



Colonel Herman T. Jones

KHP BULLETIN

2021 • First Quarter

A Message from Colonel Jones

We have begun the hiring process for Recruit Class #62, which will start the academy in January 2022. Recruiters and other agency personnel have been working diligently to bring new troopers to the agency. We have experienced some recruitment challenges related to current events and compensation that is not comparable to putting ourselves at risk to the public, traffic, armed individuals, and COVID-19 every day. This impacts not only troopers, but also our civilian personnel who work alongside our troopers. These events beg the question of "why are we here?" The answer is servitude. We must serve the people in our state with integrity and honesty.

Recruiters have been finding new means to recruit troopers, such as networking in other states, utilizing social media by use of recruitment ads and communication, as well as searching for ways to improve the existing hiring process and increase diversity across the agency. We are making a change to our recruit classes and implementing two classes each year, which will start with Class 62 beginning in January of 2022 and Class 63 beginning in June of 2022. Although we have experienced recruitment obstacles, there are still individuals who are driven toward a career in law enforcement, and we will continue to work diligently to add them to our team.

COVID-19 continues to impact our agency, state, and nation. It has been nearly a year that we have been battling the Coronavirus. I am hopeful for the future and the advancements in medicine to benefit our citizens.

Although we have started vaccinations for KHP personnel, we must remain vigilant with the precautions set in place to keep us safe and healthy. We may

never see anything like this virus in our lifetime again. This experience will help mitigate similar effects in our world for future generations.

The events of COVID-19 have put a strain on mental health across the nation and worldwide. We have attempted to find ways to cope with the ever-changing environment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These coping mechanisms could be pursuing new or old hobbies, staying in contact with friends and family, along with many other activities. Many people have put their time and energy into creating art, doing puzzles, reading novels, watching movies, or hiking with their families. Doing these activities provide an outlet for people to take a break and escape from the realities of COVID-19.

People have been unable to interact with their long-distance family and friends, but video calling applications like FaceTime, Zoom, and Teams have created an outlet for people to communicate. It may not be the same as talking to loved ones in person, but it helps us keep in touch. I have hope that the advancements in medicine will eventually help bring aspects of our work back to a new normal. Through it all, I wish you a safe and healthy life.



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AWARDS

Employee of the Quarter



Master Trooper John Lawson, Troop E, was awarded "Employee of the Quarter." During the quarter, he achieved 17 Drug Recognitions Evaluations (DREs) for Troop E and other agencies. Lawson had more than 40 evaluations for the year and was leading DRE evaluations.

Pictured: CAPT Randell Mosher and MSTRP John Lawson

Superintendent's Awards

Troop S personnel, Lieutenant Justin Rohr, and Troopers Levi Fleming and Donovan Zamecnik were awarded the Superintendent's award for their performance assisting with an officer-involved shooting on Oct. 9, 2020 in Salina, Kan. The suspect was wanted for felony charges and was believed to be connected to a recent shooting which injured a Salina Police Officer in August 2020.



Pictured: CAPT Scott Walker, TRPS Dylan Parks, Donovan Zamecnik, LT Justin Rohr, and MAJ Robb Keener.

Troop S personnel, Lieutenant Christopher Bowling, Troopers Dylan Parks and Chandler Rule were awarded the Superintendent's award for their performance assisting with an officer-involved shooting on Aug. 19, 2020 in Jackson County, Kan. The suspect fled from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department in a stolen vehicle and led officials on a pursuit that ended in the vehicle becoming disabled southeast of Holton. The suspect and a female passenger fled on foot. They were later located by a K-9. The male suspect was holding the female hostage at knifepoint. The suspect's actions forced a Trooper to fire one round that struck the suspect and allowed for a safe rescue of the hostage.



LT Chris Bowling

TRP Dylan Parks

TRP Chandler Rule

Honorary Trooper



The Honorary Trooper Award was presented to Motorist Assist Technician Matthew Douglas for his actions taken on Dec. 21, 2020 when he assisted Troopers with a subject who was resisting arrest.

On Dec. 21, troopers called for assistance after a subject resisted arrest for approximately seven minutes. MAT Douglas arrived on scene and assisted the troopers without hesitation. They were then able to take the subject into custody.

The Kansas Highway Patrol commends MAT Douglas on his actions and assistance he provided to troopers. His actions are an extraordinary example of service to Kansas citizens.

Pictured: CAPT Johnny Ingram, MAV Tech Matthew Douglas, CAPT John Lehnher, and COL Herman Jones

Commander's Commendations

The following Troop A personnel were awarded Commander's Commendations for their enforcement efforts during 2020. The categories included DUIs, crash investigations, speed arrests, moving hazardous violations, motorist assists, and child or adult seat belt arrests.



