the motorcycle in a shed. Pilots relayed the suspect's location to ground officers and the suspect was arrested while trying to flee in a different vehicle.

09/17/23: Aircraft personnel observed a shooting in Wichita and followed the suspect as he attempted to flee from police. Troopers in the air were able to relay the suspect's location to officers on the ground eliminating the need to pursue. When the vehicle stopped, the suspect fled on foot and discarded a suitcase. The suspect's location was communicated to ground officers, and he was arrested. The discarded suitcase was recovered, and connected the suspect to a sexual assault.

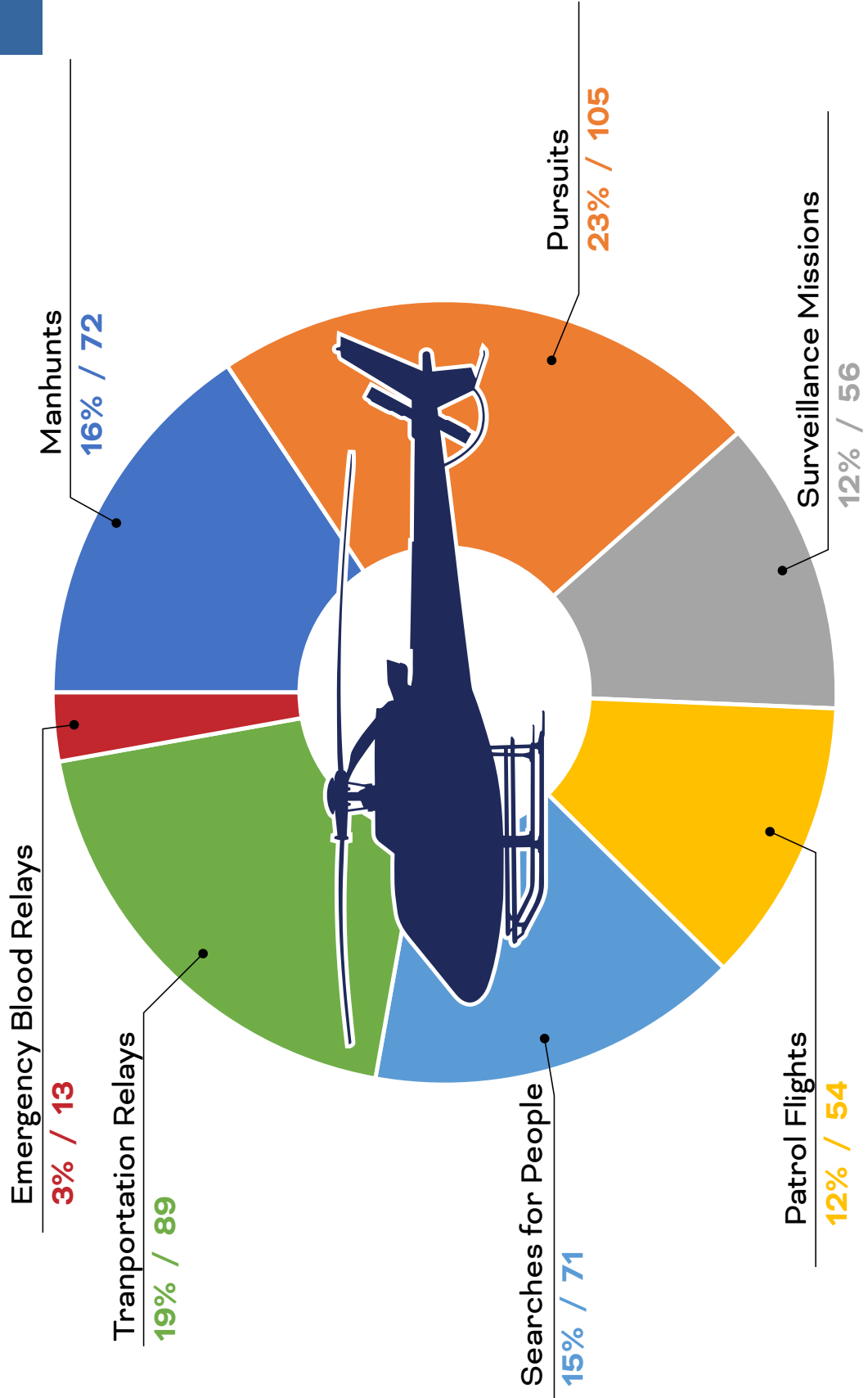
09/17/23: KHP aircraft personnel provided key surveillance after a shooting in Wichita. Troopers in the air located the shooting victim, and were able to provide valuable information to ground units leading to the arrest of four shooting suspects.

