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## COLONEL'S CORNER

The arrival of summer brings many unique opportunities for us to provide a variety of public service and outreach activities within the communities we serve. Appearances at numerous local events during the upcoming months will provide us with many occasions to invite the public to become actively engaged in our traffic safety mission. Community celebrations throughout the summer months lend themselves to the demonstration of our seatbelt and rollover convickers and the presentation of other valuable safety programs.

One proactive effort that kicked off the summer travel season occurred on the Turnpike over Memorial Day weekend as troopers participated in a "Safety Break" for traveling motorists.

Our troopers and support personnel embrace many organizations that improve the communities we live in. During the first week of June, some of you participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Kansas. The look on the athletes' faces, to see support from the public and from law enforcement officers—whom many of them look up to— is a memory not soon to be forgotten.

The first week of June also saw troopers mentoring high school students through the Cadet Law and Boys' State Programs sponsored by the American Legion. These students gained valuable responsibility and leadership lessons from their time shadowing troopers at the Academy and Kansas State University. Later this summer, our troopers will assist with the Kansas Youth Leadership Summit (KYLS) at Rock Springs. This program gives high school students and their adult sponsors an active role in increasing safety in their community, from increasing seat belt usage to combating

underage drinking. The program is meant to inspire and motivate participants to take active roles in their communities.

Agency employees in the Topeka area recently participated in the "Battle for the Blood" sponsored by the Community Blood Center. The KHP competed against the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, Topeka Police Department, and the KBI, among other organizations, to see who could donate the most blood. The donations that personnel from every department gave will go to help save lives in the area.

**IN OUR MISSION,  
WE PLEDGE  
SPIRITED AND  
DEDICATED  
SERVICE.**

Once again Troop F personnel completed another successful C.A.S.T. for Kids event at El Dorado Lake. Each year the community's response to this program is great, and our team pulls together to see that youth and their families benefit from the attention and involvement in the day's events. This year 40 youth and their families were involved in the program.

In our mission, we pledge spirited and dedicated service. You've proven to me, as well as the state of Kansas that our service doesn't stop with highways. You go far beyond your oath, to pledge your service to those in your community, enriching the state, and serving as a role model to those young and old who you meet.

Over and over again our troopers and civilians show me why I've always been proud to be a part of this organization. The thoughtful care and consideration you show the youth in the community, the pride you take in promoting our agency, and the safety lessons you demonstrate in your daily lives do not go unnoticed. As many of you act to instill public safety by how you live, I applaud you for being a role model that your communities can follow.

# NEW LEGISLATIONS

## MOVE IT LAW-HB 2147 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

The Move It Law mandates that any person involved in a non-injury crash, involving non-hazardous materials move their vehicle out of the lane of traffic on interstate, U.S. multi-lane or divided highways.

*Warnings are to be issued until June 30, 2010. A \$60 citation can be issued for this violation starting July 1, 2010.*

## RIGHT LANE DRIVING-SB 145 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

Drivers should not travel in the far left lane of traffic, unless:

- Overtaking and passing another vehicle;
- Preparing to make a proper left turn;
- Otherwise directed by official traffic-control devices; or
- Otherwise required by other provisions of law

The law does not apply to authorized emergency, law enforcement, or highway maintenance vehicles.

*Warnings are to be issued until June 30, 2010. A \$60 citation can be issued for this violation starting July 1, 2010.*

## DOCKET FEE INCREASES -HB 66 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

An amendment passed by the Legislature increased the court fees by \$1, from \$75 to \$76. A separate emergency order by the Kansas Supreme Court allows the court system to implement a \$10 surcharge to fund non-judicial personnel. This increases the docket fee from \$76 to \$86.

On citations, the court costs now are \$86. This surcharge is effective until June 30, 2010, unless otherwise rescinded or amended by the Kansas Supreme Court.

## GRADUATED DL-HB 2143 NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010

Teens entering the licensing system prior to January 1, 2010, fall under 2009 licensing guidelines.

**INSTRUCTION** Issued to teens ages 14, but less than 17 who have passed a written test and whose parent or guardian have provided a written application. Permit duration: 12 months.

### Conditions

- Immediate possession of the permit
- A supervising driver (over 21) must sit beside the permit holder
- No additional people may sit in the front seat
- Use of wireless devices is prohibited unless reporting illegal activity or calling for help

**RESTRICTED LICENSE** The restricted license is for teens ages 15-16 ½ and has different conditions and requirements for ages 15 and 16.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR 15 YEAR-OLDS:

- Signed affidavit from a supervising driver stating completion of 25 hours plus an additional 25 hours, 10 of which must be driven at night
- Held an instruction permit for one year

### Conditions

- To and from a job, employment, or farm related work
- On days school is in session, holder may drive the most direct & accessible route between home and the enrolled school
- Can operate a vehicle with licensed adult, at any time
- Shall not operate a vehicle with non-sibling minor passengers
- Use of wireless devices is prohibited unless reporting illegal activity or calling for help