MSTRP Curt Gabbert



TRP Derek Garver



MSTRP Kristie Gatlin



LT David Morrison



MSTRP Lindsey Murphy



TRP Gustavo Ramirez



**NOT
PICTURED**

MAT Darryl Hayes

Promotions



Lieutenant Greg Etris,
Troop J, promotional pinning
on Feb. 17, 2021.

Pictured: COL Herman
Jones and LT Greg Etris



Lieutenant Justin Rohr,
Troop S, promotional pinning
on Feb. 17, 2021.

Pictured: COL Herman Jones,
LT Justin Rohr and his wife, Jodi

Service Pins

20 years: MSTRP Kristie Gatlin

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the second quarter issue of the KHP Bulletin will be Friday, May 21, 2021. Please submit your articles, photos and Troop News to Shayndel Jones at Shayndel.Jones@KS.GOV and to Mary Jane King at MaryJane.King@KS.GOV.

Retired Lieutenant Kirk Simone named “Football Official of the Year”



Kirk Simone, retired Lieutenant and active Asset Forfeiture Coordinator for Troop N, was recognized as “Football Official of the Year” for the 2020 football season in Kansas. The award was presented to him from the National Federation of State High School (NFSH) Officials Association.

“It means a lot to get this prestigious award; a real honor,” he said.

Kirk has officiated 38 consecutive high school football seasons for schools in Kansas as a member of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). His football officiating career began in 1982; the same year he became a Kansas State Trooper.

He was interested in sports at a young age, participating in football during high school and college. He became a football official because of his love of the game.

“Being an official allows me to be part of the game and have the best view in the house. Officiating is also a way to guide and enrich the lives of the student athletes who are playing sports by teaching the value of sportsmanship, safety and fair play,” Kirk said.

Sports play a significant part in many students’ lives, helping them learn valuable skills that can benefit their future.

“Sometimes sports are all some of these kids have, and for some it is what keeps them in school and out of trouble,” he said.

Balancing trooper responsibilities and football was not always easy, but Kirk’s supervisors were understanding of his activities and allowed for a schedule that let him pursue his football endeavors.

“I’m thankful that my supervisors were understanding of my activities and allowed for me to be involved with football,” he said. “The fellowship and humor officials share with one another compares to that of law enforcement. It’s a brotherhood.”

Kirk has made many close friends during his time as a football official.

“When it comes down to it, during the game, many of them will become your closest friends just like the bond you form with the members of law enforcement and the Kansas Highway Patrol.”

Kirk encourages anyone who has interest in sports to consider becoming an official for their favorite sport, stating that the lack of sports officials throughout the state means fewer athletes are participating in games every season.

“Troopers possess many of the same skills that would make them great sport officials!”

Patrol Implementing two recruit classes each year

The Kansas Highway Patrol Command Staff has been working with Recruitment and Human Resources personnel to streamline the hiring process. One of the updates includes implementing two recruit classes per year starting in 2022 at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy.

The agency began accepting applications for Class #62 on March 1, 2021 and will continue to August 1, 2021. Recruit Class #62 will report to the KHP Training Academy to begin 23 weeks of training on January 4, 2022. They will graduate on June 8, 2022.

Applications for Class #63 will be accepted starting on September 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022. Recruit Class #63 will begin training on July 12, 2022 and graduate on December 14, 2022.

The goal of these changes is to attract more applicants to the agency and train more troopers each year.

“Two classes a year will benefit the agency by putting more Troopers on the road at a faster rate as compared to a single class per year. It will also shorten our hiring process resulting in less waiting,” said Lieutenant Cory Beard, KHP Recruiter.

If someone you know is interested in becoming a Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper, please reach out to Lieutenant Beard at 785-296-8367 or contact the KHP Public Resource Officer in your area.



NEW DIRECTIONS

CAREER PATHS IN THE KHP



HIRES

Cristobal Dorado	VIN Inspector	V
Timothy Martin Jr.	Motorist Assist Technician	B
Thomas Catania	Safety and Health Specialist	I
Jason Klenklen	Aircraft Mechanic	T
Joy Eriks	Accountant I	Fiscal
Daniel Deiter	VIN Inspector	V
Daniel DeWitt	Motorist Assist Technician	F
Thomas Ridnour	Motor Carrier Inspector I	I
Carter Kabus	Equipment Mechanic	Fleet
Cheyenne Steele	Senior Administrative Assistant	PSU
William Dawes Jr.	Public Service Administrator	Fiscal
Mayela Campa-Lopez	Communications Specialist I	M
Kristin Long	Communications Specialist I	M

