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Kansas Commission *on* Peace Officers' Standards *and* Training (KS•CPOST) Chairperson Jackie N Williams announced today the appointment of Kansas City, Kansas, Deputy Police Chief **Steven R Culp** as the new KS•CPOST Executive Director. Deputy Chief Culp is presently serving as acting chief of police following the recent retirement of Kansas City, Kansas, police chief Ron Miller.



KS•CPOST, a 12-member regulatory body appointed by the Governor oversees law enforcement training and officer certification standards in the State of Kansas. Among the Commission's many duties and responsibilities is that of granting and regulating the certification of all Kansas full and part-time officers that meet the qualifications for certification.

The Commission is responsible for conducting administrative and criminal investigations and may suspend, revoke, or deny the certification of a police or law enforcement officer who fails to meet the requirements of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act or has met such requirements by

falsifying documents or failing to disclose information required for certification.

The Commission was created by the Kansas Legislature in 1982, but did not provide for a full-time dedicated staff to carry out its statutory duties and responsibilities. In 1999 funds for a KS•CPOST special investigator were allotted to conduct investigations regarding violations of the Training Act and to perform the Commission's administrative tasks. In May 2006 Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed into law House Bill 2122, legislation which authorized KS•CPOST to be a stand alone regulatory agency and authorized the appointment of a director, employees, agents and consultants necessary to carry out the Commission's prescribed statutory duties.

Culp's credentials are both extensive and impressive. Serving the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department since 1981 Culp rose through the ranks serving as a patrol officer, detective, unit commander, administrative assistant to the chief of police, major, and deputy police chief. He holds a masters degree in Management from Baker University and is a graduate of three prestigious and well recognized national leadership programs: University of Louisville Southern Police Institute Advanced Administrative Officers' Course; the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia; and the Harvard University JFK School of Government.

Deputy Chief Culp's extensive experience in personnel supervision, internal affairs investigations, vendor contract negotiations, budget development and administration, and his broad experience as the computer network, hardware and software applications administrator for the Kansas City, Kansas, Police

Department will serve the Commission well as KS•CPOST moves forward to become a stand-alone regulatory agency.

The Commission Executive Director and staff will be temporarily located at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) near Yoder, Kansas, until a transition can be facilitated to State of Kansas office space in the Wichita area.

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