

Ticket or Treat enforcement begins

(KNZA)--Law enforcement agencies across Kansas will be extra-vigilant when patrolling around schools beginning Monday, October 30th through Friday, November 3rd .

According to a new release, officers will be issuing citations to anyone who does not obey Kansas law during the " Ticket or Treat" seatbelt enforcement campaign.

According to the 2017 Kansas observational seatbelt survey, children are much more likely to be buckled up if the driver is also wearing a seatbelt. If the driver is buckled, about 98% of the children are also restrained compared to only 29% of the observed children if the driver is not buckled.

The release says the goal of the enforcement is not to issue citations; it's to remind people of all ages that seatbelts save lives.

In 2016, Kansas lost 44 people under the age of 19 in motor vehicle crashes, with only half of the victims being properly restrained.

Locally, the Hiawatha and Horton Police Departments along with the Brown County Sheriff's Department will be participating in the special enforcement campaign.