PROMOTIONS

Sandra Feinhage	Accountant I	Fiscal
Jodilyn Tillet	Administrative Officer	HR
Angela Jackson	Administrative Specialist	S
Jonathan Eilert	Lieutenant	C

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGE

Shawn Hines	Lieutenant	H
William Bailiff	Technical Trooper	I
Wade Van Meter	Technical Trooper	I

RETIREMENTS

Douglas Brown	Capitol Area Guard I	K
Galen Gibson	Equipment Mechanic Senior	Fleet
Penny Helderman	Law Enforcement Officer II	I
Robert Taylor	Technical Trooper	N
Darren Griffin	Master Trooper	G
Julia Duell	Senior Administrative Assistant	J
Terry Kummer	Lieutenant	I
William Thweatt	Lieutenant	H

THANK YOU

To KHP Employees past and present,

I would like to thank each of you for the prayers, for all the cards, and for sharing your memories of Mike Love.

To each of you who helped us with different requests, you are all amazing and the State of Kansas is very fortunate to have each and every one of you. Please be safe.

The family of
Retired LEO II Mike Love

Trooper came to the rescue of Fargo couple after their car blew a tire

In today's "Neighbors" column, Bob Lind shares a story from readers about getting help while broken down along a busy turnpike in a "precarious spot."

Article courtesy of Bob Lind and The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead - reprinted with permission

Written By: Bob Lind | Feb 24th 2021
- 6am.

It was March 20, 2020, when Jo and John's car blew a front tire on a busy Kansas turnpike.

It occurred "in a precarious spot; traffic was intense with no space to spare," Jo wrote "Neighbors," asking that their last names not be published.

"We were en route home to Fargo after wintering in Arizona," she writes.

"There was no way we could get to our spare tire or jack, as our van was stuffed to the max and could not have been unloaded on that busy turnpike."

Jo says they tried to figure out where they were so they could call a tow truck to rescue them.

"We knew we had passed the Wichita area and gone past a gas stop area where we had just had a brief break.

"We called 511. A woman said we needed the Kansas turnpike authority, and she patched me to them.

"We talked to the dispatcher, and she said she would send a trooper.

"All we could do was pray and hope our hazards would alert traffic.

"Soon a calm and confident trooper arrived at our passenger window. We were found.

"We explained to him we had sought help from roadside assistance with our insurance company, but since we didn't know where we were, we were having difficulty. The insurance company had said they would try to send a tow truck in 90 minutes if they could get our location.

"Our trooper had another option for us. He told us we were near El Dorado. He said he would take off

our tire and take John with him back to the El Dorado Walmart and get a new tire. He would then come back and install it.

"John said, 'You would be willing and able to do that?' and he said 'Yes.' He did just that, and got the tire specs.



TRP Genesis Rose

"We called our son, who in turn located the phone number for Walmart, so we could call it to see if they had a tire.

"But the tire department was closed. But the trooper and John went there anyway, and the trooper got the manager, who found some tire personnel. They worked on finding a tire at least close to ours.

"The trooper had mentioned to me before they left that I might not want to move too much, as the jack was holding the van up! So I think I barely breathed while they were gone.

"Every few seconds, a semi or motorhome would fly by and rock the entire van.

"Never was I so glad to see a trooper's lights on our tail as when they returned and provided a bit more protection by alerting traffic.

"The trooper then was a miracle worker," Jo says, "as he had to stand on a steep ditch slope to get the van jacked up and the tire off."

"The trooper (whose name was Genesis Rose) worked his miracle. He told us to stay in the van while he changed the tire.

"But we'd had our hazard lights on for three hours, and that drained our battery, so we couldn't move. But not to worry, as our special trooper had a battery booster in his SUV. Then he bid us farewell with a smile.

Thank you, Genesis!

"It is difficult to express our deep gratitude to this capable young man who helped out these two older-than-average, social-distancing, immune-compromised individuals," Jo says.

"His heart is in the right place and his talents and skills and compassion are first rate. The Kansas turnpike is fortunate to have him serving and protecting in such a professional manner.

"Thank you, Genesis Rose, from the bottom of our hearts. We wish you and yours all the best."

Jo concludes her email by saying she and her husband are sharing this story with "Neighbors" because "With all the negative news on police these days, we wanted to share a positive side of law enforcement."

"Neighbors" joins Jo in saluting all you folks working in law enforcement. Thanks for all you do.

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL COINS

The United States Mint partnered with the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum to produce the new limited-edition National Law Enforcement Memorial Coins. The memorial coins were released in honor of the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers throughout U.S. history.

