

Driver's license, wildlife checkpoints planned locally

(KNZA)--Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism game wardens, Kansas Highway Patrol troopers and county sheriff's officers will conduct joint highway checkpoints Saturday, November 18th at various local locations.

According to a release from the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, upland bird, deer and migratory bird seasons will be underway, and the checkpoints are intended to help enforce state and federal wildlife laws, as well as the state's driver's licensing laws.

Depending on the location, the release says KHP Troopers, or county sheriff's officers, will operate the first stage of the checkpoints to be sure drivers are properly licensed to be driving. If a driver does not have a valid license, appropriate enforcement actions will be taken. Travelers should not expect major delays from this portion of the checkpoints.

Occupants of vehicles in the first check lane will be asked if they are hunters, or are transporting wildlife. Travelers answering yes, in either case, will be directed to a nearby check lane where game wardens will check for required licenses and permits, count the game and gather biological, harvest, and hunter success information. This portion of the checkpoints should also cause minimal delay.

Locally, checkpoints are planned on K-7 Highway near White Cloud, U.S. 73 Highway near Atchison, U.S. 59 Highway near Nortonville and U.S. 36 Highway near Sabetha, depending on weather conditions and manpower.

Additional wildlife checkpoints will occur around the state during the fall and winter hunting seasons.

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