TROOP T FACTS

- **3** bases – Topeka, Hays, Wichita
- **14** Pilots
- **3** Maintenance staff
- **1** Administrative specialist
- **5** Law enforcement aircraft
- **1** State of Kansas Executive Aircraft

TROOP T STATS

ASSISTED **202** PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Major Mitchell Clark attended the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy and graduated with Class #40 in 2004. His initial duty station was Pratt County in Troop F. In 2010, he was promoted to Technical Trooper, and began serving with the Patrol's Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, stationed in Johnson County. In 2015, Clark was promoted to Troop N Lieutenant, where he oversaw members of the Patrol's Domestic Highway Enforcement Team (DHET). He transferred to Lieutenant over Troop L - Protective Services in 2018. Clark was promoted to Captain over the Patrol's Professional Standards Unit in 2020. In 2022, he transferred to Public and Governmental Affairs, where he served until his promotion in May 2023.

During his time with the Patrol, Clark has been a recipient of Commander's Commendations for arrests and enforcement of impaired driving laws, as well as for his work as a DEA Task Force Officer. He has also served as a recruit class coach, and Special Response Team Operator.

Clark is a native of St. John, KS, and is a graduate of St. John High School. He attended Pratt Community College and Johnson County Community College. He graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in 1992. Prior to his career with the Patrol, he served as an Officer with the Olathe Police Department, an Officer with the Newton Police Department, and a Deputy with the Pratt County Sheriff Department.

MAJOR
MITCHELL CLARK



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMPONENTS:

- Accreditation
- Troop K - Capitol Police
- Public & Governmental Affairs
- Fiscal
- Fleet
- Information Technology
- Human Resources
- Records



EACH ACCREDITATION CATEGORY IS EVALUATED ANNUALLY BY CALEA COMPLIANCE SERVICE MEMBERS TO ENSURE AGENCY PERSONNEL ARE ADHERING TO OUR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.



Agency policies and procedures are composed based off 186 bulleted law enforcement standards (best policies). The Patrol achieved initial Law Enforcement Accreditation in July of 2018 and was reaccruited in July of 2022.

Kansas Highway Accreditation Staff also assist local law enforcement agencies in their endeavors to achieve accreditation. Staff reviewed files for agencies locally and in surrounding states and visited the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy to conduct a mock assessment in preparation for their initial accreditation.

CALEA Accreditation signifies that an agency has met specific standards of excellence and operates according to norms established by practitioners in the public safety field.

The Patrol is **one of five** State Patrol agencies currently holding **TRI-ARC Accreditation**. This award is given to agencies who have concurrent CALEA accreditation for their law enforcement, public safety communications and police academies. The TRI ARC award was named to reflect the three accreditation programs ("TRI") and symbolizes the synergetic power and light created as the result of an unusual achievement ("ARC").



Training Academy policies and procedures are composed based off 162 bulleted Academy standards (best practices). The Patrol achieved initial Academy Accreditation in July of 2020 and will be evaluated for reaccruited in March of 2024.



Central Communications policies and procedures are composed based off 210 bulleted communications standards. The Patrol achieved Law Enforcement Communications Accreditation in March of 2021 and will be evaluated for reaccruited in March of 2025.

TROOP K



Made **2,734** citizen contacts while on patrol



Worked **43** collisions



Investigated **1,345** security incidents



Conducted **15** bank transports



Conducted **363** stops for speeding

CAPITOL POLICE

Captain Amber Harrington/Captain Brandon Bichsel

KINGDOM AT THE CAPITOL

04/23/24: Securing large-scale events at the Kansas State House is a major function of the Capitol Police. The most notable event during 2023 was a concert by American Christian singer Sean Feucht known as "Kingdom to the Capitol" and hosted by Turning Point U.S.A. Forecasters estimated up to 3,000 people could possibly attend the advertised event. Many logistical components such as extensive planning and manpower coordination were needed to create a secure environment for everyone involved. While only 1,700 individuals ended up attending the event, Capitol Police did not deviate from the plans and placed personnel strategically around the Capitol grounds so everyone attending could safely enjoy the music.