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THANK YOU

On behalf of my family, I want to extend our thanks for CAPT Atkinson, CAPT Bauer, LT Payne, LT Shoopman, LT Murray, TRP Crump, TRP Nuss, TRP Sperry, TRP Markham, TRP Reames, Retired LT Dave Weed, and Tim Anderson for being at my mother's funeral on March 5th. It meant so much to see all of them lined up to pay their respects to my mother when we exited the church, to provide a funeral procession, and then to pay even more respect to her at the cemetery. I had numerous people come up to me at the funeral and afterwards telling me how impressed they were to see the troopers there. It was very special and really appreciated. It makes me proud to be a trooper. Thank you again to those who attended and thank you to all of the others who sent cards, plants, flowers, or well wishes.

Thank you,
Sean Hankins and family





SYMPATHIES

TECHTRP Carson Nuss, Father

CS I Megan Rogers, Father

MSTRP Steve Morris, Father

MATs Lane Hough and Tim Martin, Grandfather

VIN Inspector Angelica Weaver, Mother

TECHTRP Don Hughes, Mother

TECHTRP Dale Patrick, Mother

MSTRP Jerrod Anderson, Grandfather

TECHTRP Sean Hankins, Mother

Accountant V Becky Bahr, Father

Family and friends of Ret. MSTRP Michael Hover

Family and Friends of Ret. MAJ Richard "Dick" Barta

Family and Friends of Ret. Accounting Specialist Cindy Pasley-McDowell

Family and Friends of Ret. MSTRP Robert "Bob" Wilson

Family and Friends of Ret. TECHTRP Daniel Smith

Family and Friends of Ret. MSTRP Charles Parmalee

THANK YOU

Thank you for the condolences toward our family and most certainly for Bryan [Wade] He had a very close connection to his grandparents, and they were so proud of him. The officers who attended Mom's service were so appreciated for their support to Bryan and our family.

Sincerely,
The family of Mrs. Lela Bingaman, Pratt, KS

THANK YOU

All KHP Employees and Retirees,

Thank you so much for remembering Gary #K-103 for his passing. It meant so much when the very next day we had Trooper Jason Hoffman contacting us. We will cherish the KHP memorial booklet that was made to honor Gary's years of service and the capacities he served in. He had a lot of KHP memorabilia from his belt buckle set to his KHP Retirees ball cap and it all meant a great deal to him.

Thank you all for the monetary donation to the American Heart Assn. which was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Erema Cooper
and family of Gary Cooper #K-103

FACEBOOK NOTE OF APPRECIATION

This Facebook message recognizes the hard work of Trooper Regan Casey

Good afternoon! I want to take a moment to acknowledge Trooper Casey. Last Saturday, 2/6/2021, as we were pulling a newly purchased camper home to Goodland, we encountered a nasty headwind that seriously hampered our gas mileage. As luck would have it, we ran out of gas about 1 ½ miles short of the exit we wanted to take to re-fuel. Trooper Casey was very gracious and assisted me in getting enough fuel to put in our vehicle to get us into Salina. I know it's all in a days work for all of you but for those of us who need assistance when the unforeseen happens, it's a huge relief. Thank you for all you do and especially to Trooper Casey who wasted no time helping us! It is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU

My family and I want to thank the Kansas Highway Patrol for all the expressions of sympathy we received at the recent passing of my Mom, Marilla Griffiths. My family and I have so appreciated the cards, emails, flowers/angel, and all the thoughts and prayers expressed by so many. We also want to express our thanks to MAJ Eric Sauer for attending Mom's respect calls and conveying the Colonel's and KHP's sympathies to our family.

Teri Wodtke, Senior Administrative Assistant, Fiscal

FACEBOOK NOTE OF APPRECIATION

This Facebook message recognizes the hard work of Trooper Luke Byron

Monday 2/8/21 mid-day, I exited I-70 at mm 307 (McDowell Creek Road) to allow my defrosters to catch up when a very professional member of the KS Highway Patrol pulled in behind me. I was sitting alongside the entrance ramp and he stopped to see if I needed assistance. I really wanted to give proper thank you to this fine young man but failed to ascertain his name. Please know how much I appreciate his professionalism, his polite and courteous demeanor, and his overall spirit of friendliness. It shows how well he was trained and believe he is an asset to the state that should be recognized for. Thank you are just mere words I can speak, but are genuinely heartfelt for the gratitude I have. Please know all of you statewide are in my thoughts and prayers. I'll make sure to continue waving as I trek across Kansas from mm 423 to 1. Be blessed as you are a blessing.

