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Kansas aviation program receives national recognition

A Kansas program developed to provide legal and tactical advice to law enforcement officers called to airports has received national recognition.

The “Ops for Cops” program, organized by the Kansas Department of Transportation Aviation Division, was awarded the National Association of State Aviation’s Education Program Award. “Ops for Cops” was presented jointly by KDOT, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Transportation Security Administration, local law enforcement and airport management groups. It was presented in the past year in El Dorado, Johnson County, Pratt and Hutchinson, and is scheduled for several other communities in the coming months.

“We knew the program was adding real value to the law enforcement community when the Kansas Peace Officers Association sought out the program for their annual conference,” said Aviation Director Ed young.

The award, which was established in 1993 to recognize state aviation agencies for the education and motivation of the public through outreach efforts, will be presented Sept. 11 in Salt Lake City.

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