

## **Narrative Information—DA 400**

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Agency KSCPOST #529

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### **PROGRAM MISSION:**

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST) is committed to providing the citizens of Kansas with qualified, trained, ethical, competent, and professional peace officers. It is also dedicated to adopting and enforcing professional standards for certification of peace officers to promote public safety and preserve public trust and confidence.

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training is responsible for regulating and professionalizing law enforcement in Kansas. As such, the philosophy embedded in the KSCPOST is summarized by its motto: "Integritatis Ac Veritatis Defensores" or "Defenders of Integrity and Truth."

The 2006 Legislature approved the creation of the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 74-5603 and 74-5606). Funding for the agency is provided through court docket fees. KSCPOST began operations in FY 2008 in Hutchinson, Kansas, where one employee was provided a temporary office in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. The KSCPOST moved operations to a permanent location in Wichita, Kansas and currently employs 7 FTE and 2 Part-time Employees. The Commission Board consists of a 12-member body appointed by the governor.

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST) operations support our program mission. The KSCPOST is responsible for regulating the law enforcement profession in Kansas pursuant to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act, K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq. The Commission adopts and enforces rules and regulations that are necessary to ensure that law enforcement officers are adequately trained and certified. The Commission has been taxed to establish and maintain a Central Registry of all Kansas law enforcement officers, their training records and employment history. The Central Registry is relied upon by approximately 400+ Kansas law enforcement agencies and 8500+ Kansas law enforcement officers. As a result of the administrative investigations, the Commission may suspend, revoke, or deny the certification of a law enforcement officer. The Commission may also publicly or privately censure, reprimand, condition, or place a law enforcement officer on probation.

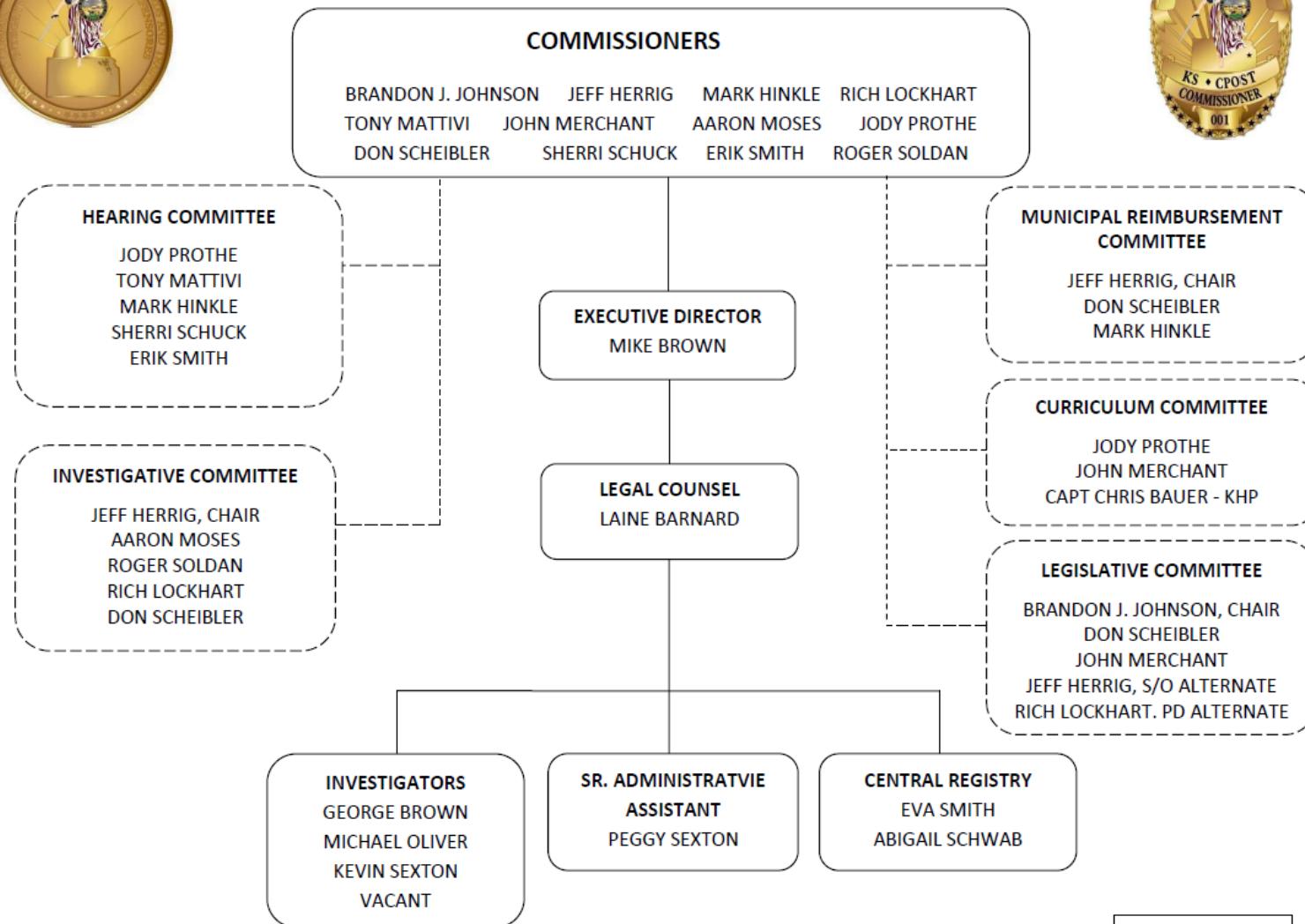
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### KSCPOST Organizational Chart



