



CELEBRATING 85 YEARS OF SERVICE, COURTESY, AND PROTECTION

JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY PRESENTATION

TOPICS:

- Update on Agency Operations
- KHP Staffing Challenges
- Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Project Update
- Physical Mail Security Threats

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OUR MISSION

- **THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL IS DEVOTED TO IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH SPIRITED AND DEDICATED SERVICE. WE PLEDGE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO CONCERNS OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS. WE WILL DO THIS BY PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND SHARING RESOURCES IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER POSSIBLE.**
- **WE BELIEVE IN TREATING ALL PEOPLE WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT. THE PRESERVATION OF INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IS PARAMOUNT IN PERFORMING OUR DUTIES. PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF COWORKERS AND PROVIDING A SAFE, SECURE WORKING ENVIRONMENT ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE.**
- **WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THROUGH ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC, CRIMINAL, AND OTHER LAWS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, AND BY SUPPORTING HOMELAND SECURITY INITIATIVES. WE RECOGNIZE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO UPHOLD AND ENFORCE THIS AUTHORITY IN A COMPETENT, FAIR, AND HONEST MANNER.**

WHAT OUR AGENCY OFFERS THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS

- **PRESENCE** – THE ABILITY TO RESPOND ANYWHERE IN THE STATE OF KANSAS.
- **PROFESSIONALISM** – A DIVERSE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE WORKFORCE WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING.
- **AVAILABILITY** – WITH TROOPERS STATIONED THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WE ARE READY TO SUPPORT ANY LOCAL OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ON SHORT NOTICE.
- **SAFETY & SECURITY** – WE VIGOROUSLY PURSUE, APPREHEND, AND PROSECUTE THOSE WHO UTILIZE KANSAS HIGHWAYS FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

IN 2022:



**FIREARMS
SEIZED:**

34



**FENTANYL
SEIZED:**

116 LBS



**FELONY
ARRESTS:**

2,134



**DUI
ARRESTS:**

1,254



**SPEEDING
CITATIONS:**

60,162



**INJURY AND
FATAL CRASHES:**

1,762

OUR AGENCY BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2023:



