

KANSAS Traffic Safety Resource OFFICE

May is National Motorcycle Safety Month



As the weather warms up, you've probably already seen more motorcyclists on the roads around the state.

In 2023 in Kansas, crash data shows there were 926 motorcycle-involved crashes. In those incidents, **41 people died** and 840 were injured.

Mutual respect and thoughtfulness from all drivers and riders users will help reduce crashes, deaths, and injuries on our roads.

Tips for drivers:

- Yield to motorcyclists especially while turning at intersections
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic
- Allow more follow distance when behind a motorcycle
- Allow motorcycles the full width of a lane at all times

Tips for motorcyclists:

- Wear protective gear and a DOT-compliant helmet. High visibility gear will help you be seen
- Take a motorcycle safety course and keep your bike well maintained
- Don't ride in the blind spots of motor vehicles
- Drive and ride defensively

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Want To Keep Kids Safe? Become a Child Passenger Safety Technician!

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Classes:

May 6-8, 2025
Gardner Police Department
Gardner, KS

May 6-8, 2025
Kansas Highway Patrol Headquarters
Garden City, KS

June 10-12, 2025
Leawood Police Department
Leawood, KS

June 10-12, 2025
Manhattan Fire Department
Manhattan, KS

July 8-10, 2025
McPherson Fire Department
McPherson, KS

October 21-23, 2025
Ellsworth County EMS
Ellsworth, KS



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Traffic Safety Events and Opportunities

Seat Belt Observation Surveys

Seat belt observer staff, employed by DCCCA, will be in the field until approximately August 1, 2025.

On highways and interstates, you may see 'Survey Ahead' signs posted. Seat belt observers will be wearing KDOT gear.



The 16 designated counties for the Spring and Summer seatbelt surveys are:

1. Atchison
2. Barton
3. Butler
4. Douglas

5. Franklin
6. Johnson
7. Leavenworth
8. McPherson
9. Pottawatomie
10. Riley
11. Saline
12. Sedgwick
13. Seward
14. Shawnee
15. Sherman
16. Wyandotte

B.R.A.K.E.S. FREE Advanced Driving School



What's included in the B.R.A.K.E.S. curriculum?

Driving Exercises Include:

- Distracted Driving Awareness
- Panic Braking
- Crash Avoidance
- Car Control/Skid Recovery
- Drop-wheel/Off-road Recovery

Discussions Include:

- Proper Seat and Mirror Placement
- Proper Use of Seat Belts
- Eye Scanning
- Big Rig Safety
- What To Do During A Traffic Stop

06/21/2025 to 06/22/2025 @ West Ridge Mall, Topeka, KS

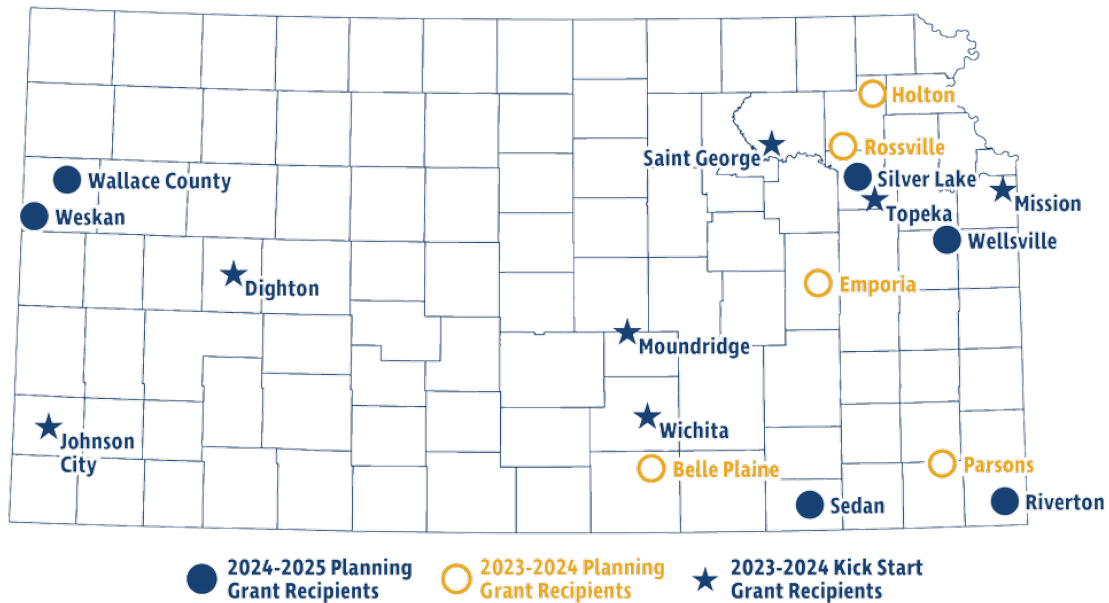
Registration opens May 21, 2025

06/28/2025 to 06/29/2025 @ Manheim Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

