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Harlan County Receives KentuckyWired Broadband 'Hut'

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 8, 2017) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 10 on U.S. Highway 421 in Harlan County received a "hut" from the Kentucky Communications Network Authority on Thursday, November 2nd. The hut is part of KentuckyWired's high-speed fiber optic cable network being installed in every county throughout the Commonwealth.

The hut will serve as a connection point for KSP to link to the 288-strand fiber cable, helping troopers communicate with other first responders and government agencies by transmitting and receiving data faster than ever before. It will help them download files, access cameras, traffic information, photographs, criminal records, blueprints, and other information, and increase their ability to respond to emergencies.

State Representative and retired KSP trooper Chris Fugate said, "KentuckyWired will bring critical infrastructure for economic development, jobs, and education to Eastern Kentucky and its people. The installation of a KentuckyWired hut in Harlan is great progress on the project's construction and should encourage anyone who recognizes its value and potential to lift up our region's quality of life."

Harlan County State Senator Johnny Ray Turner said, "Streamlining correspondence between troopers and other first responders is critical for the citizens they serve and protect. This move will help first responders be more effective and efficient, and in their profession every second counts."

The hut is 15 feet wide, 22 feet long, and 9 feet high and was placed just outside the KSP post, along with a generator.

KentuckyWired will enhance the speed and efficiency of the state police and government agencies throughout the Commonwealth and bring an economic boost as its middle mile network becomes available to the private sector, encouraging companies to build in Kentucky. It will also enhance healthcare, education, cellular phone service, and enrich the lives of all citizens of Kentucky. The first portion of the KentuckyWired network is expected to be functional in 2018.

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