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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JULY 20, 2017 SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS (316) 660-3880 LIEUTENANT LIN DEHNING

Sedgwick County drivers may notice heightened traffic enforcement from Friday, July 21 through Sunday, July 23. Sedgwick County Sheriff's deputies will be joining law enforcement officers from six Midwestern states in an effort to reduce disabling injuries and deaths due to speed, non-restraint use, and impaired or distracted driving.

Law enforcement officers will be on the roadways in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma to aggressively enforce traffic laws. They will be especially vigilant in finding speeding drivers, impaired/distracted drivers, and occupants who are not wearing their seatbelts.

Kansas law requires all occupants of a passenger vehicle carrying fewer than ten passengers to be restrained. A vehicle can be stopped if a deputy observes a person who is not restrained. Children under the age of four must be secured in a federally-approved child safety seat; children four through seven must be securely belted into an approved booster seat; and anyone over the age of eight must be safely belted.

This safety effort will be conducted during the normal course of duty and is not supported by any grant.

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