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October 23, 2018 SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS (316) 660-3880 LIEUTENANT TIM MYERS

Beginning on Monday, October 29th, and continuing through Friday, November 2nd, travelers can expect increased law enforcement presence in Sedgwick County as the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office joins other law enforcement agencies in aggressively enforcing Kansas occupant restraint and other traffic laws as part of the 2018 Kansas *Ticket or Treat* campaign. This activity is supported by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

Deputies will be especially vigilant around local middle and elementary schools. Drivers can expect strict enforcement of both the Kansas Safety Belt Use Act and the Kansas Child Passenger Safety Act. Children under the age of four must be correctly secured in an approved child safety seat. Children, ages four through seven, must be securely belted into an approved booster seat unless taller than 4 feet 9 inches or heavier than 80 pounds, in which case, the booster may be removed and the child belted in without it. Children, ages eight through 13, must be safety-belted. For answers to child safety restraint questions and the location of the nearest safety seat fitting station, or safety seat technician, contact the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office at 1-800-416-2522, or write <u>ktsro@dccca.org</u>.

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The aim of *Ticket or Treat* is simple: to drastically reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes. While seat belts may not always protect from serious or fatal injury, certainly no other piece of equipment within the vehicle provides more protection.

The Sheriff's Office remains committed to making the roadways safe for the driving public.

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