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Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day event to emphasize the importance of traffic safety

The Kansas Department of Transportation's annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day news conference on Oct. 10 will include NRHA drag race legend Doug Herbert as one of the featured speakers. Herbert, along with other speakers, will share personal stories to emphasize the importance of traffic safety. Kansas teens will also participate in an impaired-goggles tricycle challenge afterwards.

- WHO:** KDOT Secretary Richard Carlson, NRHA drag race legend Doug Herbert, Thunder Ridge High School teacher Denise Miller, Kansas State University graduate Logan O'Dea and Officer Don Hughes from the Kansas Highway Patrol
- WHAT:** Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day press conference
- WHEN:** **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10**
- WHERE:** South steps of the Kansas State House (Backup rain location: 1st floor rotunda inside the state house)

BACKGROUND: Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is an annual event that encourages all types of traffic safety. Whether in a vehicle, on a bike, riding a motorcycle, or walking across the street, everyone has a responsibility to practice safety. Multiple organizations work together on the annual safety campaign, including the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Turnpike Authority, Kansas Highway Patrol, AAA of Kansas, Kansas Contractors Association, Kansas Family Partnership, Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, Federal Highway Administration and the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers.

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