

# Increased patrol is planned for St. Patrick's holiday

St. Patrick's Day is coming up on March 17. People across the nation will gather to celebrate the day, and typically alcohol plays a part in these celebrations.

Before you go out, or attend parties, make sure you have a safe way to get home.

Law enforcement across the state will be out actively looking for impaired drivers.

The Patrol's Breath Alcohol Unit will be active in numerous communities throughout the state assisting various agencies with zero-tolerance enforcements.

"Law enforcement officers throughout the state will be actively enforcing the laws relating to alcohol consumption and DUI," Patrol Superintendent Colonel Terry Maple said.

In 2008, there were six fatal crashes on St. Patrick's Day weekend.

The reporting period was from March 14 at 6 p.m., until March 17 at midnight.

Of the six fatal crashes that weekend, three of them were alcohol-related.

There were 54 total alcohol-related crashes that weekend, which injured 35 people.

It is illegal in Kansas to drive or attempt to operate a motor ve-

hicle with a BAC of .08 or higher. Penalties for impaired driving include loss of driving privileges, fines, court costs, and possible jail time.

The more severe consequences of drinking and driving include injuring or killing yourself, an occupant of your vehicle, or the occupants of another vehicle.

To celebrate safely, the Patrol suggests taking the following precautions:

- Do not drink if you're planning to drive.
- If you plan to drink, designate a non-drinking driver and give that person your keys.
- You should also take with you a list of numbers for cabs or friends to call for a safe, sober ride.
- Never ride with a driver who has been drinking.
- If possible, plan to spend the night at the event.
- If you are throwing a party, provide non-alcoholic alternatives, and never let guests drive drunk.
- Report impaired drivers to your local law enforcement agency.
- Always buckle up and properly secure children in their safety seats. This is your best defense if you're involved in a crash.

## Baking cookies at the Andbe Home



Levina Ingram helped children from Rosalie McMullen's Day Care center bake cookies at the Andbe Home last Thursday. The kids were at the retirement home to help Norton County Farm Bureau celebrate National Agriculture Week. The kids and sev-

eral residents participated in various activities including reading stories and baking cookies.

—Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

## Police Log

**March 5**  
9:52 p.m. Report of individuals racing motors, 400 block E. Holme

10:13 p.m. Report of dog running loose, 700 block N. Norton  
10:14 p.m. Report of individual running out of fuel

**March 6**  
1:03 a.m. Motorist assist  
9:51 a.m. Report of damage to car wash  
11:46 a.m. Individual causing trouble for another individual, 500 block W. Wilton

1:06 p.m. Report of parents looking for juvenile son  
1:48 p.m. Son located  
1:58 p.m. Report of lost dogs  
2:46 p.m. Request information on abandoned vehicle  
3:51 p.m. Individual causing problems for another individual, 500 block W. Wilton  
3:56 p.m. Both dogs found  
5:15 p.m. Report of kids throwing rocks at house,

**March 7**  
12:40 a.m. Report of individual not wanting people on their property

12:52 a.m. Report of dog barking, Waverly and Jones  
8:20 a.m. Report of red stop light not working  
8:27 a.m. Report of stray dog with possible broken leg  
9:40 a.m. Report of car alarm going off, Walter Motors  
11:22 a.m. Report of barking dog, 300 block First  
12:38 p.m. Motorist assist  
2:40 p.m. Civil standby  
7:14 p.m. Welfare check

**March 8**  
7:05 a.m. Report of dogs going through trash, 600 block N. Second

9:50 a.m. Report of stray dogs running, 500 block N. Second  
3:41 p.m. Report of individuals violating protection order

**March 9**  
4:05 p.m. Abandoned 911 call, 300 block Woodfield  
6:30 p.m. Individual needed information on vehicle equipment  
7:14 p.m. Report of theft, 500 block N. State  
8:45 p.m. Information of theft  
9:40 p.m. Loud music com-

plaint, 300 block Wabash

**March 10**  
12:28 a.m. Report of intoxicated individual that won't leave, 500 block W. Wilton  
4:04 a.m. Request for ride home from Norton County Hospital  
5:06 a.m. Activated alarm, Dollar General

**March 11**  
10:30 a.m. Presentation to Eisenhower Elementary School  
3:47 p.m. Two vehicle accident, E. Lincoln

4:25 p.m. Court paper service  
4:30 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning ongoing case  
5:12 p.m. Report of information concerning case

**March 12**  
8:57 a.m. Traffic control, Stoplight  
9:07 a.m. Funeral escort  
10:43 a.m. Report of lost black leather notebook, Kansas Highway Patrol  
12:47 p.m. Report of individual

receiving harassing text messages

12:51 a.m. Report of fireworks going off, 300 block Lincoln

4:25 p.m. Council packets delivered  
5:05 p.m. Report of gas skip  
9:05 p.m. Request information on civil matter

9:57 p.m. Report of items taken off porch, 300 block Jones  
**March 13**  
1:00 a.m. Report of bar fight  
5:04 a.m. Report of two dogs running loose, 500 block W. Woodfield

5:45 a.m. Report of dogs barking, 300 block W. Washington  
6:27 a.m. Vehicle stop, State and North

10:02 a.m. Report of dogs barking, 300 block W. Washington  
3:23 p.m. Report of stray dog, 700 block N. Jones  
8:05 p.m. Report of vehicle all over the road, W. Washington  
8:42 p.m. Report of vehicle tailgating, State St.

**March 14**

1:21 a.m. Report of loud music, 500 block W. Wilton

1:27 p.m. Report of individual finding injured squirrel

1:36 p.m. Served court papers  
5:50 p.m. Request for civil standby

In the last two weeks, the police department did 16 vehicle stops.



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# Deb Persinger

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