

Special Traffic Enforcement Program (**S.T.E.P.**) Fact Sheet

STEP Model 1 – Where Overtime is Not Possible

STEP represents a KDOT-sponsored public education and enforcement partnership with local and state police agencies aimed at increasing travelers' compliance with Kansas occupant restraint and impaired driving laws. Enforcement is accomplished through three annual campaigns – also called *mobilizations* or *enforcements* – consisting of an agency's choice of saturation patrols, checkpoints, or both. Each campaign has a principal focus – DUI, occupant protection, or both – and each goes after speeders and texters, as well. The campaigns are linked to Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, and Labor Day. Thanksgiving is optional, Memorial Day and Labor Day are mandatory. The STEP year is the federal fiscal year, Oct. 1 - Sep. 30. Funding for STEP is provided to KDOT by NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

Requirements and Features of Model 1 STEP

- Model 1 partners are those which are unable to mount an overtime campaign due to, for example, local policy which severely limits or disallows overtime, or whose staffing levels are such that they are essentially maxed out on discretionary overtime opportunities.
- All enforcement activity is accomplished during regular patrol hours.
- Suitable for part-time as well as full-time employees.
- See the annual campaign schedule for how each mobilization is broken out by task.
- A simple activity report is required for each campaign. This can be completed on your computer using Microsoft Excel, or manually with pen. The report asks for the number of speeding, DUI, texting, safety belt and child restraint citations.
- Your active partnership with KDOT during the Memorial Day *Click It or Ticket* and Labor Day *You Drink. You Drive. You Lose.* campaigns, entitles your agency to an annual allocation of \$500-\$1000 for equipment or training to meet identified traffic enforcement needs in your jurisdiction.
- For more details, or to sign on, contact Steve Halbett at Stephen.halbett@ks.gov or 785-296-0296/-3618.

Taking the Sting Out of the Stop

The public's awareness of traffic safety and its opinion of your agency are important to you, so a supply of free educational brochures is available for officers to hand out. It shows the driving public you care about their safety. Call the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office at 800-416-2522 for a list of items available.