TROOP NEWS

TROOP C

Pursuit crosses three counties

11/29/20: Marion County attempted to stop a Ford F-350 truck for erratic driving on US-50. A pursuit traveled into Chase County where Chase County took over the pursuit. A Master Trooper deployed fire deflation devices (stop sticks) at US-50, mile marker 322, but was unsuccessful. The suspect vehicle drove up the off ramp to US-77 and headed north. The Patrol took over the pursuit at the Chase and Morris County line. Stop sticks were deployed in Council Grove and the suspect drove through yards to avoid them. The pursuit continued through northern Morris County. The Master Trooper attempted a Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI) and the suspect used avoidance maneuvers. He made a second TVI attempt that was successful, causing the suspect vehicle to travel into the west ditch and overturn. The suspect was taken into custody and stated the vehicle was stolen.

Semi overturns in Saline County



12/07/20: A semi-tractor trailer carrying a large windmill base overturned on I-70 eastbound under I-135 at the big junction in Saline County. I-70 was closed for several hours as crews removed the super load and truck and trailer.

Truck and trailer rollover on I-70

12/16/20: A semi with two trailers was driven off the roadway westbound on I-70 near mile marker 224. The semi eased into the north ditch as the roadway curved. The truck and trailers rolled onto their sides and came to rest. The driver was initially alive, and passers-by attempted CPR. A portion of the load contained hazardous material cargo including car batteries and other materials.

NEW ARRIVALS

MSTRP Andrew Zeller and family, Son, Hudson Grant

MSTRP Chason Leuth and family, Son, Slate James

TECHTRP Dray Carlton and family, Son, Lane Patrick

TRP Benjamin Elsass and family,
Son, Brendenn Matheww

TRP Kasey Crump, Son; CSI Corbyn Crump,
Nephew; and TECHTRP Mark Crump,
Grandson and their families; Ronin Scott

Vehicle strikes concrete barrier

12/17/20: As employees of a concrete plant in Geary County reported to work, they discovered a car had crashed at the plant. An eastbound vehicle left K-57 to the north and entered the plant where it struck a concrete barrier. The employees called local Fire Department and EMS. The driver of the vehicle was found deceased when Fire and EMS arrived.

Suspect surrenders during domestic disturbance

12/22/20: Troops C, N, & S Troopers assisted Ellsworth County with a domestic disturbance in Lorraine, Kan. The initial report involved a male suspect who was holding his female girlfriend hostage at knifepoint inside the residence. The female, and owner of the residence, was able to escape leaving the male inside. The male suspect was seen using methamphetamine in a room while the Patrol and Ellsworth County Deputies attempted to make contact. KHP Special Response Team Crisis Negotiators responded to the scene and contacted the male suspect by cell phone. The suspect stated he would come outside and surrendered without incident.

Search for burglary suspects

01/01/21: A Master Trooper assisted Clay County Sheriff's Office with a search for burglary suspects in rural Clay County. One suspect was eventually captured.

Troopers arrest driver for DWI and possession of drugs

01/02/21: A Master Trooper and his Trooper Trainee stopped a vehicle on I-70 at the Ellsworth Rest Area. The vehicle was

discovered to be stolen and the driver was arrested for Driving While Impaired, Possession of Methamphetamines, and Drug Paraphernalia.

Master Trooper recovers stolen vehicle

01/02/21: A Master Trooper checked an abandoned vehicle at K-18 eastbound at mile marker 183 in Riley County. The vehicle was discovered to be stolen after a check of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC.) The vehicle was recovered and removed from the roadway.

Vaccine distribution to various troops

01/14/21: Troopers assisted the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) with the delivery of multiple COVID-19 vaccines to various locations in Troops C, D and F.

Trooper assists Saline County with fatality crash investigation

01/17/21: A trooper assisted Saline County with a fatality crash on K-140 at mile marker 22.9, about 2 miles east of Brookville. The vehicle was traveling east on K-140, crossed the center line and went into the north ditch. The vehicle became airborne, rolled multiple times and ejected the two unrestrained occupants from the vehicle. The passenger of the vehicle was found deceased in a field near the accident scene. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash.

Troopers examine threat at Wal-Mart in Concordia

01/17/21: Troop C and Troop S, Hazardous Devices Unit, assisted Cloud County with a terroristic threat at Wal-Mart in Concordia, Kan. A person called and threatened to shoot people with a shotgun in the store. There were no devices found and the caller was not located.

Manhunt in Mitchell County

01/17/21: Several troopers assisted Mitchell County with a manhunt involving a driver who fled after a traffic stop. The driver, whose identity is known, ran into a nearby field but was not located. He was located several days later.

