

Shawnee County Sheriff's Office



Kansas Police & Fire SNSO Retirees

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Retirement System**

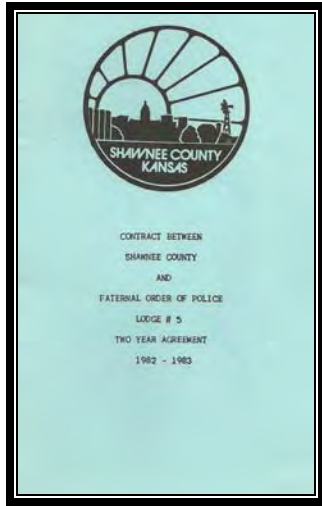
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Rich Mergen
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**KPERS at SNSO
(prior to 1986)**

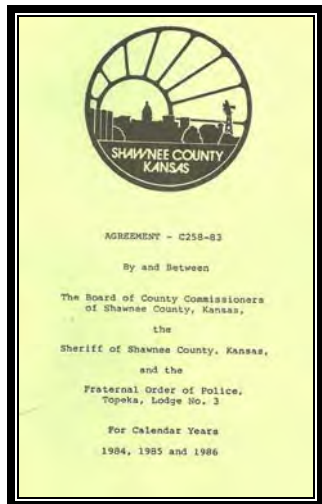


Section 27.0 – Retirement

27.1 – During the term of this agreement, the County shall provide all employees with retirement benefits under the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System.

KPERS established in Kansas - 1962

**Kansas Police & Fire
(KP&F) at SNSO**



Section 27.0 – Retirement

27.1 During the first two (2) years of this agreement, the County shall provide all employees with retirement

benefits under the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. **Effective January 1, 1986, the County shall provide all employees with retirement benefits under the Kansas Police and Firemen’s System.** Any bargaining unit employee determined by the Kansas Police and Firemen’s Retirement System Administrator not to be eligible for participation in the retirement system, shall be given a cost of living increase equal to the same cost of living allowance, percentage merit increase or any combination thereof granted to non-union County employees during calendar years 1985 and 1986.

KP&F established in Kansas - 1966

**SNSO Negotiating Team
1983**

**William Hudson, Chairman
Ken Owensby
J. D. Mauck
Marsha Baird**

**Ernest V. Pease Jr., Attorney,
Negotiator for FOP Lodge No. 3**

**Sheriff
Ed Ritchie**

**Shawnee County
Commissioners**

**Velma Paris, Chairman,
Democrat - 3rd District**

**Richard A. Maner
Democrat - 2nd District**

**Winifred L. Kingman
Republican - 1st District**

**Joe Zima, Assistant County
Counselor, County Negotiator**

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**Shawnee County Sheriff
Herman T. Jones**



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Once again two of our finest Shawnee County retirees; Lieutenant Richard Mergen and Sergeant J.D. Mauck have done true diligence in assembling another historical document reflective of our Sheriff Officers. So many officers had the good fortune to move into the next stage of life with a retirement. Unfortunately, several have passed but their legacy lives on with this agency and the Shawnee County community. I am constantly reminded of the devoted personnel that sacrifice their lives for the citizens of Shawnee County. I want take this opportunity to commend those of this agency that made a difference in this agency and many other lives. The legacy of your devotion is one that should live on for years to come.

I specifically commend Sheriff Barta for his distinguished years of service to the public. His exemplary stature within this community was and continues to be reflective of this agency. I appreciate his notable role in leading the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office as a flagship agency in Kansas. Not one person is the agency yet one person represents the entire agency.

Retirement is the pinnacle of any career particularly when it involves an extended tenure with a law enforcement agency. As we know, law enforcement is a profession that encompasses many tragedies and triumphs. Nonetheless, these are rewarding experiences that come with being a law man. I know without a doubt that we will continue to be a positive fingerprint in Shawnee County. I thank you all, past and present, for playing a significant role in the making of this historical document.

Herman T. Jones
Shawnee County Sheriff

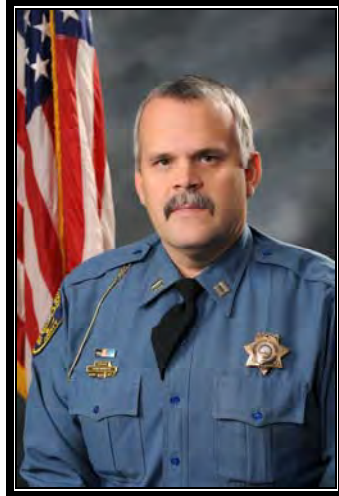
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Major Phil Blume
since 1989



Captain Lance Royer
since 1988



Captain Shane Hoobler
since 1989



Captain Michael Kolbek
since 1994



Captain Phil Higdon
since 1997



Lieutenant Sam Leone
since 1994



Lieutenant John Ostenson
since 1994



Lieutenant Jay Simecka
since 1994



Lieutenant Tom Bronaugh
since 1995

Shawnee County Sheriff's Office – Staff 2012



Lieutenant Akim Reynolds
since 1996



Lieutenant Scott Askew
since 1997



Lieutenant Dan Lotridge
since 1999



Lieutenant Justin Vest
since 2002



Staff 1989 - Shawnee County Sheriff's Office

Front row – (L to R) Sheriff Ritchie, Capt. Good, Undersheriff Collie
Back row (L to R) Lt. Hudson, Lt. Sargent, Lt. Lovelace, Capt. Bryant,
Maj. Pierce, Lt. Fouts, Capt. Lee, Lt. Crane, Lt. Long

Headlines – Newspaper Articles

August 19, 1983
The Topeka Capital Journal

Voters May Decide Benefit Plan

Voters may be asked to make the final decision on how retirement benefits for sheriff's deputies are structured in Shawnee County, a situation that now has contract negotiators stalemated.

Fact finding began Thursday in the contract talks between the county and its sheriff's deputies, as fact finder Stephen W. Boyda listened to both sides at the Kansas Bar Association, 1200 Harrison.

The fact finder has 21 days to render his finding on the contract dispute, and a non binding recommendation will be made to county commissioners. The current two-year contract with the county, which covers deputies of the rank sergeant and below, expires December 31.

Ernest V. Pease Jr., the attorney representing sheriff's deputies in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3, said the deputies want out from under Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. Instead, the deputies want to join the Kansas Police and Fireman Retirement System, which Pease says offers a better retirement package.

Joe Zima, assistant county counselor, says he is concerned about funding the KPF retirement package, and that the present retirement program is "pretty decent". The county doesn't want to set up the KPF without having a way to find it, he said.

But Zima noted that county commissioners like the KPF retirement system, and they favor letting county voters decide the issue by placing it on the August 1984 election ballot.

Zima noted that two county commissioners, Velma Paris and Dick Maner will be up for re-election in 1984.

"It's an election year next year and perhaps they feel it would be wiser to let the people have their say" on the retirement system rather than make the decision alone, he said.

Pease said the FOP is afraid KPF would be defeated in an election by cost-conscious voters if other issues are added to the ballot.

Sheriff's deputies would like a specific date, January 1, 1985, that they would be switched to the Kansas Police and Fire Retirement System, Pease said.

If KPF is included in the 1984 contract, county commissioners would have 6 ½ months to find a way to finance the system without raising the mill levy, Pease said.

Zima said the county would have problems in financing the new retirement system, noting that county commissioners had imposed a mill levy limit of 28.28 mills for the 1984 budget, plus whatever levy is needed to fund the civic center bonds, interest and operations.

Pease said the January 1, 1985, target date for putting deputies under the KPF retirement system wouldn't have any effect in the 1984 mill levy.

The length of the contract is also up for grabs. The county negotiators would prefer a one-year contract with the deputies, and the deputies would like to forge a two-year pact. But the FOP would agree to the one-year contract the county seeks if KPF retirement plan is included in the 1984 contract, Pease said.



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Joe Zima
Shawnee County
Assistant County Counselor

Saturday, September 17, 1983
The Topeka Capital Journal

Stalemate Continues for Deputies

The Sheriff's deputies contract impasse was renewed Friday, when the Shawnee County contract bargaining team rejected a fact-finding report that calls for change in the deputies' retirement system.

The 27-page fact-finding report was discussed in a closed door meeting between the deputies' negotiators and the county Friday morning. At a press conference Friday afternoon negotiators announced that the sheriff's union had accepted the findings, but the county took exception to several of the points.

Ernest Pease Jr., attorney for the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3 bargaining team, said the sheriff's officers are pleased with the report, which calls for a rapid change in the retirement system. Currently the deputies are under the KPERs, which mean most officers would be 65 to 70 before they become eligible to retire.

The FOP and the fact-finder – Marysville attorney Steven Boyda – support the change to KPF Retirement System,

Pease said. KPF is structured for the special needs of police and firemen and allows retirement at age 55, Pease said.

Assistant County Counselor Joe Zima said the county supports the implementation of KPF, but that a one mill increase in the property tax levy would be necessary. One mill represents a dollar of tax on every \$1,000 of assessed property evaluation. Zima said the county position remains that county voters should make the decision by public vote in August 1984.

Boyda said in his report that the KPF system should be implemented by January 1, 1985, and said that the commissioners have the power to make it effective. He said the commissioners should not make the retirement issue a political one by taking it to the voters.

"The importance of providing adequate retirement overrides any political considerations," he said.

The commission has already said voters would approve the levy, so it should "act in its representative capacity approving the 1985 levy and avoid making the matter of the retirement program a campaign issue." Boyda said.

But Zima said the commission has scheduled a public hearing – the next legal step in breaking an impasse. The meeting is tentatively set for 7 pm September 29 in the city commission chambers.

If commission members hear citizen comments supportive of the KPF system they might consider approving the levy before the current contract expires December 31, 1983, Zima said. If they remain convinced the matter should be decided by public vote then the levy increase would be placed on the ballot in 1984, he said.

Pease made assurance that the deputies would not strike in any situation, even that of working without a contract. He said he has made a motion to the

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commissioners to amend the current contract that would allow it to be extended into 1984 if the dispute can't be settled before expiration.

The issued of retirement has been the biggest block in the talks, Pease said. Throughout the negotiations the FOP has agreed to drop other items in hopes of settling the retirement plan it has sought for the last eight years. Pease said the fact-finder report is as far as FOP wants to go in the give and take process.

The county also was not satisfied with three other report items: shift differential, uniform allowances and pay for negotiations time.

The county opposed those items on the basis of increased cost only. While each was important in other years, they have assumed a lesser role to the retirement issue, Pease said.



**Sketch drawn by
Deputy J. D. Mauck Aug 1983**

**Wednesday, September 28, 1983
The Topeka Capital Journal**

Bargainers to Discuss Contract

Negotiators representing Shawnee County Sheriff's deputies will meet with county bargainers at 7 pm Thursday to try to break the deadlock on the 1984 contract for deputies.

The meeting will be in the new city commission chambers at 214 East 8th and is open to the public.

On September 16, negotiators representing the sheriff and the county commissioners rejected a fact-finding report that called for a change in the retirement system for deputies, the major stumbling block in settling the contract dispute. Negotiators for the deputies accepted the findings of the report.

The fact-finder supported changing deputies quickly from the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System to the Kansas Police and Firefighters Retirement System. County negotiators maintain voters should decide in August 1984, whether to increase the property tax levy to finance the change to the KPF system.

Joe Zima, assistant county counselor, said Tuesday that an actuarial study showed conversion from the KPER system to the KPF system would cost \$1,294,700 if the unfunded accrued liability is paid at the outset. If amortized over 20 years, it would cost \$361,800 a year for a total of \$7,236,000. A 40-year amortization plan would cost \$335,000 a year for a total of \$13,428,000 he said.

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Friday, September 30, 1983
The Topeka Capital Journal

Speakers Favor New Retirement Plan

By Roger Aeschliman

Several citizens told Shawnee County Commissioners Thursday they want a change in the system of retirement for deputies, and they want the commission to decide whether to raise property taxes one to three mills to finance the change.

In a public hearing at 7 pm in the new city commission chambers, the county commissioners heard comments from seven Shawnee Countians, all calling for a switch from KPERS to the KPF Retirement system for deputies. KPF is structured for the special needs of police and allows retirement with full benefits at age 55 after 20 years of service.

Information offered at the beginning of the meeting showed that under KPERS, deputies can retire at age 65 after 10 years service on the department. Average age of the deputies is 36.5 years, and the average years of service left for full benefit retirement is 30.5 years. That would mean many of the officers would have to continue out on patrol until age 65 to 70. That isn't feasible, and is part of the reason no none has ever retired from the sheriff's department under KPERS.

Commission chairman Velma Paris said after the meeting that she was pleased with the comments and that she wasn't surprised no one spoke against the new system. She said many people who would oppose a property tax increase stay away from speaking out in public, and that she expects to receive calls and letters both for and against the new system.

Retirement is the continuing clot in concluding the deputies contract negotiations which began in January. The contract expires at the end of the

year and attempts at mediation and fact-finding have failed. The fact-finders reports call for the implementation of KPF in January 1985 and both FOP bargaining team and Sheriff Ed Ritchie accepted the findings.

However, the findings are non-binding and thus far the county has rejected the proposal. Funding the new system is the basis for the rejection. Joe Zima, assistant county counselor, explained at the hearing. All parties agree that KPF is better for the officers than KPERS, Zima said, but to begin the system in 1985 means that \$1,294,700 in unfunded liability would have to be paid to begin with.

Right now that means either a one mill a year increase for 40-years, or a three-mill increase for one year for property tax payers, Zima said. A compromise figure between those two could be made, he said. Alternatives to finding KPF have been studied but not have worked out so far.

When the Commission first rejected the fact-finders report, Paris said, members believed the system was needed but that the public should vote on the matter on the 1984 primary ballot. The meeting Thursday allowed for public comment to try to change the commission's collective mind.

Paris first called for anyone supporting a public vote to come up and speak. No one did.

