

KANSAS TRAFFIC SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICE

Focus On Driving

Take a proactive role in road safety by staying focused and avoiding distractions when you're behind the wheel.

“Any activity that diverts a driver’s attention away from safe driving, especially cell phone use is classified as distracted driving behaviors,” said KTSRO Director Tenille Kimberlin. “Distracted driving endangers everyone on the road including other drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists.”

According to KDOT, there were 11,857 distraction-affected crashes from 2019 to 2024 in Kansas. In 2024 alone in our state, there were 20 people killed in traffic crashes and an additional 1,050 people were injured.

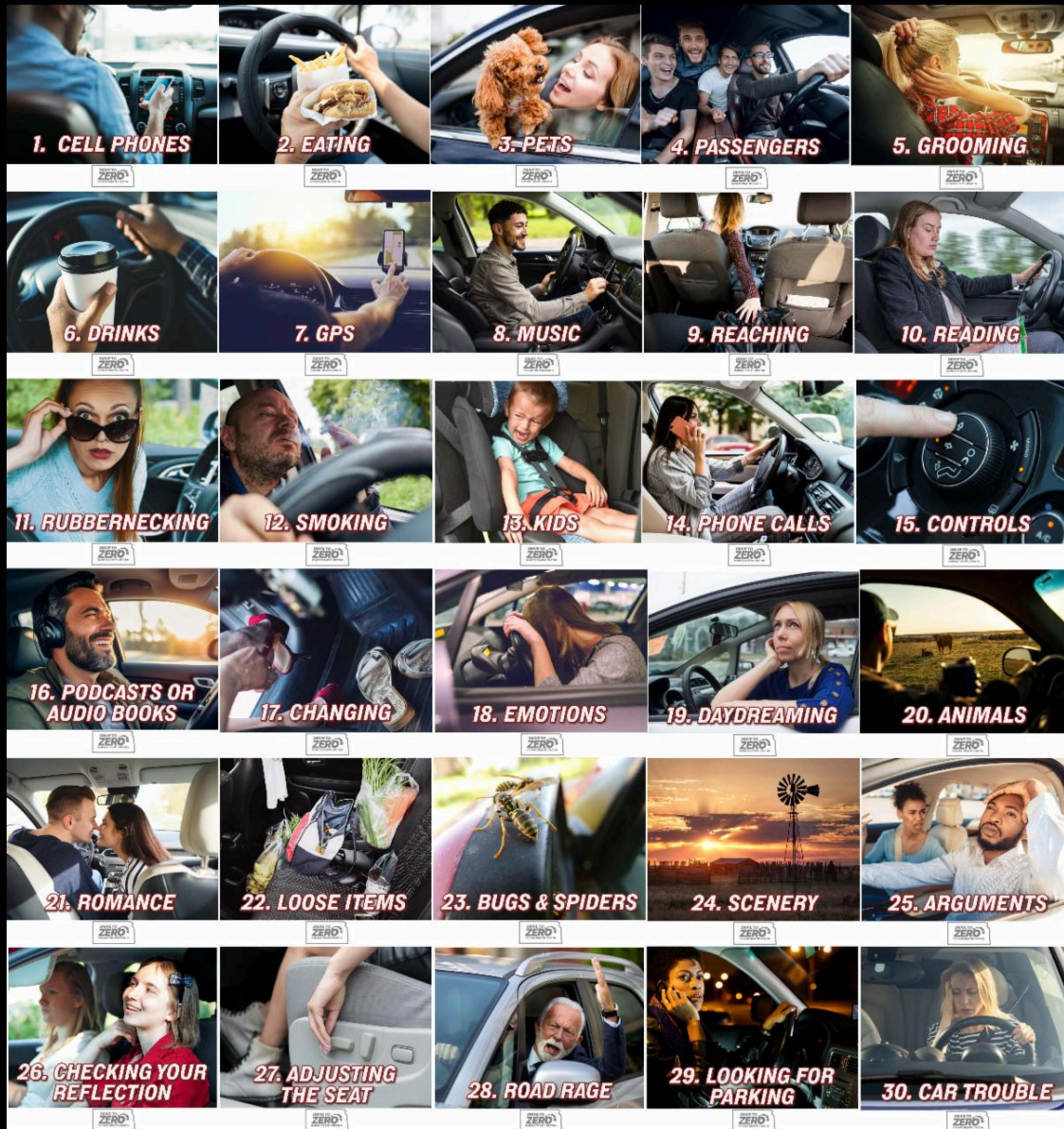
Safety Tips for Drivers

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one that can't wait, pull over and park your car in a safe location before using your device.
- Designate your passenger as your “designated texter.” Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.
- Struggling to not text and drive? Activate your phone’s “Do Not Disturb” feature, or put your cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your destination.
- When getting behind the wheel, be an example to your family and friends by putting your phone away. You may see other people doing it, but that doesn't mean texting and driving is a “normal” acceptable or safe behavior.

Cell phone use while driving is dangerous. Phone-free driving and keeping hands on the wheel is committing to keeping all eyes on the road and focusing on driving.



