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

Nominees are eligible from all professions*. Volunteers are also eligible. Individuals or organizations can be nominated from, but are not limited to, the following groups:

- community service groups
- schools
- teachers
- students
- business people
- corporate leaders
- religious groups
- law enforcement
- fire departments
- emergency medical personnel
- engineers
- public works departments
- researchers
- judges
- prosecuting attorneys
- media outlets
- legislators
- city, county and state governmental units

Nominations for Transportation Safety Awards are divided into two categories.

The **Transportation Safety Hero Award** honors the individual who risked his or her own life for someone else when they happened upon a crash or while trying to prevent the likelihood of a crash in a one-time traffic safety-related incident.

The **Transportation Safety People Saving People Award** recognizes the impressive efforts and achievements of a person or organization that has a positive effect on transportation safety behavior in Kansas. To be eligible, an individual or organization must have successfully resolved a transportation safety issue or situation within their organization or community. The nominee must have a record of increasing the public's awareness of the issue and advocating for change in safe travel behavior. Eligible issues or situations can include but are not limited to:

- seat belt usage
- distracted driving
- alcohol/drug impaired driving
- older drivers
- teen drivers
- school zones
- pedestrians
- bicyclists
- emergency medical services
- intersections
- state highways
- local roads
- construction zones
- railroad crossings

Nomination forms for the Hero Award and the People Saving People Award are available at ktsro.org.

* Previous award winners will not be eligible again until five years after their win. KDOT Law Enforcement Liaisons, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors, and individuals employed by Kansas Department of Transportation or Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office are not eligible.
General rules and information for Transportation Safety Awards

- Individuals and organizations are eligible.
- The nominee’s efforts must have contributed significantly to the enhancement of transportation safety in Kansas. If the nominee is employed in a transportation safety-related position, his or her efforts must go above and beyond the daily job responsibilities.
- Previous award winners will not be eligible again until five years after their win. KDOT Law Enforcement Liaisons, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors, and individuals employed by Kansas Department of Transportation or Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office are not eligible.
- A nominator may nominate up to three different individuals or organizations. Each nomination must be submitted on a separate form.
- **Nomination forms must be received by 11:59 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2020.** Nominations may be submitted online at ktsro.org or mailed to the attention of Lisa Hecker at:
  
  Kansas Department of Transportation  
  Bureau of Transportation Safety & Technology  
  Eisenhower State Office Building  
  700 SW Harrison Street  
  Topeka, KS 66603

- Scoring will be conducted by the Kansas Transportation Safety Conference planning committee. Awards will be presented to the individuals or organizations receiving the highest accumulated scores.
- Award ceremonies will be held during the luncheons at the 2020 Kansas Transportation Safety Conference in Topeka, Kansas. Transportation Safety People Saving People Awards will be presented Tuesday, April 21; Transportation Safety Hero Awards on Wednesday, April 22.
- Any nominations not selected this year can be resubmitted next year.
- For questions, contact Lisa Hecker at 785-296-0845; lisa.hecker@ks.gov.

Transportation Safety Awards are presented by Kansas Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration.