

Kansas Criminal Justice Information System

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Chairman Olson and committee members,

Your Kansas Criminal Justice Information Systems (KCJIS) are the communications hub of law enforcement, courts, and other criminal justice involved state and local agencies throughout the state. These communications include transmittal of sensitive criminal justice information between state and local agencies, as well as providing the ability for law enforcement officers and other criminal justice system users to access critical federal and state databases. This is our key system for law enforcement to check for wanted persons, stolen property, runaway juveniles, missing persons, and other information key to public safety. The need for this ability to reach officers from their vehicles and from handheld devices is rapidly growing.

Key to our communications capability is the ability to transmit large parcels of data, including imaging files, from every portion of the state. Local criminal justice agencies must rely on commercial internet access, using highly secure encryption, to connect to the KCJIS systems.

The need for broadband capacity for the criminal justice agencies will only grow as more demands are created for sharing high resolution images, video, and documents. Today this includes fingerprints and mugshots along with many documents. In the future it will likely include surveillance videos and law enforcement body cam video and many other needs.

Expanding broadband capacity in every area of the state is critical to public safety. All Kansans deserve the same high level of public safety services regardless of whether they are in the most urban areas of the state or the most rural.

Ed Klumpp, Chair KCJIS Committee

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