

# SCCDAT NEWS

*Our mission: To combine efforts within the community to prevent and decrease drug use, and to increase the known factors that help to reduce the risk for drug, alcohol and tobacco use in youth.*



Sumner County Community Drug Action Team

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Be warned that during the period, August 18th through Labor Day, September 5th, the Wellington Police Department will join almost 150 other local and state police agencies across the state in a crackdown aimed at removing drunk, drugged, and other dangerous drivers from the roadways. Known as You Drink. You Drive. You Lose., the enforcement is underwritten by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

Kansas averages four persons injured every day, and one person killed every three days, in impairment-related crashes. According to KDOT, if you are involved in such a crash – in any capacity – you are about two times more likely to be injured and nearly six times more likely to be seriously injured or killed than if you are involved in a crash in which alcohol or other drugs are not determined to be a factor. The ratio of death to injury in impairment-related crashes is almost seven times higher than the death to injury ratio for non-impairment related crashes.

According to Chief Tracy Heath, I want the “You Drink. You Drive. You lose”, campaign to remind drivers of several things:

“First, if you’re going to drink while away from home, do it responsibly by planning ahead and lining up someone who is not going to be drinking to get you back. Don’t make the mistake of waiting until it’s time to go home to start asking around. Chances are, if you do that, you will wind up with someone who says, ‘Sure, I’m sober!’ but who may not be.

“Second, picture families you know, and then consider how it would be to wake up every day to the memory of your decision to drive after drinking – a decision which unintentionally brought injury or death to one of them.

“Third, we can pull you over for any number of driving infractions and mechanical deficiencies. If we do and we detect a hint of alcohol you will be tested. If you fail the test you’re looking at a fine of \$500-\$2,500; up to one year in jail; the suspension, or even permanent loss, of your driver’s license; and the installation of an ignition interlock device in your car. Imagine not being able to start your car without blowing into the interlock’s alcohol sensor several times during an afternoon’s errands. Don’t take the chance; it’s not worth it.

“Fourth, we need everyone to be our eyes on the road. If you see suspicious driving behaviors take note of location, direction and the vehicle’s description, and call 911 as soon as it’s safe to do so. You may save a life.

# KYLS 2016



July 31-August 2, 2016 - 13 students traveled to Rock Springs for the Kansas Youth Leadership Summit (KYLS). This program empowers Kansas youth to live positive lifestyles that strengthen their schools and communities! During the summit, our students and adults created action plans aimed at making our communities safer, healthier places to live.

“No One Stands Alone in This House” (Wellington High School’s Unity Project lip dub video be featured at this year’s KYLS conference. This project was inspired by Bill Cordes and created by Wellington High School students and staff in partnership with SCCDAT

Kansas Family Partnership (KFP) and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) sponsor this terrific event!

SCCDAT—Serving all of Sumner County



SCCDAT has been awarded a Kansas Prevention Collaborative (KPC) Community Initiative - FY 17 Planning Grant through the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). The award start-up date is September 1, 2016. We were one of 17 coalitions selected throughout the state!

Dollars awarded to communities as part of this initiative are federal dollars from the Kansas Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. The primary focus of the grant award is the utilization of the Strategic Prevention Framework to assess, build capacity, and plan for future strategy implementation during this 10-month planning grant period. This grant is designed to allow communities to address local alcohol and marijuana concerns but also to explore how behavioral health concerns such as suicide and problem gambling and depression can impact youth and adult drug use. The coalition will be supported in their efforts by KDADS and its partners in the Kansas Prevention Collaborative.

The staff of SCCDAT is excited to begin this new grant and to plan for the future of the coalition!

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