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KTA encourages motorcycle safety for month

WICHITA, Kan.— May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the Kansas Turnpike Authority reminds drivers to “share the road” to help prevent motorcycle accidents. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash data, motorcycle fatalities occurred 28 times more frequently than any other vehicles.

Motorists are urged to help prevent motorcycle crashes by regularly checking blind spots and mirrors, using signals when changing lanes or turning, allowing motorcycles use of the full traffic lane and giving more distance when following a motorcycle.

“Each year, in addition to promoting motorcycle safety, we also participate in the annual Run for the Wall event at the Topeka service area,” said Rachel Bell, KTA Director of Business Services & Customer Relations. “This cross-country motorcycle ride recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by veterans who have served our nation.”

Motorcyclists are also advised to take precautions. Riders should always wear a helmet, even if state law does not require it; cancel turn signals when complete if not automatically done; ride in the middle of the lane to increase visibility; wear protective clothing, such as riding jackets and boots; and follow all traffic laws, such as never drinking and driving.

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About KTA:

For more than 60 years, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) maintains 236 miles of user-fee supported roadway from the Oklahoma border to Kansas City. KTA doesn't receive state or federal tax funds. Instead, toll revenue pays for preservation and modernization of the Turnpike system. With the [current long-term plan](#), KTA has outlined 44 projects to enhance safety and the customer experience over the next decade. KTA's mission is to provide safe, economical, high-quality transportation service to its customers.

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