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2024 JOINT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR KACP, KPOA and KSA

PRIORITY BILLS

- Ks Law Enforcement Training Center Funding Adjustment (Support)** (HB2491 + Funding adjustments in general fund budget.
No funding increase since 2016; services will have to be cut at end of FY2024 if not addressed.
- Oppose Elimination or Severe Restrictions to Civil Asset Forfeiture (Oppose 2023 HB2380)**
Also See HB2606 and SB458.
Important tool for fighting trafficking of fentanyl and other illicit drugs.
- Fentanyl Distribution Sentencing Enhancements (Support SB414)** Targeting the offender side of the Fentanyl crisis.
- Victim Notification System (VINE) Funding (Attorney General Budget Item)**
Federal funding for system is ending. Without this funding this vital victim service will end.
- Work Comp coverage for First Responders PTSD Treatment (Support 2023 SB165)**
First responders currently only covered they incur a related physical injury. Other responders not physically injured in same traumatic incident are not covered.
- Peer Support Confidentiality Enhancement (Support HB2557)**
Encourages first responders to seek counseling and guidance for mental health concerns not directly related to a call for service.

OTHER IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- Public Safety
 - Bond Agent contactless e-bonds and other good business practices. (Support HB2755)
 - DL sanctions for speeding in excess of 100 mph (Support SB476)
Speeding offenses at the high excesses are dramatically increasing.
 - Oppose Marijuana Legalization, medical or recreational (Oppose)
We oppose the method of sale and concerned about public safety issue occurring in other states.
- Officer Safety
 - Increased penalties for failing to move over for stopped emergency vehicle resulting in collision, injury or death. (Support SB426)
 - Increased Penalty for killing or injuring a police service animal (Support HB2583)
- Mental Health
 - Continue to address State Hospital Capacity: Emergency Commitments and Competency.
Waiting lists still exist at both Osawatomie State Hospital and Larned State Hospital
(Support continuation of KDADS reimbursement to local LE, Hospitals, CMHC for cost of holding patients waiting for open beds at state hospitals)
- KPERS
 - KPERS Retiree Inflation Adjustment (Support SB198/HB2252) (Oppose HB2025)
26 yrs since last inflation adjustment for KPERS Retirees

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During the 2023 session, the legislature passed several bills addressing concerns we presented last year. We thank the legislators for listening and responding to these public safety needs.

- Approved funding for the South-Central Kansas mental health facility.
- Established reimbursement for local costs associated with wait times for admission to state programs for mental health commitments and competency evaluations and treatment.
- Passed legislation to make the Juvenile Crisis Intervention Centers a reality.
- Expanded the Deferred Retirement Option Program to local KP&F agencies.
- Enhanced sentencing for manufacturing illegal drugs containing fentanyl. (Now we need to do the same for those distributing those drugs to our youth and neighbors.)
- Clarified that pressing illegal drugs into imitation prescription drugs is an act of illegal distribution.
- Expanded drug treatment options for person convicted of a wider list of crimes.
- Passed modifications to the interference of a law enforcement officer to recognize the higher risk to the public and to officers when fleeing from a lawful detention or arrest.
- Passed stronger laws for felons prohibited from possessing a firearm committing new crimes with a firearm.
- Passed a law to help us better vet law enforcement applicants who have applied to multiple law enforcement agencies.
- Updated the jail statutes that had not been amended for over 100 years.
- Made some adjustments to the Juvenile Offender Act to correct gaps in holding juvenile offenders accountable to complete their treatment programs.
- Clarified the use of tracking devices to determine the location of a person with a protection order is a violation of the order.
- Kept the Scrap Metal Act alive by extending the sunset and clarifying the law relating to stolen catalytic converters.
- Added Kansas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement officers to eligibility to the KP&F retirement system.