

COLONEL'S LETTER

Dear Governor Sebelius,

On behalf of the Kansas Highway Patrol, I present to you the agency's 2005 annual report. This report details our efforts to meet the expectations of the Patrol's mission statement to provide **Service, Courtesy and Protection** to Kansas' communities and citizens. As an agency, we embrace a conscientious approach in protecting Kansans and saving lives, and we strive to provide a leadership role in the state's law enforcement community.

Our **Service** to Kansas citizens was enhanced in many ways in 2005. For example, the Patrol acquired new educational training tools, such as child passenger training seats for our Public Resource Officers and new driving and firearms simulators at the KHP Training Academy. These simulators are made available for other law enforcement agencies to utilize. The Patrol also maintained and continued to build partnerships with other law enforcement and state agencies, local governments, schools, civic organizations and businesses.

Courtesy is a core element of the Patrol's mission statement. Patrol personnel are devoted to improving the quality of life of Kansans. Every day, our uniformed men and women have the opportunity to positively affect a person's life, and that is achieved by providing service with courtesy and respect.

Protection of Kansas communities was greatly enhanced in 2005 by the passage of the Sheriff Matt Samuels Chemical Control Act and the creation of your Kansas Task Force on Methamphetamine and Other Illegal Drugs. This agency is proud of our continued involvement in the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the DEA Task Force. These task forces and the Chemical Control Act will continue to be invaluable in 2006 to protect our state and its citizens from the dangers of producing and distributing meth. In addition, law enforcement agencies across Kansas celebrated a significant decrease in fatal crashes and an increase in seat belt use. Enforcement and education contributed to these successes, and the Patrol will continue our efforts in 2006 so we can have another year of fewer lives lost on Kansas roadways.

I am proud of the Patrol's accomplishments and the performances of the uniformed men and women, and the civilian staff. After you read this report, I believe you will agree that their collective efforts have made Kansas a safer place to live and travel.

Sincerely,



Colonel William R. Seck
Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol

