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GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Dear Colonel Maple:

As Governor of the state of Kansas, I get to see the amazing work that so many of our agencies do. Once again last year, the personnel of the Kansas Highway Patrol proved themselves to be assets to citizens and agencies throughout this great state. As a citizen of Kansas, it makes me feel honored and safe to know the law enforcement in this state takes my personal safety to heart.

Every year since 1992, fatality numbers in our state have exceeded 400—until 2008. Last year, Kansas recorded the lowest number of deaths on its roads in over 15 years. Through the collaboration of various local law enforcement agencies, state and city public safety organizations, and private entities, we celebrate this milestone for Kansas.

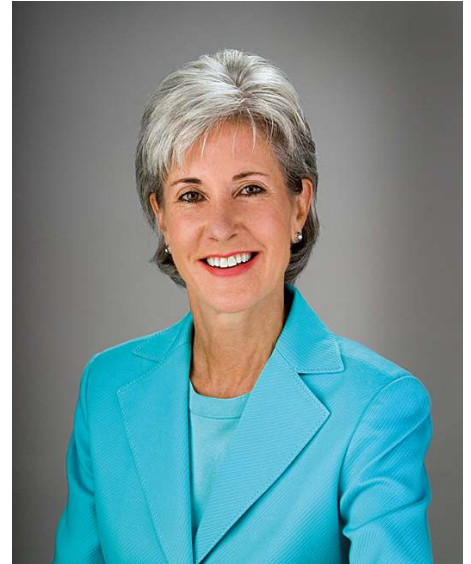
The Patrol co-hosted a major conference in 2008, demonstrating the agency's professionalism and competency to the national law enforcement world. After being invited to give opening remarks, it was a disappointment to be unable to attend due to prior commitments. I was, however, pleased to provide a video taped greeting to the attendees. Judging from the over 600 conference attendees, and the responses I've heard, I know that the DIAP/EPIC conference was a great success.

Once again this year, your agency's assistance was needed in communities to respond to, assist with, and help recover from more devastating tornadoes. The sense of duty displayed each time your agency is called to help during a disaster is what keeps these communities going.

It is with great pride that I lead the state of Kansas, a pride equally shared by your troopers and civilian workers. I commend you all for assuring the safety for residents and travelers in the state of Kansas. Thank you for all of your effort, time, and dedication to your agency and state!



Kathleen Sebelius
Governor of the State of Kansas



SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS



Dear Governor Sebelius:

The Kansas Highway Patrol takes pride in our partnerships. We assist and offer support to other organizations in their endeavors, as well as provide services to the citizens and travelers in the state. A priority is to assist our brothers and sisters in other law enforcement organizations. We strive daily to uphold our motto of "Service, Courtesy, and Protection."

A major change in Command Staff occurred in 2008, beginning with my appointment as Superintendent. I promoted Captain Robert Ladner to the position of Lieutenant Colonel. Several retirements during the year lead to the promotion of two new majors, three new captains, and nine new lieutenants.

In a collaborative effort between agencies, a bank robber was captured in early 2008. Teamwork between the special response teams of the Topeka Police Department and the Patrol helped in the apprehension. The collaborative teamwork of that day aided in all officers returning from the event unharmed.

Major tornadoes wiped out the majority of a few small towns again in 2008. While impacted in some instances as much as the public we serve, our troopers have joined in assisting local residents and agencies, as well as our own Patrol members, recover and rebuild from the storms. Hundreds of hours were spent by our personnel to aid in the assistance and recovery efforts.

In 2008, the Patrol enjoyed many great accomplishments, including hosting a national conference and the lowest level of fatalities in over 15 years. So much of what we've accomplished was done through a multitude of partnerships. Cooperation will continue to be vital in keeping security and public safety at the most desirable level. By assisting other agencies, and by their assisting us, we can increase the level of public safety provided to our state, a task we could not accomplish on our own.

TERRY L. MAPLE, Colonel
Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol

CHANGES IN COMMAND

After Colonel William Seck stepped down as the Patrol's Superintendent in February, there was a flurry of promotions within the agency, changing large portions of the command staff. On February 1, the same day that Seck announced his departure, Governor Kathleen Sebelius announced that Lieutenant Colonel Terry Maple would take over as Superintendent.

Shortly after Maple's promotion, Captain Robert Ladner (Commander of the Professional Standards Unit) was appointed as Lieutenant Colonel. The new Colonels focused on upholding the Patrol's mission to provide Service, Courtesy, and Protection to all of those the agency serves. Emphasis continued on enforcement and education, specifically on officer safety, impaired driving, and occupant protection.

Two majors' positions were filled shortly after the appointments of Colonel Maple and Lieutenant Colonel Ladner. Majors Craig Dewell and John Gaunt (West and Central Regions, respectively) retired in March of 2008. Together, Dewell and Gaunt had over 64 years of service to the State of Kansas.

