

Seatbelt enforcement campaign begins

**(MSC News)--Beginning Monday, February 26 through Friday, March 8th, the Kansas Highway Patrol will join other law enforcement agencies in a stepped up enforcement around area high schools to raise awareness of roadway safety and the importance of wearing seat belts.**

**The enforcement campaign is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Seatbelts Are For Everyone or SAFE Program.**

**Through education, rewards, and enforcement, SAFE highlights the importance of wearing a seatbelt, driving alert, and following traffic laws with the goal of decreasing the number of teen injuries and deaths from vehicle crashes.**

**According to a release from the KHP, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens (15-18 years old) in the United States, ahead of all other types of injury, disease, or violence.**

**The KHP says citations will be issued to anyone who refuses to obey the traffic laws, whether it is for speeding, texting, or failing to buckle up.**

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