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### PROGRAM STATISTICS:

STATS	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Demographic Forms Processed	1340	1155	1339	1406	1314	1413	1341
Number of Officers Certified	603	602	605	610	616	645	674
Provisional Licenses Issued	808	698	788	826	734	858	734
Status Change / Separation Forms Processed	1992	1616	1780	2241	1964	1872	1886
Agency information Requests Received	518	441	416	482	554	630	613
Agency Requests Filled		467	424	466	553	632	625
KORA Requests Received	51	55	49	67	92	105	111
*Termination or Separation with "I" Code	111	79	89	96	94	118	241
Total IAPRO Incidents	152	120	154	526	541	552	454
Total IAPRO Cases Pulled	153	119	154	324	327	332	322
**Number of Delinquent Officers (Training Hours)	92	108	115	110	110	124	83
Extensions**	50	54	64	68	48	41	18
Modifications or Waivers**	10	2	14	17	11	39	3
Investigations**	6	6	5	6	6	7 ***	
Citizen Complaints	168	162	133	175	204	157	125
Cases Presented to CIC	164	106	144	141	130	164	167
Certification Actions	51	45	43	57	46	64	82
Biased-Based Policing Referrals from KSAG	6	11	11	5	4	11	9
Administrative Hearings	4	3	5	4	8	7	4
*2019 - 2024 was Termination/Separation with TA Violation							
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### PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Measure Type	Measure Text	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Estimate	FY2027 Estimate
Outcome	Percentage of Officers Certified Per Provisional License Issued	77%	74%	84%	75%	92%	80%	80%
Output	Number of certification actions taken	43	57	46	64	82	85	90
Output	Number of Demographic Forms Processed	1,339	1,406	1,314	1,413	1,341	1,363	1,415
Outcome	Percentage of Agency Information Requests Filled	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Output	Number of Investigations Presented to the Commission Investigative Committee	144	141	130	164	167	175	185

### EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION:

#### Salaries and Wages

Summary: For FY26, KSCPOST was approved to add one (1) additional FTE investigator bringing total employee count to seven (7) FTE and two part-time employees. Due to the additional FTE, changes in employee benefits and salary increases, FY26 is budgeted at \$780,629. Salaries and wages for FY27 is budgeted at \$785,282.

