



# **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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## **Kearney Police - Cruise Nite 2022**

The Kearney Police Department, in conjunction with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, will have additional officers working on July 16th, 2022 during the Cruise Nite weekend. Officers will be out in force focusing on alcohol violations to include Minor in Possession, Open Container, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs. The goal of this effort is to reduce impaired driving and related accidents.

As always, the Kearney Police Department is requesting that you obey Nebraska Laws and City Ordinances related to the consumption and possession of alcohol. Designate a sober driver, call for a ride, *Be Safe Be Smart*. This enforcement effort was made possible thanks to a grant from the Nebraska Department of Roads - Office of Highway Safety.

“Our goal is to ensure the safety of everyone who intends to participate or attend this positive, family friendly, community event. We’re thankful for the great partnerships we have with NDOT Office of Highway Safety toward preventing an alcohol related tragedy and our partners at Buffalo County Community Partners, allied law enforcement agencies, and local businesses who have embraced the *Be Safe Be Smart* initiative, toward a safe and enjoyable Cruiser Nite for all. The *Be Safe Be Smart* task force was formed in 2013, with an emphasis on prevention, education, and collaborative efforts to ensure a safe event. The program has proven successful in reducing or eliminating negative behaviors and intoxication once associated with this event”.

– Chief Bryan D. Waugh

There will be parking restrictions downtown as a result of Cruise Nite events. Downtown parking is prohibited starting at 2:00 a.m. on July 16 in the following areas: Central Avenue from 25th Street to North Railroad Street, 24th Street from Avenue A to 1st Avenue, 23rd Street from Avenue A to 1st Avenue, and 21st Street from Avenue A to 1st Avenue, the parking lot west of Cunningham’s Journal and the parking lot north of City Hall. Vehicles parked in these areas are subject to tow at the owner’s expense. All vehicles parked in these downtown areas after 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 16th will be towed to facilitate staging vehicles for the event. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

Check out our web site at [www.cityofkearney.org](http://www.cityofkearney.org).

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