Troopers search for burglary suspect

01/25/21: Troop C assisted Troop N with a vehicle pursuit in Lincoln County. A burglary suspect fled from a Troop N trooper who attempted to stop the suspect vehicle. A perimeter was established, and a manhunt was conducted. The suspect(s) and vehicle were not found.

Lieutenant locates runaways during traffic stop

01/25/21: A Troop C Lieutenant stopped a vehicle for speeding on I-70 westbound at mile marker 286. The driver gave false names and was eventually identified as an individual with no valid driver's license. Two females were located inside the vehicle who were runaways from Kansas City. The driver was arrested and transported to

the Dickinson County Jail in Abilene. The runaways were turned over to juvenile corrections in Junction City.

Pursuit suspect arrested

01/26/21: Troop C assisted Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with a vehicle pursuit. The suspect was the same individual who KHP pursued on Jan. 25. A Lincoln Sheriff's Deputy approached the suspect and he fled south on K-14 from Lincoln, Kan. Troopers successfully deployed tire deflation devices (stop sticks) north of I-70 on K-14. The vehicle was disabled and the suspect was taken into custody.

Trooper dispatched to hit and run crash

02/03/21: A Trooper was dispatched to a hit and run accident at the 24/7 gas station in McPherson, Kan. The suspect vehicle was seen traveling south on I-135 from McPherson. The trooper found the vehicle stopped on I-135 southbound at mile marker 42 in Troop F where it ran out of gas and was pulled over to the shoulder. A back seat passenger was discovered to have one felony warrant and three misdemeanor warrants out of Illinois. The individual was arrested and transported to the McPherson County Jail.

Probable cause search leads to marijuana seizure

02/04/21: A Master Trooper stopped a vehicle for speeding on I-70 westbound at mile marker 286. During the stop, the trooper smelled the odor of marijuana and conducted a probable cause search. The passenger was arrested for Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute, No Tax Stamp, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Troopers capture fleeing suspect

02/07/21: A Lieutenant and Trooper assisted Ottawa County locate suspects who fled in a vehicle near 220th road and Nugget Road. The suspects were found parked near a pond and captured in rural Ottawa County.

Searching for suspect involved in armed robbery

02/09/21: Troopers assist with the search for an armed robbery suspect in Jewell County. A male subject wearing all black clothing and armed with a rifle robbed the Guaranty State Bank and Trust Company in Burr Oak. He drove away in a confirmed stolen gray and silver Dodge Ram. The vehicle was located later that day in northwest Jewell County. The suspect has not been located.

Master Trooper assists Clay County with medical call

02/10/21: A Master Trooper assisted Clay County with a medical call in Industry, Kan. The reporting party advised she attempted to contact a neighbor and observed him unconscious and covered in blood. The trooper arrived and entered through the front door. He found a deceased white male with a head wound. The trooper cleared the house to allow EMS to make entry. It was later discovered

to be a suicide.

Troopers assist with vehicle pursuit suspect

02/10/21: Troops C, J and N assisted Salina Police Department with a vehicle pursuit involving a stolen vehicle. The vehicle traveled along the north part of Salina on Pacific Avenue then went north on Ohio to I-70. The vehicle traveled west on I-70 to I-135 southbound and exited at Crawford Street. The driver of the vehicle fled on foot on Beverly Street, north of Crawford, and was taken into custody by Salina Police Department.

Trooper investigates fatality crash

02/10/21: A trooper investigated a fatality crash involving a vehicle traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of US-81. The wrong-way southbound vehicle struck another vehicle traveling northbound head on. An elderly male driver traveling in the wrong-way vehicle was ejected and was deceased on scene. The female driver of vehicle No. 2 was trapped and was deceased on scene. An 8-year-old female passenger in vehicle No. 2 was trapped and extricated. She was taken to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita for her injuries and is expected to recover.

Troopers respond to injury accident

02/21/21: Troopers responded to a reported injury accident on I-70 eastbound at mile marker 312. A Troop C Master Trooper arrived on scene and discovered it was a shooting, not an injury accident. The female driver had been shot in the left shoulder. The trooper assisted the female until EMS arrived. The female driver was transported to Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan. The suspect was described as a white male driving a passenger car with Nebraska tags. A KTA tag reader identified a vehicle and driver that matched the description. The Patrol is assisting Geary County Sheriff's Office as the investigation continues.

Troop C responds to fatality crash in Marion County

02/26/21: Troop C responded to a fatality crash on US-56 at mile marker 294.2 in Marion County. Vehicle No. 1, a 2010 Dodge Caravan traveling east on US-56 at mile marker 294.2, crossed the center line and struck Vehicle No. 2, a 2000 Ford F-150 truck, head on. Vehicle No. 2 was pulling a single axle trailer with 20 greyhound dogs. The trailer caught on fire and several of the dogs were rescued, some dogs fled the scene, and a few perished in the fire. Both Vehicle No. 2 and the trailer were deceased by the fire. Driver No. 1, Driver No. 2, and the front passenger in Vehicle No. 2 (wife of Driver No. 2) were deceased in the collision. CHART assisted with this investigation.

