

Sheriff urges motorists to exercise caution at intersections

**(KNZA)--Brown County Sheriff John Merchant is urging motorists to be vigilant at intersections along rural roadways.**

**Merchant says corn continues to mature across Kansas and while it may be beneficial to farmers, those fields of green can be a danger for drivers traveling on rural roads. Given the height of the corn, visibility when nearing or entering intersections in the country can be greatly compromised.**

**Merchant says those driving on country roads should slow down---make sure to clearly look both ways from right to left, and proceed with caution when crops are blocking visibility.**

**In a few weeks, farmers will be starting to harvest and traffic will increase. Merchant said give combines, farm trucks and equipment ample room when you are behind them. If followed too closely they may not be able to see you.**

**He said parents have also expressed concerns about the stop light at 1st and Oregon in Hiawatha, especially when harvest begins as more trucks will be on the roadway. Traffic from the east and west are required to come to a complete stop while north and south bound traffic needs to slow down as they approach the intersection as the traffic light is blinking yellow.**

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