**FIREARMS
SEIZED:**

**18
53%**



**FENTANYL
SEIZED:**

**26 LBS
22%**



**FELONY
ARRESTS:**

**647
30%**



**DUI
ARRESTS:**

**642
51%**



**SPEEDING
CITATIONS:**

**26,044
43%**

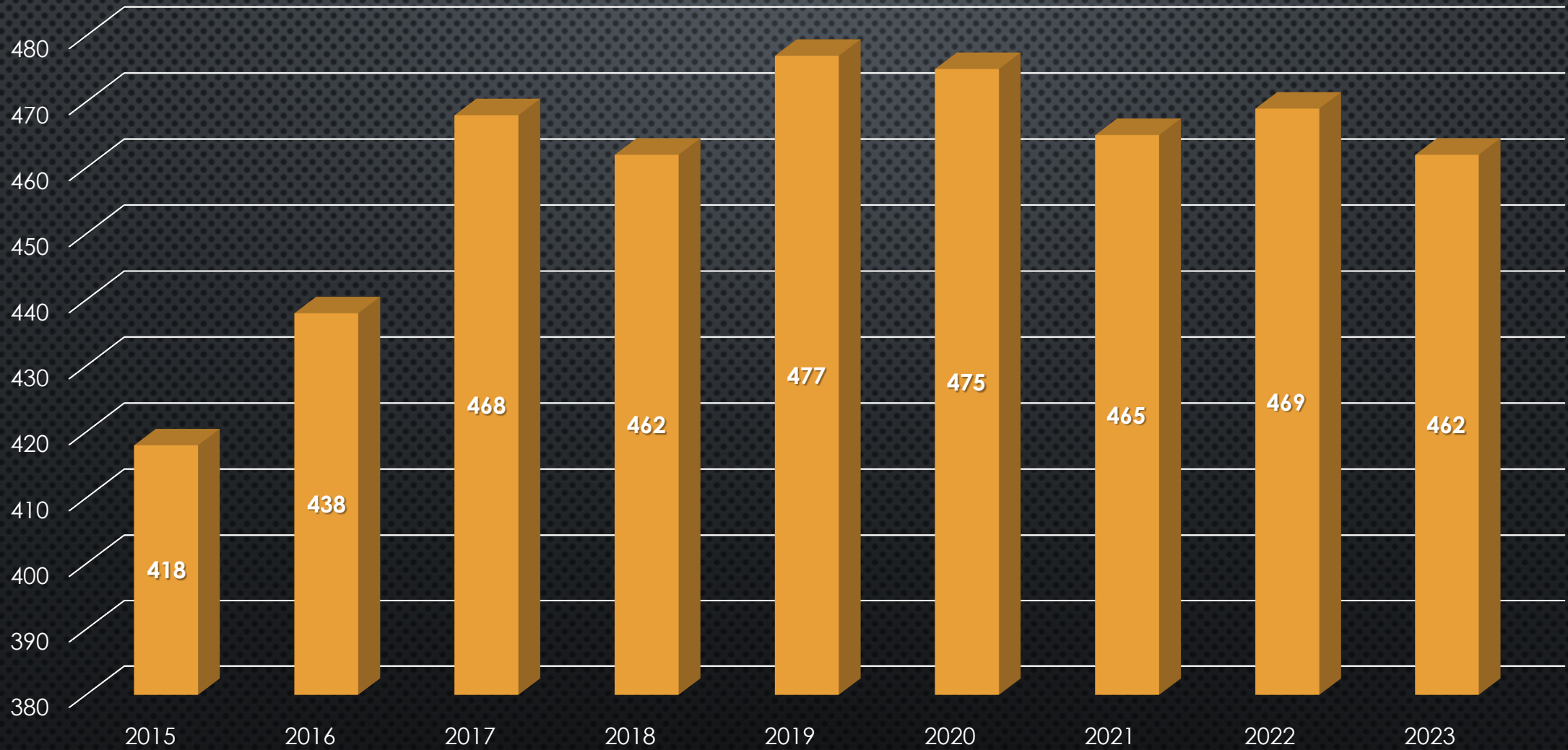


**INJURY AND
FATAL CRASHES:**

**850
48%**

OUR AGENCY BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBER OF SWORN PERSONNEL BY YEAR