FY25 actual	\$ 613,179
FY26 budgeted	\$ 780,629
FY27 budgeted	\$ 785,282

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### Contractual Services

Summary: The FY25 Contractual Services included approximately \$30K for digitizing hard-copy historical records. We expect to see a slight increase in contractual services between FY26 and FY27 due to inflation, but somewhat offset the increase by a reduction in building lease and a reduction in software maintenance if we're able to replace existing software solutions with more modern versions.

FY25 actual	\$ 167,903
FY26 budgeted	\$ 223,250
FY27 budgeted	\$ 231,360

### Commodities

Summary: Although commodities are a relatively small expenditure for the POST annually, it has been affected by the rise in inflation and expanded future needs.

FY25 actual	\$ 6,934
FY26 budgeted	\$ 23,025
FY27 budgeted	\$ 25,300

### Capital Outlay

Summary: Capital Outlay for FY26 and FY27 will support on-going Central Registry, website and internal software solution updates, maintenance, and improvements. The central registry database contains records of approximately 35k current and past employee training and employment records. The POST website is the portal for all agencies and officers to access records, submit training reports and obtain required forms. Internal software used for tracking investigations authorized and required by statute is antiquated and in need of replacement.

FY25 actual	\$ 4,827
FY26 budgeted	\$ 46,600
FY27 budgeted	\$ 47,850

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### Aid to Locals

Summary: The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement Fund (#2583) is a separate pass-through fund in the KSCPOST budget and is used to reimburse municipal agencies for personnel sent to the law enforcement academy per K.S.A. 74-5620. The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement Fund receives revenue from a \$1 docket fee on municipal court cases. Municipal docket fees have continued to decline for the past several years prior to a slight increase in FY23 and again in FY25. The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement Fund received the following amounts over the last several years: FY20: \$155,583, FY21: \$139,066.63, FY22: \$130,541, FY23: \$137,118, FY24: \$124,896 and FY25: \$136,959 from municipal court docket fees. The Local Law Enforcement Training Reimbursement is a pass-through fund with no discretionary spending authority by KSCPOST.

FY25 actual	\$136,959
FY26 budgeted	\$136,959
FY27 budgeted	\$136,959

### FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY from IBARS:

Total FY25 actual expenditures	\$ 1,042,333
FY26 budgeted expenditures	\$ 1,210,464
FY27 budgeted expenditures	\$ 1,227,292

### BUDGET SAVINGS MEASURES:

The addition of an additional full-time investigator will significantly increase the efficiency of completing investigations. The number of cases presented to the commission and the number of actions taken by the commission on an officer's certification was at an all-time high in FY25. Not only has the increased workload made it difficult to investigate complaints, but the cases are growing in complexity. Most cases

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require the review of body cameras, internal affairs interview recordings and patrol car recordings. Often there are multiple sources of digital data that KSCPOST investigators need to acquire and review. We have made the following budget savings measures to make operations leaner and more efficient.

- Require law enforcement agencies to enter their own training data. This resulted in the savings of 200+ hours for one FTE annually.
- Received ARPA grant to digitize investigative records. This results in investigator and legal counsel time savings of 100+ hours annually.
- Secured a lease agreement with the KHP that will result in annual savings of approximately \$12k per year, while gaining a more secure workspace and contributing to the budget of another state agency instead of a private building owner.
- We will begin exploring options and hopefully moving forward with technology upgrades and replacing existing outdated systems, which will result in significant time and money savings.
- Additionally, our expenditures were significantly under budget in FY25.

