

McLOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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April 17, 2018 – City Council Meeting

1. Yesterday, today and tomorrow, I am attending KDOT's annual Traffic Safety Conference in Topeka.
 - Emphasis this year includes sessions on autonomous vehicles, pedestrian and motorcycle safety, officer safety and distracted driving.
 - Yesterday's session was the 2nd annual "Drugged Driving Summit" which focused on impaired driving caused by illegal drugs and prescription medications with an emphasis on the difficulties and public safety dangers that the variety and potency of today's marijuana poses.
 - Ironically, the department has seized alternative forms of THC-based drugs and paraphernalia twice this month.
 - This information and awareness leads nicely into another traffic safety enforcement in which we will be participating:
 - o This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, law enforcement in a six state area will join together to identify and remove impaired drivers.
 - o In Kansas alone, we experienced 462 fatalities in 2017 with approximately 20% of those involving a drug-impaired driver.
 - o April 20th is the unofficial day for smoking marijuana.
 - o A Journal of American Medical Association study found that there is a 12% increase in the relative risk of fatal crashes on April 20th (between 4:20 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.) compared to identical time intervals on control days.
2. We are looking forward to another great Patriots Day Parade on Saturday. All four of us from the police department will be there this year. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we will have pleasant conditions.
3. Distribute March 2018 Activity Report; with March Code Enforcement Report.