When opponents of the public vote were asked to speak seven people – one a relative of a deputy – suggested the commission approve the plan by the commissioner's own authority.

Glenn Roberts, a resident of Meadowbrook area, said the county had never before put "negotiable items" before the public to vote on, and that to do so with the deputies' retirement would be a dangerous precedent.

Other citizens commented on morale and the need to keep extremely competent professionals on duty.

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Several said a man of 65 would be troubled to do the high energy work of a patrol officer.

Alvin Callahan, of the Oak Park area, called the KPERS system a “gross inequity” that drives good officers away from the department because they have no secure future there.

KPERS is “tantamount to saying you’re going to have any retirement at all,” Callahan said.

Paris said it would be about two weeks before the commission decides to vote on the change or votes to put it on the ballot. She said that would give concerned citizens who missed the hearing enough time to speak before they decide.

Commissioner Dick Maner said it is easy to say “raise taxes four or five mills,” but that no one wants to do it. He said he is continuing to work on a wheel tax that could provide funding for KPF.



Sergeant Bill Hudson
Chairman – SNSO Negotiating Team

December 9, 1983
The Topeka Capital Journal

Agreement Found on Pact for Deputies

A tentative, three-year agreement between deputies was reached Thursday offering the first hope of concluding a year of contract negotiations.

Representatives of the county, the sheriff, and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3, the sheriff’s bargaining unit, announced the agreement about 6:45 pm, after a four-hour session.

Upgrading of the retirement system was the key to the issue and, if all parties approve the contract, deputies will go on the Kansas Police and Firefighters’ Retirement System effective January 1, 1986, Ernie Pease, attorney for the deputies, said.

Wage increases in 1985 and 1986 fell in exchange for the retirement program, Pease said, and deputies will receive an average 4.11 percent increase in wages in 1984 but none the two years after that.

The deputies currently are under the Kansas Public Employees’ Retirement System.

KPF will allow deputies to retire at age 55 after 20 years of service, but the system also demands bigger employee contributions. Pease said in 1986, a year in which deputies will not receive a raise, the net effect will be a salary decrease.

He said he was glad to have reached the tentative agreement but was not pleased with it.

“We never felt the retirement should have been negotiable,” Pease said.

Negotiators had a public meeting September 29, Joe Zima, assistant county counselor, said. At that time the stumbling block was how to fund the

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system, rather than whether there should be a new system.

Alternative financing possibilities have since appeared and by 1986, there should be adequate funding to cover the cost, Zima said. Zima said he was “confident that the contract will be received well.”

The agreement will be written into contract form, reviewed by the negotiators and then sent to the FOP bargaining unit for a vote. If approved by the deputies it will go before the County Commissioners for approval, Zima said.

The current contract expires midnight December 31.



**Friday, December 23, 1983
The Topeka Capital Journal**

Sheriff's Deputies Accept Proposed Wage Contract

After almost a year of negotiations, Shawnee County sheriff's deputies accepted a new contract Thursday night that would transfer the officers from the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System to the Kansas Police and Firefighters Retirement System.

At a special meeting of the sheriff's bargaining unit of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3, deputies voted to accept the contract offer from the county, said Ernie Pease, bargaining unit attorney.

The contract will now go before the Shawnee County Commissioners and Sheriff Ed Ritchie for final approval.

Pease said he expected both parties to act on the contract next week and that he was cautiously optimistic that they would both adopt it, thus making it effective January 1.

The current contract expires midnight December 31.

The new three year contract would transfer the deputies from KPERS to KPF on January 1, 1986, Pease said. Deputies have been trying to get into KPF for seven years, and to do so this year they agreed to no wage increases in 1985 or 1986, Pease said.

If the commissioners accept the contract, the officers will receive an average 4.11 percent raise in 1984, Pease said.

The retirement program has been the key issue in the negotiations, which began in January.



**Sheriff Ed Ritchie
1981 - 1993**

Reflections of the 1983 Negotiations

Ernest Pease Jr. Reflections:

This negotiation was particularly challenging. To say that it was a struggle is almost an understatement. What the FOP was asking for was not only reasonable, but simply the right thing to do. The FOP was fortunate to have a very strong leadership and negotiating team at the time that was willing to take a stand. There was tremendous pressure placed upon the team and individual members, with the clear expectation that the FOP would cave in and take what was offered or suffer the consequences. That tactic didn't set well. The leadership and membership of the FOP recognized that if they didn't stand up then, that it may be very difficult to ever secure the respect and fair treatment they deserved as dedicated law enforcement officers for a long time if ever. Great respect and thanks is due those who stood up and saw the process through.

***Ernest V. Pease Jr., Attorney
Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #3
and SNSO Negotiator 1983***



J. D. Mauck Reflections:

The negotiations for the FOP contract that was to include the Shawnee County Sheriff's officers in the Kansas Police and Fire retirement system I remember as a very long struggle. The cost to Shawnee County taxpayers was a huge amount, well over one million dollars if the unfunded liability were paid up front.

One of the advantages we negotiators enjoyed was that Sheriff Ed Ritchie and the highest ranking officers were in favor of our goal of gaining the KP&F retirement system. Of course supervisors like Bob Inman and Ken Pierce would benefit as much as we would. Sheriff Ed Ritchie was already a retiree of the Topeka Police Department, so he saw the benefits in retaining employees.

In 1983, no officer had yet remained employed long enough to retire from the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department.

A challenge to the negotiators was to convince the younger officers that they would someday face retirement and that it would be to their advantage to sacrifice today for benefits far in their future. Convincing a young person that they will someday grow old can be a challenge! (They all did, by the way)

The County Commissioners at the time could see the advantages of making the Sheriff's Department more of a professional organization with long-term benefits, but they faced the responsibilities they owed to taxpayers to keep taxes as low as possible.

There were times when we became discouraged and wondered if we would succeed in our goal of obtaining Kansas Police and Fire retirement. Some of us were in our 40's and could see retirement coming closer. We were willing to forego what raises in salary we must do without and we were willing to pay the higher deduction for retirement costs while continuing to pay Social

Reflections of the 1983 Negotiations

Security deductions. We were willing to stay at the negotiation tables as long as necessary. We won! We owe our success to the good will of the County Commissioners and the solidarity of our FOP members.



J. D. Mauck
1983 SNSO Negotiating Team
SNSO Retired Sergeant 1999

Joe Zima Reflections:

I was the first Legal Advisor for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department and worked for Sheriffs F.T. Jim Chaffee and Ed Ritchie in that capacity from 1973 to 1982. So, I was familiar with the need for a change in the retirement system for deputies from KPERS (retirement after minimum 10 years of service at age 65) to KP&F (retirement at age 55). I then became the first full-time assistant County Counselor for Shawnee County and part of my duties in 1983 included professional negotiations with the FOP on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. The Shawnee County Sheriff's Department was brought under the civil service laws of Kansas for sheriff's departments in the early 1970's and I personally believed that a transfer of the deputies to KP&F was the next logical step for the much needed professionalization of the department.

Sheriff Ritchie, the Civil Service Board and the County Commissioners favored the idea, but the Commissioners had to find a way to come up with the funds (estimated at \$1.25 million) to get it done. Their position was that a special issue ballot be included in the August 1984 election, seeking public approval

of the necessary mil levy increase. The bargaining unit's position was to do it by commission action, effective January 1, 1985.

The negotiations took nearly a year and ended in impasse proceedings wherein a fact-finder ruled that the transfer to KP&F should be accomplished as proposed by the FOP. The next step for the County Commissioners was to hold a public hearing to determine public support (if any) for the fact-finder's 27 page report. No one appeared at the hearing in opposition of the report. Nevertheless, the Commissioners struggled with finding a way to fund the transfer proposal. \$1.25 million was a lot of money in those days (it still is) and the alternatives (to make annual payments to the State of Kansas for 20 or 40 years which would cost \$7.25 million or \$13.5 million) were way too costly.

Ultimately, the parties and their representatives reached a compromise with a 3 year employment contract granting the deputies a 4.11% cost of living raise for 1984 but no COLA raises for 1985 or 1986 and implementation of the KP&F retirement effective January 1, 1986. I am proud to have taken some small part in the process that ultimately allowed many of the dedicated men and women I worked with at the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department to have a meaningful and well-earned retirement.



Joe Zima, Attorney
Assistant County Counselor
Shawnee County Negotiator 1983

Roster Shawnee County Sheriff's Office - Retirees

Order	Name	Rank	Hire Date	Retirement Date	Years of Service LEO with SNSO
1	Sands, Harley W.	Deputy	1/9/1967	3/2/1987	20 yrs 2 mo.
2	Carlson, Marcy L.	Corporal	9/12/1977	3/23/1987 M	9 yrs. 6 mo.
3	Lewis, Billy R.	Sergeant	8/29/1975	7/31/1988 M	12 yrs. 11 mo.
4	Inman, Robert J.	Major	1/11/1971*	3/4/1989	26 yrs 2 mo.
5	Mechler, Wallace L.	Captain	6/14/1971*	3/24/1989	19 yrs. 9 mo.
6	Good, Lawrence E.	Captain	3/12/1973*	12/15/1989	22 yrs. 9 mo.
7	Myers, Robert K.	Sergeant	4/2/1973*	4/27/1990 M	18 yrs. 10 mo.
8	Cooper, Lloyd D.	Corporal	7/5/1978	2/15/1991 M	12 years 7 mo.
9	Fouts, Farrell L.	Lieutenant	8/15/1971	6/18/1993	21 yrs. 10 mo.
10	Lee, Richard A.	Captain	3/22/1976	7/22/1994 M	18 yrs. 4 mo.
11	Denton, Richard G.	Sergeant	6/1/1969	8/12/1994	25 yrs. 2 mo.
12	Long, Oren O. Jr.	Lieutenant	10/17/1977	10/1/1994 M	17 yrs. 0 mo.
13	Wilcox, Robert V.	Deputy	5/14/1979	12/23/1994	15 yrs. 7 mo.
14	Fisher, Kenneth J.	Deputy	1/21/1980	3/21/1995 M	15 yrs. 2 mo.
15	Tibbits, Rodney D.	Corporal	3/10/1979	3/23/1995 M	16 yrs. 0 mo.
16	Workman, William H.	Sergeant	10/10/1974	3/31/1995 M	20 yrs. 5 mo.
17	McEntire, Richard H.	Sergeant	6/20/1970	12/20/1996	26 yrs 6 mo.
18	Warrington, Richard	Sergeant	8/1/1971	12/20/1996	25 yrs. 4 mo.
19	Sargent, Thomas E.	Lieutenant	9/1/1971	12/20/1996	25 yrs. 3 mo.
20	Burghart, John E.	Sergeant	2/1/1972	3/14/1997	25 yrs. 1 mo.
21	Hamblin, Michael L.	Deputy	11/1/1971*	6/20/1997	26 yrs. 10 mo.
22	Fitzgibbons, Shirley	Corporal	5/31/1972	6/20/1997	25 yrs. 1 mo.
23	Rake, Ted D.	Deputy	11/14/1972	6/20/1997	24 yrs. 7 mo.
24	Kern, John K.	Corporal	9/18/1974*	6/20/1997	25 yrs. 11 mo.
25	Bloss, Charles L. Jr.	Deputy	9/9/1974	10/31/1997	23 yrs. 1 mo.
26	Hudson, William W.	Lieutenant	10/5/1977	4/27/1998	20 yrs. 7 mo.
27	Smith, Kenneth W.	Deputy	12/6/1980	6/5/1998	17 yrs. 6 mo.
28	Miller, Robert N.	Sergeant	1/11/1971	6/19/1998	27 yrs. 5 mo.
29	Ramirez, Michael A.	Detective	8/1/1971	6/19/1998	26 yrs. 10 mo.
30	Lovelace, Roger C.	Captain	6/6/1974 *	8/21/1998	25 yrs. 8 mo.
31	Fisher, Paul D.	Sergeant	3/16/1970	9/11/1998	28 yrs. 6 mo.
32	Baer, Larry R.	Detective	11/1/1975	9/11/1998	22 yrs. 10 mo.
33	Sweet, Michael D.	Sergeant	11/1/1971	11/1/1998	27 yrs. 0 mo.
34	Petrel, Jerry L.	Corporal	11/1/1974	12/20/1998	24 yrs. 1 mo.
35	Mauck, J. D.	Sergeant	1/2/1979	3/15/1999	20 yrs. 2 mo.
36	Kilian, William P.	Deputy	1/3/1977	3/19/1999	22 yrs. 2 mo.
37	Forster, Judy K.	Sergeant	1/19/1971	6/21/1999	28 yrs. 5 mo.
38	Wanamaker, Mark	Sergeant	6/18/1974	9/29/1999	25 yrs. 3 mo.
39	Owensby, Kenneth L.	Sergeant	4/10/1972	12/17/1999	27 yrs. 8 mo.