### **FEE-FUND REVENUE DELCINE:**

KSCPOST is a fee-funded agency and pursuant to K.S.A. 12-4117, \$5.00 of the assessed \$22.50 municipal court docket fee is allocated to fund KSCPOST. The remaining balance of the \$22.50 docket fee is allocated to other State funds, including \$11.50 allocated to the State General Fund, which previously was allocated to the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC), KSCPOST's predecessor and sister agency under the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act K.S.A. 74-5601. Over the last several years, the revenue generated pursuant to K.S.A. 12-4117 and allocated to KSCPOST has been steadily declining while expenditures to fulfil the statutory mission of KSCPOST have increased despite implemented cost saving measures (see historical chart below):

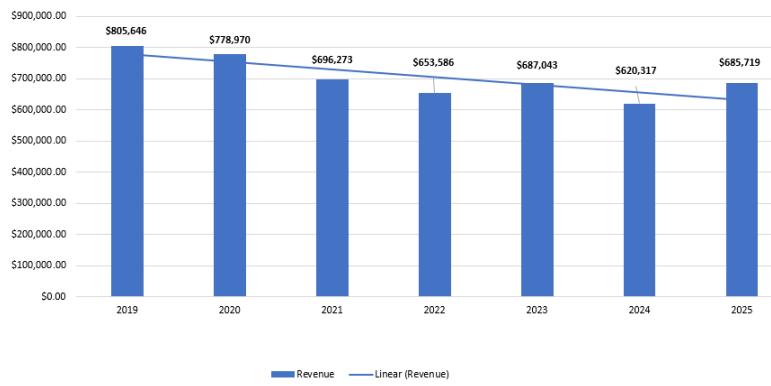
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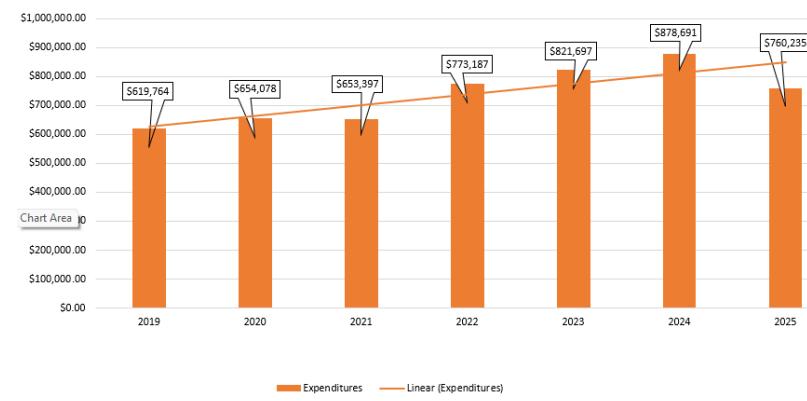
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2583 Cash Flow Chart (fee fund)



2583 Cash Flow Chart (fee fund)



Despite numerous cost saving measures implemented by KSCPOST over the last several years (mentioned above) and continuing concerted efforts to increase efficiency and drive down operating costs, the combination of declining fee-funded revenues coupled with inflation, increased case load, operational demands and operating costs, the current allocation to KSCPOST is not going to be able to provide enough revenue to sufficiently fund KSCPOST in the very near future. In order to continue to provide an acceptable level of statutorily mandated services to the 2.9 million residents of Kansas served by the 400+ law enforcement agencies and 8,500+ certified law enforcement officers in the State of Kansas, the declining revenues generated pursuant to K.S.A. 12-4117 will have to be addressed as soon as possible. Possible solutions would be:

- Increase the total docket fee in K.S.A. 12-4117 of \$22.50 to \$27.50 and allocate the additional \$5.00 to KSCPOST;
- Reallocate a portion, or the entirety, of the \$11.50 (previously allocated to KLET) to KSCPOST;
- Enact a new statute similar to K.S.A. 12-4117 that assesses a docket fee on certain District Court cases.

Without a mechanism in place to remedy the declining fee-fund revenue, KSCPOST will not be able to continue to fulfil its statutorily mandated mission in an efficient and effective manner, which would severely and adversely affect the vetting, certification and continued efforts to ensure Kansas law enforcement officers meet and maintain the highest standards.

End of Report