

Safety Urged During Fall Harvest

Editor's note: the following was submitted by Brown Co Sheriff John Merchant

(MSC News) I would like to remind everyone that harvest time is here and we need to make sure to drive accordingly.

A lot of the farm machinery takes up much of the roadway, especially on rural country roads. Drivers are urged to drive with that in mind, and to make sure you are aware of your surroundings especially when cresting hills, not knowing what is on the other side.

Many accidents happen in the early morning or later afternoon hours when the sun is just rising or setting, causing blind spots.

Also accidents occur when drivers are trying to pass machinery as view of the farmer can become obstructed due to the equipment. Some times motorists feel they are behind schedule and try to make up time on the road and try to pass in unsafe locations--remember, safety first, accidents can be avoided and we are asking your cooperation in making this harvest a safe one. Also, please buckle up and arrive safely at your intended location.

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