RECRUIT TROOPERS CURRENTLY IN TRAINING

TWO CLASSES CONCURRENTLY TRAINING



21

THREE RECRUIT CLASSES SCHEDULED FOR 2024



- CLASS 68

REPORTS JANUARY 9

GRADUATES: JUNE 12

- CLASS 69

REPORTS JULY 9

GRADUATES: DECEMBER 17

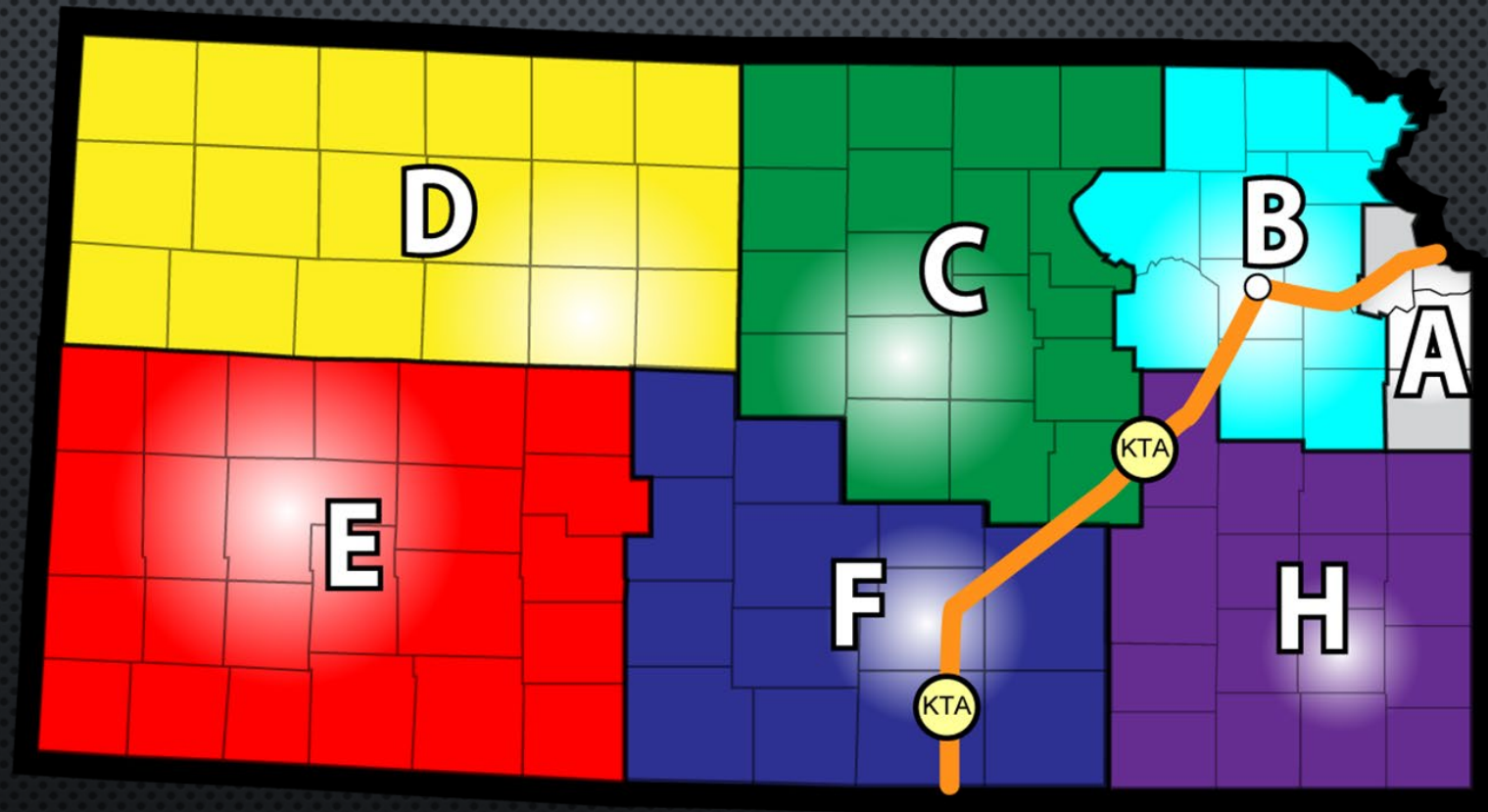
- CLASS 70 (CONDENSED)

REPORTS SEPTEMBER 24

GRADUATES: DECEMBER 17

How are we organized?

Field Troops





Troop I

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

MCSAP troopers and motor carrier inspectors decrease potential fatalities, injuries, and property damage with inspections of commercial vehicles and drivers

A group of men in blue uniforms and black caps are saluting outdoors. In the foreground, a shoulder patch is visible with the text "HIGH STATE" and "PATR".

Troop J

- Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy (KHPTA)
- Breath Alcohol Unit (BAU)

The Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy educates new troopers, is home to yearly in-service training, and provides training to outside agencies



BAU

- Breath Alcohol Unit

The KHP Breath Alcohol Unit helps limit impaired driving through check lanes and training of both KHP Troopers and outside law enforcement.



Troop K – Capitol Police

Capitol Police Officers have complete police powers to provide safety and security for visitors and employees on state property, the Capitol grounds, and area roadways.



Troop L – Dignitary Protection

Visiting dignitaries may be provided protection by the Protective Services Detail at the request of the Governor

