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KDOT Kicks Off Holiday Crackdown on Drunk Driving

Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller will be joined by **Kansas Highway Patrol Colonel William Seck, Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed, Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams and an individual with a personal story** at a special media event to announce the kickoff of the Kansas Department of Transportation's Labor Day crackdown on drunk driving. The event will take place at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 16 at the DUI Victims Center in Wichita.

Drunk driving is one of America's most-often-committed and deadliest crimes. In fact, during 2004, nearly 13,000 people nationwide were killed in highway crashes involving an impaired driver or motorcycle operator with an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. The picture for motorcycle operators is particularly bleak; 41 percent of the 1,672 motorcycle operators who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2004 had BAC levels of .08 or higher.

Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, more than 1.4 million people were arrested for driving under the influence during 2004.

There will be an opportunity to interview speakers following the event.

What: Labor Day crackdown on drunk driving kickoff media event

Where: DUI Victims Center
355 Waco, Suite 220
Wichita, KS, 67202

When: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006

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