Registration opens May 22, 2025

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Kansas Safe Routes to School

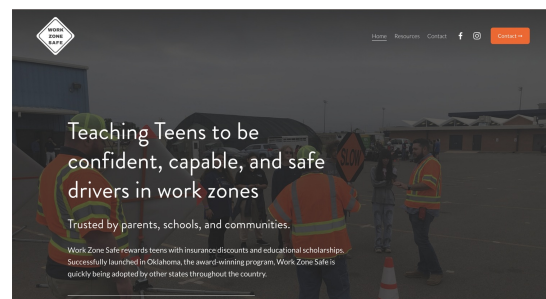


The Kansas Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program provides resources, technical assistance, and project funding to encourage and enable students in grades K-12 to walk, bike, or roll to school.

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New Online Work Zone Course For Kansas Drivers

After completing the course, teens know what causes most work zone crashes and the basic driving habits that can prevent injuries and fatalities. They can also describe common work zone scenarios and recognize traffic control devices designed to ensure their safety.



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Pictures Of Traffic Safety Across Kansas





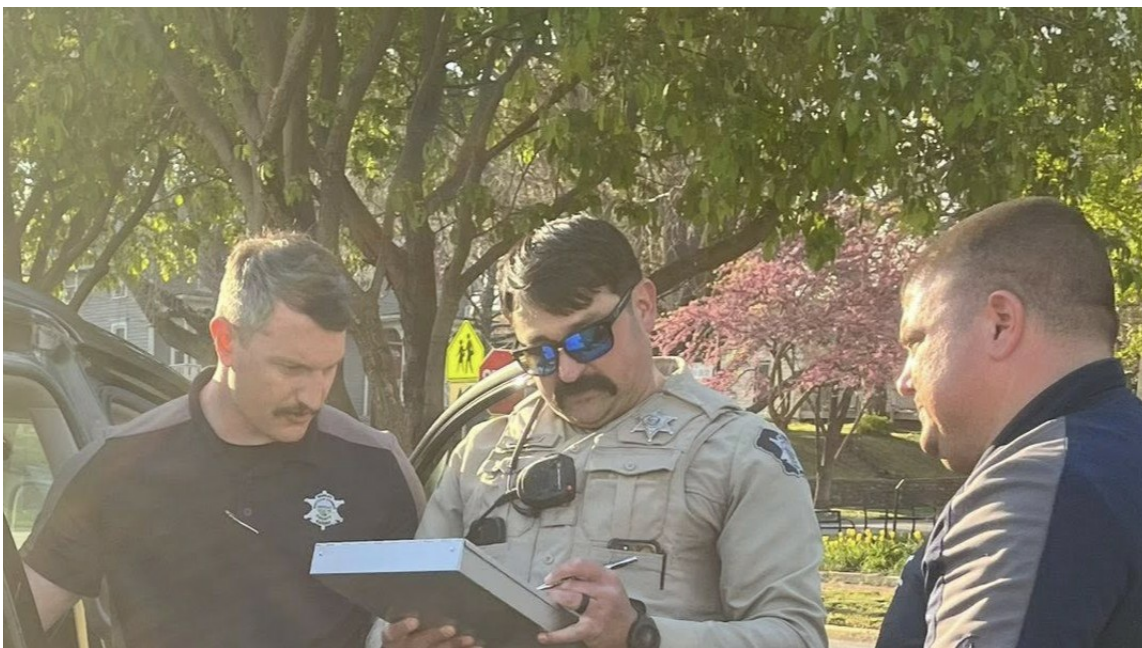


A Child Safety Fair was held at Exploration Place in Wichita.





Drive To Zero Day at the capitol in Topeka.





Car seat check lanes were held in Pottawatomie and Shawnee counties.



Governor Laura Kelly was joined by transportation safety partners from KDOT,

KTA, KHP and KSTRO as she signed the proclamation declaring April 21-25, 2025, as National Work Zone Awareness Week in Kansas.





KTSRO's Rosa Aranda participated at a "Walk, Roll, and Read" event in Arkansas City.



KTSRO staff members wore orange in honor of "Go Orange Day" on April 23 as part of National Work Zone Awareness Week in Kansas.



Deputy Anne Sharp led a Booster to Belts presentation at an elementary school in Cherokee County.





B.R.A.K.E.S., a defensive driving class for teens, was held at Kansas Speedway.



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