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### **Police ready for St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Police are prepared for Kansas City's 41st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and holiday, and they want residents to be ready, as well.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. and lasts about two hours. The actual parade is on Broadway, beginning at Linwood and going south to 43rd Street. Broadway will be closed from 31st Street to 47th Street beginning at about 10:30 a.m. The parade staging area also will be closed prior to and during the parade, beginning at 8:15 a.m. This includes Linwood from Main to Pennsylvania and Broadway from 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Linwood. All cars parked in any of these areas must be moved before 4 a.m. Sunday, March 17. To see the parade route and map of parking, go to <http://kcirishparade.com/parking-bus-routes>.

Nearly 200 uniformed officers will be on or near the parade route. Most of these officers are on special assignment, so police service in other parts of the city will not be affected. Officers on horseback and ATVs also will patrol the outskirts of the parade route, as will canine officers. Police also have installed security cameras along the route and will be monitoring any dangerous or suspicious activity from those, as well. The police helicopter will be monitoring traffic flow in and around the parade and will assist as needed. Under-cover detectives also will be in the crowd to enforce liquor laws.

After the parade, police will dedicate numerous officers to provide extra security in Westport.

Police ask all parade attendees and St. Patrick's Day revelers to protect their property by not leaving any items of value in plain view in their vehicles.

Police also will conduct sobriety checkpoints in the course of the St. Patrick's Day weekend.

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