Officers to target impaired drivers

(KNZA)-Beginning Friday, November 20 through Sunday November 29, the Hiawatha and Horton Police Departments will join other law enforcement agencies across the state—including the Kansas Highway Patrol—in the Kansas Thanksgiving Safe Arrival traffic enforcement campaign.

According to a news release, a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation will support overtime enforcement efforts.

While all Kansas traffic laws will be enforced, the campaign will focus on removing impaired drivers from the state's roads.

According to KDOT, the day before Thanksgiving sees more impairment-related crashes than any other day of the year. On average, across Kansas, three persons are injured every day, and one person is killed every four days in alcohol/drug-related crashes.

Each week across Kansas, more than 250 drivers are arrested for choosing to drive impaired.

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