* See Profile M-Medical

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40	Byers, Timothy	Detective	1/1/1977	12/17/1999	22 yrs. 11 mo.
41	Honn, James	Lieutenant	10/2/1978	3/27/2000	21 yrs. 6 mo.
42	Crady, Larry F.	Lieutenant	11/1/1975	5/1/2000	24 yrs. 6 mo.
43	Busey, Earl H. Jr.	Sergeant	1/2/1980	5/19/2000	20 yrs. 4 mo.
44	Lines, Dawn M.	Sergeant	2/16/1981	12/15/2000	19 yrs. 10 mo.
45	Metz, Jack	Detective	1/1/1977	3/23/2001	24yrs. 2 mo.
46	Bryant, Dan K.	Captain	11/21/1973	3/26/2001	27 yrs. 4 mo.
47	Bentley, David R. Jr.	Lieutenant	5/14/1979	12/12/2003	24 yrs. 7 mo.
48	Bryant, Robert	Sergeant	11/9/1971	6/13/2003	31 yrs. 7 mo.
49	Thompson, Gaylon S.	Captain	5/2/1979	4/15/2004	25 yrs 0 mo.
50	Luttjohann, Matt	Deputy	11/30/1998	8/29/2004 M	5 yrs. 9 mo.
51	Grassi, Richard	Sergeant	9/12/1983	9/17/2004	21 yrs. 0 mo.
52	Pierce, Kenneth E.	Major	1/11/1971*	3/18/2005	35 yrs. 8 mo.
53	Baird, Marsha A.	Sergeant	10/17/1977	4/29/2005	27 yrs. 7 mo.
54	Crane, Kermit J.	Captain	10/10/1977	9/16/2005	27 yrs. 11 mo.
55	Stallbaumer, Larry R.	Corporal	5/9/1977	9/23/2005	28 yrs. 4 mo.
56	Jenks, Daniel M.	Deputy	3/17/1986	9/30/2005	19 yrs. 6 mo.
57	Rafferty, Michael W.	Sergeant	1/23/1978	3/20/2006	28 yrs. 2 mo.
58	Christie, Donald M.	Captain	1/21/1981	6/23/2006	25 yrs. 5 mo.
59	Hladky, Rickey L.	Major	10/10/1977	3/17/2007	29 yrs. 5 mo.
60	Morgan, Jackie B.	Sergeant	1/25/1988	9/28/2007	19 yrs. 8 mo.
61	Swift, Edward W.	Detective	5/29/1984	10/27/2007	23 yrs. 5 mo.
62	Barber, John P.	Deputy	4/12/1979	9/26/2008	29 yrs. 5 mo.
63	McGuire, Patrick D.	Sergeant	5/14/1979	12/19/2008	29 yrs. 7 mo.
64	Jaramillo, Daniel J.	Detective	8/20/1980	12/19/2008	28 yrs. 4 mo.
65	Holthaus, Charles	Deputy	7/5/1983	12/19/2008	25 yrs. 5 mo.
66	Johnson, Buford R.	Sergeant	1/2/1979	3/16/2009	30 yrs. 2 mo.
67	Lutz, Martha S.	Lieutenant	2/1/1980	4/1/2009	29 yrs. 2 mo.
68	Hawks, Roy	Deputy	10/15/2001	1/29/2010	8 yrs. 3 mo.
69	Adams, Andrew	Deputy	2/7/2000	3/26/2010 M	10 yrs. 1 mo.
70	Bowen, Harry IV	Deputy	9/26/2000	5/01/2010 M	9 yrs. 8 mo.
71	Gowan, David A.	Sergeant	7/24/1986	9/11/2010	24 yrs. 2 mo.
72	Mergen, Richard P.	Lieutenant	5/21/1979	12/17/2010	31 yrs. 7 mo.
73	Holladay, Scott J.	Undersheriff	10/10/1977	3/11/2011	33 yrs. 5 mo.
74	Simon, Alan	Sergeant	12/29/1997	6/16/2011	13 yrs. 7 mo.
75	Berry, Russell	Deputy	2/6/1984	12/19/2011	27 yrs. 10 mo.
76	Vaughn William	Detective	8/15/1990	5/31/2012	21 yrs. 9 mo.
77	Lauderback, Ernie	Deputy	12/5/1994	6/18/2012	17 yrs. 6 mo.
78	Mulford, Michael	Deputy	6/18/1990	6/30/2012	22 yrs. 0 mo.
79	McKay, Phil	Sergeant		12/14/2012	

* See Profile M-Medical

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Harley Sands 1st Deputy to Retire under KP&F

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Sands First Deputy to Retire with Benefits

By Steve Fry

Shawnee County Sheriff's Deputy Harley W. Sands has carved a small niche in the history of the Sheriff's Department.

He is the first sworn officer in the 122 year history of the department to retire with benefits. Sands retirement is effective Saturday.

Since the department was formed in 1855, there have been hundreds of deputies. Many were fired when the incumbent sheriff lost an election, others quit the department to work elsewhere, one was shot to death while blocking a jail break, and some retired because of medical reasons.

But Sands, 62, is the first and only deputy to retire from the department to collect his benefits. By contrast more than 200 officers who have retired from the Topeka Police Department have received their benefits, said Assistant Police Chief Lee Stanley.

Sands time on the Sheriff's Department predates the introduction of civil service, a system of state laws that provides some job security for employees of politically elected officers. It basically prevents a whole-sale, hiring's, firings or demotions based on personal political motives.

Sands 20 years on the department started when newly elected Sheriffs could fire a deputy without cause, then replace him with a political ally. During the first third of Sands career, he didn't have the protection of the civil service.

"Generally, when a new Sheriff came into office, it would be a clean sweep of all deputies serving the outgoing Sheriff", Sands said. There are always a few deputies that would go from one

Sheriff to another. I just happened to be lucky. A lot would get fired, but I didn't".

Major Bob Inman said, "Up to 1973 before civil service came in, you didn't know if you would have a job," when a new Sheriff came into office. Sheriff elections were held every two years.

The Civil Service system was established in the Topeka Police Department in 1937.

When civil service started in the Sheriff's Department, deputies were required to be 65 years old before they could collect retirement benefits.

Under the current Kansas Police & Fire retirement system, deputies must have 20 years of service and be 55 years old to receive their benefits. A retiree receives 40% of his or her salary and an extra 2 percent for each year worked over 20, Inman said.

Before Sands, there weren't any officers with enough service time to retire from the department, Inman said. Within the next 5 years, two more sheriff officers, including Inman, will be eligible to retire.

Sands first was a deputy in the administration of F.T. Jim Chaffee, who was sheriff from 1965 to 1967, and from 1971 until 1981. From 1967 to 1971, Emil Stawitz served two 2 year terms.

Sands joined the department January 9, 1967, and worked the first 18 months as a deputy assigned to the county jail. Four deputies and two "student" jailors guarded all prisoners in the jail 24 hours a day, seven days a week, said Sands.

Sands served warrants for eight or nine months. He later went to work in the process serving unit. In that job, Sands served legal documents, including subpoenas, and notice of divorce and lawsuits.

Harley Sands 1st Deputy to Retire under KP&F

Sands never had to fire his sidearm during his 20 years as deputy.

“I was lucky that way,” he said. “Anytime you have to pull that gun you are taking a big responsibility and hoping you’re doing the right thing. Thank God I never had to do that.”

Sands reflected on humorous moment while process serving work.

One time he parked his small Sheriff’s Department car in a driveway, and then walked to the front door, staying out of reach of a dog chained in the front yard. Before Sands left the driveway, the dog grabbed a tire with its jaws, shaking the vehicle.

As he drove back to the Sheriff’s Department, the punctured tire slowly deflated until it was flat, Sands said.

“It’s amazing that a dog could bite a tire hard enough to cause it to go down”, he said.



**Deputy Harley Sands – 1987
Retirement Day in
Sheriff Ritchie’s Office**



**SNSO Pistol Team – 1973
(L to R) Bob Inman, Harley Sands,
Bob Bryant and Joe Krasny**

**Deputy Harley Sands
25th Anniversary 1987-2012
1st SNSO Deputy Sheriff
Retire under KP&F**

**1 - Harley W. Sands
Jan 9, 1967 – Mar 2, 1987
Retired - Deputy**



Education: Robinson High School, 1941; attended classes at Highland College.

Military: Army Air Corp, Veteran WW II; Kansas Army National Guard.

SNSO Service: Jail, 1/1967-7/1968; Warrants, 8/1968-4/1969; Civil Process; Night Watchman (2nd shift); Civil Process; 22 years-2 mo.

Other Notables: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Firearms Instructor School, 1966; SNSO Pistol Team, 1960-1970’s; Hiawatha Masonic Lodge No. 35; American Legion Post 1-Topeka;

Died: Jun 28, 1991, Interment, Robinson Cemetery, Robinson, Kansas

SNSO Retirees - Profile

2 - Marcy L. Carlson
Sep 12, 1977 – Mar 23, 1987
Retired (M) – Corporal

3 - Billy R. Lewis
Aug 29, 1975 – Jul 31, 1988
Retired (M) – Sergeant



Education: Rio Blanco County High School, Rangely, Colorado, 1947; attended classes at Washburn University.

Military: U.S. Army, 3/1948-2/1969; Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 82nd Airborne Division, 5-years; Korea, 25th Infantry Division, 6-months; Shonan-Tomioka Japan, 229th Ordnance Depot, 1-year; Zweibrucken & Baumholder Germany, 2nd Missile Bn, 40th Arty, (Corporal), 3-years; White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, 3-years; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Headquarters, 3-years; Kansas National Guard Advisor Group, Topeka, Kansas, 3 years; Kirch-Goens, Germany, 3d Armored Division, 3-years; Armored Tank Company, Retirement Rank – First Sergeant.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 39th Basic, 3/1976; Security Detention Division, Jail; Operations Division, Traffic Enforcement Unit, Sergeant, 1977-1981; Patrol, Sergeant, 1981-1983; Criminal Investigation Division, Cross Training, 1984-1985; Community Services & Training Division, Sergeant, 1986-1988.

Other Notables: Real Estate Broker, Topeka, Kansas, 1969-1974.



4 - Robert J. Inman
Oct 29, 1961- Oct 1969
Jan 1, 1971 – Mar 4, 1989
Retired – Major



Education: Burlingame High School, 1953; attended University of Oklahoma, and Washburn University.

Military: U.S. Army, Active Duty & Reserve, 1954-1960, 5th Army, 733rd Transportation Unit, Staff Sergeant.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy (8th Annual), 1963; Security Detention Division, Jail; Operations Division, Patrol, Sergeant; K-9 Officer; Communications; Process; Warrants; Criminal Investigation Division; Detective, Lieutenant; 11/1967; Administration Division, Captain, Major, (first under Civil Service); Undersheriff for Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee, 1/11/1971-4/30/1973; Undersheriff for Sheriff Ed Ritchie, 1/14/1981-11/29/1984.

Other Notables: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Firearms Instructor School, 1966; Police Dog Handler School, 1967; SNSO Pistol Team, 1960-1970's; Instrumental in establishing Civil Service at SNSO, 1973; SNSO Firearms Range-master, 10-years; National Rifle Association (NRA); Homicide School, Southern Police Institute, Louisville, Kentucky; Police Management Supervisory School; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3; Park Patrol, Clinton Lake, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, 1989-1991; Candidate for Shawnee County Sheriff, 1992 Election, defeated in Republican primary; Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Arab Shrine, Provost Guard (13 years), Director's Staff (7 years); Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Kansas Legislature - House of Representatives, Kansas Statehouse, 1990-2001.

SNSO Retirees - Profile

5 - Wallace L. Mechler Sr.
1965-1966
Jun 14, 1971 – Mar 24, 1989
Retired – Captain



Military: U.S. Army, U.S. Army Air Corps, and U.S. Air Force, retired Sergeant, 23 years of service; veteran of both the European and Pacific campaigns of WWII and again during the Korean Conflict.

SNSO Service: Operations Division, Patrol, Sergeant, Lieutenant; Security Detention Division, Jail, Captain, Uniformed Operations Division, Captain.

Other Notables: member of Community Corrections Advisory Board that recommended the establishment of the Shawnee County Dept. of Corrections – Jail.

Died: April 13, 2012

6 - Lawrence E. Good
Jan 9, 1961- Jan 1962
Feb 1964 - Jan 1969
Mar 12, 1973 – Dec 15, 1989
Retired – Captain



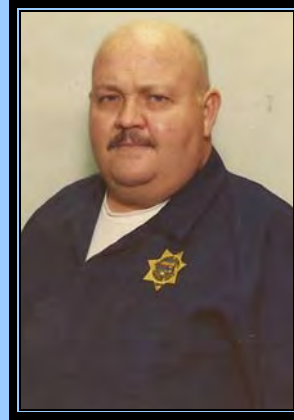
Education: Topeka High School, 1959.

Military: United States Army, 54th Engineer Battalion., Wildflecken, Germany, discharged at SP-4 Rank, 1962-1964.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 7th Basic, 11/1969; Patrol, Dispatch, Jail, 1961-1962; Patrol, Sergeant, Detective, 1964-1969; Detective, Lieutenant, Captain (14 years), Operations Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Administration Division, 1973-1989. Total KP&F, 27 yrs.

Other Notables: Police Officer, Detective, Lawrence (Ks.) Police Department, 1969-1973; Security Officer, Stormont Vail Hospital, 1997-2001, 2009-2012.

7 – Robert Kendall Myers
Apr 20, 1965 – Jan 1967
Apr 2, 1973 – Apr 27, 1990
Retired (M) – Sergeant



Education: Newton High School, 1958; BA, Washburn University, 1965; attended Washburn University Law School (9 hours short of JD degree).

SNSO Service: Announced as the first Juvenile officer at SNSO, 4/1965; Undersheriff for F. T. "Jim" Chaffee, 5/1/1973-11/18/1973; Administrative Division, Captain, 1974; Security Detention Division, Jail, Captain, 1976-1977; Delinquent Tax, Sergeant, late 1970's-1980's.

Other Notables: Newton Police (Ks.) Department, 2.5 years; Harvey County (Ks.) Sheriff's Department, 2.5 years; Training-School of Police Science, University of Kansas, Federal Bureau of Prisons Court for Jail Management.

Died: June 30, 1992

SNSO Retirees - Profile

8 - Lloyd Cooper
Jul 5, 1978 – Feb 15, 1991
Retired (M) – Corporal



Education: Cassville High School, Cassville, Missouri, 1953; Technical School, Office Appliance, Springfield, Missouri, 1959.

Military: U. S. Marine Corps, 1954-1957; Fleet Marine Force-Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, served 20 months overseas.

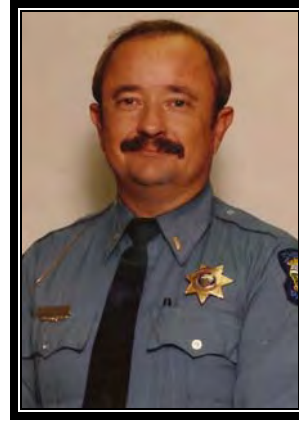
SNSO Service: KLETC, 52nd, 2/1979; Patrol; Corporal; Process Division; 12 years-7 mo.; (last work date at SNSO, 2/15/1991; official KP&F retirement date, 11/22/1994).

