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## **KDOT** employee killed in Johnson County

A Kansas Department of Transportation Equipment Operator died at about 6 a.m. this morning in a crash during snow removal operations on southbound U.S. 69 south of 207<sup>th</sup> Street in Johnson County.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

"My heart is breaking for the family of this dedicated KDOT employee," said Gov. Laura Kelly. "Our KDOT personnel work very hard, at all hours, in dangerous conditions to make our roads safer for their fellow Kansas citizens. My thoughts are with his family, friends and the entire KDOT family at this devastating time."

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family members and the co-workers of our driver," said Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz. "KDOT is one big family, and we know there are many people impacted by this."

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

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