



Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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Dear Fellow Law Enforcement Professionals,

In response to a request for information regarding the creation of a statewide use-of-force data repository, the KBI has created a briefing packet to assist you. This material is meant to aid in the analysis of current use-of-force data collection systems used nationally and within Kansas. Furthermore, this information will explain the voluntary reporting process for the new Kansas Use-of-Force Repository and summarize the cooperative efforts the KBI has undertaken with our law enforcement partners to create a system in Kansas that will collect and retain information relevant to the use of force by and against law enforcement officers.

The following five documents outline how the Kansas Use-of-Force Repository was developed:

1. Attorney General Schmidt's request letter to the KBI
2. Letter to Kansas Sheriffs and Chiefs from KBI Director Thompson
3. Report to the Attorney General on the Current Status of Data Collection in Kansas
4. Timeline for the Development of the Kansas Use-of-Force Repository
5. Critical Issues Paper on Use-of-Force Data Collection

The five documents listed above can be accessed through the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) website at: <https://www.kcjis.state.ks.us>

If you or someone from your agency has any questions regarding this material or the Kansas Use-of-Force Repository, or if your agency wishes to participate in the use-of-force beta-test group, please contact Mitch Beemer at (785) 296-8279 or mitch.beemer@kbi.ks.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of the KBI and our mission to provide professional investigative, laboratory, and criminal justice information services to the Kansas criminal justice community.

Sincerely,

Kirk D. Thompson
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