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KANSAS TO RECEIVE \$4.1 MILLION TO FIGHT DRUNK DRIVING

Washington, D.C. -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT KANSAS WILL RECEIVE \$4.1 MILLION OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD TO COMBAT DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING IN KANSAS. THE GRANT, AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC TRANSPORTATION BOARD, UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY GOVERNOR HAYDEN'S OFFICE.

"THIS FEDERAL FUNDING WILL HELP STATE OFFICIALS SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO PERSONS WHO DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: KANSAS HAS THE WILL, THE MEANS AND THE FUNDING, TO WAGE A TOTAL WAR ON THIS ALARMING HIGHWAY MENACE. THIS NEW GRANT HELPS SEND A STRONG SIGNAL TO POTENTIAL OFFENDERS THAT RECKLESS HIGHWAY BEHAVIOR IS SIMPLY INTOLERABLE," SAID SENATOR DOLE.

EARLIER THIS SUMMER, SENATOR DOLE EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT TO SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JAMES BURNLEY IN FAVOR OF KANSAS RECEIPT OF THE GRANT.

THE 'SECTION 408 ALCOHOL INCENTIVE GRANT', MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE KANSAS HAS PASSED TOUGHER MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION LAWS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS LICENSES, ENABLES STATE GOVERNMENTS TO FUND INTERDICTION PROGRAMS AIMED AT RIDDING KANSAS ROADS AND HIGHWAYS OF DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVERS.