

Kansas City Metro-area
Commander: Captain Dek Kruger
Headquarters: Olathe

TROOP A

UNITS ASSIST WITH MURDERER'S TRANSPORT

Troop A personnel assisted Troop H, the KBI, and KDOC with the transportation of convicted murderer Scott Cheever, who killed Greenwood County Sheriff Matt Samuels in 2005. Sentenced to the death penalty in Eureka, he will be held at the Lansing Correctional Facility until his execution. The Patrol also provided air support throughout the escort for additional security, which was tighter than usual due to two recent escape attempts. He was transported without incident.

SECURITY PROVIDED FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT

KHP aircraft and ground units assisted the U.S. Secret Service and local authorities with security for President Bush while he traveled to Overland Park on May 29.

SECOND ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE SUMMIT

In cooperation with NHTSA, the U.S. Army Reserve, KDOT, MoDOT, the Oklahoma State Patrol, and Missouri State Patrol, KHP hosted the Second Annual KC Metro Motorcycle Summit in May at the Kansas City International Speedway in Kansas City, Missouri. Targeting young males, the summit raised motorcycle safety awareness. At the event there were bike displays by local vendors, media representatives, guest speakers, and riding demonstrations.

FATAL AIRCRAFT CRASH INVESTIGATED

On June 24 troopers worked a double fatality, fixed-wing aircraft crash in Leavenworth County. The plane had crashed nose-first. KHP aircraft took aerial photos and C.H.A.R.T. members mapped the scene. The FAA responded to investigate.

KC RACE TRAFFIC CONTROLLED

The Kansas Speedway hosted races in April and October, bringing thousands of fans to the KC Metro area. Troopers from throughout the state travelled to Kansas city to provide traffic control. Other Troop A units patrolled highways throughout the area. With the assistance of KDOT and the Kansas City, Kansas, Edwardsville, and Bonner Springs Police Departments, minimal traffic issues occurred during the race weekends.



2nd KC Metro Motorcycle Summit
Think you're good?
See the best do it right!
May 6, 2008
4:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Kansas City International Raceway
6201 Noland Road, Kansas City, MO
FREE ADMISSION!
Exhibits - Prizes
Speed Demonstrations - Bike Wars
Concessions Available
Special Guests
For more information: www.kcitr.net
Ride Smart / Share the Road
KHP, NHTSA, KBI, KDOT, MoDOT, KANSAS

THANK YOU

In an age where complaints are common I would like to commend several of your officers for their work. A black suburban was violently and aggressively driving through Kansas City traffic almost running over me twice. Within seconds after the second near miss I heard the welcoming sound of sirens. We all sat and waited, not for one, but three State Troopers to pass by in obvious pursuit of this black Suburban. I not only appreciated the sight of their arrival but would also like to commend them for the cautiousness they exhibited in their pursuit. I never felt the least bit endangered due to their careful negotiation through traffic.

TROOP B

Northeast Region
Commander: Captain Steven Zeller
Headquarters: Topeka

SUSPECT FIRES ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

On February 15, multiple Patrol units assisted Topeka PD pursue a bank robbery suspect on I-70. The suspect was driving westbound when the vehicle crashed at the Shawnee and Wabaunsee county line. He fled on foot, followed by multiple law enforcement officers. Armed with a handgun, the suspect fired upon the officers. He then ran north into a ravine. The Patrol's Aircraft Unit used FLIR to spot the man barricaded under an abandoned vehicle. A perimeter was set up and both the Patrol and Topeka PD's Special Response Teams responded. The teams deployed tear gas and K-9s. When he surrendered, police found the subject had sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was transported to the hospital and died from his injuries three days later. The currency taken during the bank robbery was recovered. Both eastbound and westbound lanes of I-70 were closed during the incident.

OVER \$1 MILLION SEIZED FROM UTILITY TRUCK

A Chevy utility truck was stopped on I-70 for an obvious false compartment. A K-9 indicated on the vehicle. A hidden compartment in the trunk bed held \$1,056,857 in cash.

TROOPERS APPREHEND RAPE, MURDER SUSPECT

The driver of a stolen vehicle was stopped on I-70 in April. A false Texas driver's license was used for identification. The subject, who was suspected of rape, had been released from an Amarillo, Texas jail three days earlier. He was booked into the Shawnee County Jail. Multiple false documents including social security cards, birth certificates, and licenses were found, along with documents advising how to get in and out of houses undetected, and how to steal identities in order to get away with crimes.

Three days later, Amarillo PD contacted the Patrol. They were investigating the murder of a woman near a motel where the suspect had been staying while working in Texas. Amarillo PD picked up the suspect from Shawnee County Jail and transported him back to Texas to prosecute the vehicle theft and to question him about the murder.

SUSPECT IN FRAUD BY MAIL SCHEME CAUGHT

A trooper stopped a New Mexico vehicle in Shawnee County for a temporary registration violation. The subject had two felony warrants, including an FBI warrant in South Carolina for fraud by mail resulting in theft of \$31,000,000 with 532 victims. The subject was in possession of approximately \$68,000 in cash and 48 one-ounce gold coins.

TROOPERS DISCOVER 809 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

In October a semi exited I-70 to avoid a drug ruse lane and was pulled over. During the truck inspection, suspicious travel plans were given. Located under the sleeper in the cab was 83 pounds of marijuana. An additional 726 pounds of marijuana was found behind a false wall in the nose of the trailer, bringing the total to 809 pounds.