Permit duration: Until the teen is 16 ½ years old with the following conditions after turning 16:

### REQUIREMENTS FOR 16 YEAR-OLDS:

- Signed affidavit from a supervising driver stating completion of 50 hours of adult supervised driving
- 10 of the 50 supervised driving hours must be at night

### Conditions

- May drive between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- To and from a job, employment, or farm related work
- To and from authorized school activities
- Can operate a vehicle with a licensed adult, at any time
- Shall not operate a vehicle with more than one passenger who is less than 18 years of age and who is not a member of the licensee's immediate family
- Use of wireless devices is prohibited unless reporting illegal activity or calling for help

Permit duration: Six months

**FARM LICENSE** Teens ages 14 but less than 17 are eligible for a farm license.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Submission of a signed affidavit of either a parent or guardian stating the applicant lives on a farm (minimum 20 acres used for agricultural operations) or if the applicant does not live on a farm, but works on a farm, the applicant must submit a signed affidavit of the applicant's employer and parent or guardian, attesting to such employment.
- Pass a written test
- Written application from parent or guardian

### Conditions

- To, from, or in connection with any farm job, employment, or other farm-related work
- On days school is in session, holder may drive the most direct and accessible route between residence and the school the student is enrolled for the purpose of attending school
- Shall not operate any motor vehicle with non-sibling minor passengers
- Use of wireless devices is prohibited unless reporting illegal activity or calling for help

**FULL LICENSE** Teens age 17 and up can get a full, unrestricted license.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Signed affidavit from a supervising driver stating completion of 50 hours of adult supervised driving
- 10 of the 50 supervised driving hours must be at night

## HUMAN RESOURCES/ RECORDS MOVE

In June, the Patrol's Human Resources and Records offices that were housed on the third floor of the KPERS Building in downtown Topeka moved. The offices are now located in the Commonwealth Building, at the corner of 7th and SW Jackson.

The new address for KHP Records and H.R. is:

Commonwealth Building  
720 SW Jackson, 3rd Floor, Suite 310  
Topeka, KS 66603  
Phone numbers will remain the same.

## New Arrivals



TRP Bryan Wade and wife, daughter, Brooklyn Leigh, 06/03/09

TRP Philip Henrickson and wife, daughter, Hannah Nicole, 05/29/09

MSTRP Mark Christesen and wife, daughter, Brenna Easton, 06/04/09

MSTRP Jerett Ranieri and wife, son, Cole David, 06/08/09

Ret. CAPT Larry Fox and family, granddaughter, Madelynn Marie, 06/12/09

TRP Stephen La Row and wife, son, Trace Roger, 06/15/09

Technical Support Consultant Troy Gilbert and wife, daughter, Athena Lauren, 06/15/09

MSTRP Jason Draper and wife, daughter, Kadie Eva, 06/22/09

## "VIGILANT GUARD" EXERCISE HOSTED IN KANSAS INVOLVES FOUR STATES



Members of the Patrol worked together with emergency responders from four states during the largest disaster drill ever held in Kansas. During the week-long "Vigilant Guard 2009" event, responders in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Kentucky worked together on several

simulated disasters ranging from a train derailment leaking hazardous materials, a foreign animal disease outbreak that necessitated blocking state borders, a weapons of mass destruction attack on emergency workers, and a large building collapse that required the response of search and rescue teams from across Kansas.

During the exercise on Monday June 22, SRT members searched several sites around Salina that were suspected of being involved in the weapons of mass destruction attack at Crisis City. Members used "Hammer suits" and other protective gear to enter buildings at a conference center where workers had become ill, and at a house where an improvised chemical weapons laboratory was found. The team worked with military Civil Support Teams (CSTs) from Kansas and Iowa. A Kansas Incident Management Team (IMT), including TECHTRP Mark Engholm, was activated and established a command post to coordinate response efforts at the different incidents.

The Great Plains Joint Training Center "Crisis City" is the National Guard's new \$40 million emergency responder training center being built west of Salina. When the center is finished, it will host training for law enforcement, fire departments, hazardous materials teams, search and rescue teams, and emergency medical personnel in realistic training environments. The training site has seven training venues, including a mock train derailment, building collapse site, overturned tanker truck, and multiple buildings to make up a "city" for training.



# LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The 29th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Kansas Special Olympics was from May 29 to June 5. Patrol personnel joined local sheriff and police departments from around the state to transport the “Flame of Hope” to Wichita to kick off the Special Olympics Kansas Summer Games.

During the three days of competition, over 1,370 athletes competed in gymnastics, tennis, cycling, aquatics, powerlifting, and track and field events. Over 2,300 volunteers helped with the event.

