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Brownback Wants More Highway Patrol Officers

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Gov. Sam Brownback says he wants to increase the number of highway patrol troopers on the state's roads.

His comments come as the patrol is working with its lowest staffing levels since 2005, when the patrol had 487 troopers.

Patrol spokesman Lt. Adam Winters says as of Friday, the patrol currently has 399 troopers.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that at the end of last year, the patrol had no troopers assigned to 21 counties, and another 34 counties had only one trooper.

When the governor was asked last week what areas of state government should get increased funding, he specifically mentioned the highway patrol but offered no specifics.

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