

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Texting and Driving in the Spotlight At Kansas Capitol this Friday

Everybody knows texting and driving is dangerous, but people still do it. Why? How often? The answer? More than you think. And what's the impact when there's a crash?

The Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Highway Patrol will host a news conference this Friday with an expert on dual-tasking; a young man incapacitated in a texting crash; his mother, who will speak for him; and the young man's companion dog.

WHO: Paul Atchley, psychology professor at the University of Kansas; Austin Breitenstein, and his mother, Julie Breitenstein.

WHAT: Kansas distracted driving awareness and prevention campaign.

WHEN: 1:30 p.m., Friday, Apr. 18, 2014

WHERE: Kansas State Capitol, 300 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, south steps. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Capitol Rotunda.

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