At the Topeka kick-off for the Law Enforcement Torch Run June 3, Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh said, “I’d like to thank everyone. I’ve had the opportunity to be involved with Special Olympics Kansas for over five years. I thank you more for what you’ve done before this morning. The combination between what you runners do in your job in law enforcement and what you are doing here today is what stands out to residents of Kansas. God Bless you and stay safe.” Thornburgh is a past Honorary Chairperson of the Torch Run.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run began with six runners in Wichita, Kansas in 1981, and has grown to an international program that involves thousands of law enforcement personnel raising millions of dollars annually to benefit Special Olympics programs in the United States and abroad. The Torch Run is the largest grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics. In 2008 Kansas officers raised more than \$300,000 in support of Special Olympics Kansas programs. This feat was accomplished through the statewide torch run, special event fundraisers, sponsorships, and donations.

In 2010, Special Olympics Kansas Summer Games will celebrate the 40th Anniversary. Colonel Terry Maple served as this year’s Chairman.



MAJ Prideaux , LT Trimble with a parent

SGT Mahoney

## THANK YOU

On Friday the 5th of June, my mother-in-law, Adeline Mongeau, passed away from cancer. She was diagnosed in 2001 and had beaten cancer for nearly eight years. She was a wonderful woman who was proud to let everyone she talked to know that Monique’s husband was Kansas State Trooper.

On June 8th we put her to rest in Rooks County, where she raised her family. As we pulled up to the church in Plainville, Monique’s family and my two daughters, were quick to notice the Highway Patrol cars parked and ready for the procession to follow. Troopers were with us during the service, then lined the sidewalk afterwards. Patrol cars blocked traffic and lead the procession to the burial site a few miles away.

I cannot thank the Patrol enough for making me even more proud than I already am to be a State Trooper. My wife, daughters, in-laws and Father Long wanted me to thank the Troopers for attending, and wanted them to know how much they appreciated Patrol’s presence.

Thank you for showing my family how special it is to be a part of the Patrol family.

Sincerely;

Trooper Travis Phillips and Family



MSTRP Travis Phillips, Mother-In-Law

TECHTRP Jeff Norling, Grandmother-In-Law

Program Consultant II Larry Warders  
and Ret. TRP Jack Thomson, Aunt

CS II Jeff Barnes, Father-In-Law

## DISPATCH SUPERVISOR'S SEVEN-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON DIAGNOSED WITH ADEM

**GAVIN'S STORY:** Gavin is a happy, ornery seven-year old boy who lives in Little River with his parents & his two sisters. Gavin has Fragile X Syndrome, Autism, a seizure disorder, and he recently became very ill. After almost a month of uncertainty, he was hospitalized for nine days at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, where he was diagnosed with ADEM (Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis). This is an illness where the body's natural antibodies attack the white matter in the brain, causing swelling & pressure, among other things. Gavin also lost his vision with the progression of this illness. He is currently at home, taking a high dosage of diuretics in hopes to relieve some of that pressure. If this medication doesn't work, he will be having surgery to place a shunt in his spinal column. The sudden loss of vision would be difficult for anyone, but seems even more complex for a young child who lacks the ability to verbalize his pain, frustrations, and needs and cannot comprehend what has happened to him. The funds raised for Gavin will aid in the family's trips to Kansas City for ongoing treatments & appointments and help purchase any of the medical equipment he may need in the future. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for the August edition of the KHP Bulletin will be Friday, July 31, 2009. Please submit your articles, photos, and Troop News to Mary Jane King at [MKKing@khp.ks.gov](mailto:MKKing@khp.ks.gov), or Andrea Nolte at [anolte@khp.ks.gov](mailto:anolte@khp.ks.gov). If possible, submit your photos as a .jpg or .tif attachment to an e-mail. The bulletin will be published Friday, August 7, 2009.

## COED BENEFIT TOURNAMENT JULY 18

### TO BENEFIT CSS DARA HOFFMAN'S GRANDSON

Tournament begins at 8:00 a.m. • Little River Ball Park, Little River, Kansas  
\$120/team entry fee

4:00 p.m. Hog Roast (free will donation)

Home Run Derby-\$10 (Right before Championship game that evening)

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COACH OR CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to Marsha Heinly @ PO BOX 218, Little River, KS 67457-0218 or  
Contact Kathy @ 620-897-5542 or 620-680-1505, or  
Ami Temple @ 620-257-8223 to enter your team!!

### DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS

\$120/TEAM~ Held @ the Little River Ball Park

HOG ROAST @ 4pm

HOME RUN DERBY \$10

SHIRTS WILL AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF THE  
TOURNAMENT AND HOMERUN DERBY .

Additional Team Gavin Shirts are available for purchase.

