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“Don’t text and drive” video release posted

A video news release that focuses on the hazards of texting while driving, as well as legislative and artistic efforts to ban the practice, has been posted on the Kansas Department of Transportation’s Web site.

The release includes comments from a Statehouse news conference this morning that featured comments of Lt. Gov. Troy Findley; Sen. Tim Owens, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and Rep. Gary Hayzlett, chair of the House Transportation Committee. Also included are the comments of Kansas State University graduate student Brian Bookwalter, whose has produced art that has a “don’t text and drive message”; and 16-year-old high school student Erica Bell, who crashed her car while reading a text message.

Media are welcome to link to the video on KDOT’s YouTube channel, which can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A [high-resolution version](#) can also be downloaded. Still images from this morning’s press conference can be viewed on [KDOT’s Flickr page](#).

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The video will be posted on the KDOT Web site for one year.

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