QUICK THINKING AVERTS CRISIS

12/10/2024: A Capitol Police Officer attempted to pull over a speeding vehicle near 21st and Kansas. Instead of stopping, the driver drove down a dead-end street, stopped, exited the vehicle, and started walking towards a tree line. When the officer tried to convince the driver to come back and speak with her, the subject disclosed her intention to harm herself. While prioritizing safety, the officer kept the line of communication open with the subject and called for AMR medical assistance and backup from the Topeka Police Department. With the help of the other officers, they were able to deescalate the situation and encourage the subject to approach. She was checked for weapons, evaluated by AMR, and transported to Valeo Health Crisis Center for further assistance.

Headquartered in Topeka, Capitol Police provide safety and security for visitors and employees on state property and the Capitol grounds. Having complete statewide police powers, Capitol Police officers:

- Enforce traffic laws
- Investigate crimes
- Regulate traffic flow around the Capitol and other state buildings
- Provide security during rallies and other special events
- Provide security for the First Family at the Governor's residence

Troop K Communication Specialists field personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by rapidly and efficiently broadcasting information on the Highway Patrol's radio communication system

P&GA

PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Captain Candice Breshears



Installed **379** child seats



Taught **74** AAA Driver Improvement Programs



Conducted **495** safety and community outreach programs



38,241 Safety Program Attendance



210 Recruitment events attended



359 Interviews



40 Media release

THE PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (P & GA) UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT ELECTED OFFICIALS.

ABOUT THE UNIT

- Responsible for the Agency's public image and houses the agency's Public Information Officer who relays information to the media and supervises the Public Resource Officers.
- The Agency Recruiter is assigned to P&GA and is responsible for recruiting qualified personnel to the agency. He is assisted by 14 adjunct recruiters who work within their assigned field troop.
- The unit houses the agency's media team. This team plans, writes, and designs agency publications; promotes the patrol through photography and videography projects, and maintains 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.



Kansas Highway Patrol

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These prehistoric creatures were stopped by a Trooper in Troop A for several violations. Luckily the tail was secured so that they didn't cause a Tyrannosaurus Wreck!

#ServiceCourtesyProtection



See insights and ads

Boost post

1.7K

141 665

PUBLIC RESOURCE OFFICERS (PROS)

Each field troop has a PRO that is responsible for media interaction, safety education, child passenger safety installations, Kansas Active Shooter Mitigation, recruitment, community outreach, and local social media.

- PROs utilize social media to connect with the public across the state and nationally.
- They provide community education and outreach at large scale events including the Kansas State Fair, NASCAR, Sporting KC, K-State Football, KU basketball, Fort Hays State University, the Country Stampede, KPRA Rodeo, B.R.A.K.E.S. Teen Driving School, and also assist the KHP Training Academy by coaching high school students during the annual Cadet Law Enforcement Academy.
- The PROs also mentor recruit trooper applicants throughout the process.



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

The Fiscal staff is also responsible for monitoring financial controls and coordinating audits between State and Federal offices. In FY2023, staff facilitated various audits ranging from expenditure/desk audits with the Kansas Department of Administration to more in-depth reviews with Kansas Legislative Post Audit.

PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES:

Procurement Officers within the agency facilitate the purchasing process as delegated by the Department of Administration.

Functions include:

- Product research and sourcing.
- Management of bid solicitations.
- Negotiating and preparing contracts for goods and services.

In fiscal year 2023, Procurement processed:

- **2,451** unique purchase orders for a total of **8,076**-line items.
- Managed **121** agency-specific contracts, for a total of **\$68.9M** in total purchases.

In addition, Procurement was instrumental in preparing **156** 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.

Procurement also managed the agency's **570 active procurement** cards with an annual spend of \$2.1M.

