

Kentucky targets impaired driving through Labor Day

BY NEW ERA STAFF
Kentucky is planning increased traffic enforcement efforts targeting impaired driving as the Labor Day holiday approaches, according to a news release.

“Ensuring the safety of Kentuckians is our highest priority,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Driving under the influence endangers not only yourself but everyone on the road. Let’s unite to prevent avoidable crashes by pledging to celebrate responsibly.”

Impaired driving crashes typically

increase over holidays, so the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Office of Highway Safety is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and law enforcement across the nation in reminding drivers to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.” The effort begins Friday and runs through Sept. 2.

“Driving impaired is never acceptable,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray in the release. “Drivers need to realize that drugs and alcohol not only impair your driving abilities but

also cloud your judgment about whether you should drive. Even if you feel fine, impairment slows your judgment, coordination and reaction times.”

According to the KOHS, last year in Kentucky there were 4,324 total crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 2,085 injuries and 181 deaths. Of the 1,704 total motorcycle crashes last year, 793 involved only the motorcyclist (single-vehicle crash). Of those single-vehicle crashes, 41 involved alcohol, result-

ing in 32 injuries and 7 deaths.

Last year, during the Labor Day holiday weekend, there were 77 crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 29 injuries and six deaths.

The KOHS recommends the following:

Before the festivities begin, plan a way to get home at the end of the night safely;

If you’re impaired, use a ride-booking company, taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely;

If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the KSP toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911. Provide a vehicle description, license number, location and, if possible, direction of travel;

If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to

their destination safely;

Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law, it is the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if involved in a crash.

For more information on drunken driving visit kydrivesober.com.

Task force receives update on state use of AI

BY KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
FRANKFORT — For nearly a year, the Commonwealth Office of Technology has worked to learn all it can about artificial intelligence technology.

Ruth Day, chief information officer at COT, told the Kentucky legislature’s Artificial Intelligence Task Force what the agency has learned and how it’s being used by state government on Tuesday.

“Since we are early in the journey, I can tell you that’s very limited use,” Day said. COT currently has a list of all the AI tools that have been procured, but how they’re being used is decided agency-by-agency, she added.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, for example, is using a generative AI tool to identify on its self-service portal where users are spending most of their time to indicate where users might be having difficulty with the portal, Day said.

COT currently has 30 AI tools available for agency use, according to Day. In order to ensure

ethical usage and privacy protection, COT is also drafting a new AI policy that will strengthen the agency’s current technology usage policies.

Additionally, Day said COT has been using a process called Kentucky Information Technology Standards during the AI tech procurement process. Staff is also undergoing annual training on AI.

In September 2023, COT held an “AI Day” where Day and other staff met with several companies like Google and Microsoft about AI.

“The key takeaway that my team and I heard ... was understand that generative AI, like ChatGPT, is powerful. But know what you put into those public, free models are then in the public domain,” Day said.

Being aware of bias, data quality, privacy and other accuracy issues were also topics of concern.

“In all use cases of generative AI, there must be human oversight and human review of the output,” Day added.

Co-chair Sen. Amanda

Mays Bledsoe, R-Lexington, asked: “Do you feel like we have a good handle on employees being wise about their uses?”

Day said she does, however, COT is still working on understanding how to use all the AI tools currently available.

Following up on that topic, Co-chair Rep. Josh Bray, R-Mount Vernon, asked Day what the state can expect to see with AI in the next two years.

“Will we see AI maybe within the unemployment system to maybe help process some of these claims?” Bray asked. “Nationally, we’ve seen an uptick in unemployment insurance claims. The markets have kind of appeared to cool off, and there are some that think we’re headed towards a recession. Is the commonwealth prepared for that?”

Day said the future of AI in Kentucky is being discussed every day.

“I’m not familiar with all the workings of the unemployment insurance, but I do know they have had great success in this optical character recognition,” Day said. “It’s not the stuff you knew 10 years ago. It’s

come a long, long way, and they have a high level of accuracy.”

With the 2025 legislative session in mind, Senate Minority Caucus Chair Reginald Thomas, D-Lexington, asked Day when the policy COT is drafting will be finished.

“We, as a task force, would like to see your report prior to us formulating what we’re going to be doing beginning in January,” he said.

Day said the hope is to have the policy finished before Thanksgiving.

Tuesday was the second meeting of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force. The special committee is tasked with studying AI systems and how they’re being used by Kentucky government agencies and other states.

The task force will also provide recommendations on how Kentucky’s use of AI systems would benefit state agencies and the legislative initiatives needed to provide consumer protection in the private and public sectors.

The task force’s next meeting is currently scheduled for 11 a.m. on Sept. 10.

Murray State expands mental health resources

BY MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
Murray State University has expanded its student mental health resources through a new partnership with TimelyCare, a 24/7 virtual health and well-being provider that serves more than 2.3 million students at over 350 campuses nationwide.

The partnership is an extension of Murray State’s ongoing student mental health resources, many of which are available on campus and virtually through areas such as University Counseling Services, the Psychological Center, the Center for Student Engagement and Success and the Office of Student Enrichment, Academic Excellence and Leadership.

Through TimelyCare on their phone or other device, Murray State students can select from a wide-ranging menu of virtual care options in all 50 states at no cost and without the barrier

of traditional insurance, including:

- On-demand mental health and emotional support (TalkNow)
- Scheduled counseling from licensed mental health providers
- Psychiatric support from licensed mental health providers
- Health coaching
- Basic needs assistance
- Care navigation
- Peer community
- Digital self-care content

Students are encouraged to download the Murray State TimelyCare app through Apple’s App Store, Google Play or at timelycare.com/murraystate in order to set up their profile, select a provider who fits their needs, and schedule an appointment.

Murray State’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is titled “MSU Matter — Racers Care.” As part of the University’s accreditation requirements, the current QEP is focused

on mental health and well-being and is an important part of the university’s strategic plan.

“Murray State University will continue its focus in this vitally important area of mental health and well-being,” Murray State President Bob Jackson said. “This new partnership with TimelyCare provides 24/7 virtual access and is an extension of our ongoing student mental health services and resources.”

“We have dedicated faculty and staff who lead multiple areas of student mental health services and support. This new partnership through TimelyCare will enhance and supplement our existing resources,” said Murray State Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Don Robertson. “TimelyCare’s 24/7 coverage and availability, particularly during nights, weekends and holidays, helps meet

the needs of our students in making these key services accessible and available at any time.”

Some of Murray State’s student mental health resources include the following:

University Counseling Services and the Psychological Center, which provide a variety of on-campus counseling services, including both in-person and virtual sessions. Both of these locations offer scheduled and walk-in sessions.



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