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Summary

In comparing data collected from Kansas Department of Transportation (2015 is incomplete) and data I obtained from my Sheriff's Office the statistics are shocking.

- In 2015 6 semi rollovers accidents were caused by a tire dropping off highway, 5 of these occurring in the same area of highway, worked by the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. I am aware of two more worked by KHP.
- Since 2013 we have had over 20 accidents on K99 Highway all in a small area between milepost 19 to milepost 23.
- The overwhelming number of these accidents have been single vehicle crashes caused by dropping a tire off of the highway and then overturning. Most of these were commercial vehicles.
- The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office has six full time officers including myself. The time spent on semi-tractor trailer accidents by my officers ranges from 6 hours to over 24 hours per accident. Usually this includes at least two officers per accident.
- In addition to Sheriff's Office personnel, many other county assets are involved such as ambulance and fire personnel. Our firefighters are all voluntary and at times are requested to stay on the accident scene for extended times.

I have attached data I have collected from my office and data I obtained from Kansas Department of Transportation.

Conclusion

The danger posed to Kansas motorists and the citizens of Chautauqua County is obvious. The unnecessary use of Chautauqua County resources involved with these accidents is a burden on our community, both monetarily and in taking resources away from other essential duties. On behalf of the citizens of Chautauqua County I am respectfully requesting your assistance in finding a solution for this problem with our state highway.

Thank You

R. Newby

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2015 Vehicle Accidents on K99 Highway Milepost 13 – Milepost 23. In Chautauqua County. Data compiled by Sheriff Richard Newby. These are only the accidents worked by the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. Kansas Highway Patrol has worked other accidents not included in this data.

3/12/15 MP13 – car vs deer

3/14/15 MP15 – semi, tire drop off/rollover

3/17/15 MP13 – car vs deer

4/17/15 MP13 – semi, wide load (17'6" wide) struck passenger car

5/2/15 MP23 – semi/tire drop off

5/3/15 MP13 – car vs deer

6/1/15 MP20 – semi/tire drop off/rollover

8/6/15 MP20 – semi/tire drop off/rollover

9/4/15 MP21 – semi/tire drop off/rollover

9/24/15 MP14 – car vs deer

12/10/15 MP23 – semi/tire drop off/rollover

12/13/15 MP20 – semi/tire drop off/rollover

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH SUMMARY

K-99 from State milepost 19 to State milepost 23 in Chautauqua County

	CRASHES				PEOPLE	
Year	Total	Fatal	Injury	PDO*	Deaths	Injuries
2011	1	-	-	1	-	-
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-
2013	4	1	-	3	1	-
2014	8	-	3	5	-	4
2015**	5	-	3	2	-	3
Total	18	1	6	11	1	7

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH SUMMARY

K-99 from State milepost 19 to State milepost 23 in Chautauqua County Involving Commerical Vehicles

	CRASHES				PEOPLE	
Year	Total	Fatal	Injury	PDO*	Deaths	Injuries
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-
2013	2	-	-	2	-	-
2014	5	-	3	2	-	4
2015**	4	-	2	2	-	2
Total	11	-	5	6	-	6

*PDO- Property Damage Only Crashes

**Data are incomplete and unofficial at this time