

# State launches ‘Not so Fast’ campaign to combat speeding

FRANKFORT — With summer travel surging, Kentucky officials are urging motorists to slow down and obey posted speed limits as part of a statewide effort to reduce roadway fatalities.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Office of Highway Safety (KOHs) has launched the “Not So Fast, Kentucky” speed awareness campaign in partnership with law enforcement agencies across the state. The initiative runs through July 31 and is aimed at curbing speeding and aggressive driving,

which contribute to about one-third of all traffic fatalities in Kentucky, according to a news release issued Monday.

“Speed limits are not merely suggestions; they are in place to protect everyone on the road,” the release stated. Officials warned that speeding decreases a driver’s ability to respond to hazards such as stopped traffic, road debris, or vulnerable road users including pedestrians and bicyclists.

“We want families to have a great time exploring all the beautiful things

Kentucky has to offer this summer,” said Gov. Andy Beshear in the release. “But to keep everyone safe on the road, I’m asking all Kentuckians to slow down, stay focused and be patient with each other on the road.”

The campaign is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered through KOHS grants to eligible law enforcement agencies.

Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray emphasized the added risks during summer con-

struction season, noting that work zones are especially dangerous for both drivers and road workers. “Your choices behind the wheel affect more than just you — they impact your family, friends and everyone sharing the road,” Gray said in the release.

To enhance safety in work zones, Kentucky passed Senate Bill 107 last year, increasing fines for speeding and aggressive driving in those areas. Penalties can exceed \$500, and violators may face license revocation depending on

the offense.

KOHs provided the following safety tips for drivers encountering speeding or aggressive motorists:

Wear your seat belt. It is your best defense against injury and death.

Do not challenge the driver by speeding up or attempting to hold your lane.

Give them plenty of space, as they may lose control of their vehicle more easily.

Avoid eye contact and ignore gestures.

If it’s safe to do so, report the driver to law enforce-

ment with a description of the vehicle, license number, location, and direction of travel.

If an aggressive driver is following you, drive to a safe place such as a police or fire station, gas station, or other populated area. Use your horn to attract attention. Do not exit your vehicle, and do not drive home.

The KOHS urges all Kentuckians to play a role in keeping roads safe this summer by following traffic laws and practicing patience.

For more information about the campaign, visit [notsofastky.com](https://notsofastky.com).

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE <i>Caldwell County Fiscal Court</i>		
<b>ORDINANCE 05-27-2025-01: BUDGET SUMMARY</b> <i>AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 26</i>		
<b>WHEREAS</b> , a proposed budget was presented to the fiscal court by the County Judge/Executive on May 1, 2025; and <b>WHEREAS</b> , the fiscal court met on May 27, 2025, to consider the proposed budget and conduct a detailed investigation of each activity for which county funds are proposed to be expended; and <b>WHEREAS</b> , the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the fiscal court on the 27th day of May, 2025; and <b>WHEREAS</b> , the proposed budget was approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on the 5th day of June, 2025. <b>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED</b> by the Fiscal Court of Caldwell County, Kentucky, as follows:		
<b>SECTION ONE.</b> The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.		
(01) General Fund		
General Government		\$904,500.00
Protection to Persons and Property		\$1,058,500.00
General Health and Sanitation		\$115,500.00
Social Services		\$7,000.00
Recreation and Culture		\$56,500.00
Airports		\$12,500.00
General Services		\$149,500.00
Contingent Appropriations		\$125,000.00
Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)		\$321,000.00
TOTAL		\$2,750,000.00
(02) Road Fund		
Roads		\$3,698,500.00
General Services		\$36,400.00
Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)		\$240,100.00
TOTAL		\$3,975,000.00
(03) Jail Fund		
Protection to Persons and Property		\$876,900.00
General Services		\$29,900.00
Contingent Appropriations		\$10,000.00
Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)		\$287,200.00
TOTAL		\$1,204,000.00
(04) LGEA Fund		
Protection to Persons and Property		\$250,000.00
General Health and Sanitation		\$90,000.00
Social Services		\$5,000.00
Contingent Appropriations		\$70,000.00
TOTAL		\$415,000.00
(06) State Grants Fund		
Capital Projects		\$130,000.00
TOTAL		\$130,000.00
(07) Federal Grants Fund		
General Government		\$48,000.00
General Health and Sanitation		\$420,000.00
Capital Projects		\$750,000.00
Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)		\$26,500.00
TOTAL		\$1,244,500.00
(74) Opioids Fund		
Contingent Appropriations		\$218,500.00
TOTAL		\$218,500.00
(75) Sheriff Fund		
General Government		\$921,400.00
General Services		\$29,900.00
Contingent Appropriations		\$19,700.00
Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)		\$419,400.00
TOTAL		\$1,390,000.00
(76) Records Fund		
General Government		\$15,000.00
Contingent Appropriations		\$11,000.00
TOTAL		\$26,000.00
(77) Shelter Fund		
General Health and Sanitation		\$87,500.00
Contingent Appropriations		\$750.00
Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)		\$16,750.00
TOTAL		\$105,000.00
(78) Disaster Recovery Fund		
Contingent Appropriations		\$10,000.00
TOTAL		\$10,000.00
(82) Economic Development Fund		
Capital Projects		\$4,000,000.00
TOTAL		\$4,000,000.00
(84) ARPA Fund		
Capital Projects		\$332,000.00
TOTAL		\$332,000.00
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$15,800,000.00</b>
<b>SECTION TWO.</b> This ordinance shall be published in the Times Leader newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.		
<b>SECTION THREE.</b> This ordinance becomes effective July 1, 2025, upon passage and publication. Adopted upon second reading this 24th day of June, 2025.		
<b>NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY</b>		
All interested persons and organizations in Caldwell County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.		



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