

Sheriff urges harvest time safety

(KNZA)--With harvest time here, Brown County Sheriff John Merchant is sending out a reminder to motorists---“use extra caution when driving and allow plenty of space between you and farm equipment.”

Merchant says a lot of the farm machinery takes up much of the roadway, especially on rural country roads.

He said make sure you are aware of your surroundings especially when cresting hills, not knowing what is on the other side.

Merchant says many accidents happen in the early morning or late afternoon hours when the sun is just rising or setting, causing blind spots. In addition, he says accidents occur when drivers are trying to pass machinery.

Merchant said area farmers have told him harvest will be very good this year, meaning more grain trucks on the roads. He said drivers should be ready for those trucks to enter the roadway at unusual spots, so make sure you pay attention to the road and avoid any distractions.

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