Under the direction of the new superintendents, the organization of the agency was changed. The former Central and West Regions combined to include Troops C, D, E, and F, as well as Troop S (SRT, K-9, and Hazardous Devices Unit). Support Services, including the Training Academy, Troop M-Central Dispatch/CJIS, Public and

Governmental Affairs, and Human Resources were combined. The East Region and Special Services commanders remained the same. Also remaining unaffected were the Fiscal, Legal, and IT departments, Director of Administration, and Protective Services, all of who report directly to the Superintendent.

Troop F's Captain Alan Stoecklein was promoted to major and assumed the command of the new West Region (formerly the Central and West Regions). Stoecklein took over command of Troops C, D, E, F, and S. Stoecklein's office remained at the Troop F headquarters in Wichita.

Captain Mark Bruce, GHQ Support Services, was promoted to major and assumed command of Support Services, which includes the Training Academy, Troop M (Central Communications and CJIS), Public and Governmental Affairs, and Human Resources. Bruce continued working from GHQ in Topeka.

Majors Mark Goodloe and Tony Prideaux remained in their roles as commanders of the East Region and Special Services, respectively.

In addition to these promotions, there were other promotions throughout the agency. In all, the Patrol promoted three new captains and nine new lieutenants in 2008.



SUPERINTENDENTS

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Colonel Terry Maple was appointed as Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in 2008.

Colonel Maple joined the Patrol in 1979 as a road trooper stationed in Topeka. In 1984, he became a pilot within the agency's Aircraft Unit. He was promoted to sergeant in 1988 and to lieutenant in 1996. In 1997, he was promoted to captain, assuming the role of troop commander for the Patrol's field operations on the Kansas Turnpike. In 1999, he was appointed to the assistant superintendent's position, remaining in that capacity until his promotion to superintendent in 2008.

Colonel Maple is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He continues to be actively involved with the FBI National Academy. He also represents the Patrol on numerous boards and is actively involved in many law enforcement organizations.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



Lieutenant Colonel Robert Ladner was promoted to his role as Assistant Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol by Colonel Terry Maple in 2008.

Lieutenant Colonel Ladner joined the Patrol in 1978 and was assigned to road patrol duties in the Kansas City area. He transferred to the Kansas Turnpike in 1991, and then in 1992 was promoted to master trooper. In 1995, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Governor's Security Detail. In 1998, he was promoted to second lieutenant, and supervised road troopers in the Topeka area. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2001, and was assigned as the unit commander of the Professional Standards Unit (PSU). Two years later, in 2003, he was promoted to the role of captain of PSU, where he remained until his promotion to assistant superintendent.

During his career with the Patrol, Lieutenant Colonel Ladner has served as a field training officer for three new troopers, a member of the Kansas City Metro Squad, radar instructor, and firearms instructor. He has also completed the certified public manager program through the University of Kansas Public Management Center.

SEVERE WEATHER EFFECTS

KANSAS HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN FOR ITS EVER-CHANGING WEATHER PATTERNS.

Unpredictable, and often fierce, storms and other disasters damaged many areas of Kansas in 2008. It was during these dangerous and sometimes tragic conditions that the Kansas Highway Patrol assisted local agencies with search and recovery efforts, traffic control, and local law enforcement duties in the effected communities.

Throughout May and June, tornadoes swept across the state. In 2008, the record for most tornadoes in the state in one year was broken.

Jewell County suffered severe damage May 29, after a tornado was on the ground for eight to 10 minutes. Ten homes and several local businesses, along with the city water tower, were destroyed. Other businesses, at least eight other homes, and several power lines were damaged in the storm. The same night, troopers also responded to Woodston, in Rooks County after a tornado damaged the town. Mitchell County homes and outbuildings were damaged by falling trees and limbs due to a tornado that went through that county. A tornado also touched down in Republic County, damaging homes and blocking Highway 36 with downed power lines. The Kansas Highway Patrol Aircraft Unit was utilized for damage assessments due to these storms.

That same week, and into the first week of June, troopers in Northwest Kansas were busy with severe weather. Numerous trucks and cars were blown off the road by tornadoes. Troopers again were called upon to assess the damage caused by the storms.

Less than a week later, on June 2, troopers assisted with storm damage assessments after more storms travelled through north central and northeast Kansas during the day. Jewell County received more damage, including camper trailers blown over at the lake.

On June 11, personnel responded to Salina, Chapman, Manhattan, and Soldier after tornadoes traveled through the areas. In Chapman, one person was killed due to the tornado. Many homes and churches were damaged or destroyed, along with damage to the elementary and high school. Several injuries were reported. In Manhattan, an area along K-18 was hit. Vehicles were overturned and homes were damaged. Additionally, Kansas State University received damage to several buildings and had road blockage throughout much of the



Chapman damage



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