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DATE: August 17, 2010  
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DURING THE PERIOD, AUGUST 19 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2010 (LABOR DAY), LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES ON AREA ROADWAYS AGGRESSIVELY ENFORCING KANSAS DRUNK DRIVING AND OTHER TRAFFIC LAWS. SUPPORTED BY A GRANT FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DEPUTIES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL ALCOHOL CRACK DOWN "**DRUNK DRIVING: OVER THE LIMIT, UNDER ARREST**" ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN.

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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS AMONG 100 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE, INCLUDING THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL, WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN "***DRUNK DRIVING: OVER THE LIMIT, UNDER ARREST***". THEIR AIM IS TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PREVENTABLE DEATHS AND INJURIES THAT OCCUR WHEN ALCOHOL IS MIXED WITH DRIVING, A PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS COMBINATION.

ALCOHOL RELATED CRASHES IN KANSAS COST ITS CITIZENS NEARLY \$628 MILLION ANNUALLY IN LOST PRODUCTIVITY, MEDICAL COSTS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND OTHER EXPENDITURES. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MANY MILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS SPENT YEARLY ON DUI ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION, INTAKE, INCARCERATION, MONITORING AND DRIVERS' LICENSE HEARING/SUSPENSIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

MEDIA RIDE ALONGS ARE ENCOURAGED AND CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH SGT. TROY WELLS.

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