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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO CELEBRATE A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND. IN OUR EFFORT TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE, DEPUTIES WILL BE FOCUSING THEIR ACTIVITIES ON SEVERAL KEY AREAS OF CONCERN.

FIRST, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE HIGHER THAN NORMAL VOLUMES OF TRAFFIC, DEPUTIES WILL BE STEPPING UP ENFORCEMENT ON PERSONS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE TO COMBAT DUI'S, DEPUTIES WILL CONCENTRATE ON PARTIES WHERE MINORS MAY BE CONSUMING ALCOHOL. FOR PARENTS WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT HOSTING A PARTY THEY NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THEY CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND PROSECUTED UNDER KANSAS STATUTE 21-3610c, WHICH MEANS THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HOST A PARTY WHERE MINORS ARE CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OR CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE. IT IS INTENTIONALLY PERMITTING A PERSON'S RESIDENCE OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF PROPERTY OWNED, OCCUPIED OR PROCURED BY A PARENT TO BE USED IN A MANNER THAT RESULTS IN THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION BY A MINOR. BEGINNING JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009, A PARENT WHO LEAVES THE RESIDENCE OR PROPERTY IN THE CONTROL OF A

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MINOR CHILD CAN BE CHARGED UNDER THIS STATUTE EVEN WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE PARTY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC TO CALL 1-866-MUST-B-21 TO REPORT UNDERAGE DRINKING.

SECOND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, DEPUTIES WILL BE ENFORCING LAWS PROHIBITING THE USE OF ANY FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY.

LAST, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO PLAN TO ENJOY LAKE AFTON PARK THIS WEEKEND REMEMBER SAFE BOATING PRACTICES, KEEP A RADIO NEARBY AND KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE NEAREST STORM SHELTER, IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

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