



Safety assist drivers will help Turnpike travelers

If you see a red & white vehicle traveling the Turnpike with red State Farm decals, a safety assist employee will be driving the roadway looking for customers who have vehicle problems.

For the second year, State Farm is sponsoring the Turnpike Safety Assist program. The program begins the Memorial Day holiday weekend and runs through Labor Day in September.

State Farm Safety Assist employees will drive the Turnpike roadway from 6 - 10 a.m. and 3 - 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and 3-7 p.m. on Sundays. They will cover the areas from Kansas City to Topeka, and Wichita to the Oklahoma border, which are the most heavily traveled sections of the Turnpike.

The sponsorship by State Farm provides financial resources to continue the safety assist program.

The drivers will be looking for vehicles who have broken down, debris on the roadway, and helping with accidents and other incidents. They will be able to provide assistance to help keep traffic traveling through the roadway replacement project east of Lawrence, and other areas, as needed.

The drivers will help in a number of ways to promote safety on the Turnpike during the busy summer travel season.

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Be prepared for safe driving in work zones

Spring and summer months bring work zones on the Turnpike and other Kansas highways. National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week was held April 4-8 this year during which all Kansans were encouraged to show support for highway workers who risk their lives working on road projects and to raise awareness of work zone hazards.

KTA President/CEO Michael Johnston said, "Work Zone Safety Week reminds all travelers to be cautious in construction zones and of the workers within them. It also reminds drivers to stay alert and follow instructions placed on roadway signage."

More than 85 percent of the time, it's motorists who are injured in work zone crashes. Last year, more than 500 people were injured and seven people were killed in work zone crashes in Kansas.

Some tips for driving in work zones include - watch for workers, follow traffic control, stay alert, change lanes when directed to do so, expect delays and allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.

Media was invited to a work zone safety event sponsored by the Kansas Department of Transportation on April 6 at their Oakland office in Topeka. One of the featured speakers was Shirley McDonald, mother of KDOT employee Scotty McDonald who was killed June 1, 2005 in a work zone crash. An area with 23 orange cones with the names of highway workers who have been killed in Kansas was also featured, emphasizing the need to be alert when traveling in work zones.

For additional information about construction on the Kansas Turnpike, you may visit our website at: www.ksturnpike.com. For photos of the media event and other work zone safety information, the KDOT web site is www.kdot.org.



Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary, and KTA Board Member Deb Miller, speaks at the Work Zone Safety Media Event.

K-TAG KORNER

Check the new KTA web site for your K-TAG account information. You may find information concerning your K-TAG account, or set-up a new account. A K-TAG User Guide is also available to answer your questions. The K-TAG drop down tab is located on the top left of screen, right next to the Home tab. You may use either: www.ksturnpike.com, or MyKtag.com to access K-TAG information.

When traveling on Turnpike I-70 this summer you may reach the following destinations for an in-state vacation

Kansas Sampler Festival May 7 - 8, 2011

During the year celebrating the 150th anniversary of Kansas' becoming a state, the 2011 Kansas Sampler Festival's mission of serving as a one-stop shop for all the things to see and do in Kansas seems particularly fitting.

Called a "living brochure of Kansas", the festival brings communities and attraction from across the state to one spot to make it easy to learn the state and its offerings.

It features entertainment, art, Kansas vendors, state attractions and, life any good festival, tasty food.

This year's festival is May 7 and 8 at Ray Miller Park in Leavenworth. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. An opening ceremony is at 9 p.m. Saturday at the park, 4201 S. 4th St. Last year's festival, also held in Leavenworth, had a record attendance of 8,500 people.

Daily admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 7 to 14 years, with those under the age of 6 admitted free. Weekend passes are \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids. To learn more about the festival, visit www.kansassamplerfestival.com. To find out more about the Kansas Sampler Festival, go to www.kansassampler.org.



Marci Penner quizzes festival goers about Kansas facts and history at a Sampler Festival.



*Dwight D. Eisenhower
34th President*

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum

Kansas native Dwight D. Eisenhower was the 34th President of the United States. His Presidential Library and Museum are located in his hometown of Abilene, Kansas, just off of I-70. During his presidency, the Interstate System was created in 1956. His boyhood home is also located on the grounds, along with the museum and library. **Location:** 200 S.E. 4th Street, Abilene, KS. 67410. **Museum summer hours** - 8 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. **Admission** is \$8.00 for adults 16 to 61 years; \$6.00 Seniors ages 62+; \$1.00 8-15 years; Active military - free; \$6.00 retired military. Wednesday admission is \$5.00. **Web site:** eisenhower.library@nara.gov.

Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure - Exit 244 on I-70 west of Salina

The 64,000 square foot museum takes you around the world to experience the delicate balance between humans, animals and nature in seven unique regions from the Arctic to the rain forest. The zoo has 100+ species of wildlife on 60 acres of a landscaped park. Summer hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Adults - \$12.50; Children 2 & under are free; Children ages 3-12 \$6.00; Seniors 65+ \$11.50. Also offers stroller and wheelchair rentals. Tram rides are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. **Web site:** <http://rollinghillswildlife.com>