Call for Presentations—Deadline August 17

KDOT Transportation Safety Conference
April 18–April 20, 2016, Topeka, KS

The annual Transportation Safety Conference is designed to share timely topics of interest and updated information from all facets of the transportation safety community. The program features breakout sessions on injury control, law enforcement, youth issues, and roadway safety. Participants can receive up to 9.5 contact hours of instruction. Attendees include law enforcement personnel, court professionals, state and local government officials, engineers, safety advocates, EMT and EMS workers, teen drivers, educators and counselors, and special interest group representatives.

Pre-conference workshops are offered Monday, April 18. Workshops are either three or six hours in length, with traffic safety topics primarily focused on law enforcement, emergency management, incident management and child passenger safety.

Conference schedule: Tuesday includes three one-hour concurrent sessions. Wednesday includes an hour-long concurrent session and a 90-minute concurrent session.

Compensation: Travel (air and/or mileage), hotel and per diem are reimbursed at the approved State of Kansas travel rates.

Benefits of presenting at KDOT’s Transportation Safety Conference:

• Highlight your program or department
• Recruit future employees
• Develop and teach your topic

Workshop Presentation Proposals Must Include:

• Contact information
• Title with a description of no more than 200 words
• Learning objectives
• References of previous transportation safety presentations

Go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TSC2016 for each presentation proposal you submit. Contact Pam Hicks at phicks@ku.edu for questions about the submission process. Contact gretchen@ksdot.org for direct content questions. We will contact you if your presentation is selected.

Submission Deadline: August 17, 2015
Presentation Submission Examples:

**Example of Pre-Conference workshop**

*Confronting Driver Medical and Cognitive Challenges*—This workshop deals with understanding and responding to an increasingly prevalent phenomenon - drivers with elevated levels of cognitive and medical impairment who may be endangering themselves and others. Among the areas addressed will be the effects of medical conditions on driver competence, procedures for the identification of medically at-risk drivers – including a simple pencil and paper screening tool for use by licensing and primary care personnel – and the use of alternative transportation in rural and urban settings. DMV, law enforcement, driver education, primary care, and transit personnel will all find this session helpful. Three contact hours of instruction.

**Samples of previous workshop descriptions**

*Teen Tragedy: It Won’t Happen to Me*—This fun, but sobering, interactive presentation targets the teen driver. Driving behaviors such as seatbelt use, inattention, speeding, and driving under the influence are discussed. Graphic, yet realistic injury descriptions will provide motivation to practice safe driving and tools for those involved with teen safety issues, such as SAFE members, driver education instructors, parents, and SROs.

*Impairment and the Eyes: The Unfolding Story*—The horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN) test is one of the three tests that comprise the standardized field sobriety test (SFST) battery. This feature-packed session, conducted by three of the state’s leading experts, examines the role of HGN in establishing whether there is reasonable suspicion to request a blood test and HGNs standing in Kansas courts. The Briteye impairment detection instrument will be used to demonstrate the nystagmus effect, as well as its own capabilities in detecting and recording HGN, and in determining pupil size, all under various lighting conditions.

*Smart Work Zone Safety*—One of the main objectives of a traffic management system is the safe and efficient movement of traffic. Work zones interrupt this movement to some degree. Where the interruption is significant on high volume roads and the end of the zone isn’t in sight, traditional signage doesn’t provide real-time information that drivers can use to make decisions. A “smart work zone” provides accurate and reliable real-time information to motorists regarding how long it will take them to clear the work zone, how long they will be delayed, and even what speed limit they can expect ahead of them. Presenter will talk about the evolution of Work Zone ITS, nationwide and locally, and provide some highlights on research and guidance available to assist in decision making.

*Is it Time to Turn Over the Keys?*—This presentation will consider the various indicators and choices that surround one of the most difficult decisions that drivers – and the friends and families of drivers – have to make in what is likely the most mobile society in history.