PD BY: \_\_\_\_\_ CK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH (initials of who took \$\$) \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW DIRECTIONS

C A R E E R S W I T H T H E K H P

### HIRES

Douglass Caughley VIN Inspector Troop A

### TRANSFERS

Dereck Hood Lieutenant Troop L

### RETIREMENTS

Mary Glover Communications Specialist Supervisor Troop K  
Kent Dean Lieutenant Troop L

# TROOP NEWS



**Topeka** 06/05/09: The 27th Annual Kansas Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony was held in the Capitol and at the memorial monument. Law enforcement officers, agencies, friends, and family attended the event. Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson and Kansas Attorney General Stephen Six spoke at the ceremony. A Topeka PD officer performed music numbers. Three past fallen officers from history were inducted to the memorial. Fortunately in 2008 the state of Kansas fortunately did not lose any officers in the line of duty.

## TROOP A

05/22/09: MSTRP Mitch Mellick investigated a one-car double fatality accident. The

vehicle was being pursued by Olathe PD when the driver lost control while exiting from northbound I-35 to eastbound I-435. The driver and occupant were ejected from

the vehicle after it left the roadway and rolled several times.

05/28/09: Troopers from Troop A / Zone D and Bonner Springs PD received Active Shooter training from the KHP's Special Response Team. This is the Fourth Annual Joint Training exercise held at the Bonner Springs Middle School.

05/30/09: Troop A / Zone D Troopers scheduled an Operation Lifesaver Lane in Edwardsville. Zone D Troopers contacted over 100 people in under an hour.

06/06/09: LT Tom Catania, TECHTRP Matt Payne, and TRPs Nick Wright, Sean Hankins, Eric Murray, Tiffany Mitchell, Bryce Whelpley, Dean Phillips, and Cory Beard, along with deputies from the Johnson County SO, and officers from the Olathe PD conducted a DUI checklane on US-169 at 156th Street, in Olathe. During the three-and-a-half hour lane, 280 motorists were contacted and eight drivers were arrested for DUI. Five others were arrested for TOC. Other misdemeanor arrests were made throughout the evening. It was a successful lane on a stretch of highway that many impaired drivers use to travel in and out of the metro. Good work Zone E!

06/11/09: Vice President Joe Biden visited the Kansas City metropolitan area. Troopers involved in the motorcade included: LTs

Kenny Woods and Matt Heffley, MSTRP Greg Peters, and TRPs Christopher Beas, Matt Rumsey, Nick Wright, and Tiffany Mitchell. Biden visited to promote the stimulus package which funded new highway projects in the area.

06/13/09: TRPs Tiffany Mitchell and Dean Phillips participated in the Fourth Annual Juneteenth Parade and Celebration in Kansas City, Kansas. The event, held at Big 11 Lake, celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. The troopers had the roll-over and marked patrol vehicles on display.

06/17-19/09: The Kansas Judicial Joint Conference and the Kansas Bar Association (K.B.A.) Annual Meeting was held at the Overland Park Sheraton Convention Center. Over 700 Kansas judges and attorneys attended. MSTRP Dave Morrison, and TRPs Candice Wilburn, Matt Rumsey, and Robert Armitage all participated in this event by providing security for the conference attendees.

06/18/09: MSTRP Greg Peters investigated a one-vehicle fatality accident on US-169, outside of Osawatomie. The vehicle left the roadway and drove down the embankment into the Marais des Cygnes River. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

06/19/09: MSTRP Jason Wohlgemuth and TRP Joshua Reischman participated in the Warren Middle School Fun Day in Leavenworth. Wohlgemuth displayed his Tahoe and Reischman showed the roll-over.

06/22/09: TECHTRP Kris Keberlein and MSTRP Mike Hamilton assisted Kansas City, Kansas PD with a quadruple-homicide investigation that occurred north of the I-70 and 57th Street exit. KHP troopers used CHART equipment to construct a forensic map of the crime scene to aid in KCK PD's investigation.

05/31/09: TRP Nick Jenkins stopped a 1986 Monte Carlo for going 85 in a 65 mph zone during a LIDAR lane on southbound I-635 at Metropolitan Ave. The vehicle had blue custom-painted 22-inch spinner wheels, which matched the vehicle. The driver was arrested for a \$209 warrant out of Kansas City, Kansas and was issued citations for



speeding and no seat belt. An inventory of the driver's possessions revealed three separate bundles of cash, totaling \$11,500. The driver had several prior drug convictions and was on Federal Probation. TECHTRP Scott Morris canine indicated the odor of drugs on the cash. The DEA advised KHP to proceed with the seizure.



06/19/09: Troop B units planned a Youth Day event for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Boys and Girls Club at Prairie People Park, which is on the Potawatomi Reservation in Jackson County. Over 100 kids ages five-15 attended the Youth Day. Patrol personnel gave presentations on the agency, barbecued lunch, set up games, and interacted with the children who attended.

Troop A is proud to recognize the following individuals for their years of service to the Patrol:

10 Years: MSTRP Mike Gruber

- LT Mathew Heffley
- VIN Inspector Lead Sharon Jones
- Sr. Admin Assistant Linda Lemon
- MCI OFCR Danny Mandich
- MSTRP Josh Weber
- LT Kenneth Woods

20 Years: MCI SGT Tim Hepner

- Sr. Admin Assistant Wanda Tackett

Congratulations, and thanks for your years of service and dedication to the Patrol!