Procurement played an instrumental role in acquiring several key procurement contracts in fiscal year 2023, including coordinating the competitive bidding process and buying of the agency's new aircraft, sourcing of the agency's replacement radio equipment and systems, and vehicle platforms.

FY2023 BROUGHT MANY CHANGES AND POSITION REALIGNMENTS IN FISCAL.

- Sherry Macke, previous CFO, was promoted to the Chief Administrative Officer.
- The CFO position was realigned to the Director of Finance, filled by Jaycie Collins.
- Richard Oliva, Direct of Purchases, announced his retirement and Rebecca Cyr accepted the position as the new Procurement Director.

ACCOUNTING ACTIVITIES:

During Fiscal Year 2023,

- Accounting staff processed approximately 8,572 vouchers (payments), representing over 44,066-line payments totaling over \$53.2M to outside entities for goods and services purchased or contracted by the agency.
- Fiscal Division managed over \$20.9M in grant revenues and \$19.7M in grant expenditures. This unit is responsible for verifying all expenditure types and submitting reimbursement requests to both State and Federal entities to ensure program funding was available to the agency.

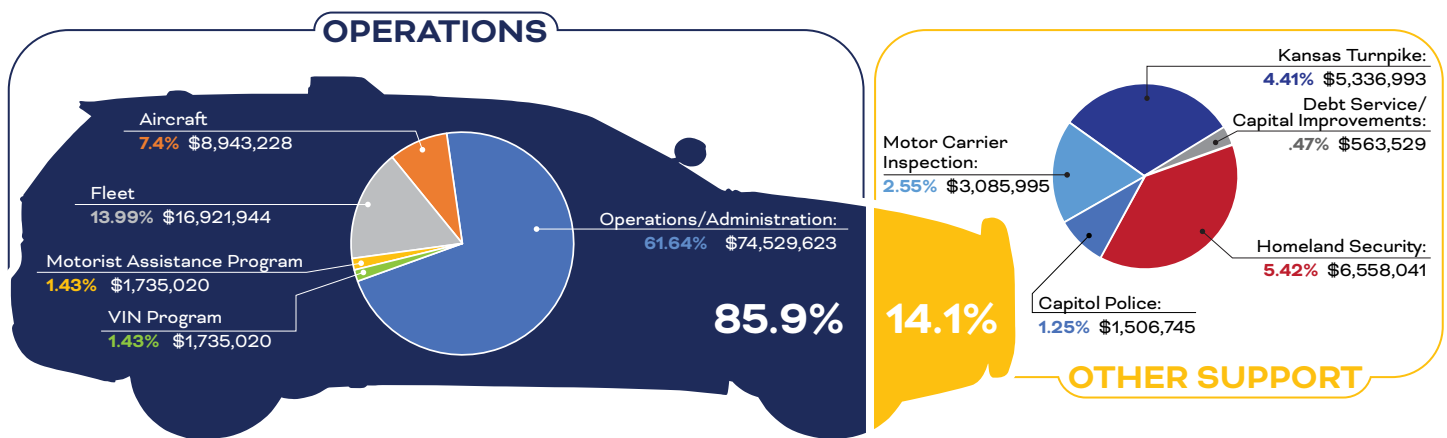
PAPERLESS INITIATIVE

Previously, the Accounting unit added to their continuous improvement portfolio by engaging in a paperless initiative for vouchers processed through the SMART system.

In 2023, staff expanded this initiative to include multiple other aspects of financial processing including deposits, billings, and reports. This same strategy was shared and implemented with other KHP business units to create synergies and more efficient work practices. This resulted in both hard and soft savings in the form of supplies, file space, approval time, and provides the ability to quickly retrieve information for audits.

ASSET MANAGEMENT:

- The Fiscal Facilities Coordinator position provides oversight for 124 facilities whether KHP 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. Also under the command of this position is the monitoring of the capital improvement projects for agency owned assets. Capital improvements in FY2023 totaled over \$564k for the replacement of the Training Academy roof.
- The Fiscal Asset Management Unit is required to submit a DA-87, Capital Asset Reporting Log semi-annually to the Department of Administration to track assets throughout the agency. This report identifies KHP assets that have been acquired, disposed, or experienced a change 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 physical audit.
- In an effort to create a more effective and efficient operation, Central Supply Operations (located at the Salina campus) in 2023:
 - ◇ Participated in a pistol update and buy-back program. All old equipment has been physically and systematically removed.
 - ◇ Motorola Equipment Upgrade project. As new equipment is implemented statewide, it will be assigned to our personnel.
 - ◇ Launched an initiative to revamp the medical gear carried by uniformed personnel
 - ◇ Initiated a process to purge old equipment.



TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$120,916,138

SPECIALTY VEHICLES:

Fleet issued its first Blue and Gray Dodge Durango just in time for the State Fair. The Blue and Gray Durango was issued to the state agency recruiter. Fleet is currently in the process of building additional Blue and Gray Durango's that will be issued to the agency's Public Resource Officers across the state.



4RE CAMERA SYSTEM PROJECT

After several months of installation appointments, fleet personnel completed the 4RE In-Car Camera replacement project. Approximately **400 cameras** were replaced during this initiative. The new camera systems provide better quality video uploaded to a server. The captured images are accessible via a dashboard feature allowing for better video management and processing.

MOTORIST ASSIST PROGRAM (MAP):

Motorist Assist Units worked overtime during the State Fair, and holidays assisting the host troop with Frost Patrol and calls for service.

In an effort to improve the quick clearance times on our interstate and highway systems, efforts are underway to equip two MAP trucks with a road debris removal device. This device will allow the driver to remove the road debris without exiting the vehicle. Not only will this will improve road clearance times, it will improve the safety of MAP Techs by allowing them to remain in the vehicle.

RADIO PROJECT

In preparation for the pending radio replacement project which will happen during 2024, Fleet became home base for storing a large portion of the replacement radios. Fleet personnel were also required to design and manufacture new mounting components to be used during the installation project. These new equipment components are being installed in newly upfitted vehicles, in advance, in preparation for the installation phase of the project.



Spent **1,166.25** hours
removing **5,396**
objects from the road



The Human Resources (HR) department has three branches: **RECRUITMENT, COMPENSATION, AND BENEFITS**. These branches work together and separately to help ensure agency compliance and provide guidance with state and federal employment laws, state statutes, Kansas Administrative Regulations, Executive Directives, Memorandums of Agreement, CALEA standards, and agency policies. HR staff provide information and direction to applicants and employees in the hiring and promotional processes, as well as compensation, benefit programs, performance reviews, and policy development. HR department members are available to answer questions and provide guidance to all agency employees to ensure clear communication and understanding throughout their careers.

IN 2023 THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL GRADUATED THREE TROOPER CLASSES:

- 2 - 24-week Trooper Academies
- 1 - 14-week Condensed academy for current Kansas CPOST certified LEOs.

RECRUITMENT

HR works to attract and retain quality employees in an agency of over 800 positions. The HR Recruiting Team assists with the hiring phases of our Trooper Trainee or civilian positions by providing information and direction to applicants. Additionally, HR answers any questions that applicants or candidates have on why they were not selected. HR also works with other Law Enforcement agencies regarding applicants that have applied with their agency.

From hiring to retirement, our recruitment team assists with processes to help ensure departments get back to 100% staffing. Working with Unit Supervisors to assist in backfilling vacant positions, we provide hiring process checklists and spreadsheets to assist with the various hiring and promotional process steps.

The Kansas Highway Patrol supports our military employees and veterans and strives to reflect the diversity of the citizens the agency serves. Throughout the hiring phases, HR helps ensure the agency complies with all applicable employment laws and regulations, as well as CALEA standards.

As the job market changes, we have updated our hiring and recruitment strategies to leverage various resources for our Trooper Trainee and Current LEO-Condensed classes, Law Enforcement Officer, and civilian job postings. We also utilize the State of Kansas and Kansas Highway Patrol websites, various social media platforms, and employment recruiting advertisements through CALEA and Indeed to attract new applicants. HR continues to work with our Public & Government Affairs unit's Recruiters and Public Resource Officers to help promote job openings. Our Recruitment Plan and Analysis is reviewed yearly and adjusted as necessary. All components are instrumental in working on crucial recruitment objectives.