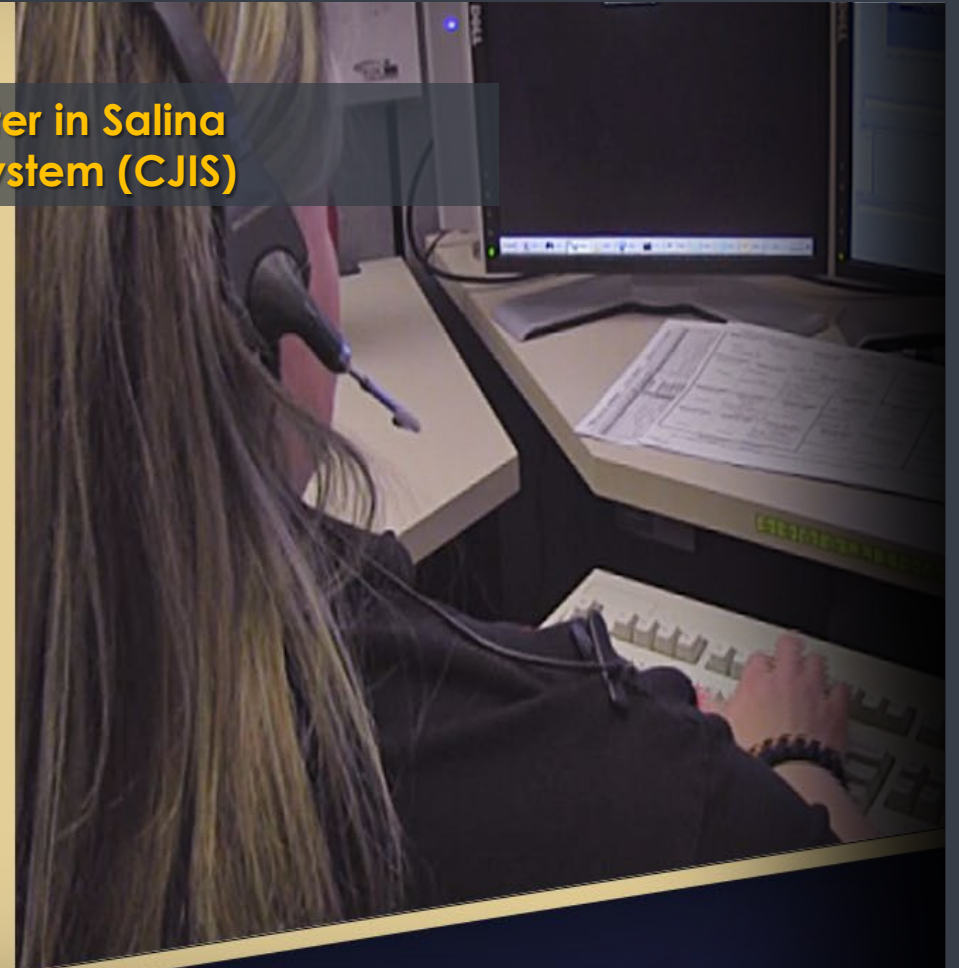
Troop M

- Central Communications Center in Salina
- Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS)



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OF OUR
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KHP DISPATCH

