

74-2105. Principal function of highway patrol; uniforms required, exceptions; security for public officials; superintendent to supervise and manage capitol police; security of transportation of governor and governor's family; use of aircraft; advise with legislative coordinating council.

(a) (1) The principal function of the Kansas highway patrol shall be enforcement of the traffic and other laws of this state relating to highways, vehicles and drivers of vehicles except as otherwise provided in this subsection (a). The superintendent and members of the highway patrol in performing their duties under this act shall wear badges and uniforms of office. The superintendent may designate members to perform security duties for public officials and other duties as directed by the superintendent. The superintendent may perform duties under this act whether or not wearing a badge and uniform. Such members may serve without uniform and without open display of badges.

(2) The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall designate the mode of transportation deemed necessary for the purpose of providing security for the governor and the governor's family.

(3) Subject to approval by the federal aviation administration of an exemption from applicable federal aviation administration regulations, when the governor elects to travel by state-owned vehicle or aircraft for political or personal business and the superintendent has not deemed such transportation necessary for the security of the governor or the governor's family, the governor may use such vehicle or aircraft and reimburse the state of Kansas for its use in an amount determined by the secretary of administration.

(b) In addition to the duties otherwise prescribed by law, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall supervise and manage the capitol police. In the supervision and management of the duties of the capitol police in and around the state capitol building, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall advise with the legislative coordinating council.

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