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KTA encourages teen driver safety with video contest

Wichita, Kan. — The Kansas Turnpike Authority encourages teen driver safety with its seventh annual “Put the Brakes on Fatalities” video contest for Kansas students in grades 8-12.

This contest is held in conjunction with Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, October 10, to help raise awareness about safe driving habits.

The entry deadline is Sunday, September 25 at 11:59 p.m. CST. There will be three winners. Entries must follow specific criteria:

- Video must promote fatality prevention using themes such as (but not limited to): distracted driving, seatbelts, speeding, texting while driving, etc.
- Video must be between six (0:06) and sixty (0:60) seconds in length
- Don't break any laws while filming
- Entries must be made public for judging

Those interested in the contest can view details and enter at www.ksturnpike.com/contests.

“We have seen an increase in distracted driving and aggressive driving behaviors and incidents over the last year,” said John Lehnherr, KHP Troop G Captain. “This contest is a great way to bring awareness to the consequences of distracted driving, speeding and improper seatbelt use to teens during their formative driving years.”

In addition to KTA's video contest, the Kansas Department of Transportation holds a poster art contest for Kansas kids ages five through 13. Learn more about the contest and other Kansas awareness campaign activities here: <https://www.ksdot.org/events/PutTheBrakesOnFatalitiesDay/>.

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Editor's' Note: view the 2021 winning videos [here](#).

About KTA:

For 65 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. [KTA's Strategic Plan](#) supports organizational goals with four strategic initiatives, including a transition to cashless tolling in 2024. KTA's mission is to move Kansas forward by operating a safe, reliable and customer-valued turnpike system in a fiscally responsible, businesslike manner.

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