

# TRAFFIC SAFETY AT WORK



## 2026 Commit to Driving Sober - Always!

We challenge you to a resolution that could save lives!

For 2026, let's all resolve never to drive while under the influence of intoxicants (alcohol, illicit drugs, prescription drugs, etc.) and to not allow our friends, family, or coworkers to drive while intoxicated, either.

Between 2019 and 2023, in Kansas, 21.5% of all motor vehicle crash deaths were alcohol related. To make this clearer, 61 people died in 2023 as a result of alcohol impaired driving; 881 people were injured in 2,200 crashes. Every one of those crashes could have been avoided if those drivers had made the choice NOT to get behind the wheel after drinking. Nationally, those numbers are even higher with alcohol related deaths accounting for about 30% of all motor vehicle fatalities.

**What can we all do to help eliminate DUI deaths? Always plan ahead for a safe ride.**

- Start the new year by adding an Uber, Lyft or taxi ride service app to your phone
- Commit with friends for a designated driver or know that friend and number you can call for a safe ride
- Be prepared to help that friend who should not drive

Let's all work together to make 2026 a year with record low DUI crashes!

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT  
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT  
DRIVE HIGH GET A DUI**



Alcohol-  
Impaired Driving

Drug-Impaired  
Driving

### Winter Driving Tips



# STRANDED IN YOUR CAR

## WINTER SURVIVAL TIPS

**Keep Fresh Air Circulating**  
Clean snow away from your tailpipe, run the motor sparingly and open a downwind window to provide proper ventilation.

**Keep Active**  
Move around to stimulate circulation, relieve muscle tension and help keep you awake.

**Alert the Authorities**  
Call 911, Kansas Highway Patrol or the Kansas Turnpike Authority.

**Stay in your Vehicle**  
Do not attempt to find help by walking, your car provides the best protection from the weather and provides the best chance of discovery.

**Do not Panic**  
Take deep breaths, avoid overexertion.

## Nominate Safe Driving Hero or People Saving People Candidates



**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.

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 [gmgrant@ku.edu](mailto:gmgrant@ku.edu) or 785-312-2107.

**Nominations for Traffic Safety Awards**

The Kansas Transportation Safety Awards are presented annually to safety advocates who have made outstanding contributions to the improvement of transportation safety in Kansas.

The **People Saving People Award** highlights the impressive efforts and achievements of a person or organization that has a positive effect on transportation safety behavior in Kansas.

The **Hero Award** recognizes an individual who risked their life for someone else when they happen upon a crash, or while trying to prevent the likelihood of a crash.

Deadline to submit nominations is January 30, 2026. Email forms to Ingrid Vandervort at [Ingrid.Vandervort@ks.gov](mailto:Ingrid.Vandervort@ks.gov).

# Kansas Transportation Safety Conference and Awards Information

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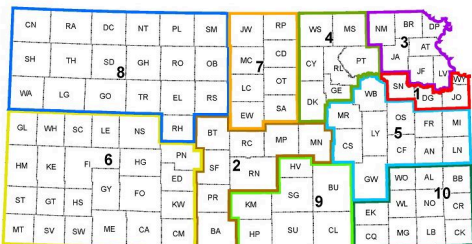


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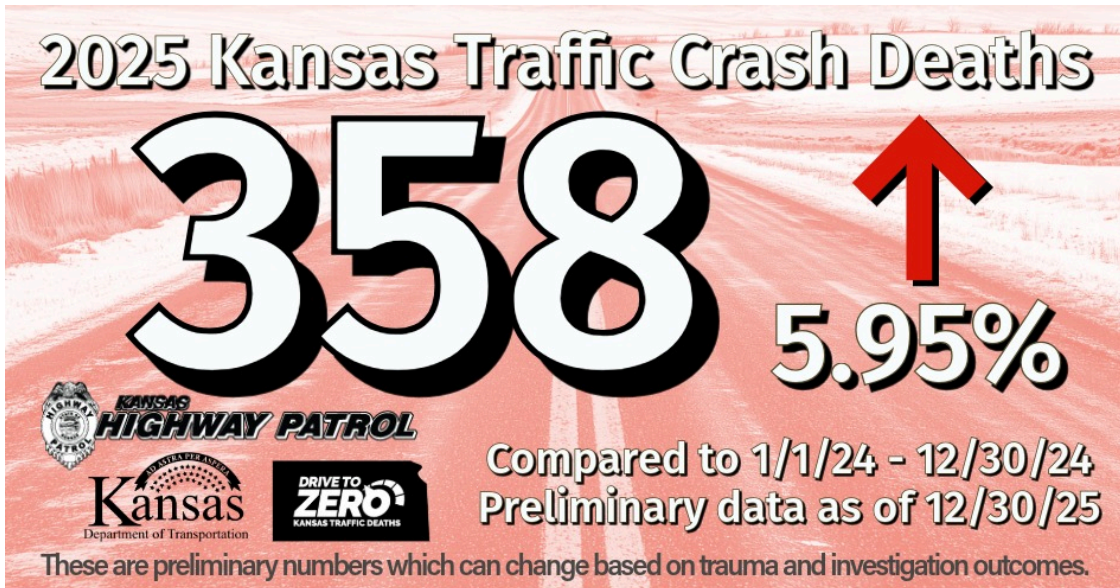
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