2023 SAW ENHANCEMENTS TO EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION.

- Creation of Weekend Premium Pay for day shift hours worked on Saturday and Sunday,
- Increase to shift differential rate.
- Grant Premium Pay / 1.5 times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for members performing work under a qualified grant program (when permitted by the grant and Patrol policy).

COMPENSATION

HR Payroll and Benefits sections plan, develop, and participate in the agency's employee orientation program for the on-boarding of all new employees. This includes providing an explanation of benefits, and teaching self-service timesheet reporting.

KHP PAYROLL DEPARTMENT MANAGES THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM BY:

- Provides oversight and direction to 30 primary and backup field timekeepers.
- Trains new employees and new supervisors on how to report and approve time and leave in their Employee Self Service.
- Verifies the accuracy of data in the SHARP payroll system self-reported in the Employee Self Service Center to ensure that employees are compensated correctly, and deductions are properly withheld from paychecks.

COMPENSATION MAINTAINS:

- Compliance with state regulations and agency policies, ensuring that no payroll fraud occurs.
- Instructs, trains, and coordinates field timekeepers on technical and procedural issues regarding time and labor.
- Solves problems involving complex work schedules, holiday pay, additional hours, overtime, leave usage, and any other KHP-related anomalies.
- Enters all information in the SHARP Human Resource system for appointments, terminations, promotions, demotions, position maintenance, file maintenance, and other necessary entries.
- Coordinates with the KHP Accounting Department to establish, modify, and change department budget tables and position funding information.

BENEFITS

PLANS, COORDINATES, AND CONDUCTS:

- Annual GHI open enrollment meetings statewide and provides online presentations.
- Maintains all medical files for the agency.
- Serves as the agency's designated agent and primary contact person for all Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERs) and Kansas Police & Fire (KP&F) retirement plan issues such as membership, retirement estimates, working after retirement, and Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)
- Pay period reporting, and certifications.
- Participation in the planning, preparation, and presentation of the retirement planning seminars.
- Member of State KPERs Advisory Group and serves as agency contact for Optional Group life and KPERs 457 plans.
- Plans, develops, and participates in the agency's employee orientation program.

MANAGES THE HR ASPECTS OF:

- Shared Leave and FMLA programs.
- Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) and Fitness for Duty processes, including but not limited to coordination of doctor evaluations, appointments, and correspondence.
- Worker's Compensation and Disability services.
- Works with family members concerning Line of Duty Deaths and other situations involving employees who pass during employment.
- Handles agency Infectious Disease Outbreak tracking and provides individual guidance on quarantines when necessary.

MANAGES ALL GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE (GHI) ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- Answer questions and explain available benefit coverage options.
- Enter new employee information and monitor changes to benefits elections on the HR Benefits Portal.
- Communicates with the State Employee Health Plan to resolve specific issues and/or adjustments on behalf of employees and the agency.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Tom Mai, Chief Information Officer

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE ADDRESSED

Over the past year, the network team has made big strides in upgrading an aging infrastructure.

- Network switches at all troop locations across the state were refreshed.
- Continue to upgrade servers and migrate to a new data center.
- Firewalls across the agency have been replaced.

Not only do these upgrades enhance performance, they are vital to keeping our network secure.

COMMUNICATIONS GAPS BRIDGED WITH IPHONES

In an effort to bridge communications gaps, all KHP law enforcement officers were issued iPhones and previously issues phones were updated to newer models during 2023.

In addition, KHP IT began migrating all users to Microsoft Intune, a mobile device manager to help keep our network secure.

APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

The KHP IT Applications Team continues to develop new applications, as well as providing ongoing support and enhancements for many of the applications that are used across the agency daily. They have also been instrumental in providing assistance as the agency transitions to SmartCop.

The Information Technology (IT) department strives to provide the best service to our customers, you. Our team monitors and maintains an extensive network of computers, printers, mobile data units (MDU), and cellular devices, including phones and modems, all of which are critical in serving the public. Our top priority is keeping systems up and running properly so that Troopers and civilians alike have access to the data they need.

HELPDESK SEES SURGE IN SERVICE REQUESTS

Our help desk technicians are responsible for troubleshooting and supporting over 90 different applications as well as various types of hardware, including computers, tablets, printers, scanners, copiers and more.



