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Police to conduct aggressive traffic enforcement during March mobilization in Wyandotte County

Police from several law enforcement agencies will join with the Kansas Highway Patrol to mount a special traffic enforcement mobilization on various roadways in Wyandotte County March 22 through March 25.

Police will be looking for speeders, impaired drivers, and violators of the state's seat belt laws. The mobilization effort was organized by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Wyandotte County was chosen as the location for the mobilization because of relatively low seat belt compliance rates. According to the KDOT Bureau of Traffic Safety, the seat belt use rate in Wyandotte County is 63.3 percent, compared to 69 percent statewide. Kansas law requires all vehicle drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up. All children under 14 must be properly restrained. Children under four must be properly secured in an approved child safety seat.

The following corridors will be targeted on these dates:

- March 22, K-32/I-635 to K-7
- March 23, State Avenue, 78th to 106th Street
- March 24, K-7, Leavenworth County to Johnson County
- March 25, US 24/40 from 18th to 78th Streets

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Reducing traffic-related deaths and injuries is KDOT's top priority. In 2004, 456 people died and more than 25,000 were injured as a result of crashes on Kansas roadways. Most people injured or killed were not wearing seatbelts. Experts estimate that fatal and injury traffic crashes cost every Kansan more than \$1,015 a year.

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