



**KANSAS
CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION**



800 SW Jackson, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66612

Fall 2016

Calendar of Events:

- **December 13, 2016**
Christmas Open House
KCA Office, Topeka
- **January 25 - 27, 2017**
2017 KCA Convention
InterContinental Hotel
Kansas City, MO
- **May 2017**
Transportation Fly-In
Washington, D.C.
- **June 1, 2017**
(Tentative Date)
KCA Construction
Education Foundation
Golf Tournament
Colbert Hills
Manhattan, KS

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Let's Help Put the Brakes on Fatalities

For many years, numerous Kansas organizations, including the KCA, continue to work together on the annual "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" national safety campaign. For the past month, we have included a link in our weekly bulletin to a traffic safety blog written by people from across the state who have an experience to share about themselves, either personal or work-related, a family member or a friend. For highway contractors and anyone else working close to busy roadways, safety is always the number one priority for the workers who are focused on doing their jobs and for those driving through work zones.



Todd Carlile
President
J & R Sand Co., Inc.

In 2009 while working in Oklahoma, we had a vehicle hit the back of a semi-trailer stopped in a pilot line. The driver was killed instantly and it was determined he was looking at his phone. Thankfully, none of our workers were injured or killed. We evaluated our traffic control sequence and from that day on, one of the changes we made was to place grabber cones on the center line to easily catch a driver's attention. This practice is now a KDOT requirement but not a requirement in most states. We grumbled a little about this new safety initiative due to the cost and manpower involved, but once implemented, we felt more confident that every project we were involved in contributed to a safer environment for everyone. Our efforts have paid off tremendously and has kept our workers and others safe as they travel the state during the busy construction season. Remember...each of us has the responsibility to drive safely, so put down the phone, leave the radio alone and just drive.

We Need Your Vote!

By Bob Totten, Executive Vice President

The budget picture for Kansas continues to look bleaker and bleaker. However, our plans are to continue to beat the drum and remind our leaders that infrastructure funding is important. It is safe to say there were significant changes in the makeup of the legislature following the August primaries, and I am confident we will have success for our industry in the legislative process.



In the meantime, I need you to do your part and vote in the general election November 8th. Elections can be won or lost by just one vote. We need to keep the momentum we gained in the primaries to the general elections. We have made every effort to get the information out there about the candidates who support the construction industry, so please vote. Every vote counts!

I want to thank the companies and individuals who graciously contributed to our bundling campaign supporting our list of candidates. This money, in combination with the PAC, saw great success in electing the right folks in August. I am hopeful we will have the same success in November.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Proclamation

Signing September 30, 2016

About 32,000 people die in traffic crashes each year. That's nearly 90 fatalities every day. We know that improving safety can help put the brakes on fatalities. School children from across the state entered a poster and video contest and many people shared some pretty incredible stories for a blog series. Organizations that work together on the annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day campaign with KDOT include the Kansas Turnpike Authority, Kansas Highway Patrol, AAA of Kansas, Kansas Contractors Association, Kansas Family Partnership, Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, Federal Highway Administration and the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers.



KCA 10th Annual Safety Picnic

The 10th Annual KCA Safety Picnic was held on September 22nd at Lake Shawnee in Topeka. Twenty-nine safety professionals enjoyed a warm fall afternoon networking with their peers, a BBQ lunch and an informative session with several speakers from the Kansas Corporation Commission, KDHE, KDOT and OSHA. A few of the topics discussed included DOT compliance and the stormwater program and general permit.



Brent Scott, Special Investigator
Kansas Corporation Commission



Russ Baxter, Kansas one Call
Merlin Eck, KTA



Dave Keener
Paving Maintenance Supply, Inc.

Membership Update

By Jamie Lane, Director of Member Services

NEW
MEMBERS
AHEAD

KCA is pleased to welcome a new contractor member Michels Corporation, Brownsville, WI and Hartford Sand and Gravel LLC, Manhattan, KS as a new Supplier/Service Provider member! Thank you for becoming members and we are happy to have you!



KCA PAC Action Auction



Dick Kistner, Hall Brothers Inc., won the Early Bird Drawing at KCA Fall Days. He purchased tickets for the Grand Prize Drawing for either \$10,000 in cash or a tour of Italy. The drawing will be held at the 30th Annual KCA PAC Action Auction on Thursday, January 26, 2017. Dick and his family will enjoy a six-month supply of BBQ sauce from the BBQ Sauce of the Month Club! You can buy your raffle tickets by calling the KCA office today!



The KCA is also looking for donated items for the auction. You can donate an item(s) or make a cash contribution and KCA will put together an auction package for you. If you contact the KCA office by October 31, your name will be in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the Kansas City Steak Company. Call Jamie Lane at KCA if you have questions.



One of the items we have this year are two suite tickets to the 2017 Indianapolis 500! Fulfill your need for speed and your bucket list with two Suite Tickets to the 101st annual "Indy 500". The Indianapolis 500 is the worlds' most famous and prestigious auto race. It has taken place annually since 1911 and the race date is Sunday, May 28th, 2017.

There will be many, many more items up for bid! You do not want to miss the KCA Convention and PAC Action Auction in January!

Mitch Holthus, voice of the Kansas City Chiefs, will be the keynote speaker at lunch on Thursday, January 26th, 2017. Mark your calendars for January 25 - 27, 2017.

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KCA Fall Days 2016

KCA's Annual Fall Days Barbecue, Supplier/Service Provider Expo and networking reception was held September 28th and 29th at Prairie Band Casino in Mayetta. KCA members, along with a few professionals from KDOT and the Kansas Turnpike, enjoyed a BBQ reception and visited with a few supplier/service provider exhibitors. The next morning's breakfast meeting included an update on KDOT from Interim Secretary Richard Carlson and State Transportation Engineer Catherine Patrick. The last event of the festivities was a beautiful day of golf at Firekeeper Golf Course. The annual KCA Fall Days would not be possible but for KCA members who sponsored and set up exhibits. Thank you for your support and the following sponsors!

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Richard Carlson, KDOT
Interim Secretary



First Place

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Josh Farrell, Dean McDaniel (not pictured)

