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## Governor Sam Brownback appoints John Whitmer to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training.

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback has appointed Wichita businessman John Whitmer to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST). Whitmer was appointed as a member and chair on December 12, 2012 to serve a four year term expiring July 1, 2016. Whitmer succeeds Wichita attorney David Moss.

Whitmer attended the University of Kansas where he studied Political Science and Public Administration. He is a 25 year resident of Wichita where he has been in catering, event production, sales and marketing. In 2008 John was recognized by the Wichita Business Journal as one of Wichita's 40 Under 40 Honoree's for his work in the specials events industry. John serves on the City of Wichita's District IV Advisory Board.

John and his wife Marlena are members of Asbury United Methodist Church and are active in the Wichita community. They support Music Theater of Wichita where John serves on the Celebrations Committee. He has also been involved in a number of charity events including Co-Chairperson for the Cancer Society's Cattleman's Ball, Death by Chocolate at Exploration Place and the U.S. Marine Corp's Toys for Tots campaign.

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training is committed to providing the citizens of Kansas with qualified, trained, ethical, competent, and professional peace officers. It is also committed to adopting and enforcing professional standards for certification of peace officers to promote public safety and preserve public trust and confidence.