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Trooper Justin Rohr helps reconstruct a two-vehicle collision set up by the Critical Highway Accident Response Team (CHART) as part of the Lethal Weapon training offered to prosecutors and law enforcement from Kansas. The training was held at Crisis City, outside of Salina. *Photo courtesy of KHP*



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Capitol Police Officer Receives Commander's Commendation

By Terry Golightley
Sergeant, K-1077

Law Enforcement Officer I Mike Pagel, K-1039, embarked on his career with the Kansas Highway Patrol in March 2005 and has been an extremely valuable asset since then. During his career with Troop K, he has participated as a Field Training Officer for new recruits and has assisted seasoned officers with guidance in different statute and arrest policies. Mike was called upon to serve as the Troop Evidence and Property Officer, which is a time consuming position given the accountability involved for all evidence that is processed within Troop K. He is still currently working in that position as well as assuming the regular duties of a patrol officer. Mike has worked all three shifts on Patrol and fills in when needed for intense hearings and building security.

Mike takes a proactive stance in his law enforcement career. Historically we've had experiences with mentally challenged individuals who arrived at state property, placing our officers in a unique position. Mike was one of several officers to take the Crisis Intervention Training class to help deal with the mentally challenged and provided a more proficient way to handle the problems we faced.

We also had several citizens in the past who were in need of an officer to assist in the appropriate car seat installation. Again Mike took the initiative to get the training and certification and accommodated these




individuals in keeping their children and families safe while travelling our highways.

Mike was presented a Commander's Commendation on May 11, 2010 by Captain Marc McCune. Mike entered a burning apartment house in an attempt to rescue occupants that were reportedly still inside. Through his actions he sustained smoke inhalation and was treated at an area hospital in Topeka.

McCune also presented a Commander's Commendation to Mike on Sept. 14, 2011. On Aug. 23, 2010, officers with Capitol Police initiated a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. During the investigation, which Mike took under his wing as the lead officer, approximately \$4,902 in stolen property was recovered. As a result of the investigation, the subject received 86 months in prison.

Mike is a very active in traffic enforcement activities. Mike has taken a very serious, no tolerance stand on seatbelt enforcement. He knows the value of the lives that are saved and wants Kansas to be a safer place for everyone while on the roadways of Kansas. In November of this year, I was informed that Mike has issued more than 500 seatbelt citations so far in 2011!

I am sure that his wife Josie, and his three boys, Titan, Taylen and Teagan, are as proud of Mike as is the rest of Troop K. I think I can speak for Troop K, in saying, "Thanks Mike for not only taking the oath to serve and protect, but following through with that oath through thick and thin." 



Lethal Weapons Training Offered to Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officers



By Andrea Nolte
KHP Publications Writer

Photos courtesy of KHP

Kansas prosecutors and law enforcement officers attended the first “Lethal Weapon: Investigating and Prosecuting DUI Related Fatalities” training offered in the state Oct. 3-6, 2011 near Salina at the Kansas Division of Emergency Management’s Crisis City. The training was implemented in Kansas to help officers and prosecutors work together for a successful prosecution.

“This is the first time we’ve done anything like this in Kansas,” said Karen Wittman, Kansas Assistant Attorney General.

Sixty-eight prosecutors and law enforcement officers from throughout the state attended the training, which was offered free of charge. The Lethal Weapon course is based off a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration course. For ideas on customizing the course to Kansas, planners talked to the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors from both Oregon and Idaho.

The KHP CHART team demonstrated a full crash and reconstruction for the group to witness and view the reconstruction process. They helped with other parts of the training as well.

Topics covered included: physics principles, pedestrian collisions, single vehicle collisions, occupant kinematics, intersection collisions, in-line collisions, implied consent, toxicology-medical records, the prosecutor’s role at the scene,

commercial vehicles, hit and run homicide, charging considerations, preparing the reconstructionist for court, and cross-examination for the defense reconstructionist.

The course was funded by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Room and board were provided at no cost at Nickell Barracks in Salina for participants and meals were provided. The only cost associated for the attendees was the transportation to and from the training. The program was sponsored by the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Attorney General’s Office, Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor’s Office, and KHP.

