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NEWS RELEASE

The Joplin Police Department encourages everyone to have a safe weekend! We would like to take this opportunity to point out that this holiday remains one of the deadliest. “From 2009 to 2013, crashes occurring during the July 4th holiday account for 39% percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities over this same five-year period.”¹

Additionally, this year the Fourth falls on a Saturday. Statistically, weekend holidays tend to have higher levels of traffic, more partying and, as a result, a larger number of crashes.

In our efforts to prevent these tragedies, we will once again increase enforcement this Fourth of July weekend. We will have extra officers specifically directed to identify and apprehend impaired drivers.

Please buckle up, reduce your speed and avoid distracted driving behavior, like using a cellphone or texting while behind the wheel, and, of course, don't drink and drive.

1. <http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/july4th>

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