Other Notables: Cooper Office Machines, Topeka, Kansas, Owner, 1959-1978; Topeka Lodge #17 Masonic Order, Master, 1977; Scottish Rite Topeka Arab Shrine, Order Eastern Star.

9 – Farrell Fouts
Aug 15, 1971 – Jun 18, 1993
Retired – Lieutenant



10 – Richard A. Lee
Mar 22, 1976 – Jul 22, 1994
Retired (M) – Captain



Medal of Valor
1993

Education: Quenemo High School, Quenemo, Kansas, 1969; BS, Kansas State University, 1973; Masters Degree, Criminal Justice Administration, Wichita State University, 1981.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 33rd Basic, 2/1975; Jail Division, 1976; Community Services, 1977-1985; Corporal, 1978; Training Division, Sergeant, 1982; Uniformed Operation Division, Lieutenant, 1985; Uniformed Operations & Administration Division, Captain, 1988.

Other Notables: Osage City, Ks., Police Department, 2/1974-7/1975; Wamego, Ks., Police Department, 7/1975-3/1976; SNSO SWAT Team, 1977-1992; SNSO Firearms Instructor, 1977-1990; Capital Area Major Case Squad, 1978-1988; Developed first SNSO Officer Survival Training program, 1980; Outstanding Young Public Protector, Kansas Jaycee's, 1981; more than 30 commendations and letters of thanks; SNSO Meritorious Service Award for leading emergency response to severe flooding, 1993; Meritorious Service Award for leading emergency response to Federal Building incident, 1993; SNSO Medal of Valor, for bravery above and beyond the call of duty, Federal Courthouse Attack/Rampage, 1993; Substitute Teacher, Shawnee Heights & Parochial school districts, Topeka.



SNSO Retirees - Profile

11 – Richard Denton Jun 1, 1969 – Aug 12, 1994 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Declo High School, Declo, Idaho, 1965; attended classes (4-years) at Washburn University.

SNSO Service: Communications, Dispatcher, 6/1969-8/1994; Communications Sergeant, Dispatcher, 5/1972-8/1994.

Other Notables: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3; Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, mid 1970's; Federal Bureau of Investigation-NCIC Training; various Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) training; first SNSO officer to retire with 25 years of continuous service.

12 – Oren O. Long Jr. Oct 17, 1977 – Oct 1, 1994 Retired (M) – Lieutenant



Education: BA, Corrections, Washburn University, 1977; Masters Degree, Administration of Justice, Wichita State University, 1986.

Military: United States Navy, 1965-1969.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 50th Basic, 10/1978; Security Detention Division, Jail; Operations Division, Patrol, Sergeant; Security Detention Division, Jail, Sergeant; Operations Division,

Patrol Sergeant; Administration Division, Lieutenant.

Other Notables: Head of Security, Frank Carlson Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, Topeka, 1977.

13 – Robert V. Wilcox May 14, 1979 – Dec 23, 1994 Retired – Deputy



Education: Topeka High School; 1948; BA, Music, Washburn University, 1954.

Military: U.S. Air Force, 1955-1957, Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas; U. S. Air Force Reserves, 1957-1959, Captain, Public Information Officer, Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kansas.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 55th Basic, 6/1979; Patrol, Crime Scene Unit; Process Division.

Other Notables: Sagamore Honor Society, Washburn University; Air Force ROTC, Washburn University; Carroll Radio & Sound; Zercher Photo; Reserve Police Officer, Topeka Police Department; Capital Area Major Case Squad; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3; SNSO-F.O.P. Lodge No. 3, Chairman, Bargaining Unit Committee, 1986 (1987-1988 Contract); 20-30 Club Member; Elks Club; Optimist Club; Vice President, Crime Research Association; Topeka Civic Theatre; Grace Episcopal Cathedral & Choir, 1947-2008.

Died: Jan 14, 2011, Interment, Chapel of the Resurrection Columbarium at Grace Cathedral.



SNSO Retirees - Profile

14 – Kenneth Fisher Jan 21, 1980 – Mar 21, 1995 Retired (M) – Deputy



Education: Washburn Rural High School, 1972.
Military: Kansas Army National Guard, HHC 69th Infantry Brigade, 1978-1981.
SNSO Service: KLETC, 61st Basic, 7/1980; Security Detention Division, Jail, 1980-1981; Operations Division, Patrol, 1982-1987; Warrants Division, 1987-1989; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol, 1989-1995.
Other Notables: Fishin' Hole/ B-Squared/ Tackle /Archery Shop, 1995-2008; Bank Security, CoreFirst Bank & Trust, Topeka, 2008-present; Certified Kansas Concealed Carry Handgun Instructor (Vice-president/Treasurer, Basic Attitude & Tactics Training LLC), 2007-present.

15 – Rodney Tibbits Mar 10, 1979 – Mar 23, 1995 Retired (M) – Corporal



Education: Highland Park High School, 1977; Advanced Computer Programming & Computer Repair, Topeka Technical College, 1990.
SNSO Service: KLETC, 56th Basic, 11/1979; Jail; 3/1979-1/1980; Communications, Dispatcher,

1/1980-6/1982; Operations Division, Traffic, 6/1982-11/1984; Patrol, 11/1984-11/1985; Traffic, 11/1985-1/1989; Corporal, 3/1987; Process Division, 1/1989; Patrol, 1/1989-3/1995; Total KP&F, 28 yrs.

Other Notables: SWAT Team, 1984-1995; Honor Guard, 1984-1995; Topeka & Shawnee County Library, System Administrator, 1999-2007; Kansas State Gaming, Information Technology, 2008-present..

16 – William H. Workman Jun 5, 1974 (Original hire date) Oct 10, 1974 – Mar 31, 1995 Retired (M) – Sergeant



Education: Franklin Senior High School, Stockton, California, 1963; AA, Political Science, San Joaquin Delta Community College, 1972.

Military: United States Navy, Radioman, 1961-1965; United States Air Force, Airborne, 1965-1969; Kansas Army National Guard, 714th Maintenance Company, 1975-1976.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 33rd Basic, 2/1975; Patrol, SNSO Deputy-Animal Control Officer, 1976-1977; Criminal Investigation Division, Crime Scene / Property Vault Officer, 1977-1978; Detective, 1979-1984; Detective Sergeant 1984-1986; Warrants Division, Communications, Courthouse Security, 1994.

Other Notables: First SNSO full time Crime Scene officer, 1977; Youth Center Board of Directors, 1980; SNSO Cadet Program Supervising Officer, 1993; First SNSO "Supervisor" assigned to Courthouse Security; SNSO Mounted Posse Trainer, 1994-1995.

SNSO Retirees - Profile

17 – Richard McEntire Jun 20, 1970 – Dec 20, 1996 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Topeka High School, 1965.
Military: U. S. Navy, 1965-1969; Radioman, U.S.S. Constitution; Vietnam War Veteran.
SNSO Service: KLETC, 15th Basic, 7/1971; Communications Division, Dispatcher; Patrol; Investigative Division, Detective; Warrants Unit.
Other Notables: Young Officer of the Year, Topeka Jaycees, Finalist, 1972; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3; Capital Area Major Case Squad.

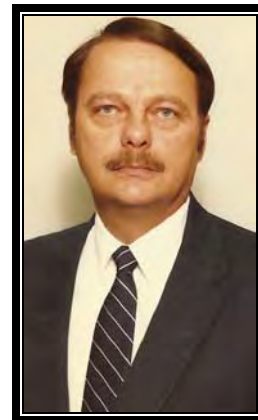
18 – Richard J. Warrington Aug 1, 1971 – Dec 20, 1996 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Washburn Rural High School, 1964.
SNSO Service: KLETC, 35th Basic, 5/1975; Jail, Sergeant, 8/1971-5/1978; Criminal Investigation Division, Sergeant, Crime Scene Unit, 5/1978-12/1996.
Other Notables: SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 6/1971-7/1971; KLETC 35th Basic Class President, 4/1975-5/1975; Capital Area Major Case Squad, 5/1978-12/1997; M-Squad, Crime Scene Officer, 5/1978-12/1996; M-Squad

Instructor 1980-1996; Kansas Division of International Association of Identification (KDIAI), 11/1982-present; KDIAI, President, 1987; KDIAI, Vice-President, 1994; Jackson County Sheriff's Office (Ks), Investigations & Training Sergeant, 1/1997-9/1997; Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction; Board of Directors, International Crime Scene Investigators Association; Lynn Peavey Company, Research, Development, & Crime Scene Consultant, 9/1997-present; published articles in "Law Enforcement Technology Magazine," "Journal of Forensic Identification" and "Evidence Technology"; published "Death Scene Check List Manual", 1998; a magazine column "Who says you can't do it", "Forensic Magazine", 2005-present; Inventions - "Blue Light Special", 1994 (patent 1995); Developed - "Stick on Ruler", Designed / Developed - "Electrostatic Dust Print Lifter", "Evidence Holder"; Consultant for television crime shows: "Detroit 187", "Bones", "CSI Miami", "Law and Order: SUV" and "CSI: Las Vegas"; Peavey Institute of Police Science, Instructor, Crime Scene Investigation & Fingerprinting, 9/1997-present..

19 – Thomas E. Sargent Sep 1, 1971 – Dec 20, 1996 Retired – Lieutenant



Education: Valley Center High School, 1964; attended classes at Kansas State University and Washburn University
Military: U.S. Navy, 1964-1967; Seaman Radioman, USS Fort Marion LSD 22, Vietnam War Veteran.
SNSO Service: Security Detention Division, Jail; Operations Division, Patrol; organized first SNSO Narcotics unit, 1974; Criminal Investigations, Detective, Sergeant, & Lieutenant; Administrative Lieutenant; Undersheriff for Sheriff Ed Ritchie, 1/20/1991-1/10/1993.
Other Notables: Santa Fe Railroad, car man-lineman, Newton, Kansas, 1968; Hillsboro Kansas Police Dept., 12/1968-5/1969; Geary County Sheriff's Dept., 6/1969-8/1971; Federal Drug Enforcement Academy, 1975; Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Basic School; Topeka Jaycees Award; American Legion; Fraternal Order of Police

SNSO Retirees - Profile

Lodge No. 3; Masonic Lodge; Capital Area Major Case Squad; Kansas Peace Officers Assn.; Kansas Sheriffs' Assn.

20 – John E. Burghart
Feb 1, 1972 – Mar 14, 1997
Retired – Sergeant



Education: Hayden High School.

Military: U.S. Army, Vietnam War Veteran.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 32nd Basic, 10/1974; Operations Division, Patrol; Warrants, Corporal, Sergeant..

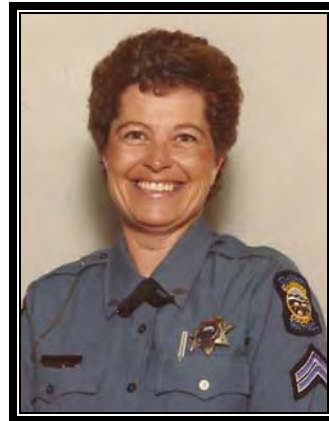
Other Notables: Eagles Lodge; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); American Legion; Knights of Columbus, #2608; Lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Died: Jun 3, 2012, Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas.

SNSO Service: Communications, Dispatcher, 1968-1970; Dispatcher, 1971-1997.

Other Notables: Civilian Dispatcher, Topeka Police Department; Volunteer Emergency Service Team, (VEST), 1963-1968; Civilian weather watcher; Helped coordinate disaster response to Topeka Tornado, 6/1966; Assisted taking photographic documentation of Topeka Tornado, 6/1966; Radio operator in support of recovery & clean up from Emergency Operations Center (sub-basement in Courthouse) after Topeka Tornado, 6/1966; SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1969-11/1971; Instrumental in moving SNSO central dispatch from basement level to sub-basement level at Shawnee County Courthouse, 12/1976; attended various training classes for NCIC, KLETS, APCO and KLETC.

22 – Shirley Fitzgibbons
May 31, 1972 – Jun 20, 1997
Retired – Corporal



Education: Hayden High School, 1960; attended classes at Washburn University, Topeka, 1978-1979

SNSO Service: KLETC, 33rd Basic, 2/1975; Delinquent Tax Department, Corporal, 1972-1975; Matron Duty, Jail, 1972-1975; Cross Training in Jail; Operations Division, Patrol, 1975-1979; Transported female prisoners; Detective Division, Detective, 1979-1987; Process Department, 1987-1989; Patrol, 1989-1991; Administration, 1992-1997.

Other Notables: First SNSO Female Detective, 1979; M-Squad, 1979-1985; Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Academy, 1980; Criminal Investigation School, KLETC; Leader of SNSO Cadets.

21 – Michael Hamblin
Oct 1968 - 1970
Nov 1, 1971 – Jun 20, 1997
Retired – Deputy



Education: Topeka West High School, 1965.

Military: Medical Deferment

SNSO Retirees - Profile

23 – Ted D. Rake
Nov 14, 1972 – Jun 20, 1997
Retired – Deputy



Education: Topeka West High School, 1963; attended Washburn University, 1963-1965.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, first TPD/SNSO combined certification class, 6/1974; Jail, Lake Sherwood, Community Services, Patrol, Communications, Warrants, Prisoner Transport, Courthouse Security.

Other Notables: SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1971-1972; Thirty nine (39) year member of Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 3, Chief Investment Officer of Fraternal Order of Police, 1/2002 to Present, Lodge No. 3, PAC Treasurer 4/2002 – 1/2006.