30 THINGS THAT DISTRACT DRIVERS



Learn more at [KTSRO.org](https://www.KTSRO.org)

[Learn More About Distracted Driving](#)

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

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Classes:

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

**Learn More
About Child
Passenger**

**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

Safety Technician Trainings



Car Seat Check Events Coming Soon

Traffic Safety in Kansas



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: PutOnTheBRAKES.org CALL US AT: 704-720-3806 FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteer@PutOnTheBRAKES.org



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To Participate Teen 15-19 must have:

- Valid Learners Permit or Drivers License
 - 30 hours of driving experience
- Must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian

*\$99 refundable deposit to secure your spot in the class

May 2nd & 3rd, 2026

SATURDAY:
8:00am-11:00am | 11:30am-2:30pm | 3:00pm-6:00pm

SUNDAY:
8:00am-11:00am | 12:00pm-3:00pm

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KHP 2026-04 Collegiate Law Gives College Students Experience in Law Enforcement Field



College students will have the opportunity this summer to experience what law enforcement training and careers are like through the Collegiate Law Enforcement Academy. The Collegiate Law program is hosted by the Patrol and will be held from **May 18 – 22, 2026**, at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy.

The Collegiate Law Enforcement Academy gives college students an exciting and unique view into what it takes to become a Kansas State Trooper. Students will get a behind the scenes look at a Trooper Trainee lifestyle within the Kansas Highway Patrol.

“This program gives us the

opportunity to help college students understand and appreciate the law enforcement field. While at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy, students will experience some of the training that law enforcement officers receive,” said Captain Candice Breshears.

Collegiate Law participants will experience classroom instruction from certified instructors, and real-world activities of a Trooper. Students will participate in a variety of scenario-based training sessions to include traffic stops, firearms use and care, defense tactics and other team building exercises. Physical training and attention to detail are both emphasized throughout the duration of the program.

To be considered for the Collegiate Law Enforcement Academy, students must complete an application, including an 80 to 100-word essay describing why they want to attend the Collegiate Law Enforcement Academy and an endorsement from the Dean at their school. **Applications are due by April 15, 2026.** The cost is \$150 per student which covers the cost of training, room, and board.

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KHP 2026-03 Cadet Law Gives High School Students Experience in Law Enforcement World

High school students interested in law enforcement will have the opportunity this summer to see what law enforcement training and careers are like through the Cadet Law Enforcement Academy program. The Cadet Law program is hosted by the Patrol and sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Cadet Law will be held from **June 1 – 6, 2026.**

Cadet Law gives young men and women the opportunity to learn about the duties, training, and discipline that go along with a career in law enforcement. Students will learn a great deal about leadership, and about coming together as a team.

“KHP has a great relationship with the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. By working together, this program gives us the opportunity to help high school students understand and appreciate the law enforcement field. While at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy, they will have the opportunity to experience some of the training that law enforcement officers receive,” said Captain Candice Breshears.

Students at Cadet Law are instructed by KHP Troopers who will help develop and encourage the students, mentoring them throughout the week of Cadet Law.

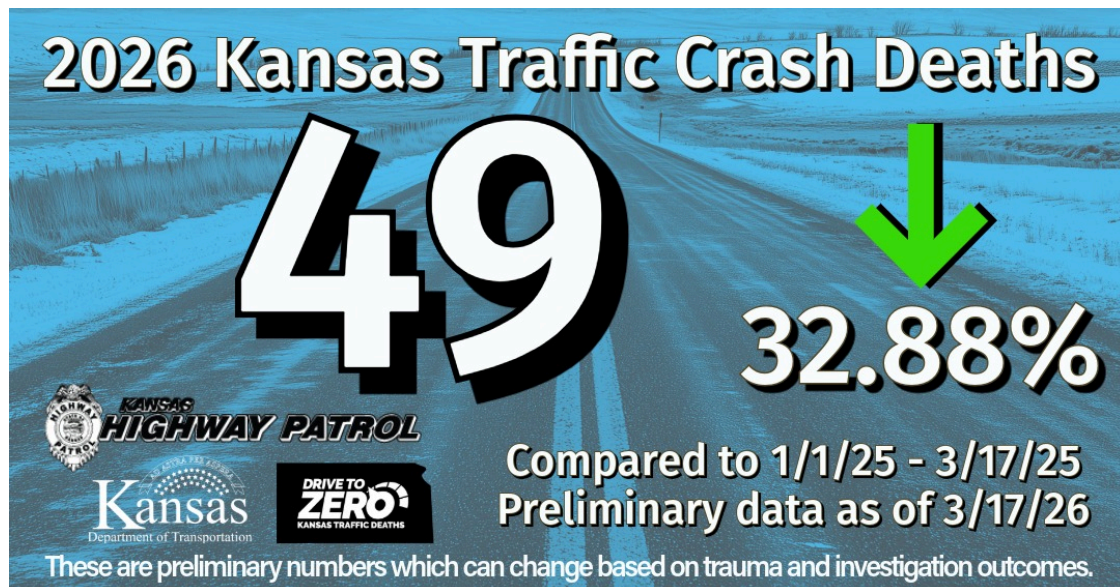


Cadet Law participants will experience classroom instruction, and the real-world activities of a Trooper. Cadets will go to the firearms range and practice pursuit driving at the driving range. They will have the opportunity to ride with the Patrol's pilots in agency aircraft and see presentations from the Patrol's canine handlers. Physical training and attention to detail are both emphasized throughout the duration of the program.

To be eligible to attend Cadet Law, students must be a high school student entering their Senior year or a student that has just graduated. They must also have a "C+" academic average and be deemed medically fit to participate in all activities. Students will need to fill out an application to attend, including writing a brief essay on why they would like to participate in the program.

Applications are due by April 15, 2026. There is a \$50 application fee for the cadet. A Local American Legion Post or American Legion Auxiliary Post provides the \$300 sponsorship fee for the student. Lodging, food, and uniform are provided for the week.

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