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Governor kicks off blogs focused on traffic safety

Gov. Mark Parkinson kicks off 20 days of blogging today on the Kansas Transportation Online Community (KTOC) website to highlight Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.

The blogs, which will be written by Kansans to encourage increased safety on roadways, will run Monday through Friday for four weeks, leading up to the national safety awareness day, Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, which is Oct. 10.

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. It is intended to encourage everyone to take extra precautions to stay safe.

“I am proud to kick off the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day Campaign to remind Kansans that safety must be our top priority when getting on the road,” said Gov. Parkinson. “This blog provides viewers a way to share information so we can help reduce roadway fatalities in Kansas, and I encourage everyone to join in on the conversation.”

Anyone can read the information on KTOC, but to make comments and share information, you must log in and become a member.

Future bloggers will include Secretary Deb Miller, KDOT retiree Larry Emig (Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day founder), Sean Wallace (Arkansas City Police Department), Sandy Horton (Crawford County Sheriff-SAFE program), Shirley McDonald (mother of

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KDOT employee Scotty McDonald who was killed in a work zone June 1, 2005), Steve Rust (Kansas Turnpike Authority), Erica Bell (a junior at Seaman High School in Topeka) and many others.

To read Governor Parkinson's blog and future blogs, go to <http://ktoc.net/news.aspx> and click on the "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" logo on the right.

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