



Colonel Ernest E. Garcia, Superintendent Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP)

In January 2011, Colonel Ernest E. Garcia was appointed by Governor Brownback and subsequently confirmed by the Kansas Senate to serve as a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Garcia now serves as Superintendent of the KHP.

After spending most of his professional life in Washington, D.C., Garcia finds himself back home in Kansas with his appointment to the Patrol. Garcia was raised in Garden City.

He attended the University of Kansas, earning Master Degree's in Sociology and Public Administration. Garcia is retired from the United States Marine Corps, during which time he served in numerous deployments to Central and South America and the Middle East. His last deployment was to Iraq.

Garcia served as Kansas State Director and Legislative Assistant for Senator Bob Dole, Special Assistant to President Reagan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms in which one of his principal duties was to serve as the Senate's Chief Law Enforcement Officer. He also served as the Executive Director for the U.S. Selective Service System. Garcia enjoys the opportunity to work closely with local police and sheriff's departments throughout Kansas. Garcia lives in Overland Park, Kansas with his wife, Amy.