6,318 Helpdesk Tickets Processed

An **8% increase** in service requests over the last year

RECORDS

Megan May, Department head

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. On average our department **receives 700 requests a month**.

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.

ONLINE RECORDS REQUESTS

The Kansas Highway Patrol offers two types of online records request services:

- Crash reports and Witness statements: www.kansas.gov/accident-reports/
- Arrest reports, subpoenas, and other records: KansasHighwayPatrol.GovQA.us/



Field generated reports **19,059**



KORA requests processed **143**



Records requests processed and fulfilled **8,470**



Business record subpoenas; court orders compiled and processed **131**



GovQA online records requests fulfilled **537**



KS.gov online crash reports and witness statements fulfilled **5,524**

GOVQA PORTAL LAUNCHED

In 2023, the Records Department launched the GovQA Portal allowing customers to order specialized reports online. The KHP began accepting electronic payments through the GovQA Portal on 02/01/2024. 537 report requests were processed the first year.

SMARTCOP IMPLEMENTATION

During 2023, the KHP began using SmartCop to pull citations. SmartCops. search capabilities greatly improved records checks efficiencies.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS



These units and departments serve vital roles such as safeguarding and enhancing the integrity of the agency, protecting our government leaders, and supporting the emotional health of our employees and their families.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS:

- Professional Standards Unit
- Legal Team
- Troop L - Dignitary Protection
- Honor Guard
- PEER Team



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. 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.

2023 Activity

COMPLIMENTS

Compliments received	166
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COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations carried over from 2023	7
New Investigations Initiated	40
Total Investigations concluded	47
Pending Investigations as of January 1, 2024	1

TOTAL ALLEGATIONS RESOLVED

Exonerated, Unfounded or Not Sustained	46
Sustained	62
Closed	0

LEGAL COUNSEL

Luther Ganieauy - General Counsel

Kansas Highway Patrol legal staff provides guidance and advice on all aspects of the Patrol's law enforcement mission, as well as provides advice to various Patrol commanders and senior staff for day-to-day operations. This includes:

- 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 staff helps with the preparation of Memorandum of Agreement/ Understanding - contract negotiation; 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.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES DETAIL

Captain Brett Johnson

The Kansas Highway Patrol's Protective Services Detail (Troop L) provides transportation and security to the Governor, First Family and other assigned dignitaries in accordance with Kansas law and Kansas Highway Patrol policy. Troop L strives to develop professional working relationships with all assigned dignitaries, maintains strict confidentiality of all information and business that is conducted regarding the Governor's office, and remains completely apolitical in the performance of their duties.



HONOR GUARD

Lieutenant Rob Istas, Team Leader

The Honor Guard portrays the highest degree of professionalism and fosters pride in the organization through 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 consists 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.



PEER TEAM

Robert Ware, Team Leader

SINCE 1994, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL'S PEER TEAM HAS SERVED THE KHP, OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES, AND STATE AGENCIES.

The PEER Team reaches out to personnel during critical times in their lives. Team members provide emotional support for various matters, including bereavement, family-related concerns, career issues, financial and medical concerns, and more. The team deploys to numerous locations across Kansas to host or assist with Critical Incident Stress Management and situational defusing when requested.

KHP's PEER Team continues to strive towards their mission of uplifting the emotional health of their peers. Over the last year, the team has handled many bereavement missions. Not only does this take a toll on the families involved, but it has also been draining on those providing emotional support.

The members of this team handle the stress commendably. Their continuous hard work providing positive support to others clearly shows how deeply they care about their peers.

2023 ACTIVITY

TOTAL DEBRIEFS: 14

CONTACTS	MALES	FEMALES
KHP UNIFORM	342	17
KHP CIVILIAN	12	30
OTHER LEO	14	2
CIVILIANS	47	27
RETIREES	10	0

LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY



TRP Maurice R. Plummer
1944



TRP Jimmie Jacobs
1959



TRP John McMurray
1964



LT Bernard C. Hill
1967



SGT Eldon K. Miller
1968



TRP James D. Thornton
1973



TRP Conroy G. O'Brien
1978



TRP Ferdinand F. Pribbenow
1981



MSTRP Larry L. Huff
1993



MSTRP Dean A. Goodheart
1995