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KDOT's *Ciro Chavez* featured in safety blog series

Local KDOT employee and former EMT, *Ciro Chavez* is usually the one assisting others. But last year after a head-on collision, Chavez was counting on his fellow EMTs as never before. His recovery took several long months, but he's here to tell his story.

Chavez is one of 20 people sharing stories in a blog series focused on the importance of traffic safety as part of the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day. Acting Federal Highway Administrator Brandye Hendrickson kicked off the series on Sept. 13. NHRA drag race legend Doug Herbert will also participate in the series.

The Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Highway Patrol and other transportation safety agencies across the state are participating in the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day safety efforts. New stories can be viewed each weekday until Oct. 10 at

<http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com/search/label/PBFD%202017>

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day focuses on all types of traffic safety, whether you are in a vehicle, on a bike, on a motorcycle or walking across the street, and encourages everyone to take extra safety precautions.

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