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# **Speeding Catches Up With You**

Speeding is dangerous and with more drivers on the road during the busy summer travel season, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is reminding drivers it's not worth the risk. Through the end of July, KDOT is participating in the national "Speeding Catches Up With You" campaign to encourage safer driving habits.

Speeding accounts for more than onequarter of all traffic-related fatalities nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In Kansas, preliminary 2024 data shows that 70 people died and SPEED-RELATED CRASHES
IN 2023 IN KANSAS

4,354
CRASHES

2,105
INJURIES

80
DEATHS

more than 2,000 people were injured in crashes involving speeding.

To support the campaign, KDOT has activated speed feedback signs, a proven safety countermeasure, along four designated safety corridors to reinforce speed awareness. The signs have been gathering traffic speed data and will now also display drivers' real-time speeds to help promote safe driving habits. The corridors were selected based on crash history, input from local traffic safety partners and the availability of additional law enforcement. Drivers may notice an increased law enforcement presence in these areas.

"Whether you're in a hurry or just not thinking about how fast you're going, speeding is a choice that can have deadly consequences," said KDOT Behavioral Safety Manager Gary Herman. "Speed limits are there for a reason - to help keep drivers, passengers and others safe."

Speeding is more than breaking the law. In addition to the possibility of injury or death, the consequences are far-ranging and may include:

- Losing control of the vehicle more easily.
- Reducing the effectiveness of seatbelts and child passenger safety seats.
- Increasing the distance needed to stop.
- Raising the likelihood of costly vehicle repairs or property damage.
- Facing a greater chance of being stopped and cited by law enforcement.

For more information about the dangers of speeding, visit the KTSRO website.



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

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Classes:

August 19-21, 2025 - Olathe, KS Kansas Highway Patrol Troop A HQ

**September 16-18, 2025 -** Olathe, KS **Johnson Co. Sheriff's Office Training Facility** 

October 7-9, 2025 - Bonner Springs, KS Kansas Department of Transportation

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

November 18-20, 2025 - Newton, KS Newton Police Training Facility

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

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Learn More About Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings Here Car Seat
Check Events
Coming Up

Soon



# **Traffic Safety Events in Kansas**

### Kansas Teen Transportation Safety Conference

November 12-13 Manhattan, KS

Teens will be offered sessions that will focus on seat belt use, impaired driving prevention, distracted driving, and leadership.

For registration information or additional questions, contact Jenny Lancaster at: jlancaster@dccca.org



**20th Annual Impaired Driving Conference**October 13-14

#### Wichita, KS

The Kansas Highway Patrol, in cooperation with the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office, the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and the Kansas Department of Transportation, is offering a FREE two-day course featuring presentations from nationally recognized speakers and subject matter experts from Kansas. This annual training event covers legal and ethical issues involved in drug and alcohol impaired driving cases for prosecutors, law enforcement. Lunch will be provided each day – attendees only need to cover the cost of lodging and dinner on Monday.

#### **Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita**

400 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67202

Hotel conference rate closes on September 10th. Book soon! Reservations may be made by phone 1-800-325-0720 or online at druryhotels.com.

When making your reservation, please use Group Number: 10131817 in order to receive the conference rate. Confirmation email will also contain the Group Number and instructions for lodging.

### **More Information**

#### **Oral Fluids Conference**

August 19, 8am-5pm KBI Forensic Science Center 2001 SW Washburn Ave. Topeka, KS

This conference will review the history of bringing roadside oral fluid testing in Kansas to include statutes, regulations, and studies. Attendees will hear from a diverse group of nationally recognized presenters from several disciplines as well as receive training on the device approved for roadside oral fluid testing in Kansas.

It has taken a great deal of time and teamwork to begin implementing a roadside oral fluid screening program in Kansas. The potential benefits of this type of preliminary screening will be discussed along with a realistic look at the limitations.

This training is free, but advance registration is required.

KDOT will provide a hotel room for the night before the conference if you are more



Conference Registration

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than 60 miles away.

# **Pictures of Traffic Safety Events**



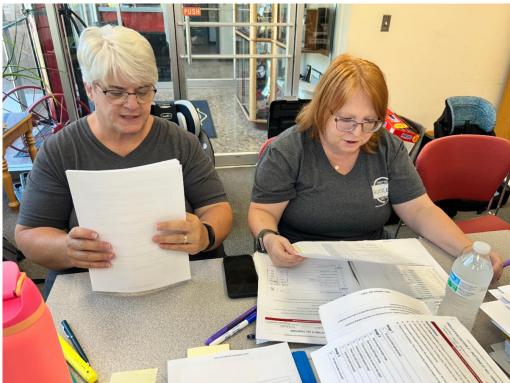


KTSRO's Jodi Pew led a class for older drivers in Newton.





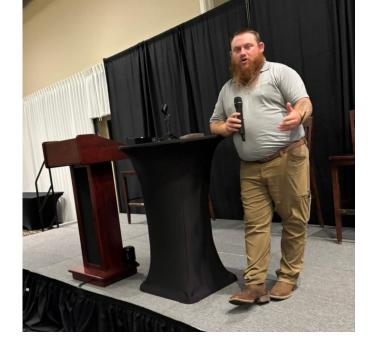




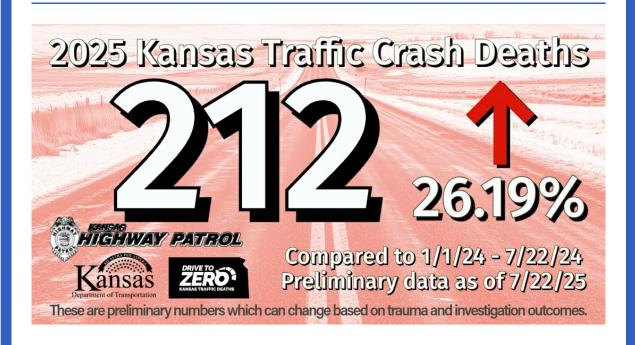




A Child Passenger Safety Technician training class was held in McPherson.



KTSRO's Devon Duffield spoke with attendees at the Kansas Juvenile Officers Association Conference in Wichita.



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