Manhunt suspect arrested

02/26/21: A trooper responded to assist Junction City Police Department (JCPD) with a manhunt involving a driver who fled on foot near US-77 and Golden Belt Road. JCPD was involved in a vehicle pursuit that ended when the driver stopped and fled, leaving the fleeing vehicle in gear.

The vehicle continued to move forward and overturned unoccupied. A perimeter was quickly established with the Patrol's assistance and the driver was located and arrested a short time later.

Driver arrested following pursuit and foot chase

02/27/21: A trooper attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding on I-135 northbound at mile marker 68. The suspect vehicle continued to travel north on I-70 toward Salina. The vehicle was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of K-4 and then I-135. Several Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI) maneuvers were attempted and the chase ended on I-135 northbound at mile marker 88. The driver fled from the vehicle causing a short foot chase. The driver was tased and taken into custody.

TROOP E

Trooper assists Haskell County Deputies with domestic disturbance call

01/30/21: TRP Nathan Makings responded to assist the Haskell County Sheriff's Department at a residence in Satanta. A female called dispatch reporting that she was beaten, held against her will, and escaped to a neighbor's residence for help. The male suspect retreated into his residence. Haskell County Deputies and Makings arrived on scene and contacted the suspect. The male was initially armed with a taser but put the weapon down. Makings commanded the suspect to comply, but he refused. Then Makings successfully deployed his taser and the suspect was taken into custody. Multiple felony charges are pending against the suspect.

TROOP G

Suspect attempts to flee from trooper

12/05/20: A trooper observed a white Nissan impeding traffic in the left lane travelling at about 50 miles per hour. The trooper conducted a traffic stop eastbound on I-70 near Lawrence. As the trooper approached, the driver sped off. During the pursuit, a passenger threw a bag out of the vehicle. The Nissan became disabled eastbound on I-70, just east of Lawrence after successfully deploying tire deflation devices. All occupants were taken into custody. The bag that was thrown from the vehicle contained 2.4 pounds of marijuana. The driver was charged with Felony Flee and Elude and multiple traffic violations. A passenger was charged with Felony Interference with a Law Enforcement Officer and Felony Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute.

Trooper saves motorist from overdose

12/31/20: Troopers were notified of a vehicle in the roadway at the east Topeka interchange. The troopers arrived on the scene and requested an ambulance because the driver was having convulsions. The troopers removed the driver from the vehicle. After observing the driver, they believed that he had overdosed. A trooper gave the driver one dose of 4-mg intranasal Naloxone (Narcan) in the

driver's left nostril. The driver regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital by EMS.

Foot chase leads to arrest

01/07/21: A trooper stopped a stolen vehicle at the Tonganoxie and Eudora Interchange. The driver fled on foot when the trooper attempted to take him into custody. The trooper pursued the suspect and arrested him without further incident. The suspect had a handgun when he was taken into custody.

Successful TVI ends pursuit

01/18/21: A trooper checked a Ford Fusion traveling at 100 mph on westbound I-70. The trooper attempted to stop the vehicle as it exited to 57th Street in Kansas City. The vehicle fled and a pursuit was initiated. The trooper was given permission to use a Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI) maneuver. The trooper performed a successful TVI which ended the pursuit with no injuries or damage. The driver was booked into the Wyandotte County Jail.

Fleeing suspect leads to possible human trafficking case

01/27/21: Kansas Turnpike Authority Dispatch advised of a possible kidnapping suspect in a white Hyundai SUV with Indiana registration traveling westbound on I-70 in Kansas City. A trooper located the vehicle near the Tonganoxie Interchange. Troopers and Leavenworth County Sheriff Deputies conducted a traffic stop and took the driver into custody. The female passenger in the vehicle called 911 and reported she and her 3-year-old daughter were kidnapped by the driver. Both parties gave conflicting stories.

During the roadside investigation, troopers observed signs of possible human trafficking. The occupants of the vehicle were transported to Troop N to be interviewed by Troop N personnel in relation to human trafficking. Initial indications include the victim may have been fleeing from circumstances related to human trafficking and she voluntarily entered the driver's vehicle after accepting a ride from him at a truck stop in Missouri.

