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Results of School Bus Stop Sign Enforcement

The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety sponsored a grant for up to \$5,000 in overtime for the Kearney Police Department to conduct a special traffic enforcement regarding the passing of school buses.

Over the last year, the Kearney Police Department has received several complaints from citizens regarding motorists passing school buses that are stopped with the buses stop arm extended. This practice is dangerous and illegal. This selective enforcement was conducted on school days from Monday, March 9, 2015 through Friday, March 20, 2015. Officers were enforcing Nebraska State Law 60-6,175 regarding school bus; safety requirements; use of stop signal arm; and use of warning signal lights.

As a result of this traffic enforcement program, 24 citations were issued from violating school bus stop arms. No other arrest or citations were issued during this enforcement. All citations are being forwarded to the Buffalo County Attorney's Office for possible prosecution.

A violation of this law is a class IV Misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine.

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