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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Urges the Community to Be Alert of Farm Machinery

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the community to be alert for slow moving farm equipment on county roadways. Drivers should keep a safe distance in order to give better visibility to both the drivers and equipment operators. They should also allow adequate time and distance for the farm equipment to make wide turns safely. There are also potential roadside obstacles to worry about such as mailboxes, bridges, or road signs. These could cause the machinery to have to move toward the center of the roadway, instead of just keeping off to the side. Be sure there is adequate distance for you to safely pass and be on the lookout for oncoming traffic.

The Sheriff's Office encourages farm equipment operators to check their equipment to ensure that slow moving vehicle emblems are properly positioned and that all equipment lighting is operational. Most farm equipment related accidents occur during hour's immediately preceding dusk and at dusk. We encourage farmers to have a second vehicle "tail" slow moving equipment whenever possible. Operators of farm equipment are entitled to use area roadways by law and other drivers must be prepared to accommodate that usage.

The Sheriff's Office recommends:

1. Looking ahead for slow moving vehicles.
2. Allow plenty of room by slowing down early.

3. Remember there can be young, inexperienced drivers behind these large pieces of equipment.
4. Do NOT attempt to overtake near curves, hills or other obstacles that can obstruct vision
5. Above all else BE PATIENT!

For the farming community, the Sheriff's Office recommends farmers to do the following:

1. Be aware of other drivers.
2. When possible, move over and let other vehicles around you.
3. Ensure the drivers have the experience necessary to navigate the road they will be traveling to and from the field.
4. Ensure all required lighting and emblems are affixed and functioning correctly.

*If an oversized farm vehicle comes your way from the opposite direction, make sure you can safely pass it and if not, pull over and wait for it to pass.