06/13/09: The Fourth Annual Symphony in the Flint Hills was held in a rural section of Chase County. More than 6,000 tickets were sold for the event where people travel to experience a blend of beautiful music by the Kansas City Orchestra amongst the breathtaking scenery of the Flint Hills. Several KHP units assisted. As the event’s popularity grows, traffic becomes more of an issue. KDOT assisted with sign boards along Highway 50 and BNSF assisted with a railroad crossing in the area.

## TROOP B



Iowa State Patrol  
LT Mollenhauer  
and Secretary  
Christine Quinn  
placed a wreath  
at the grave of  
fallen Kansas  
Trooper John  
M c M u r r a y  
during Memorial  
Day weekend.

## TROOP C

05/29/09: Right after washing and shining his patrol car, MSTRP Eric Rust was patrolling on Highway 56 in Marion County. He checked the speed of a westbound car at 81 in a 65 mph zone, near the town of Lehigh. The vehicle exited and took county roads, kicking up a lot of dust. Rust

followed the dust cloud for several miles as the suspect traveled south and west in an attempt to avoid a speeding ticket. When the suspect gave up and stopped, Rust conducted a felony car stop, taking him into custody.

06/01/09: TRP Josiah Trinkle stopped a vehicle traveling on I-70 for an equipment violation. Suspicious travel plans led Trinkle to request consent to search. The driver refused. A Russell County K-9 unit responded to the scene and alerted to the vehicle. One-and-one-half pounds of marijuana was located inside the vehicle. There was also 33 grams of methamphetamine in a magnetic box

attached under the rear bumper. The driver from Portland, Oregon was arrested.

05/31/09: MSTRP Dale Patrick assisted the McPherson County SO with a report of someone being shot. Upon arrival at a residence, a 13-year-old girl and six-year-old boy were screaming and crying outside. The girl stated that her mother and mother’s friend had been shot. The bodies of the mother and her friend were located within the residence and the body of the “ex-husband-to-be” was located inside his truck with a self-inflicted gunshot wound .

06/04/09: MSTRP Ryan Wolting stopped a motor-home traveling eastbound on

I-70 for a traffic violation. He seized 321 pounds of marijuana from within and took three suspects into custody.

06/15/09: MSTRP Jerett Ranieri stopped a vehicle traveling eastbound for a registration violation. The driver displayed indicators pointing toward criminal activity. Consent to search was denied, but a K-9 unit was called. The K-9 alerted on the vehicle and 115 pounds of marijuana was found in the trunk.

## TROOP D

06/08/09: TECHTRPs Allan Lytton and Doug Rule stopped a car out of California for a traffic violation. Consent to search was not given. An Ellis County K-9 indicated on the trunk of the car, where 5.6 pounds of B.C. Bud marijuana was found in a box.

06/09/09: TECHTRPs Allan Lytton and Doug Rule stopped a pickup out of Wisconsin for a traffic violation. Consent to search was given and one pound of cocaine was found on top of the spare tire.

06/23/09: MSTRP Jason Duffey worked a one-vehicle rollover crash on a rural Thomas County road. Both occupants were thrown from the car, and one was killed.

## TROOP F

05/24/09: MSTRP Raul Carrillo, and TRPs Michael Butler and Tom Spencer assisted the ARC of Sedgwick County with a show at Exploration Place in Wichita from

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The troopers had assistance from C.A.S.T. for Kids National Youth Spokesman and member of KHP REEL DEAL Riley Brown, KHP REEL DEAL member Coulter Silhan, and Ms. Kansas, Sloane Lewis. The troopers had the convincer on the center concourse, handed out information on seatbelt laws, and gave demonstrations with the convincer. The show was attended by over 1,000 people.

05/24/09: MSTRP Lee Rose was patrolling US-54 Highway when he discovered two vehicles, registered to the same owner, traveling together. The second vehicle passed by as the lead vehicle was pulled over for failing to signal a lane change. Rose talked to the driver of the SUV he stopped, and the driver denied any knowledge of the minivan which had been following him. The cargo area of the SUV looked suspicious. After receiving consent to search, Rose located a false compartment loaded with 39 tape wrapped bricks of marijuana. Also seized was \$860 in U.S. currency. The driver was charged with Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

05/24/09: MSTRP Kent Newport was in Great Bend passing by the Brit Spaugh Park & Zoo, when he overheard Barton County Dispatch send Great Bend PD units to the zoo after a mountain lion escaped from its cage.

