

Stepped Up Enforcement Planned Locally

(MSC News)-- Beginning Monday, May 22nd and continuing through Sunday, June 4, drivers can expect an increased law enforcement presence on area roads.

The Brown County Sheriff's Department, Seneca Police Department and Kansas Highway Patrol are among local law enforcement agencies that will be joining 160 other law enforcement agencies across the state in aggressively enforcing Kansas occupant restraint and other traffic laws as part of the 2017 Kansas Click It or Ticket campaign. The activity is supported by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

According to a news release, the enforcement will occur around the clock. Officers will be especially vigilant at night because the likelihood of seatbelt use at night is much lower than during the day and the percentage of unrestrained crash deaths increases significantly at night.

The release says the aim of Click It or Ticket is to drastically reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes. According to KDOT, 57% of those killed in crashes on Kansas roads are not belted in, while 93% of crash occupants who suffer no injuries of any kind are belted in.

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