

# INTRODUCTION

Dear Colonel Seck,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and the men and women of the Kansas Highway Patrol, for their service, courtesy and protection each and every day. From traffic enforcement and safety education to homeland security and drug interdiction, the Patrol remains steadfast in ensuring the safety and security of Kansans and visitors to our state.

Members of the Kansas Highway Patrol carry themselves with a sense of duty, honor and integrity, not knowing what each day may bring. The Patrol, as well as other law enforcement agencies, should be commended for their selfless acts in protecting our families, our communities and our state.

In 2005, the Kansas law enforcement community lost two of its own in the line of duty, Greenwood County Sheriff Matthew Samuels and Harvey County Deputy Sheriff Kurt Ford. Their deaths were mourned statewide. From our grief came success in the passage of the Sheriff Matt Samuels Chemical Control Act and the formation of the Kansas Task Force on Methamphetamine and Other Illegal Drugs. Both of these greatly enhanced law enforcement agencies' efforts in keeping Kansas a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

I'm honored to serve as Governor of this great state and am privileged to work so closely with the men and women of the Highway Patrol. This annual report reflects the Patrol's hard work and accomplishments in 2005. I look forward to the Patrol's continued success in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Sebelius  
Governor of the State of Kansas