24 – John Kern
Jan 1967 - Apr 1968
Jan 1970 - Oct 1971
Sep 18, 1974 - Jun 20, 1997
Retired – Corporal



Education: Hayden High School, 1964; attended Barton Community College and Washburn University

Military: U.S. Army, 1968-1969, activated 69th Bdg, medical corpsmen, achieved rank of Sergeant; Army National Guard.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 35th Basic, 5/1975; Communications, 1967-1968; Jail, 1970; Patrol, 1971; Narcotics: 1974-1975; Warrants / Fugitives unit; member first SNSO SWAT team; Hostage negotiator; Communications Division, 1982-1997, Corporal 1982.

Other Notables: Shortman Dodge Dealership, 1966; Topeka Police Dispatch (civilian); Federal Protective Service; Kmart Security Manager, 10/1971- 9/1974; Pepsi Cola Security (part-time), 15-years; APCO; NCIC Training; Basic Firemen training through KU; EMT training at Stormont Vail; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, 1983.

25 – Charles L. Bloss Jr.
Sep 9, 1974 – Oct 31, 1997
Retired – Deputy



Medal of Valor
1993

Education: Greenhill K-12 School, Dallas, Texas, 1965.

SNSO Service: KLETC 40th Basic, 5/1976; Jail; Communications; Process; Warrants; Records & ID; first SNSO deputy assigned Courthouse Security.

Other Notables: SNSO Special Deputy & Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 8/1967-9/1974; one of the first uniform officers to arrive at Frank Carlson Federal Courthouse Attack/Rampage, Topeka, 8/1993; SNSO Medal of Valor recipient-Federal Courthouse Attack/Rampage, 1993; Insurance Women of Topeka Officer of the Year Award, 1994.

SNSO Retirees - Profile

26 – William Hudson
Oct 5, 1977 – Apr 27, 1998
Retired – Lieutenant



Education: Topeka High School, 1960; AA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, 1975; BA, Sociology, Washburn University, 1976; Masters Degree, Wichita State University, Summa Cum Laude, 1979.

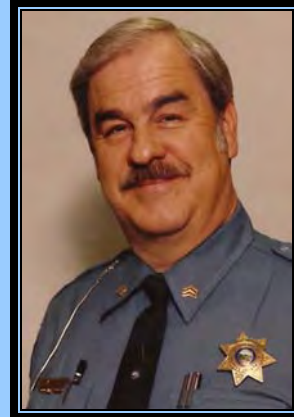
Military: United States Army.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 1/1979; Operations Division, Patrol, Sergeant, Lieutenant.

Other Notables: Barber and barber science instructor, 1961-1977, Topeka, Kansas; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3; SNSO-F.O.P. Lodge No.3, Chairman, Bargaining Unit Committee, 1981 (1982-1983 Contract); SNSO-F.O.P. Lodge No.3, Chairman, Bargaining Unit Committee, 1983 (1984, 1985 & 1986 Contract); SNSO SWAT Team Commander, 1991; Owner Mr. Fix-It Inc., 1998-2001.

Died: Oct 3, 2001.

28 – Robert N. Miller
Jan 11, 1971 – Jun 19, 1998
Retired – Sergeant



Education: Lancaster H.S., Lancaster, South Carolina, 1956; attended University of Houston, 1956-1957; and Wingate College, 1957-1958.

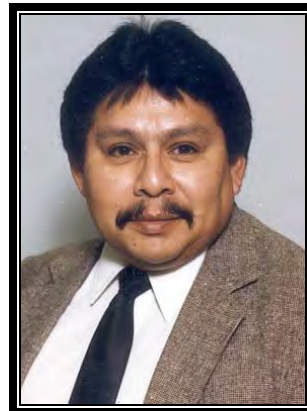
Military: U.S. Air Force, 1958-1961

SNSO Service: KLETC, 13th Basic, 3/1971; Operations Division, Patrol; Detective Division, Sergeant, Tactical Team, Sergeant; Uniform Operations Division, Patrol, Sergeant.

Other Notables: Santa Fe Railroad, 1961-1968; Security Chief, White Lakes, 1968-1970; Moorman Buick, 1970-1971; Outstanding Young Officer of the Year, Topeka Jaycees, 2nd Runner up, 1972.

Died: Sep. 2, 2010

29 – Michael Ramirez
Aug 1, 1971 – Jun 19, 1998
Retired – Detective



Education: Lawrence High School, 1966; attended Topeka Technical College, Computer Programming, 1971.

27 – Kenneth Smith
Dec 6, 1980 – Jun 5, 1998
Retired – Deputy

SNSO Retirees - Profile

Military: United States Marine Corps, 1968-1970; Vietnam War, 1968-1969; Corporal; Letter of Commendation - Tour of Duty & Service in Vietnam.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 6/1974; Warrants Division, 1971; Security Detention Division, Jail, 1972; Warrants Division, 1972; Process Division, 1973-1978; Criminal Investigation Division, Detective, 1978-1998.

Other Notables: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3, 1971-1998; Outstanding Young Officer Award, Topeka Jaycees, Semi Finalist, 1974; Capital Area Major Case Squad (M-Squad); Officer of the Year, National Association of Insurance Women of Topeka, 1995; Advanced Homicide School, Chicago, Illinois, 1996; Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 4319; American Legion, Capitol Post No. 1; Fiesta Mexicana Parade, Co-Chairman, 1998, Chairman, 1999; Candidate for Shawnee County Sheriff, 2000 Election, defeated in Democratic primary.

30 – Roger Lovelace

Jan 1972 – Jul 1973

Jun 6, 1974 – Aug 21, 1998

Retired – Captain



Education: BA, Business Administration, Washburn University, 1973.

Military: United States Navy, 1962-1966, Hospital Corpsman.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 32nd Basic, 10/1974; Patrol, 1972-1973; Operations Division, Patrol, Lake Sherwood Patrol, 1974-1976, Corporal; Investigations Division, Narcotics Unit, 1976; Operations Division, Traffic Unit, Sergeant, 1978-1980; Administration Division, Lieutenant, 1981; Uniformed Operations Division, Captain, 1990-1993; Criminal Investigations Division, Captain, 1993-1998.

Other Notables: X-ray Technician training, St. John's Hospital, Salina, Kansas, 1967-1969; SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1971-1972; Fraternal Order of Police No. 3; SNSO Contract Negotiator / agency 2nd negotiating team, late 1970's; Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

SWAT training, Fort Riley Military Base; FBI SWAT Team Leader training, Colorado State University; organized first SNSO SWAT team; Hostage Negotiator training, Salina, Kansas; 2nd trained SNSO Hostage Negotiator; National Rifle Association; SNSO Firearms Instructor; Monadnock PR-24 baton instructor; Kubaton instructor; Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, (EVOC) Defensive Driving training, Oklahoma, 1982; SNSO EVOC instructor, 1983; Capital Area Major Case Squad; Shawnee Heights, USD 450 Police, First School District Police Officer, 1998-2006; Kansas Highway Patrol, Troop K, Capitol Complex guard, part-time, 2006-2012.

31 – Paul Fisher

Mar 16, 1970 – Sep 11, 1998

Retired – Sergeant



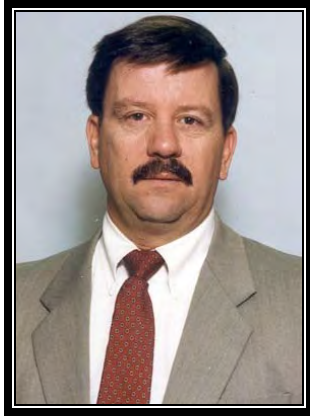
Education: Soldier High School, Soldier Ks, 1967.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 15th Basic, 7/1971; Jail, ID & Records (booking process – photos & fingerprints), 3/1970-9/1970; Operations Division, Patrol, 9/1970-1/1971; K-9 Officer; Detective; Jail, ID & Records, 1/1971-1972; Operations Division, Patrol, 1972-1984, Sergeant, 1973; Civil Process, Sergeant, 1984-9/1998.

Other Notables: Cross Ambulance Service, 6/1967-3/1970; SNSO SWAT member; Scuba Team Underwater Recovery; Topeka Jaycees Nominee for Officer of the Year, 1974; Process supervisor - oversee the modernization of the longtime paper process system to computer generated process system; Rural Water District # 1, part-time maintenance helper / meter reader, Hoyt, Kansas, 7/2000-8/2010 (Retired).

SNSO Retirees - Profile

32 – Larry R. Baer
Nov 1, 1975 – Sep 11, 1998
Retired – Detective



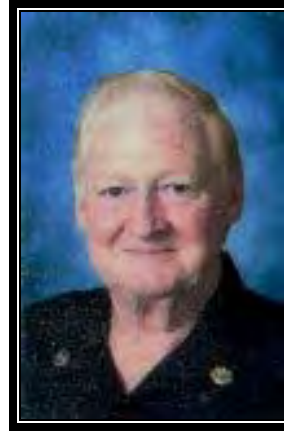
Education: Topeka High School, 1960; attended classes at Washburn University, 1970.

Military: U. S. Marine Corps, 9/1960-9/1964; Vietnam, 1962; Lance Corporal; Cuban Crisis, 10/1962-12/1962; U.S. Marine Corps, 3/1968-6/1970; Vietnam, 4/1968-5/1969, Sergeant, E5.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 12/1976; SNSO Deputy-Animal Control Officer (ACO), 11/1975-1/1976; Operations Division, Patrol, 1/1976-1984; Corporal, 6/1979; Criminal Investigation Division, Detective, 3/1985-12/1998.

Other Notables: First SNSO Animal Control Officer (Civilian), 5/1975-10/1975; Capital Area Major Case Squad; Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), Lodge No. 3, 1975-present; F.O.P. Lodge No. 3 Vice President; F.O.P.-SNSO Contract Negotiator; SNSO Investigator-Child Physical / Sexual Abuse cases; American Legion, Post 400; Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV); Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); National Rifle Association (NRA); Knights of Columbus.

34 – Jerry L. Petrel
Nov 1, 1974 – Dec 20, 1998
Retired – Corporal



Education: Carbondale High School, 1965; attended classes at Kansas State University.

Military: Kansas Army National Guard, 1965-1973, 137th Aviation company (HV Hel), Kansas Army National Guard NCO Academy, 1971, attained rank of Staff Sergeant on Flight Status.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 1974; Jail, 1974-1975; Patrol, 1975; Communications, 1976-1991; Aviation Unit, 1975-1982; Corporal, 1990; Warrants, 1975-1993; Process, 1993; Patrol, 1993-1998, Field Training Officer.

Other Notables: Santa Fe Railroad, 1965; Numerous Military and Civilian Aviation schools, 1966-1973; City of Carbondale Chief of Police, 1973; Osage County Sheriff's Department, 1974; Department of Justice / Bureau of Prisons / Jail Operations, 1975; National Institute of Corrections / Jail Administrations, 1975; Certificate of Recognition by Governor Robert F. Bennett, 1978; Kansas Certified Emergency Medical First Responder, 1989; Federal Emergency Management Institute / Hazardous Materials, 1993; Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3; Diablo Transportation, Inc, 2000-2001; American Lawn & Leisure, 2002-2006; Capitol Police, Kansas Highway Patrol Troop K, Capitol Complex Guard, 7/2006-2009.

33 – Michael D. Sweet
Nov 1, 1971 – Nov 1, 1998
Retired – Sergeant

SNSO Retirees - Profile

35 – J. D. “Jake” Mauck
Jan 2, 1979 – Mar 15, 1999
Retired – Sergeant



Education: Silver Lake High School, 1956; AA, Community Health, Washburn University, 1978

Military: KSNG, 1956, Co. B, 174th MP Bn.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 52nd Basic, 2/1979; Jail, 3 mo.; Patrol, 6 years; Criminal Intelligence Detective, 10 years; Detectives, 1 year; Criminal Intelligence Sergeant 3 years.

Other Notables: Topeka Police Dept. Reserve Officer, Reserve Patrol Sergeant, 1972-1978; M-Squad member 1986-1998; Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC), SNSO Representative, 1986-1999; Contributing writer Shawnee County Historical Society Bulletin #66, "THE GOOD GUYS", 1989; Subpoenaed to testify at Oklahoma City bombing trial of Terry Nichols, 1997; Shawnee County Civil Service Board Member 2000-2004; Co-author "SHAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 1855-2005" 150TH Anniversary Book; Volunteer Topeka Police Dept Records, 2009-2012; Co-author "SHAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNDERSHERIFFS" booklet, 2012.

36 – William Kilian
Jan 3, 1977 – Mar 19, 1999
Retired – Deputy



Education: Wamego High School, Wamego, Ks 1955-1956; Monsignor Luckey High School, Manhattan, Ks, 1956-1959; General Studies, Rockhurst College, 1959-1960; Psychology, Marymount College, Salina, Ks, 1966-1967; Psychology & Political Science, Washburn University, 1967-1969.

Military: United States Air Force, 1/1961-1/1965; Weather; stationed at Chanute AFB, Champaign, Illinois; Schilling AFB, Salina, Kansas.

SNSO Service: Jail; Patrol; K-9 Unit; Tactical Unit; Warrants; Communications; among first trained EMT's at SNSO; M-Squad; 22 yrs – 2 mo.

Other Notables: KLETC, 3rd Basic, 10/1968; Topeka Police Department, 3/1968-12/1976: Patrol, K-9 Unit, Tactical Unit, Corporal, Research & Planning, Detective (Homicide, Property Crimes, Juvenile, Vice & Narcotics, Intelligence); Charter Member, Capital Area Major Case Squad (M-Squad); Elected Sheriff, Wabaunsee County, Ks, 11/2000; Sheriff, Wabaunsee County Sheriff's Office, 1/2001-1/2005: improved communications system (low band to 800 MHZ), started ministry to jail inmates, revamped evidence procedures, installed Computer Aided Dispatch; Volunteer Firefighter, Shawnee County Fire District #4 (Dover Fire Dept), 1977-present: Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, Arson Investigator, National Fire Academy (graduate), Hazardous Materials Technician, Kansas Certified Instructor, Incident Command System Instructor, member of Incident Management Team (IMT), Assist Chief, Deputy Chief.



