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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE STEPPING UP THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL TRAFFIC LAWS FROM FEBRUARY 12-18, 2007. WE WILL INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF DEPUTIES PATROLLING THE COUNTY WITH A FOCUS ON CHILD PASSENGER AND OCCUPANT PROTECTION.

DURING THAT WEEK, THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE JOINING OTHER KANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PREVENTABLE CRASH DEATHS AND INJURIES THAT OCCUR WHEN OCCUPANTS RIDE UNRESTRAINED. IN KANSAS, 70 PERCENT OF THOSE KILLED IN CRASHES HAVE NOT TAKEN THE TIME TO BUCKLE UP.

KANSAS LAW REQUIRES ALL RIDERS UNDER THE AGE OF FOUR TO BE IN A FEDERALLY APPROVED CHILD SAFETY SEAT. CHILDREN AGE 4 THROUGH 7 MUST BE IN AN APPROVED SEAT. CHILDREN AGE 8 THROUGH 13 MUST BE PROTECTED BY A SAFETY BELT. PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 ARE PROHIBITED FROM RIDING IN ANY PORTION OF THE VEHICLE NOT INTENDED FOR PASSENGERS, INCLUDING THE BACK OF PICK UP TRUCKS.

MEDIA RIDE ALONGS ARE ENCOURAGED AND CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH LT. HAGA

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