

## **Actions Taken To Support Law Enforcement, Increase Public Safety and Support Crime Victims**

- Secured a \$15,000 raise for all KSP troopers and a starting pay increase for sworn officers and increased the training stipend for law enforcement officers.
- Obtained paid vacation, sick leave and holiday pay, as well as enhanced health insurance contribution payments for retired KSP troopers and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers.
- Announced the Military to Law Enforcement Program allowing local law enforcement agencies in Kentucky to hire active service members within all U.S. military branches during their last 80 days of service.
- Secured funding for a new firearms training facility at the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond.
- Awarded almost \$8 million in grant funding to assist state and local law enforcement agencies.
- Enhanced victims' services through KSP's [Victim Advocate Support Services](#) program, which was among the first programs in the nation to be launched on state-wide bases. Crime victims are connected with an advocate who assists them with finding immediate resources, such as mental health services, crisis intervention or legal support. Since the inception of the program, 6,893 primary and secondary crimes victims and witnesses have found hope, healing and justice.
- Awarded more than \$104 million in grant funding to victim service agencies across the commonwealth and another \$27 million is expected to be awarded this year.
- Supported the [increase in funding](#) for victims of crime by signing legislation that doubled the weekly amount available for lost wages to \$300 per week from \$150 per week; increased the amount available for funeral expenses to \$7,500 from \$5,000 and increased the overall total award available to \$30,000 from \$25,000.
- Signed laws that [strengthened](#) when Kentuckians have reason to believe a child has been abused, neglected or is a victim of human trafficking; [clarified the legal definition of incest](#) to make sure more people are protected from this hideous crime; and [ensured that registered sex offenders cannot come within a 1,000 feet](#) of a high school, middle school, elementary school, preschool, publicly owned or leased playground, or licensed daycare facility.
- [In December](#), the Beshear-Coleman administration awarded more than \$2 million in grant funding to [33 agencies](#) to stop sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, as well as to enhance victim services.