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The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office will conduct an "Officer On The Train" program. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office has been involved in this program for several years and is committed to raising the awareness of the dangers of driving past warning devices at railroad crossings. A high percentage of accidents involving motor vehicles and trains end in either fatal or life threatening injuries.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad has asked the Sheriff's Office to organize a program involving the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Wichita Police Department, and Kansas Highway Patrol personnel. This will take place between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM August 16, 2006.

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A member of the Sheriff's Office will ride on the train observing vehicles at crossings. If a vehicle illegally crosses the warning devices they will be stopped and cited.

Media is encouraged to attend, and should arrive prior to 10:45 AM at 2400 N. Broadway. We would like to thank the local media for their continued assistance in reminding everyone to be observant of warning devices at railroad crossing, and to drive safely.

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