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## Seat belt challenge, speakers highlight Oct. 10 safety event

Teens from across Kansas will participate in a quick click challenge to emphasize the importance of buckling up as part of Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day on the south side outside the State Capitol.

Time: 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10

**Location:** Outside, south steps of the State Capitol (1<sup>st</sup> floor rotunda area in Capitol in case of rain)

**Speakers:** Deputy Secretary/State Transportation Engineer Jerry Younger will serve as emcee. Crash survivor Rachel Tharman; Lawrence Memorial Hospital Trauma Coordinator Kenna Young; and From the Land of Kansas Director Stacy Mayo.

After the quick click challenge, Kansas Highway Patrol Technical Trooper Don Hughes will demonstrate the Patrol's rollover vehicle.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day focuses on all types of traffic safety, whether you are in a vehicle, on a bike, on a motorcycle or walking across the street.

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