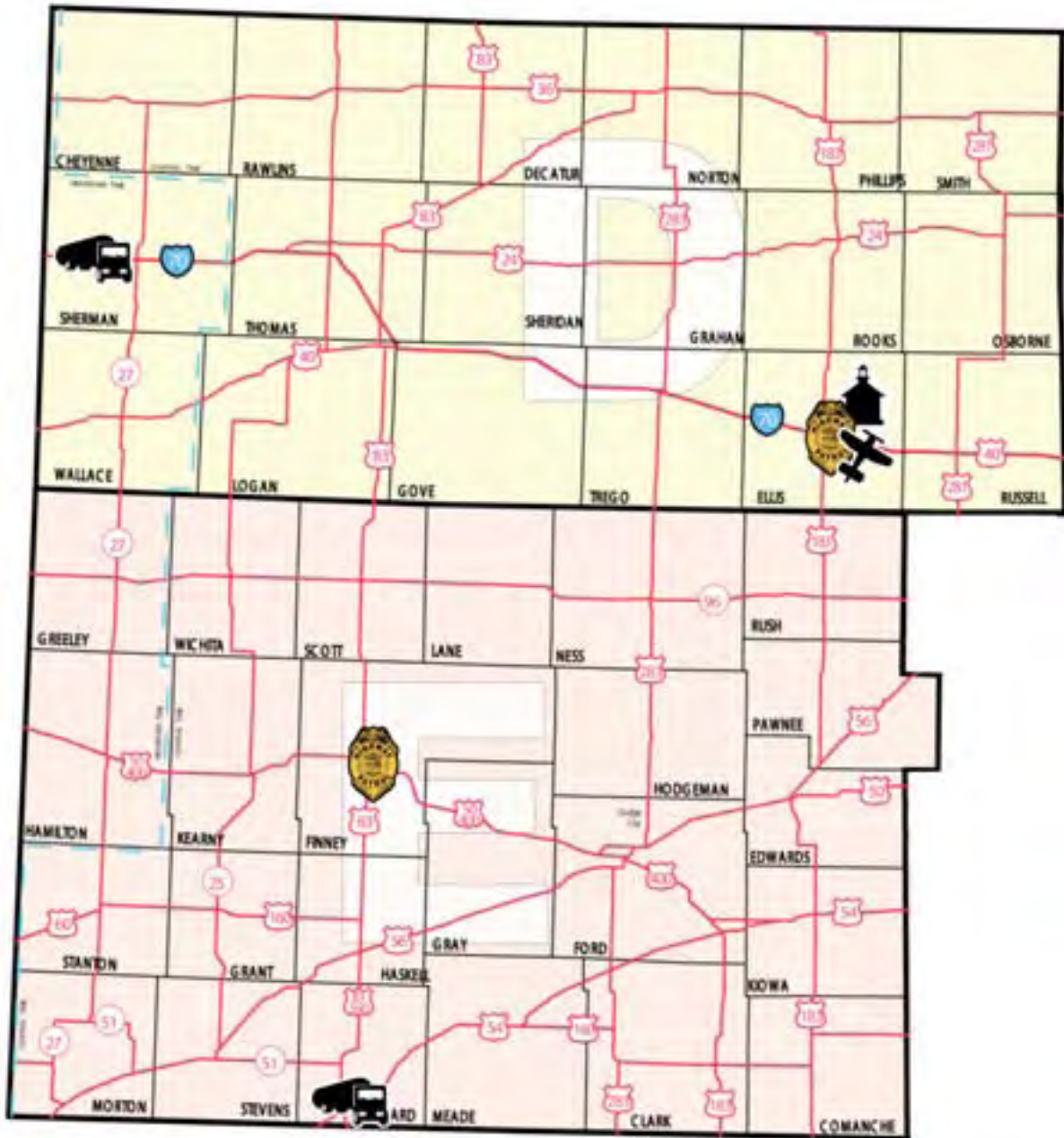


WEST REGION

MAJOR CRAIG DEWELL



Troop headquarters



University



Aircraft unit



Weigh station

The Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy, although based in Salina, falls under the command of the West Region.

TROOP D

CAPTAIN KELLY McGUIRE

Traffic stops often lead to major drug seizures

During a routine traffic stop on a van registered in Nevada, troopers found 319 pounds of cocaine in the van's speakers. In coordination with the DEA, a controlled delivery to Chicago resulted in the arrest of a co-conspirator. Further investigation led to the arrests of seven individuals in New Jersey, Las Vegas and Los Angeles and the seizure of 121 kilograms of cocaine. The troopers' training in criminal interdiction certainly is credited with breaking down this chain of illegal activity.

In December, troopers seized 15 kilograms of heroin and 18 kilograms of cocaine from a traffic stop. The drugs were located in a false floor in the rear of a Ford Escape.

Severe thunderstorms spawn tornados

Troopers responded to Barton County on August 19 for a severe thunderstorm that produced numerous tornados. Troopers spotted several tornados and warned the public. KHP members assisted local officials by forming teams to conduct damage assessments in Great Bend. Thirty-seven structures in Barton County were damaged and several rural residences were destroyed. The Patrol's helicopter pilots in Salina flew Great Bend officials over the damaged areas the following morning.



DRUG SEIZURE LEADS TO MULTIPLE ARRESTS



TROOPERS SERVE AS STORM SPOTTERS

TROOP E

CAPTAIN DAVID PLOUTZ

Motor Carrier Inspectors teach future truck drivers

Each year, a Motor Carrier Inspector teaches a class at Southwest Kansas Technical School in Liberal for future truck drivers. These classes also are referenced at the trucking port of entry at Liberal.

Joint effort looks for stolen oil

In April, the Motor Carrier Inspectors in Troop E, along with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol MCSAP, U.S. Forestry Service's Bureau of Land Management, Kansas Corporation Commission and the Morton County Sheriff's Department, participated in a joint effort to check for commercial motor vehicles that may be hauling oil stolen from federal leases.

Nation's Holiday Tree stops in Garden City

Troop E had the opportunity to assist with our nation's Holiday Tree again in 2005. As the tree made its way to Washington D.C., the Holiday Tree spent the night in Dodge City. The U.S. Forestry Service contacted the Patrol for overnight security. The security was necessary due to an event in 2004, in which the convoy team stopped an individual attempting to approach the tree with a chain saw. The overnight stay was a success.



EDUCATE FUTURE TRUCK DRIVERS



A HUNT FOR STOLEN OIL



TROOPERS ENSURE SAFETY OF HOLIDAY TREE