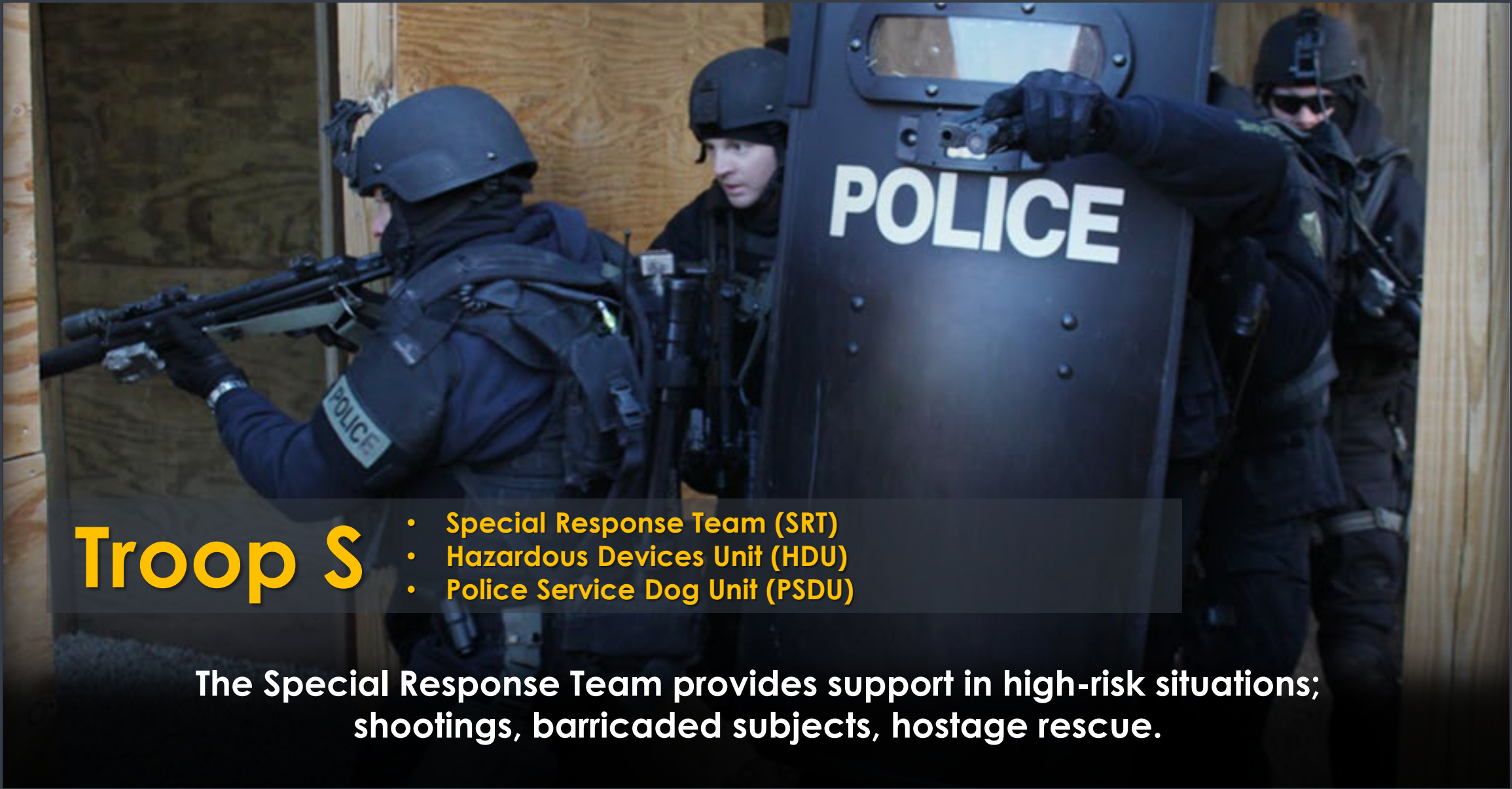


Based in Salina, Central Communications provides 24-7 dispatching services for troopers and citizens statewide.



Troop N

- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
- DEA Task Force
- Domestic Highway Enforcement Team (DHET)



Troop S

- Special Response Team (SRT)
- Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU)
- Police Service Dog Unit (PSDU)

The Special Response Team provides support in high-risk situations; shootings, barricaded subjects, hostage rescue.



The Hazardous Devices Unit provide bomb technicians, canines, and ordinance disposal for 75% of Kansas.

