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2022 Speeding Prevention Campaign

The Kearney Police Department will join law enforcement agencies across the nation July 20th through August 14th, 2022 in raising awareness of the dangers of speeding and reminding citizens to obey speed limits. In 2020, more than one quarter of all crash fatalities were speeding-related, and there was a dramatic increase (17%) in speeding-related crash fatalities from 2019-2020.

In 2020, there were 11,258 people killed in speeding-related crashes, accounting for 29% of all fatal crashes in the United States. Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around another vehicle, a hazardous object, or an unexpected curve. A speeding driver also affects stopping distances; as speed increases, so do the odds of a vehicle crash. Even the safest cars with the newest technologies are limited in how much they can help reduce the odds of a crash.

"We are asking our community to please slow down and obey the posted signs. Our goal is to save lives, and we're putting all drivers on alert — the posted speed limit is the law. No excuses." – Chief Bryan D Waugh.

Kearney Police Department's participation in this campaign is funded through a grant from the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety.

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