SNSO Retirees - Profile

37 – Judy Forster Jan 19, 1971 – Jun 21, 1999 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Washburn Rural High School, 1966; BA, Social Sciences / Physical Education, Emporia State University, 1970.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Recruit School, Spring 1975; Administration Division, 1/1971-10/1974; Criminal ID & Records, 10/1974-9/1989, Sergeant, 10/1978; Patrol, 9/1989-4/1990; Criminal ID & Records, 4/1990-1/1993; Administration, 1/1993-6/1999. 28 yrs – 5 mo.

Other Notables: First female deputy to attain rank of Sergeant; M-Squad, 1972-1989; Fingerprint Classification School, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1982; Administrative Assistant for Sheriff Richard Barta, 5/2000-2/2007; Media Clerk, Washburn Rural High School, 8/2007-12/2010.

38 – Mark Wanamaker Jun 18, 1974 – Sep 29, 1999 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Topeka West High School, 1963; attended Central Technical Institute, 1963-1965, Associate Broadcast Engineering.

Military: Kansas National Guard, 1966-1971, 714th Maintenance Unit, discharged at SP4 rank.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 33rd Basic, 2/1975; Patrol, 1974-1986, Jail, 90-day cross training, 1976; Corporal, 1976; K-9 Officer, 1977-1984; Sergeant, 1980; Crime Scene Investigation Unit, Call Back Investigator, 1979-1980; Criminal Investigations Division, Detective Sergeant, 1986-1996; Patrol Sergeant, 1996-1999; 25 years-3 mo.

Other Notables: KEWI Radio, Topeka, Engineer, 1966-1967; KTSB-TV (now KSNT), Channel 27, Supervisor of Engineering, 1967-1974; SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1971-1974; SNSO Reserve Training Class, 1/1972-3/1972; M-Squad, 1986-1999; Instrumental in original (first) 800 MHZ trunked radio system for Shawnee County, 1988; Topeka Public School Police, 1999-2011; Topeka Public School Police, Chief, 5/2008-6/2011.

39 – Kenneth L. Owensby Apr 10, 1972 – Dec 17, 1999 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Topeka High School, 1968; Associate of Applied Science, Criminal Justice, Barton County Community College, 1994.

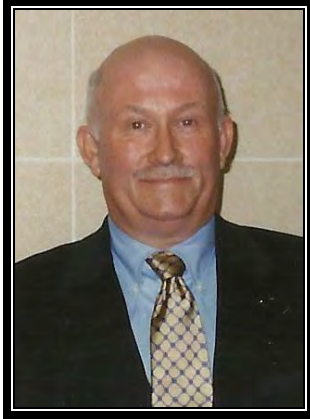
SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 6/1974; Jail, Adult Detention Officer, 4/1972-12/1972; Communications, Dispatcher, 12/1972-1990; Communications, 2nd shift, Corporal, 1990-8/1994; Communications, Sergeant, 8/1994-4/1997; Courthouse Security, Sergeant, 4/1997-10/1997; Records Unit, Sergeant, 10/1997-12/1999.

Other Notables: SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1972; graduated in top 3 in SNSO Reserve Training Class, 1972; Outstanding Young Public Protector, first runner-up, 1978; Kansas Sheriff's Association; Kansas Peace Officers Association; National Sheriffs Association; Association of Public Safety Communications Officials; Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 3; SNSO-FOP Contract Negotiator, 1980's; Capital Area Major Case Squad, 1980's; Full access, NCIC Operator, KTPK "Top Cop" Award for work with Special Olympics, 1993; SNSO NCIC Terminal Agency Coordinator / Liaison between KBI & FBI, 8/1994-12/1999; Motor Vehicle Inspector, Kansas Highway Patrol, 3/2000-12/2000; Senior Investigator, 3rd Judicial District Attorneys Office, Shawnee County; DA's

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Office NCIC agency Coordinator & Liaison between KBI & FBI, 1/2001-2/2011, retired.

40 – Timothy Byers
Jan 1, 1977 – Dec 17, 1999
Retired – Detective



SNSO Service: KLETC, 42nd Basic, 2/1977; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol, Corporal; SNSO K-9 Officer; Narcotics Unit; Criminal Investigations Division, Detective, 5/1988-12/1999.

41 – James Honn
Oct 2, 1978 – Mar 27, 2000
Retired – Lieutenant



42 – Larry F. Crady
Nov 1, 1975 – May 1, 2000
Retired – Lieutenant



Education: Lawrence High School, 1962; attended classes at University of Kansas.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 38th Basic, 2/1976; Hired under LEAA Federal Program, Patrol, K-9 Officer, 4/1975-11/1975; Criminal Investigation Division, Detective, 1977-12/1985; Community Services & Training, Corporal, 1/1986-1988, Sergeant 1988; Patrol, Sergeant, 1990; Community Services & Training, Sergeant, 1991-1993; Patrol, Sergeant, 1993-1998; Criminal Investigations Division, 1998-5/2000, Lieutenant, 1998.

Other Notables: Topeka Police Department, Reserve Officer, 1970-1974, Patrol, K-9 Officer; Kansas Statehouse, Legislative Session Security, 1/1974-4/1974; M-Squad Member & Instructor; Accident Investigation School, Northwestern University, 1978; Agent Training Academy, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, 1981; SNSO 130th Anniversary, designed commemorative belt buckle, 1985; SNSO Reserve Officer Program Liaison, 1986-1994; Honor Guard, 1986-2000; SNSO-F.O.P. #3, Contract-Chief Negotiator, 1987; SNSO Cadet Program Coordinator, 6-years; Kansas Intelligence Association (KIA), charter member; Kansas Crime Prevention Association, past President; Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3; Kansas Sheriffs' Association; Designed new SNSO Honor Guard patch, 1999; Kansas Highway Patrol, Motor Vehicle Enforcement Assistant, 1/2002-2007.

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43 – Earl H. Busey Jr.
Jan 2, 1980 – May 19, 2000
Retired – Sergeant

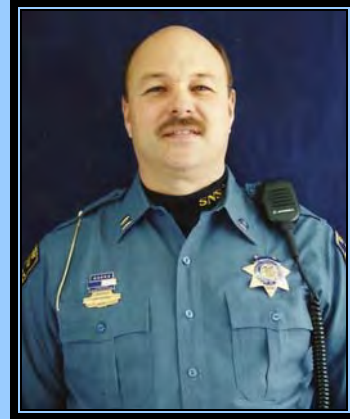
44 – Dawn Lines
Feb 16, 1981 – Dec 15, 2000
Retired – Sergeant

45 – Jack Metz
Jan 1, 1977 – Mar 23, 2001
Retired – Detective



Education: Highland Park High School, 1965.
SNSO Service: KLETC, 42nd Basic, 1/1977-2/1977; Operations Division, Patrol, 1977-1980; K-9 Officer, 1977-1980; Criminal Investigations Division, Narcotics, 1980-1984; Operations Division, Traffic Unit, Corporal, 1984-1989; Criminal Investigations Division, Detective, 1989-2001.
Other Notables: Reserve Police Officer, Topeka Police Department, 1973-1977; SNSO Cadet Program Supervising Officer, 1985-1989; Capital Area Major Case Squad, 1984-present; Undersheriff, Wabaunsee County Sheriff's Office, 2001-2004; City Marshall, Maple Hill, Kansas, 2004-2005; Kansas Highway Patrol - assigned to Kansas State Capitol Building, 2005-present.

46 – Dan K. Bryant
Nov 21, 1973 – Mar 26, 2001
Retired – Captain



Education: Shawnee Heights High School, 1969.
Military: U. S. Army Reserve, Helicopter Mechanic, 1972-1978.
SNSO Service: KLETC, 32nd Basic, 10/1974; Operations Division, Patrol, 1972-1989; Corporal, 1976-1977; Sergeant, 1977-1979; Lieutenant, 1979-1989; Uniform Operations Division, Captain 1989-1998; Criminal Investigation Division, Captain, 1998-2000, Uniform Operations Division, Patrol, Captain, 2000-3/2001.
Other Notables: SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1972-11/1973; First Deputy hired under Shawnee County Civil Service, 1973, SNSO Officer of the Year, Runner-up, 1978; SNSO Firearms Range Instructor.
Died: Feb 14, 2011

47 – David Bentley Jr.
May 14, 1979 – Dec 12, 2003
Retired – Lieutenant



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48 – Robert Bryant
Nov 9, 1971 – Jun 13, 2003
Retired – Sergeant



Service / Computer Investigations & Forensics Laboratory, 2-years; Team Lead-Principal-Counterintelligence-Counter Terrorism Section, United States Department of Defense, Computer Forensics Laboratory, current..

50 – Matthew Luttjohann
Nov 30, 1998 – Aug 29, 2004
Retired (M) – Deputy



49 – Gaylon Thompson
May 2, 1979 – Apr 15, 2004
Retired – Captain



Education: Topeka West High School, 1987; attended classes (2-years) at Washburn University.

Military: United States Navy, 1987-1991, Aviation Machinist Mate, Pacific Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, California.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 154th Basic, 5/1999; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol.

Other Notables: SNSO Field Training Officer (FTO); Digital Mapping Team (major automobile accidents and various crime scenes).

Education: Waldron High School, Waldron, Arkansas, 1968; BS, Information Systems Management, University of Maryland UC, 2010.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 55th Basic, 6/1979; Uniformed Operations, 1979-1984; Criminal Investigations, Narcotics Enforcement, 1984-1986; Detective, 1985; Sergeant, 1986-2000; Administrative Division, Lieutenant, 2000-2001; Criminal Investigations Division, Captain, 2001-2004.

Other Notables: Reserve Police Officer, Topeka Police Department, 4-years; KLETC 55th Basic Class President, 1979; Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Intern Instructor, 1979; SNSO Special Weapons & Tactics Team, Special Deputy United States Marshal, Certified Emergency Medical Technician; First SNSO Computer Forensic Examiner; Instructor, Department of Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy, 5-years; Computer Forensic Analyst, United States Department of State / Diplomatic Security



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51 – Richard Grassi
Sep 12, 1983 – Sep 17, 2004
Retired – Sergeant



Education: BA, Sociology, Pittsburg State University, 1979; Masters Degree, Public Administration, University of Kansas, 1990.

Military: U.S. Army, 1972-1975

SNSO Service: KLETC, 50th Basic, 10/1978; Patrol, 1983-1997; SNSO Firearms Instructor, 1986-1990, 1994-2004; Defensive Tactics Instructor, 1986-1990, 1994-2004; Sergeant 5/1997; Warrants Division Sergeant, 5/1997; SNSO Training Coordinator, 1997-2000; School Resource Officer (SRO) Supervisor, Sergeant, 6/1998-7/2000; Criminal Investigation Division, Sergeant, 7/2000-9/2004.

Other Notables: Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice Department, Washburn University, 1994-2003; Adjunct Instructor, School of Professional & Graduate Studies (Bridge Program), Baker University, 1990-1994; Instructor Trainer, National Law Enforcement Training Center, Kansas City, Missouri, 1997-2008; Police Firearms Instructor School, KLETC, 1983 & 1986; Published – “LAW & ORDER”, Harris Publications; Presenter at American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers Annual Conferences, 1995-2001; Presenter at IALEFI Annual Seminars, 1995-2001; Partner in Outdoor Wire Digital Network, 2008-present; Editor for “THE TACTICAL WIRE & SPECIAL EDITION: CONCEALED CARRY”, Outdoor Wire Publication.

52 – Kenneth Pierce
Jan 1968- Jun 1969
Jan 11, 1971 – Mar 18, 2005
Retired – Major



Medal of Valor
1981

Education: Seaman High School, 1967, B.A., Criminal Justice, Washburn University, 1975; Masters Degree, Public Administration, Wichita State University, 1978.

SNSO Service: Patrol; Crime Prevention & Training, Sergeant 10/1971; Services Division, Lieutenant, 1975, Uniformed Operations Division, Captain, 1979; Criminal Investigation Division, Captain, 1985-1989; Administration, Major 1989; Acting SNSO Sheriff, 2/2000-3/2000.

Other Notables: Capital Area Major Case Squad; Crime Stoppers of Topeka; USD 345 Drug Task Force Member; Mayors Task Force on Crime; State Youth Center Advisory Board Member; Washburn Alumni Association; first Medal of Valor recipient at SNSO and two time honoree; Various SNSO Service bars; Topeka's Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer, Topeka Jaycees; Kansas Outstanding Young Officer, Kansas Jaycees, 1974; Hostage Negotiator & Certified Trainer in Hostage Negotiations; Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice Department, Washburn University and Wichita State University.

Died: Nov 9, 2008, Interment Rochester Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas.

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53 – Marsha Baird Oct 17, 1977 – Apr 29, 2005 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Washburn University.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 48th Basic, 3/1978; Narcotics Unit; Warrants Division; Operations Division, Patrol; K-9 Unit; Process Division, Corporal, 1998; Sergeant, 1999; SNSO Public Information Officer, Criminal Investigations Division, Offender Registration & Victims Assistant Coordinator.

Other Notables: Hostage Negotiator; First SNSO Female K-9 Handler & placed top three in Regional Police Dog Trials; First formal Public Information Officer (PIO), Initiated the process for Accreditation (CALEA), Started the Victim's Rights Program.

54 – Kermit Crane Oct 10, 1977 – Sep 16, 2005 Retired – Captain



Education: AA, Barton County Community College, Great Bend, Kansas, 1975; attended classes at Kansas State Teacher's College, Emporia, Kansas and Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 43rd Basic, 3/1977; Jail; Civil Process Division; Patrol, Field Training Officer; attained ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, 1985, Lieutenant, and Captain in Uniformed Operations Division; served as Division Commander for Uniform Operations Division (Patrol), Community Services, and Criminal Investigations Division.

