

Seatbelt enforcement campaign begins Sunday

**(KNZA)--Beginning Sunday, May 22 and continuing through June 4th, drivers can expect an increased police presence on the city streets of Hiawatha.**

**The Hiawatha Police Department will be joining 160 other law enforcement agencies in enforcing Kansas occupant restraint and other traffic laws as part of 2022 Kansas “Click It or Ticket” campaign.**

**The activity is supported by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation.**

**According to a release from Police Department, the aim of the campaign is to drastically reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes.**

**The release says being buckled up during a crash helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle, as being ejected from a vehicle is almost always deadly. In addition, your vehicle’s other safety features, particularly airbags, can’t work as effectively if you’re not buckled up as they are designed to work together.**

**During “Click It or Ticket,” the release says drivers will be met with extra enforcement of both the Kansas Safety Belt Use Act and the Kansas Child Passenger Safety Act. The statutes require that all vehicle occupants must be appropriately restrained.**

**The Hiawatha Police Department will be ticketing violators of adult seat belt and child safety laws, as well as other traffic infractions.**

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