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# **-Drive Safe Sedgwick- Media invited to KDOT safety initiative on May 11**

In the past year, Sedgwick County has seen a significant rise in car wrecks, several of which have resulted in fatalities. The Kansas Department of Transportation, state law enforcement and other safety leaders will discuss and share the importance of safe driving at a news conference – event details are below:

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11

**WHERE:** Wichita City Hall - Public Parking Lot; 455 N. Main Street, Wichita  
NOTE: Weather contingency plan - WPD, City Hall, 455 N. Main, 5th Floor

**WHAT:** This campaign came about because KDOT recognized motor vehicle crashes were steadily increasing in Sedgwick County along with other destructive driving behaviors like excessive speeding and lack of seat belt use. This campaign aims to educate drivers of all ages about the risks and necessity of driving safely.

**WHO:**

- Officer Paul Cruz, Wichita Police Department Public Information Officer
- Chris Bortz, KDOT Transportation Safety Assistant Bureau Chief
- Benjamin Blick, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer
- Chad Crittenden, Technical Trooper, Kansas Highway Patrol
- David Lingg, Team Leader, Sedgwick County EMS
- Kelly Adams, MADD Officer and former detective
- Whitney Kellenbach, DUI Victims Center of Kansas

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