As Newport and the officers entered the zoo, they were informed it would be at least 20 minutes before the vet would arrive with a tranquilizer. As the units monitored the mountain lion's movement,

the zoo director became increasingly alarmed for the safety of the public. There was a large amount of pedestrian traffic at the entrance of the zoo, which also shares a parking lot with the swimming pool. The cat could easily scale the zoo's perimeter fence, becoming loose in the middle of the town.

It was determined in the best interest of public safety not to wait for the vet and tranquilizer, and the officers were directed to kill the animal.



TECHTRP Bill Heady accepts his 20 year pin from CAPT Dennis Marten. Heady joined the Patrol June 18, 1988.



06/11/09: LT Phil Bostian presented MSTRP Andrew Lieber with his 10 year service pin. Also pictured are fellow members of Zone B: MSTRP Matt Mullen, and TRPs David Monckton and David Stivers. Lieber's issued Tahoe patrol vehicle is in the background. Lieber's career with the Patrol began March 22, 1998.



MCI OFCR Steve Little receives his 20 year service pin from LT Roger Baughman. Little's career with the Patrol began November 7, 1988.

06/19/09: MSTRP Allen Bosley and TRP David Monckton were dispatched to the report of a possible suicidal person sitting on the bridge over South Hydraulic on I-135 in Wichita. Bosley and Monckton observed an individual sitting with one leg over the ledge watching traffic. As the units on scene were waiting for assistance to shut down Hydraulic Street, the man stood up, walked off the bridge deck, and sat down in the grass. Bosley and Monckton quickly made contact with him and called for EMS. The individual agreed to a mental evaluation and was transported to a local hospital by Sedgwick County EMS.

06/20/09: MSTRP Allen Bosley was dispatched to a moving medical call on US-54, near 199th Street West, within the city limits of Goddard. The driver, who was a known Alzheimer's patient, had lost his way, but the family had installed a GPS tracking unit in the vehicle. Bosley was able to find the vehicle in Kingman County on US-54, near K-17. Bosley took custody of the elderly man until his son arrived from Mulvane.

06/22/09: MSTRP Shae Wright was traveling on I-135, near South Hydraulic, when he observed a vehicle directly in front of him begin to swerve and drive extremely erratically. Wright stopped the vehicle and made contact with the male and female inside. The female, with a bleeding cut on her arm, said a domestic disturbance with a weapon had just taken place. Upon further investigation, it was discovered the female was suffering from mental issues and had actually inflicted the wound on her own arm that morning. She was taken to the hospital by EMS for a mental evaluation.

## TROOP G

06/02/09: During morning rush hour, MSTRP Alex Petigna responded to the report of a rollover crash with ejection at milepost 412 on I-70. Three wrecked vehicles were in the ditch. Petigna confirmed the ejected driver was deceased and began the investigation. A CHART map of the scene concluded a vehicle, traveling at a high rate of speed, struck a second vehicle, which in turn struck the third vehicle. The third vehicle overturned, ejecting the driver. Witness statements and downloaded information from the speeding vehicle revealed it was traveling 100 miles per hour prior to the crash. Petigna has been working closely with the Wyandotte County Attorney's office and it appears Involuntary Manslaughter charges will be filed once everything is complete.

06/10/09: MSTRP Pat McCormack stopped a vehicle on the Turnpike at milepost 74 for a traffic violation. When McCormack

contacted the driver, he smelled marijuana. The driver and passenger gave different stories as to who they were going to see, and neither had a valid driver's license. The vehicle tag was registered to a different vehicle. The driver was arrested and a tow truck called. During the vehicle inventory, a strong odor of raw marijuana came from the trunk. A large after-market speaker box was located, and when the speaker was removed, four large bundles of marijuana wrapped in plastic wrap and duct tape were found. The marijuana weighed 25 pounds. The passenger was wanted by ICE for a felony immigration violation. Both the driver and passenger were taken to the Butler County Jail and released into their custody. LT Dave Albers assisted.

06/14/09: Turnpike dispatch received a call from a Greyhound bus driver advising he was waved over near milepost 231 by a subject who identified himself as a state trooper. The subject was driving a Ford pick-up and was not in uniform when he exited the vehicle. The bus driver said he asked for ID, but all the man said was he was an off duty state trooper and did not have it with him. After several attempts to get some ID, the subject drove away from the caller. MSTRP Johnny Ingram contacted the bus driver and got a full description of the subject and the vehicle's tag number. Ingram and MSTRP Alex Petigna went to the residence of the registered owner where they made contact with a subject who matched the description. He told them that he stopped the bus because it was driving unsafe. The subject also admitted to identifying himself as a state

trooper only because he thought the bus driver would pay more attention. The report was turned over to the Wyandotte County Attorney for possible charges.

06/17/09: The Kansas Turnpike south terminal advised dispatch that they had a possible drunk driver on a motorcycle who just laid the bike over on himself. MSTRP Brad Smith responded and requested an ambulance because the subject had a possible broken ankle. Smith's investigation revealed the intoxicated subject's ankle appeared to have been hurt previously. He was taken to the Sumner County Regional Medical Center for treatment and then on to the Sumner County Jail where he was booked in for DUI.



06/05/09: MCI II David Lewis received a Certificate of Appreciation from CAPT Rick Wilson for his 21 years of service to Troop H at the Caney Port of Entry. Lewis was the last remaining employee at the Caney Port and with the closing of the port, Lewis transferred to South Haven Port of Entry.

06/11/09: Zone D had a Youth Day with the Boys & Girls Club at the Coffeyville Activity Center.

The morning session, with 105 pre-school through sixth graders split into four groups,

lasted from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The goal of the session was to help children feel comfortable around community police and fire personnel. Each group took part in wearing DUI goggles and walking between traffic cones.

During the afternoon session, the group went outside to visit each agency and their equipment the agency had brought for show and tell. The Kansas Highway Patrol displayed its rollover machine with Annie. Coffeyville Police Department displayed their tactical response equipment and showed a training session with the K-9 unit. Montgomery County Sheriff's Department displayed their black and white Charger. Coffeyville Fire displayed their smoke house and let the children crawl through the smoke.

After touring each agency's display, the groups visited a table to fill their bags full of goodies that each agency brought for the children. After gathering their goodies, each child received an ice cold drink, compliments of the Coffeyville Wal-Mart.

KHP members assisting were LT Bryon Newton, TECHTRP Rick Wingate, MSTRP Kelly McIntosh, and TRP Jason Bailey. Coffeyville Police Department had four officers, Montgomery County S.O. had two deputies, and the Coffeyville Fire Department had four firemen helping throughout the day. Coffeyville EMS attempted to stop twice, but was unable due to their call volume.

Several parents joined their children for the afternoon session.

## TROOP H



06/03/09: The KHP Command Bus responded to the Wolfcreek exercise in Coffey County. Pictured are: LTs Mike Thweatt and Mike Nicholson (seated, front), and CAPT Rick Wilson.

A thank you letter was sent to Wal-Mart and the Patrol has been invited back next year.



TECHTRP Rick Wingate explains the importance of seatbelts to participants at the 2009 Youth Day with the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County. TRP Jason Bailey assisted with the rollover presentation.

## TROOP I



06/19-20/09: The annual Kansas Motor Carriers Association Professional Truck Driving Championships were held in Topeka again this year. Patrol personnel gathered at the Kansas Expocentre to assist in judging the event.

This event was open to all members of KMCA. Companies were encouraged to show their appreciation for safe drivers who competed and demonstrated their skills. In order to compete, a driver must have had



06/22-25/09: LT Doug Griffiths and TECHTRP Tim Paige trained TECHTRP Bill Goodness, CAPT Jason DeVore, LT Joe Vajgrt, PSA II Del Weiler, MSTRP Mike Gruber, TECHTRP Chris Farthing, and LT Mike Thweatt on the new M4 rifles. These troopers will help train the rest of the agency on the rifles during In-Service.

a 12-month accident-free driving record. A written test, personal interview, vehicle inspection, and skills course comprised the competition, which was divided by vehicle class. The vehicle inspection was conducted on equipment donated for the event. Drivers were allotted time to inspect the truck for defects planted on the truck. The last portion of the competition was a skills test that covered problems that a driver encounters during his everyday driving. Awards were handed out to winners, some of who qualified to go on to the ATA National Truck Driving Championships in Pennsylvania in August.

The annual event offers Patrol personnel a time to work closely with industry toward a common goal of safety. CAPT Dan Meyer also spoke at the opening ceremony.

## TROOP J



05/31/09-06/05/09: Troop J and the American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary hosted the 41st Annual Cadet Law Enforcement Academy. Students entering their senior year of high school were eligible to attend Cadet Law, and this year 42 students participated in the program. The American Legion paid the fees for each student.

During the program, students toured the Ellsworth Correctional Facility, participated in driving and firing range activities, flew with Troop T pilots from the Hays, Salina, and Topeka areas, and viewed more of the day-to-day workings of a trooper and a trooper trainee. Troopers served as the platoon leaders for the week and other troopers assisted with the range, car stop, and other activities the students participated in.

## TROOP K

06/04/09: A call for emergency assistance from a Topeka Police Officer sent CP OFCR Patrick Saleh to 14th St. and Clay St. Saleh assisted the officer with a felony car stop. Three men suspected of committing an aggravated robbery with a handgun were taken into custody. The suspects were transported to the Topeka Police Station for processing and questioning.

06/05/09: CP OFCR Patrick Saleh assisted the Topeka Police Department with a man in a wheel chair, who was in the lane of traffic, on I-70 near 8th St. The man refused to get off of the interstate, stating that he didn't recognize our laws because the highway belonged to God. The man locked the brakes on his wheel chair and refused to be moved. Subsequently, the T.P.D. Officer arrested the man for failure to obey a lawful police order. Saleh then helped load the subject into the officer's car and transported the wheel chair to the jail at T.P.D.'s request.