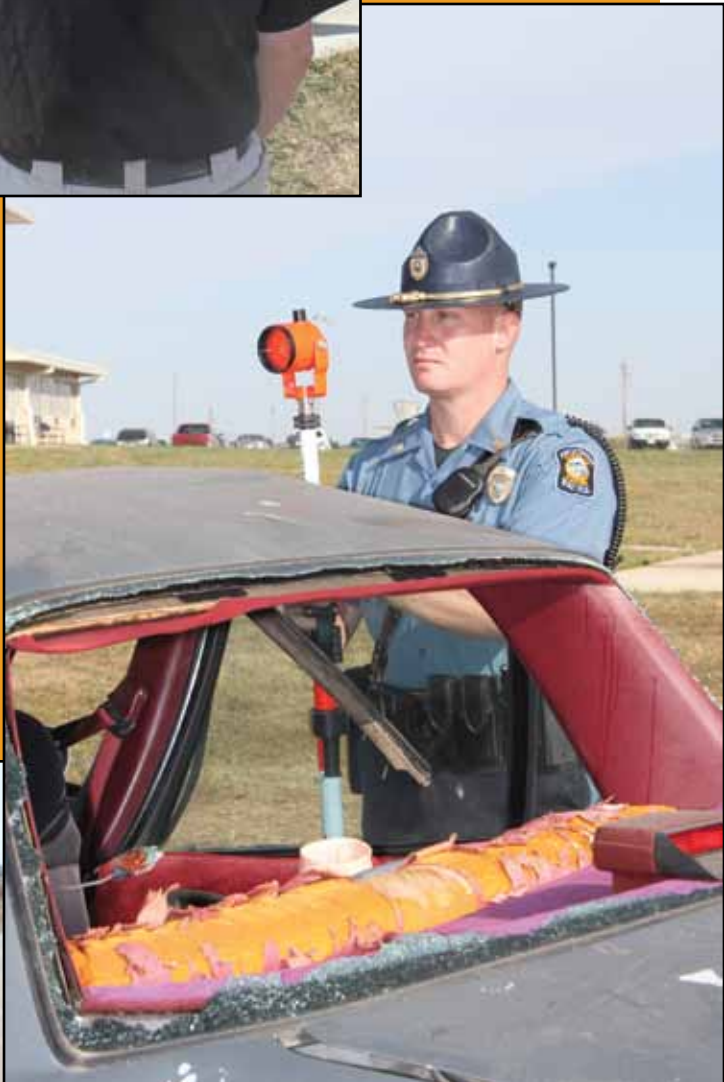


Master Trooper Richard Hageman instructs students during the Lethal Weapons training.



Technical Trooper Clayton Tarpley, CHART member, discusses crash dynamics following the crash, which was conducted as part of the training.

Trooper Justin Rohr assists in mapping the two-vehicle crash.



Technical Trooper Jeremy Harwood instructs students on tire skids on a gravel road as one practical module of the training.

KHP Recruit Class Hiring Update

Article & Photos By Andrea Nolte
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The 50th KHP Recruit Class is just weeks away from beginning. Recruits report to the Academy on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 for their 22 weeks of training. Their graduation will be in June 2012.

In late October 2011, 17 conditional offers were made to applicants to comprise the recruit class. These offers were extended following the written test, polygraphs, background investigation, and interviews.

On November 30, those who received conditional offers were again in Salina for the physical agility testing and psychiatric evaluations. They also underwent a second background check into their medical history.

Final offers of employment were sent out in early December.

Numbers-wise, here is a breakdown of candidates who passed each phase of the hiring process:

Total applicants:	532
Completed written exam:	225
Passed written exam :	96
(must pass all four sections)	
Passed polygraph exam:	48
Passed background:	27
Passed final interviews:	18
Withdrew (after interviews):	1

Where will the recruits be stationed?

Troop A-1

Johnson/Wyandotte counties

Osborne County
Sherman County
Thomas County

Troop B-2

Nemaha County
Shawnee County

Troop E-4
Finney County-2
Hodgeman County
Seward County

Troop C-2

McPherson County
Morris County

Troop F

Reno County-2
Sedgwick County-2 

Troop D-4

Decatur County



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