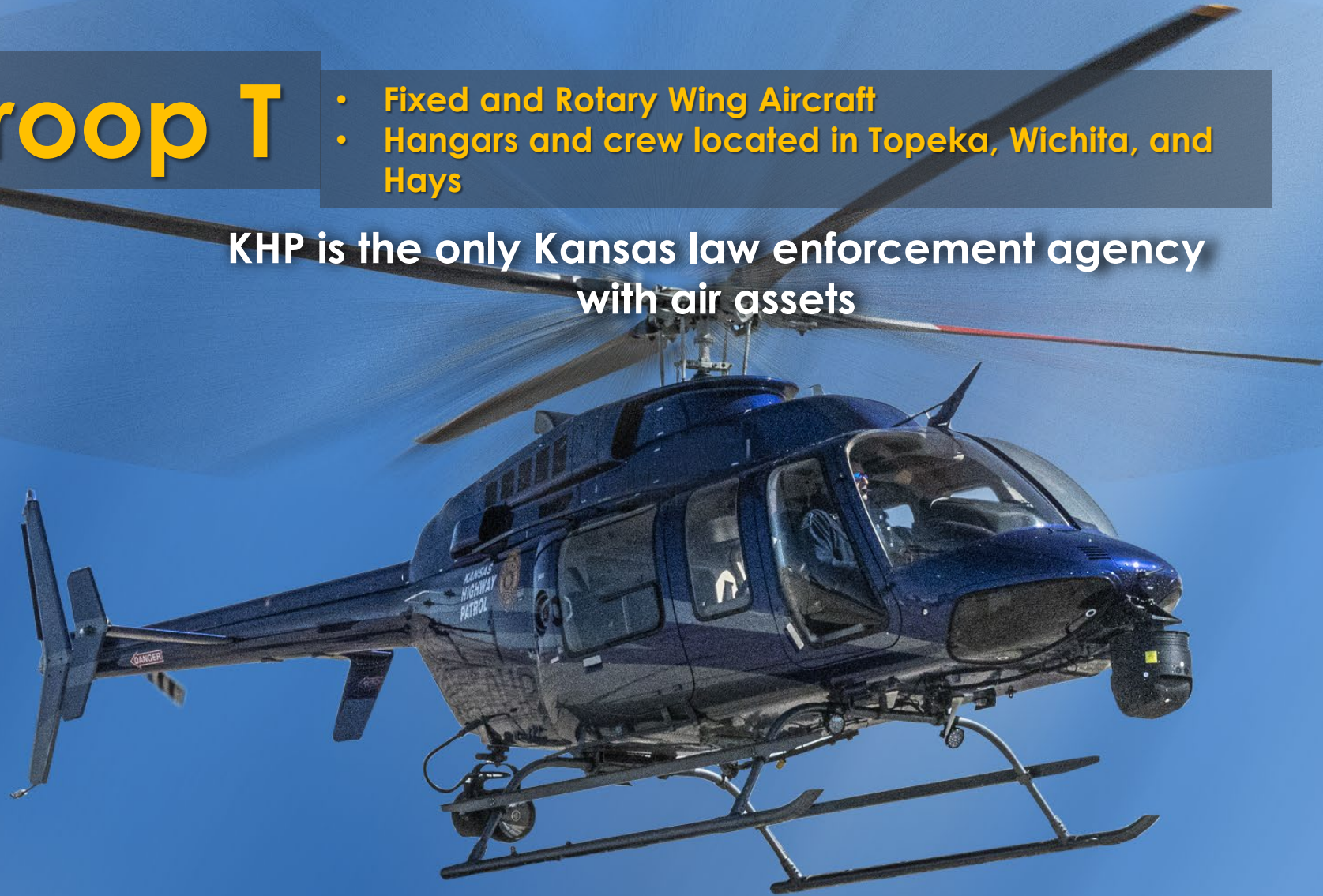


The Police Service Dog Unit provides handler protection, drug/explosive detection, tracking and support to the field troops.

Troop T

- Fixed and Rotary Wing Aircraft
- Hangars and crew located in Topeka, Wichita, and Hays

KHP is the only Kansas law enforcement agency
with air assets



HOMELAND SECURITY / EMERGENCY OPERATIONS



KHP serves as the State of Kansas Emergency Support Function (ESF) #13 Public Safety and Security Coordinator. The ESF provides a structure to communicate regularly with, and serve as a liaison to emergency management personnel at the federal state and local level.



Troop V

Coordinates the statewide vehicle inspection program to increase the detection and recovery of stolen vehicles and/or component parts. (K.S.A. 74-2135)

Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Update -

- Patrol (Law Enforcement) Radio Modernization Project – Kansas Statewide Interoperability Communications System Enhancement
 - Replace KHP radios, Central Communication radios/gateways
 - Add remote capable dispatch consoles
 - Compliance with Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) guidance
- The Agency was awarded \$15.0M and entered an MOA with the Department of Administration on February 17, 2023.
- As of September 30, 2023, the Agency has expended \$14.261M of the \$15.0M.
 - Purchase of equipment (complete)
 - Installation of the Key Management Facilities (KMF) and dispatch equipment (complete)
 - Programming and installation of KHP radios (in-progress)

Physical Mail Security Threats

- The June incident of this year is still an active investigation.
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in multiple locations are involved with the investigation with Kansas FBI being the lead, along with the United States Postal Service (USPS) and locally the Kansas Bureau of investigation (KBI).
- KHP is responsible for protecting the Capitol complex. In the event a mail threat incident (hazardous content or otherwise) is received at the Capitol, KHP would handle it consistent with HDU protocol and would coordinate with other LE stakeholders, as necessary.
- Further security and reporting features are left to the individual State and local facilities in house policies and procedures of handling and reporting suspicious packages and letters.

QUESTIONS?



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