Erratic driver arrested after pursuit

02/08/21: A trooper attempted to stop an erratic Penske truck traveling southbound on I-35, south of El Dorado. The vehicle failed to stop and a pursuit began. During the pursuit, the vehicle left the roadway several times, striking posts and scraping the bridge at mile marker 46. The vehicle stopped at mile marker 45. The trooper removed the driver from the vehicle and took him into custody. The driver appeared to be extremely impaired and was suffering from low blood sugar. EMS was called to the scene and the suspect was treated for low blood sugar. Alcohol and marijuana were located in the truck at the time of arrest. A blood draw was conducted at Wesley Hospital and the driver was booked into the Sedgwick County Jail.

Driver arrested for counterfeit currency

02/15/21: A trooper stopped a vehicle displaying an improper tag traveling northbound on I-335 near Admire. The driver of the vehicle reportedly passed counterfeit U.S. currency on several occasions. The trooper seized counterfeit U.S. currency during the stop. The driver was arrested and transported to the Lyon County Jail.

Trooper seized PCP during investigation

02/18/21: A trooper seized 9.26 grams of PCP and 3 PCP-soaked cigars after checking a possible crash on I-335 at mile marker 165.8 northbound. The driver was taken to Shawnee County Jail.

Trooper investigates vehicle vs pedestrian crash

02/20/21: A trooper was dispatched to a vehicle and pedestrian crash westbound on I-70 at 18th street in Kansas City. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim was a passenger in a vehicle that was traveling westbound on I-70 west of 18th St. The victim was intoxicated and threatening to jump out of the moving vehicle. The driver pulled to the shoulder and stopped. The victim made suicidal statements and exited the vehicle. The victim ran into traffic and was struck by several vehicles. Troop A assisted with the investigation.

TROOP I

Troopers perform post-crash inspection

12/16/20: Troop C and D troopers responded to the scene of a one-vehicle fatality crash westbound on I-70 at milepost 224 (EW CO). The crash involved a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) hauling hazardous materials. TECHTRPs Jamie Berland and Wade Van Meter performed a post-crash inspection to include with the investigation.

MCI responds to investigate single vehicle crash

12/17/20: Troop C investigated a single-vehicle single-occupant fatality at K-57, mile marker 6, in Geary County. LEO II Joseph French responded and assisted with the investigation.

Selective enforcement held

01/12/21: Zone D held a selective enforcement from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Ellis County. TECHTRPs Jamie Berland, Brandon Miller and Dave Schoenberger participated in the enforcement. During the enforcement, they achieved two Level I inspections, five Level II inspections, and seven portable weight checks. They recorded 28 violations and placed four trucks and one driver out of service.

Zone D and F perform selective enforcement

01/13/21: Zone D had a selective enforcement from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Osborne County. TECHTRPs Jamie Berland, Brandon Miller, Dave Schoenberge and Jeff Schawe from Zone F participated in the enforcement. During the enforcement, they recorded two Level I inspections, four

Level II inspections, and 11 portable weight checks. They recorded a total of 36 violations, including six overweight NTAs, three overweight warnings, and three dyed fuel checks.

Trooper assists recovery effort for subject who fell through frozen lake

02/09/21: TECHTRP Brandon Miller was on patrol near the Kirwin Reservoir in Phillips County when he responded to a call regarding a subject who fell through the ice on a frozen lake. Miller assisted Phillips County Deputies, local officials, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Officers with the recovery effort. Unfortunately, the subject was deceased. Miller and Phillips County Deputies made the death notification to the spouse.

Searching for Armed Robbery Subject

02/09/21: There was an armed robbery at the bank in Burr Oak, Kan., in Jewell County. The suspect fled the scene in a Dodge truck. LT Keith Mintzmyer responded to assist multiple agencies in a search for the suspect. After a lengthy search, the vehicle was located but the whereabouts of the subject are still unknown. The investigation is ongoing.

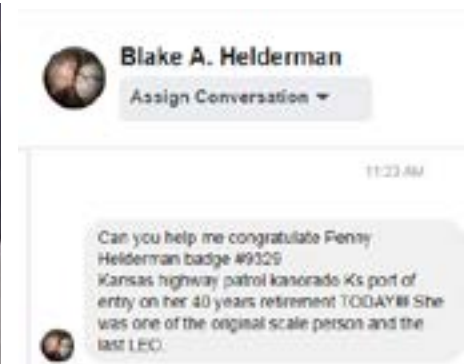
Scalehouse closed due to snow drift



02/15/21: The South Haven scalehouse was closed due to drifting snow. At some locations, the snow drifted against the building and almost to the roof.

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Can you help me congratulate Penny Helderman badge #9329, Kansas Highway Patrol Kanorado, KS, port of entry on her 40 years of retirement on 12/11/2020?



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