Other Notables: Great Bend Police Department, 1974-1975; Barton County Sheriff's Office, 1975-1977; appointment by Governor to Kansas State Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board, while at SNSO; Firearms Range Master; Certified Firearms Instructor; Certified Submachine Gun Instructor; maintained EMT Certification; FAA Certified Commercial Pilot, Flight and Instrument Instructor, Advanced Amateur Radio License; Conducts Aerial patrol of Electrical Transmission Lines, present..

55 – Larry Stallbaumer May 9, 1977 – Sep 23, 2005 Retired – Corporal



Education: Nemaha Valley High School, Seneca, Kansas, 1972; North Central Kansas Area Vo-Tech, Electronics, 1972-1974.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 48th Basic, 3/1978; Security Detention Division, Jail, 5/1977-2/1981; Community Services Division, Warrants Division; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol; Shawnee County Courthouse Security, 9/2001-9/2005.

Other Notables: Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 3; FOP SNSO Trustee; FOP Trustee at Large; FOP Edwin Bolz Award, 1997; SNSO SWAT member, 8/1983-11/2001; SNSO Mounted Posse; Hazardous Material & Radiological Instructor; Officer of the Year, Daughter of American Revolution, 1989; SNSO "Sam" (talking car) education & safety program; SNSO "Chad" (talking chicken) education & safety program; Field Training Officer (FTO).

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56 – Dan Jenks

Mar 17, 1986 - Sep 30, 2005
Retired – Deputy



SNSO Service: KLETC, 17th Basic, 10/1971; Operations Division, Patrol; Process Division; Warrants Division; School Resource Officer (SRO).
Other Notables: Topeka Police Department, Patrol, TPD K-9 Officer, Detective, 9/1971-9/1977; United Parcel Service (UPS), 6-years; Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority (MTAA) Police, 3rd shift Sergeant, 1983-1986; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3; Capital Area Major Case Squad, 8-years; SNSO Mounted Posse, 4-years.

57 – Michael Rafferty Jan 23, 1978 – Mar 20, 2006 Retired – Sergeant



Education: Rossville High School, 1974; Hutchinson Community Junior College, 1974-1975.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 49th Basic, 5/1978; Operations Division, Traffic Unit, 1/1978-8/1979; Civil Process, 8/1979-3/1984; Corporal, 1986; Tax, Execution & Eviction Unit, 3/1984-7/1998; Administrative Sergeant, 7/1998-11/1998; Civil Process, Sergeant 11/1998-1/1999; SNSO Rangemaster & Armorer, 1/1999-1/2001; Courthouse Security, Sergeant, 1/2001-3/2006.

58 – Don Christie

Jan 21, 1981 – Jun 23, 2006
Retired – Captain



59 – Rick Hladky Oct 10, 1977 – Mar 17, 2007 Retired – Major



Education: Onaga High School, 1973; AA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, 1987; BA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, Magna Cum Laude, 1992

SNSO Service: KLETC, 51st Basic, 11/1978; Jail 10/1977-3/1979; Patrol, 3/1979-12/1984; Criminal Investigation Division, Detective, 12/1984-8/1989; Patrol, Sergeant, 8/1989-8/1994; Patrol, Lieutenant, 8/1994-9/1998; Uniformed Operations Division (Patrol), Captain, 9/1998-1/2000; Criminal Investigations Division, 1/2000-1/2001; Services Division, Captain, 1/2001-8/2005; Administration, Major, 8/2005-3/2007; 29 years-5 mo.

Other Notables: SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 3/1977-10/1977; KLETC 51st Basic Class Marksmanship Award; Officer of the Year, Insurance Women of Topeka, 1984; SNSO Agency Pilot; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Washburn University, 1992; SNSO SWAT Team Member,

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8/1983-1/2002; Sniper Training, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1992; Sniper/Marksman Training, U. S. Army, 1994; SNSO SWAT Team, Commander, 8/1994-1/2002; Successful Criminal Justice Grant Writing, KLETC, 2001; Cops Grant Manager Training, 2002; SNSO Grant Writer for Agency Mobile Computer Terminals, School Resource Officer for Rossville & Silver Lake School Districts, Rifles (52) for Patrol, and Community Deputies for Montara Housing Area; Training Instructor - Less Lethal Impact Projectile, Flash/Noise Diversionary Device, Chemical Agent, OC Aerosol; CS-LEEDS (Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar), Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2002; Certified Public Managers Program, University of Kansas, 2004; Sheriff Richard W. Barta / Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Training Complex, Range Maintenance, 8/2010-present.

60 – Jack Morgan

Jan 25, 1988 – Sep 28, 2007

Retired – Sergeant



SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 6/1988; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol, 1988-7/1997; Patrol Corporal, 7/1997-12/1998; Criminal Investigations Division, Detective, 1/1999-7/2002; Training Unit; Detective, 7/2002-1/2005; Training Unit Sergeant, 1/2005-9/2007.

Other Notables: K-9 Officer; SNSO SWAT team; SNSO Firearms Range-master.

61 – Edward Swift

May 29, 1984 – Oct 27, 2007
Retired – Detective



Education: Ponca City High School, Ponca City, Oklahoma, 1972; AA, Butler County Community College, 1975; BA, Music, Washburn University, Topeka, 1978.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 86th Basic, 5/1985; Patrol, 1984-1994; Field Training Officer; Civil Process Division, 1994-1999; Warrants, 1999; Civil Process Division, 1999-2001; Criminal Investigations, Detective, 9/2001-10/2007.

Other Notables: Topeka Police Department, Animal Control Officer, 1981-5/1984; SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1983-5/1984; 150th SNSO Anniversary Committee, 2003-2005, M-Squad, 2001-10/2007.

62 – John Barber

Apr 12, 1979 – Sep 26, 2008
Retired – Deputy



Education: Topeka High School, 1975; attended classes at Washburn University.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 1/1980; Security Detention Division, Jail; Operations Division, Patrol; Communications, dispatcher; Process Unit;

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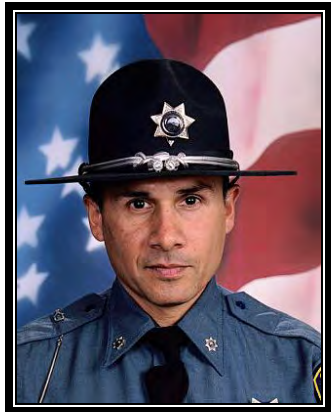
Warrants Division; Shawnee County Courthouse Security.

Other Notables: SNSO Cadet program, 1970's; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3; Security work (part-time) for USD 501 Topeka, school events, 25 years; Grace Episcopal Cathedral; School bus driver, USD 336, Holton, Ks., current.

63 – Patrick McGuire
May 14, 1979 – Dec 12, 2008
Retired – Sergeant



64 – Daniel Jaramillo
Aug 20, 1980 – Dec 19, 2008
Retired – Detective



Education: Hayden High School, 1977; AA, Butler County Community College, 1979; BA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, Topeka, 1999; MA, Criminal Justice Administration, 2000.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 66th Basic, 6/1981; Shawnee County Jail, 8/1980-9/1982; Patrol, 10/1982-7/1986; Criminal Investigation Division, Detective, Narcotics Unit, 8/1986-1994; Federal Bureau Investigation (FBI) Strike Force, 1994-1996; Patrol, 1996-1997; Process, 1997-2000; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Violent Crimes Strike Force, 2000-2008.

Other Notables: SNSO participant in the World Police and Fire Games, Quebec, Canada, medaled in 800 meter run & 1500 meter run, 2005; published Author, "FORTITUDE: WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT" (a book on moral courage), 2008.

65 – Charles Holthaus
Jul 5, 1983 – Dec 19, 2008
Retired – Deputy



Education: B & B High School, Baileyville, Kansas, 1973.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 79th Basic, 11/1983; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol; Warrants Division; Shawnee County Courthouse Security.

Other Notables: Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Topeka Plant, 1974-1980; Electrician School, Northeast Kansas Technical College, Atchison, Kansas, 1980-1981; Rossville Police Department (part-time), 9/1986-9/1988; Stormont Vail Hospital Security, 8/1992-present.

66 – Buford Johnson
Jan 2, 1979 – Mar 16, 2009
Retired – Sergeant



Education: Pratt High School, 1974; AA, Pratt Community Junior College, 1976; BA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, 1978

SNSO Retirees - Profile

SNSO Service: KLETC, 52nd Basic, 2/1979; Jail, 2/1979-9/1979 Traffic Enforcement Unit, 10/1979-10/1983; Patrol, 10/1983-3/2009, Sergeant 1994.

Other Notables: Volunteer Firefighter, Preston Rural Fire Department, Pratt County, Ks, 1972-1978; Pratt County Township 12 Fire Department, Volunteer Firefighter, 1974-1978; Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Pratt County Sheriff's Office, 1974-1978; Volunteer Firefighter, Volunteer Fire Captain, Mission Township Fire Department, Shawnee County, Kansas, 1979-2010; Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 3, 1979-present; Kansas Certified EMT-I; SNSO SWAT Team, 1980-1991; SNSO Honor Guard; 1980-2009; Capital Area Major Case Squad (M-Squad), 1984-2009, Secretary, 1987 & 1997; Vice-Chairman, 1988 & 1998; Chairman, 1989, 1999 and 2000; SNSO-F.O.P. Lodge No. 3, Chief Negotiator, Bargaining Committee, 1996 (1997, 1998 & 1999 Contract); SNSO Instructor - Radar / Lidar, Tire Spikes, DUI Intoxilizer; Licensed Private Pilot, SNSO Agency pilot; Undersheriff, Pratt County Sheriff's Office, 8/2011-present.

67 – Martha Beatty Lutz

Feb 1, 1980 – Apr 1, 2009

Retired - Lieutenant



Education: Lyndon High School, 1976; attended Allen County Jr. College, Iola, Kansas.

SNSO Service: Clerical Staff 1/1978-1/1980; KLETC, 58th Basic, 1/1980-3/1980; Jail, 3/1980-10/1981; Patrol 10/1981-1/1982; Process 1/1982-7/1993; Community Services Division, 7/1993-1/2005; DARE Officer-Shawnee County Schools, 1993-2005; Sergeant 1/2005; Public Information Officer, Sergeant, Community Services, 1/2005-3/2007; Lieutenant, 3/2007, Administrative Division Lieutenant, 3/2007-3/2009.

Other Notables: Wheat State Crime Prevention Award by the Kansas Attorney General, 2002; First Female Lieutenant at SNSO, 2007; Administrative Assistant for Sheriff Richard Barta, 5/2009-4/2012; Administrative Assistant for Sheriff Herman Jones, 5/2012-present.

68 – Roy Hawks
Oct 15, 2001 – Jan 29, 2010
Retired – Deputy

69 – Andrew Adams
Feb 7, 2000 – Mar 26, 2010
Retired (M) – Deputy

70 – Harry Bowen IV
Sep 26, 2000 – May 1, 2010
Retired (M) – Deputy

71 – Dave Gowan
Jul 24, 1986 – Sep 11, 2010
Retired - Sergeant



Education: Mission Valley High School, 1978; BA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, 1981.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 94th Basic, 12/1986; Process; Warrants; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol, Sergeant, 2001-10/2010.

Other Notables: SNSO Reserve Deputy Sheriff 1984-7/1986; Silver Lake Police Department, 1991-1995; Auburn Police Department, 1997-present; Deputy Chief of Police, Auburn Police Department, 2007-present.

SNSO Retirees - Profile

72 – Rich Mergen
May 21, 1979 – Dec 17, 2010
Retired – Lieutenant



Education: Sacred Heart High School, Salina, Kansas, 1975; BA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, Topeka, 1979.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 55th Basic, 6/1979; Patrol, 7/1979; Jail, 8/1979-5/1980; Patrol, 6/1980-9/1981; Community Services, 9/1981-12/1985; Corporal 1/1984; Criminal Investigation Division, 12/1985-7/2006; Detective 3/1986-5/2002, Criminal Intelligence Detective 6/2002-3/2004; Detective Sergeant 3/2004-7/2006; Patrol, Lieutenant, 8/2006-12/2010.

Other notables: Capital Area Major Case Squad, 1986-2010; F.O.P. Lodge No. 3, 1986-Present; Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC), SNSO Representative, 2002-2005; Chairman 150th SNSO Anniversary Committee, 2003-2005, Co-author "SHAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 1855-2005", 150th Anniversary book, 2005; Certified Public Manager Program (CPM), University of Kansas, 2007; Co-author "SHAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNDERSHERIFFS 2012" booklet..

73 – Scott J. Holladay
Oct 10, 1977 – Mar 11, 2011
Retired – Undersheriff



Education: Wamego High School, 1974; AA, Science, Kansas State University, 1977.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 49th Basic, 5/1978; Security Detention Division, Jail 1977-1979; Operations Division, Traffic Unit; 1979-1985; Criminal Investigation Division, Detective, 1985-1988; Drug Enforcement Unit, Detective, 1988-1998; Courthouse Security, 1998-2000; Professional Standards Unit & SNSO Recruitment, 2000-2006, Detective, Sergeant, 1/2003; Lieutenant, 3/2005; Criminal Investigations Division, Captain, 9/2005-9/2007, Undersheriff for Sheriff Richard Barta, 9/2007-3/2011.

Other Notables: Capital Area Major Case Squad; Certified Public Manager Program (CPM), University of Kansas, 2006; Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS), Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2007.

74 – Alan Simon
Dec 29, 1997 – Jun 16, 2011
Retired – Sergeant



Education: Osage City High School, 1990; BA, Criminal Justice, Washburn University, 1994.

SNSO Service: Topeka Police Department Training Academy, 6/1995; Uniformed Operations



SNSO Retirees - Profile

Division, Patrol, 12/1997-12/2001; Patrol Corporal, 12/2001-11/2004; Civil Process Unit, Corporal, 11/2004-3/2007; Process Sergeant, 3/2007-6/2011.