## ALL KHP RETIREES, SPOUSES, AND WIDOWS

### COME CASUAL - COME TO HAYS

Circle your calendars for October 2-4 for the 2009 KHP Retiree's Reunion.

The Ramada Hays Convention Center, 3603 Vine St., Hays (just south of I-70 / 183 interchange) will be holding a block of rooms for our gathering. The cost is \$65.00 + tax per night with reservations required by September 15, 2009. Call 785-625-7371 to reserve your room and ask for the KHP Retiree's rate. (Note: Continental Breakfast included.)

To help defray the costs of meals, gratuities, etc. we are asking for an assessment of \$25.00 per person (made payable to KHP Retirees) to be submitted, along with the pre-registration form, on or before September 15, 2009.

Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. on October 2 and you will receive an agenda for the weekend. Take time to call someone who doesn't usually come and invite them to this time of fellowship where you can relax and reminisce.

Questions: Call Jack Adams-785-259-5692 or e-mail Shirley at shirleykadams@yahoo.com.

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## RETIREES REUNION

OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

### PRE-REGISTRATION

Return to:  
Jack Adams  
3700 Country Lane  
Hays, Kansas 64601

Retiree's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment fee per attendee (\$25 per person)

## TROOP R

06/10/09: The bi-monthly dinner meeting of the Topeka-area retired KHP personnel was at the Topeka Steak House at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Dean and Alyce Riedesel, Leo and Janet Conners, Rosie Sweeten, Dean and Phyllis Houston, Dale and Charlotte Heiserman, Whitey and Becky Pfannenstiel, Tim and Marty Edwards, Elga and James Ray, Stuart and Diane Elliott, Mel and Bev Wedermyer, Gene and Mary Stallsmith, David Hornbaker and Mary Parmentier.

Our next meeting will be August 12 at the Steak House.

Concealed Carry classes for recent Retirees will be conducted at Troop J in Salina on September 30 and October 1, 2009. Please contact Kay Moorhead at (785) 296-6800 to start the process.

## SRT

06/17/09: The KHP Special Response Team assisted in executing three search warrants in Topeka that resulted in Federal indictments charging 21 defendants with drug trafficking. Investigators from the DEA, ATF, KBI, and local law enforcement agencies made arrests after a total of 32 separate search warrants were served in Topeka, Great Bend, Salina, Lawrence, St. Mary's, and Kansas City, KS. The indictments allege the defendants were part of a drug trafficking organization that imported methamphetamine and other narcotics from Arizona to Kansas and sold the drugs to buyers in the metro areas of

Kansas City, KS, Topeka, and Great Bend. The investigation, which began in the summer of 2008, was code named White Pistol.

## TROOP T

05/21/09: Salina aircraft assisted the KBI with air support while they executed arrest warrants in Stafford County. LT Bill Faerber assisted in 950HP.

05/22/09: Troop C troopers, with TECHTRP Joe Ziegler, conducted an aircraft lane on I-70 in Ellsworth County.

05/23/09: Hays aircraft with LT Mark Schroeder conducted an aircraft lane on US-50 west of Garden City, in support of the STEP enforcement program.

05/24/09: TECHTRPs T.J. Wahlmeier and Justin Bramlett assisted KHP and Atchison County SO units with a pursuit on US-73, near Lancaster. Aircraft located the vehicle, which was stolen, a man was taken into custody. KHP units requested photos of damage to several fields in order to press charges against the driver. On 05/31/09 TECHTRPs Ryan Nolte and Jason Vanderweide conducted a photo flight of the damaged crops and land.

05/30/09: TECHTRP Wayne Dotts assisted Dickinson County locate a vehicle and suspects involved in two thefts and an aggravated battery north of Abilene. Aircraft located the vehicle and subjects east of Enterprise along the river, as the suspects attempted to ditch the vehicle in

the river. Both suspects, determined to be runaways from Chapman, were arrested.

06/11/09: TECHTRPs Kent Miller and Ryan Nolte assisted the Secret Service in 650HP during the Vice President's visit to Kansas City.

06/12/09: LT Greg Kyser conducted a photo flight at the scene of a fatality crash, in the area of 189th and Scranton Road, in Osage County. TRP Kody Olson worked the crash and needed photos to file criminal charges in the case.

06/14/09: TECHTRP Joe Ziegler helped search for subjects from a pursuit in Marion County. Ziegler directed ground units as he searched the area. The driver and one of the passengers were taken into custody. They indicated they stayed in place, and eventually gave up, due to aircraft being in the area.

06/23/09: TECHTRPs Kent Miller and Jason Vanderweide assisted Miami County SO with photographs of a chop shop at a residence involved in insurance fraud.



06/24/09: TECHTRP Justin Bramlett received his 10 year service pin from CAPT Eric Pippin at the KHP hangar.