THANK YOU

I had been passing a truck when a deer appeared in front of me without warning. I didn't swerve, and went right into the beautiful animal. Thank God, it didn't go through the window and no one was hurt. A trooper came to our rescue that cold night. He put the three of us into his patrol car and waited with us for the tow truck while another trooper removed the deer from the road. He then drove us several miles to my waiting husband. Thanks again.

KHP ASSISTS IN MOVING CONVICTED KILLER

In January, KHP aircraft and ground units helped the KBI move Scott Cheever from the El Dorado Correctional Facility to Lansing Correctional Facility. Cheever was convicted of capital murder for killing Greenwood County Sheriff Matt Samuels. The KBI's High-Risk Warrant Team was in charge of security and transportation. Troopers assisted with the caravan to Eureka, security in the area of the courthouse, and the transportation to Lansing during Cheever's death penalty sentencing.

WOLF CREEK EVENT OCCURS

In April, KHP officials were notified that Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp. declared a Notification of Unusual Event (NUE). The plant lost half of its off-site power which provides electricity to safety-related equipment. An investigation indicated the power outage was the result of work being done in the switch yard.

AGENCIES WORK TOGETHER IN STORM RESPONSE

Troopers coordinated with Kansas and Oklahoma officials May 10. A tornado approximately 1.25 miles wide touched down in Labette County, traveled along the Kansas and Oklahoma state line then entered Oklahoma. Although around 100 structures were either destroyed or damaged in Chetopa, no injuries were reported in Kansas.

Cherokee County received significant hail and high wind damage. Troop H and KDOT personnel assisted Oklahoma officials by blocking U.S. Highway-69 and U.S. Highway-166 to keep travelers from driving into storm damage in Oklahoma. The storm killed at least nine people in Oklahoma, and another 11 people in Missouri.

OCCUPANT PROTECTION TEAM EDUCATES STUDENTS

A four person volunteer Occupant Protection Team formed to focus efforts on increasing teen seat belt usage. Working closely with local officials, the team used education and high-visibility enforcement within Crawford, Neosho, and Montgomery counties which were identified as having the lowest compliance rates within the region. Every area high school was contacted. Fifty programs, attended by 3,430 people were conducted within 13 high schools. After an education period, restraint lanes were conducted in conjunction with "Click It or Ticket." 208 seat belt citations and 84 child restraint citations were issued. The program will expand in 2009 to reward students for buckling up.

THREE STATES ENFORCE LAWS AROUND CASINO

The grand opening of a new casino in July provided the Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri Highway Patrols a chance to work together on traffic control. The casino entrance is in Missouri, the parking lot is in Kansas, and the actual casino is in Oklahoma. Troopers from the three jurisdictions returned in August to show a unified stance against impaired driving by handing out DUI information.



THANK YOU

I would like to extend an offer of 'THANKS' for the assistance on the telephone while attempting to find information on an injury accident. Even though the accident information was never found, I wanted to let the dispatcher's supervisors know how courteous and helpful she was during our discussion. She was very polite and kind as we discussed the accident details.

TROOP I

Commander: Captain Daniel Meyer
Headquarters: Topeka

COMPANY EVADING COMPLIANCE CAUGHT BY TROOPER

A trooper traveling on I-70 in Geary County stopped a speeding tractor trailer. In gathering information, he discovered the company had four different USDOT numbers, one was inactive, two out of service, and the fourth was less than a month old. The carrier applied for a new DOT number to evade compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's regulations and to avoid paying penalties. The driver was cited for his violations, and the company was issued a civil penalty due to five different out of service violations. The vehicle was impounded pursuant to an order from the KCC until the company complied with FMCSA out of service orders.

TROOP I PERSONNEL JUDGE TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Patrol personnel served as judges during the Kansas Motor Carriers' Association's (KMCA) Kansas Professional Truck Driving Championships June 13 and 14.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATION AIMED AT PREVENTABLE VIOLATIONS

In conjunction with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, the Patrol conducted a proactive enforcement to combat crashes involving trucks involved in rock and sand-hauling operations. This effort came in response to two crashes (one of which was fatal, the other critically injured the driver) involving commercial vehicles in the rock and sand hauling business. In both collisions, it was found that the commercial motor vehicles had brake problems prior to the crashes. During the enforcement, 92 trucks were checked. Out of service violations were found on 34 of the trucks. KHP units conducted 83 Level I inspections (including brake measurements) and 18 Level II inspections. Twenty-four percent of vehicles inspected were found to have out-of-service brake violations.

VEHICLE AND 600 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED DURING TOPS DEPLOYMENT

The Trucks on Patrol for Safety (TOPS) program was traveling through the northeast Kansas area on August 19. Working the TOPS deployment, a trooper stopped a truck and trailer for a truck inspection on I-70 in Shawnee County. The unit was transporting a Chevy Suburban, which appeared to have an altered floor. The vehicle and 600 pounds of marijuana were seized and a controlled delivery was carried out in Kansas City, Missouri. The case was adopted by the DEA.

COMPONENTS

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)
Critical Highway Accident Response Team (CHART)



THANK YOU

I am a professional truck driver. On the foggy morning of July 31, 2008, I witnessed an elderly gentleman standing next to a pickup with a flat tire. I felt sorry for him as this is a very dangerous situation for anyone. I then noticed the patrol car with flashing lights parked behind him. A trooper was lying on the wet ground underneath the truck trying to remove the spare tire. I was thankful for him going above and beyond the call of duty to help this citizen in distress.