Other Notables: Kansas Highway Patrol, Capitol Police; Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority (MTAA) Police; SNSO Field Training Officer (FTO), Fraternal Order of Police Lodge (FOP) No. 3; SNSO-FOP Union Steward; Traffic (DUI / Seatbelt) Grant Supervisor; Intoxilyzer Administrator; Drug Recognition Expert, Child Seat Technician; Volunteer for Special Olympics-Polar Bear Plunge/5K Run & Law Enforcement Torch Run; currently working for Larimer County, Colorado.

75 – Russell Berry
Feb 6, 1984 – Dec 19, 2011
Retired – Deputy

76 - William Vaughn
Aug 15, 1990 – May 31, 2012
Retired – Detective



Education: Wells High School, Chicago, Illinois, 1973.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 114th Basic, 12/1990; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol, 1990-1994; Warrants Division, 1994-1997; Patrol, 1997-1999; Civil Process Division, 1999-2001; Criminal Investigations Division, Detective, 2001-2011; Offender Registration Unit, Detective, 2011-2012.

Other Notables: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3, 1990-2012; Capital Area Major Case Squad, 1995-2012; SNSO Field Training Officer (FTO) in all assigned divisions; First SNSO Detective assigned to initiate criminal cases in Offender Registration Unit.

77 – Ernest Lauderback
Dec 5, 1994 – Jun 18, 2012
Retired – Deputy



Education: Westminster High School, Westminster, California, 1964-1968; attended classes at Washburn University, 1992-1994.

Military: United States Marine Corps, 1968-1994; Duty Assignments: 1st Recon Battalion, 1 Marine Corps Division Republic of Vietnam; Security Battalion Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California; Marine Corps Air Wing Group 37, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California; 2nd Recruit Battalion Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California; 1st Marine Air Wing, Okinawa, Japan; Marine Corps Station Yuma, Yuma, Arizona; Recruiting Station New York, New York, New York; Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Iwakuni, Japan; Marine Corps Air Group 11, Marine Air Station El Toro, El Toro, California; Commander Naval Air Force Pacific, Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, California.

SNSO Service: KLETC, 136th Basic, 10/1995; Uniformed Operations Division, Patrol, 1994-2002; Administration Division, Process Unit, 2002-2012.

Other Notables: SNSO Honor Guard, 1997-2012.

78 – Michael Mulford
Jun 18, 1990 – Jun 30, 2012
Retired – Deputy

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Richard W. Barta
Mar 14, 2000 – Apr 20, 2012
Retired - Sheriff



Personal

Education

Lucas High School, Lucas, Ks., 1964; attended **Fort Hays State University, Hays, Ks.**, 1967-1968; AA, **Barton County Community College**, Great Bend, Ks., 1973; BA, Criminal Justice, **Washburn University**, Topeka, Ks., 1987.

Other Training / Education

National Traffic Management Institute, Central Missouri State, 1979; **National Sheriff's Institute**, 81st Session, 2001; **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy**, 208th Session, 2002.

Military

United States Navy, 1964-1967, Vietnam War Veteran.

Law Enforcement

Kansas Highway Patrol, 1968-1997; KHP Academy, 1968; assigned field duties, Trooper, Larned, 1968-1970; transferred, Trooper, field duties, LaCrosse, 1970-1975; promoted to Sergeant, supervisory duties, Emporia, with responsibilities at KHP Training Academy, Salina, 1975-1979; promoted to Lieutenant & transferred to Chanute, 1979-1982; promoted to Captain, Public Education & Training Division, transferred to Topeka, 1982-1987; promoted to Major, assigned to General Headquarters & East Region Field Operations Commander, Topeka, 1987-1988; transferred to assume Field Command of Troop D, Hays, 1988-1990; reassigned to General Headquarters as Field Operations Commander, Topeka, 1990; State Administrative Operation Commander, Topeka, 1992-1997.

Kansas Lottery Commission Security Division, 1997-3/2000, enforcement officer.

Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, 3/14/2000-4/20/2012; selected by the Republican Central Committee and appointed Sheriff by Governor Bill Graves, 3/2000; elected Sheriff, 11/2000, First term, 1/2001-1/2005; elected Sheriff, 11/2004, Second term, 1/2005-1/2009; elected Sheriff, 11/2008, Third term, 1/2009-4/2012, retired.

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Other Notables

Optimist International Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 2005 – to recognize those in law enforcement who go above and beyond in order to protect and serve all of us; **Washburn Alumni Fellows, 2006** - program recognizes alumni who are distinguished in their career fields, Washburn University; **Topeka Crime Stoppers Logan-Nicolay Founders Award, 2012** - honors an individual or organization that has a vision to make Topeka and Shawnee County a safer place to live and acts on that vision over a period of years to accomplish that goal; **Republican Candidate for Kansas Senate, 18th District, 2012**; won Republican Primary Election, Kansas Senate, 18th District, 8/2012.

Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Accomplishments **2000-2012**

Mission Statement – established, 2005. *“Working in partnership with the community to protect and serve with honor, integrity, and professionalism”*

CALEA – Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, (2002 initial process started), with successful accreditation in 2006, 2009, 2012. A three (3) year process, included review and update on General Orders and Standard Operating Procedures. SNSO is the only accredited Sheriff's Office in Kansas.

Montara Community Policing Deputies – a four (4) year program implemented through Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant, 2003.

Computerized Information Sharing – Mobile Data Terminal (MDT's), 2001; “COPLINK”, 2004; “New World”, 2002; reports filed electronically, 2002; Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL), 2004; “Code RED” alert system, 2005.

Professional Standards Unit (PSU) – implemented to respond to any citizen complaints / concerns, deputy sheriff recruitment and hiring, 2000.

Community Service Programs – Citizens Academy, 2003; Crime Prevention Academy, 2006; SNSO Youth Academy, 2007; Agency Monthly Newsletter; Annual Reports, Neighborhood Watch Programs, attendance at community meetings / events.

Crime Scene Property Room Improvements – complete audit & inventory of property room, increased security of property room with video surveillance, bar coding of all items of evidence.

Survey Program for Service Provided to Citizens – by issuance of survey cards, 2006.

Enhanced Law Enforcement Training – Law Enforcement Drivers Training (LEDT), 2003; 3-day annual block training established.

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First Line Supervisory Training – for Corporals and Sergeants.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), - Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) - for senior level staff, 2002.

Certified Public Manager Course (CPM) – staff personnel, 2004.

FBI National Academy – for senior level staff, 2002.

Improvements to Fleet Vehicle Management – update Emergency Equipment, In Car Cameras, Radar, Crime Scene Vans, 2002; Computerized Fleet Maintenance, 2002; SWAT Rapid deployment vehicle.

Victim Services Coordinator – position established, 2004.

Computer Forensic Investigators – training, field work, establishment of deputy sheriff assigned full time to the Heart of America Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, Kansas City, 2005.

Polygraph Examiner – fully trained and certified, used during applicant background investigations and criminal investigations, 2001.

Professional Uniform upgrades – standard uniform, campaign hats, dress uniform, working uniforms for various personnel.

General Counsel – re-established agency legal advisor / general counsel position, 2003.

Professional Accountant – civilian position, 2000.

Inventory Specialist – civilian position created, 2000.

Crime Analyst – civilian position created, 2006.

Weapons Transitions – Glock 22 & Glock 23, .40 caliber semi auto pistols, 2003; Colt AR-15, .223 caliber rifles, 2006.

School Resource Officer (SRO) – positions established for Hayden High School, 2000; Silver Lake High School, 2003; and Rossville High School, 2003.

Increased Security at Law Enforcement Center (LEC) and Shawnee County Courthouse – new access control system, video cameras, and building design improvements.

(CECC) Consolidated Emergency Communications Center - came under Sheriff's Office authority, providing dispatching services for Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, Topeka Police, Auburn Police, Silver Lake Police & Rossville Police departments, and the Topeka Fire, Mission Fire, Soldier Fire, Shawnee Heights Fire, Rossville Fire, Silver Lake Fire, and Dover Fire departments, 2008.

Continued and improved Community Partnerships – “Everybody Wins”, Highland Park Central Grade School, “Royal Family Kids Camp”, Arthritis Association, “Easter Seals”, Capper Foundation, Special Olympics.

Richard W. Barta Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Training Complex and Firing Range, 2010.



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Farewell Message Sheriff Richard W. Barta

May 2012 SNSO STAR

Retiring after 44 years as a public servant is a time of much joy. But for me there is also some sorrow. Obviously retirement will allow Marcia and I more time for family, travel, hobbies and just relaxing. I do look forward to that. However, I've thoroughly enjoyed my career in the Law Enforcement profession, especially the people I've had the privilege of working with over the years. Unfortunately many of them have passed on; nevertheless, their mentorship and memories remain. It is you, the people, I will miss the most.

It truly has been an honor to serve as your Sheriff for the past 12 years. Certainly there have been challenges along the way, but by working together and in partnership with the community we've overcome many obstacles as an agency. No one person could have accomplished this, it takes commitment, communication, coordination and cooperation-in other words, it takes a team effort. I'm humbly gratified to have been a part of the team.

Being retired I continue to hear favorable comments from citizens throughout the County of the work you perform each and every day. As we all know, in our profession, each day we must strive for professional excellence-every day is an opportunity to make a difference in our community-to continue to build the public's trust.

I feel I would be remiss if I didn't include (one final time) something you've heard me say hundreds of times. The most important characteristic of Shawnee County Sheriff's Office personnel is integrity. Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching, doing the right thing regardless of the consequences. People with integrity are the best prevention against corruption. As Law Enforcement professionals, we

are held to a higher standard, as we should be.

Marcia and I will be staying in the community. While we are planning to do those activities I mentioned earlier, we're not sure what the next chapter of our lives will bring. I have been approached to run for another political office and we're still pondering the pros and cons before we make a commitment.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Sheriff for the past 12 years.

Congratulations to our new sheriff, Sheriff Herman T. Jones.

Be safe and may God Bless each and everyone of you.

Farewell,

Dick Barta



About the Authors / Acknowledgements

Rich Mergen Retired Lieutenant



See professional profile (page 42)

Rich Mergen's remarks:

The **“Shawnee County Sheriff's Office KP&F Retirement / SNSO Retirees / Sheriff Barta 2012”** booklet is the 3rd in a series of books / booklets about SNSO. So far, the content in the publications has primarily been about the “people” at the Sheriff's Office. A quick recap:

The **150th Anniversary book in 2005** featured biographical information of the first 40 Sheriffs, Election results, Shawnee County and Sheriff's Office buildings, current personnel, retired personnel, and the 150th anniversary celebration – an overview of 150 years of service.

The 2nd booklet, **“Undersheriffs 2012”** recognized all known undersheriffs since the first being appointed in 1860, identified new hires at SNSO and former personnel found during research since 2006 – a companion piece to the 2005 book.

This booklet, **“Shawnee County Sheriff's Office KP&F / SNSO Retirees / Sheriff Barta 2012”**, was designed to provide some historical aspects of Kansas Police & Fire Retirement system being established at SNSO, appreciation of the retirement system, recognition of the first retiree (under KP&F), Deputy Harley Sands, professional profiles on SNSO Retirees, and recognition of recently retired Sheriff Richard Barta.

Each book / booklet has been enjoyable to plan, research and complete.

However, this particular booklet has been extremely satisfying because it allowed me to personally interact again with many of the retirees, much like I had previously done on a day to day basis throughout our many years together at SNSO.

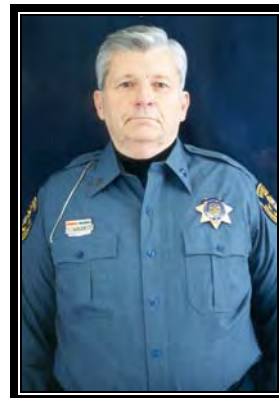
Email conversations, telephone conversations, and a number of personal visits and / or “lunches” with several of the retirees was very fulfilling after a career in law enforcement that I thought was already satisfying and complete.

I would like to thank each and every retiree for allowing me to briefly interrupt their busy schedules and retirement years by asking them to recall and perhaps reminisce a little about our time at SNSO. I believe this booklet will be enjoyed by many retirees, their families, future family members and of course current and future SNSO personnel.

Also, it should be known that Sheriff Barta and now Sheriff Herman Jones have always supported the various projects or plans that have been pursued. I personally thank each of you for that...and thanks to Jake Mauck.

The future also looks promising for additional SNSO “historical” type publications. Plans are being made and research continuing for a 4th booklet in the series – **“Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Weapons & Equipment 2013”**.

J.D. “Jake” Mauck Retired Sergeant



See professional profile (page 31)
and Mauck's reflections about
the 1983 SNSO Negotiations (page 14)

General Information
Regarding Retiree Profiles

Participation was optional and profile content was self reported. Some editing was necessary, mostly for consistency of format, some accuracy issues, and completeness.

Retirees could choose to provide essentially a “full profile”, complete with “header” (name, start & end dates, retirement rank, photo), and profile content (education, military service, SNSO service and other notables). Other options included “header” with photo or “header” only. Retirees that did not respond were recognized with the “header” only.

Multiple attempts were made to contact/notify each and every retiree regarding the project – via E-mails, U.S. mail, home visits, telephone calls, and various other methods.

For those retirees that have departed this life, their profiles are shaded in blue, for remembrance and special recognition. In order to complete their profiles, personal contact was made with remaining family (if available).

The next Shawnee County Sheriff's Booklet

WEAPONS & EQUIPMENT 2013

Content will include photos, articles and stories related to the history of SNSO weapons, uniforms, badges, patches, hats, caps, radios, vehicles, other equipment, etc.

Anyone with information or items (old photos, "weapons & equipment", old memorandums, other agency documents, etc) related to the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, please contact:

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(photo courtesy of Topeka Daily Capital)

January 1965 - New department uniforms worn by Sharon Niernberger, Keith Butts (standing) and Ken Hendrix Implemented by Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee

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