

KANSAS TRAFFIC SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICE

Safe Cars Save Lives: Drivers Should Check Their Vehicles During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week

Vehicle owners should check their vehicles, tires, and car seats for open recalls during **Vehicle Safety Recalls Week, March 2-8, 2026**. In 2024 alone, there were 1,073 safety recalls affecting more than 35 million vehicles and other vehicle equipment in the United States.

“Checking for recalls is free, quick, and easy,” said Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office Director Tenille Kimberlin. “During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week in March, we urge everyone to take a few minutes to check for an open safety recall. Every vehicle recall is important and should be repaired immediately. The quick check will help keep you and others safe on the roadways.”

Though manufacturers email and mail alerts and warnings, you should still check for recalls at least twice a year. Millions of recalled vehicles go unrepaired every year and this puts drivers, passengers and other road users at risk. In fact, some vehicle owners still need to get recalled air bags replaced as part of the largest vehicle recall in U.S. history, which has resulted in 28 deaths in the United States.

- Go to [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Recalls) and use NHTSA's Vehicle Identification Number or License Plate Look-Up Tool to check for open recalls on vehicles, car seats, tires, and other vehicle equipment.
- [Sign up for Recall Alerts](#) for future recalls via email.
- Download NHTSA's free [SaferCar app](#) to check for safety recalls.
 - Enter a vehicle's VIN and NHTSA will send an alert if a safety recall is issued.
 - The SaferCar app saves the data on any vehicle or related equipment, like tires and car seats.
 - SaferCar notifies the user of all related recalls, even directing them to local dealerships so they can make an appointment and get recalls fixed quickly for free.

Report a Safety Problem

If you think your vehicle may have a safety-related defect that isn't part of a current recall, report the safety problem at [NHTSA.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov) or call the agency's



Vehicle Safety Hotline at [888-327-4236](tel:888-327-4236). Sometimes just one complaint is enough to trigger a safety recall.

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

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Classes:

Winfield Civic Center, Winfield, KS
March 10-12, 2026

Lenexa Justice Center, Lenexa, KS
March 17-19, 2026

**Sedgwick County Fire Station #38,
Wichita, KS**
March 31-April 2, 2026

**Rush County Sheriff's Office,
LaCrosse, KS**
April 14-16, 2026

**Johnson County Sheriff's Office
Training Facility, Olathe, KS**
April 14-16, 2026

**Kansas City Kansas Early Childhood,
Kansas City, KS**
April 28-30, 2026

**Kansas Law Enforcement Training
Center - Edwards Campus, Overland
Park, KS**
May 5-7, 2026

**Kansas Highway Patrol Troop E
Headquarters, Garden City, KS**
May 5-8, 2026

**Brown County Sheriff's Office
Hiawatha, KS**
May 19-21, 2026

**Linn County Health Department,
Pleasanton, KS**
June 9-11, 2026

**KTSRO (Bartlett and West Building),
Topeka, KS**
July 7-9, 2026

**Johnson County Sheriff's Office
Training Facility, Olathe, KS**
August 4-6, 2026

Learn More
About Child
Passenger
Safety
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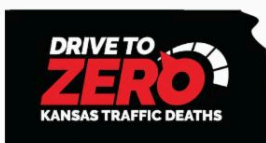
Car Seat
Check Events
Coming Soon

Traffic Safety in Kansas

March 11,
2026

DRIVE TO
ZERO

DAY AT THE CAPITOL



Hear from state agencies and elected officials on how we can save lives on Kansas roads.



Kansas State Capitol
2nd Floor Rotunda • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m.	Event Begins
9:30 a.m.	Media Event
10:15 a.m.	Open House & Networking
12:00 p.m.	Event Adjourns



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The 31st annual KDOT Transportation Safety Conference will be held April 21-22, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan, KS.

The 31st Annual Kansas Transportation Safety Conference is your chance to learn the latest developments in transportation safety from experts in the field. Participants will have the opportunity to receive up to 9.5 contact hours of instruction and participate in networking breaks to meet and talk with speakers, colleagues, and vendors in the exhibit hall.

This conference provides valuable information on transportation safety concerns for law enforcement personnel, court professionals, state and local government officials, engineers, EMT and EMS employees, SAFE School youth, driving educators and counselors, and others interested in transportation safety issues.

Motivational keynote and plenary speakers:

- Keynote: Devin Henderson, “What Else Is Possible”
- Plenary Day 1: Melissa Wandall, “Purpose in Progress: Resilience that Restores and Saves Lives”
- Plenary Day 2: Bill DeMott, “#NoMoreEmptySeats — It Made A Difference For That One”

Conference session topics include:

- Prioritizing Safety for Kids Walking, Biking, and Rolling to School
- Driving Change: The Work Zone Safe Initiative
- The Public Trust Toolkit: Winning Support for Safety Decisions
- How to Identify and Leverage Local Influencers
- Public Transportation: Safe Mobility for an Aging Population
- Community First Aid and Crash Response
- 2025 Windstorm in Western Kansas Recap
- Using Drones in Crash Response and Post-Crash Care Medical Response
- Kansas Safety Corridor Pilot Program: Update from the Halfway Point
- Designing Safer Intersections: Proven Solutions, Public Engagement, and Lessons from Missouri
- An Overview of NCHRP 20-102(24): Infrastructure Modifications to Improve the Operational Conditions of Automated Vehicles
- Advancing Traffic Safety Analysis with Replica’s Driver Event Data
- EV and AV Crash Response
- CMV Safety and How You Can Help

- Taming Traffic: Diverse Speed Management Strategies for Safer Communities and a Case Study: Dodge City's SS4A Speed Assessment
- Institutionalizing the Safe System Approach
- Regional Breakout Sessions

Continuing education credits: In addition to the regular continuing education credits offered for this conference, we will be offering EMS and AICP credits. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

Sponsored by University of Kansas Jayhawk Hospitality and a federal grant through the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend University of Kansas sponsored events. If you require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this event, please contact Grace Grant by March 30, 2026, at ggrant@ku.edu or 785-312-2107.

Kansas Transportation Safety Conference Information

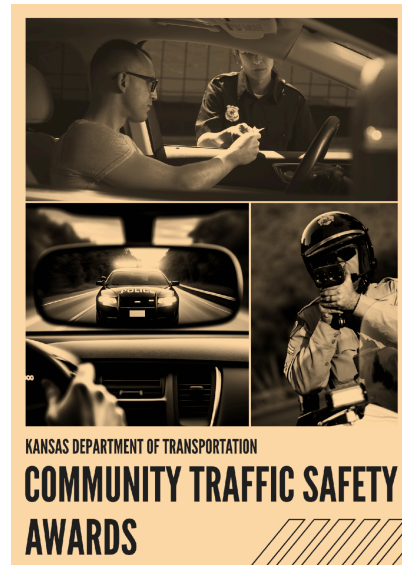
KDOT Community Traffic Safety Awards

The KDOT Community Traffic Safety Award Program highlights the law enforcement agencies that assist in making traffic safety efforts in your community more effective, transparent, and wide-ranging throughout the year.

The KDOT CTSAP award levels are Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Applications are due by March 15, 2026.

If you have questions regarding the KDOT CTSAP application, contact a [Law Enforcement Liaison](#) and they can assist you.

Thank you for your continued partnership in reducing fatality and serious injury crashes!



KDOT Community Traffic Safety Award Application

2026 Kansas Traffic Crash Deaths

29



23.68%



KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL



Compared to 1/1/25 - 2/17/25
Preliminary data as of 2/17/26

These are preliminary numbers which can change based on trauma and investigation outcomes.

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