

Ceremony Solutes Effort to Keep Kentucky Roads Safe

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) honored 205 law enforcement officers from 175 agencies across the Commonwealth for their efforts to target impaired drivers.

The 2016 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Lexington. Awards were presented to officers with the most impaired-driving arrests in each agency.

"We are honoring those who put their lives on the line each day to save the lives of others," said KOHS Executive Director Dr. Noelle Hunter. "These officers, their departments and agencies render a great service for all Kentuckians, and on behalf of Governor Matt Bevin, we say thank you."

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Richard Sanders commended the aggressive enforcement and awareness efforts.

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Last year, more than 5,900 crashes involving alcohol and/or drugs in Kentucky resulted in more than 3,100 injuries and 162 fatalities.

WKYT-TV news anchor Amber Philpot shared that her 13 years of experience allows her to report on stories that can make a difference and, in some cases, change a person's perspective. "In the news business, just like in law enforcement, we see the worst of things," said Philpott. "However, I believe it is eye-opening for our viewers when they see personal stories on how a split-second decision changed someone's life – I know it is for me. That one act of getting behind the wheel after a few drinks, or looking down to answer the phone or send a text message, isn't worth the risk."

The KOHS, Kentucky State Police and other law enforcement agencies are partnering for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over holiday enforcement campaign Dec.15, 2016, through Jan. 1, 2017. The campaign is funded through NHTSA, which says high-visibility enforcement reduces impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent.

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We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

I-65 and East End Bridges Will be Tolled



Drivers traveling in Louisville and Southern Indiana need to prepare for the start of tolling on three Ohio River bridges. Tolling on the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project is scheduled to begin Friday, December 30.

Tolled bridges include the two I-65 bridges connecting Downtown Louisville and Southern Indiana, the new Abraham Lincoln Bridge and the improved John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge. The new East End bridge connecting the Gene Snyder Freeway in Prospect, Ky. with State Road 265 in Utica, Ind. will also be tolled.

RiverLink is the name of the new, all-electronic tolling system that makes the project possible. There's no stopping, no slowing, no lines and no coin machines. Toll rates range from \$2-\$12, depending on the size of vehicle and whether the driver has a RiverLink account and transponder.

Drivers with transponders will pay the lowest toll rates. Drivers can set up a prepaid RiverLink account to get a transponder. All E-ZPass transponders, including the I-PASS from Illinois and the Indiana Toll Road E-ZPass, will work with the RiverLink system. No further action is necessary.

Drivers without transponders will get bills in the mail, and pay higher toll rates. Drivers who do not pay their tolls will be charged a penalty and may face restrictions on vehicle registration until tolls and penalties are paid.

Opening a RiverLink Account

Drivers can open a personal account online at www.RiverLink.com, by phone at 855-RIV-LINK or in person at one of two RiverLink customer service centers. A personal account can include up to four vehicles, with a minimum balance of \$20 to open the account. The account balance rolls over month to month.

The fastest way to open a RiverLink personal account is online. The website is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week with no wait. Transponders will be mailed to account holders, free of charge.

For businesses with more than four vehicles, the fastest and easiest way to open an account is by calling a specialized customer service representative at 855-RIV-LINK.

Choice of Transponders

A RiverLink local transponder is free, one per registered vehicle. The small sticker adheres to the inside of windshield, is non-transferable and will work only on tolled bridges between Louisville and Southern Indiana.

A **RiverLink E-ZPass transponder** is \$15 per transponder. It's mounted on the inside of the windshield, is portable from vehicle to vehicle registered to a single account and works in all 16 E-ZPass states (<https://e-zpassiag.com/about-e-zpass/where-can-i-use-it>).

The I-64 (Sherman Minton) and the US 31/Second Street (Clark Memorial) bridges across the Ohio River will not be tolled in connection with the project. Find more information at www.RiverLink.com.

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