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Kansas Dashboard Report

As of January 21, 2020:
Kansas has experienced
11 Fatalities

Through January 16, 2019:
11 Fatalities

EVEN from 2019 to 2020

To see the full
Dashboard Report, go [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Feb. 11-13
[Child Passenger Safety Technician Class \(Arkansas City\)](#)

March 2-6
[Vehicle Safety Recalls Week](#)

March 3-4
[Child Passenger Safety Technician Class \(McPherson\)](#)

March 13-15
[Lifesavers Conference](#)

For more upcoming events, go [here](#).

Time to Travel

Plan ahead by checking out up-to-date driving

Safety Zone



Nominations for the 2020 Transportation Safety awards are now being accepted by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Traffic safety advocates can be nominated in one of two categories - People Saving People Award and the Hero Award.

The People Saving People Award recognizes an individual or organization who has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of transportation safety behavior in Kansas.

The Hero Award honors the individual who risked his or her own life for someone else when they responded to a crash or while trying to prevent the likelihood of a crash in a one-time traffic safety-related incident.

Nominations must be submitted by Feb. 24. The awards will be presented April 21 and 22 at the annual Kansas Transportation Safety Conference in Topeka.

More details and submission forms can be found [here](#).

The Toll

conditions, construction areas, and closed roads across Kansas.

For a detailed look, visit [KanDrive](#), call 511 or go to [511.mm.ksdot.org](#) on your mobile device.

Quick Links

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Recent Events



KDOT Sec. Julie Lorenz was asked to join a CEO roundtable discussion on traffic safety at the Transportation Research Board annual meeting in Washington, D.C. She shared her

2019 Kansas Traffic Deaths



Over the past year traffic deaths rose slightly, increasing from 405 in 2018 to 410 in 2019.

Roundabout

Spring is near - is your motorcycle ready to ride?

Before you take your next motorcycle ride, check your bike over for any mechanical issues or maintenance.

Things to inspect:

- Spark plugs
- Fluids and oil
- Throttle cable
- Engine air filter
- Battery connections
- Lights and turn signals
- Tire pressure and treads
- Nuts and bolts that need tightening

Get more motorcycle safety tips [here](#).

Roadmap



New law requires escort vehicle drivers to be

concern with Kansas' roadway fatality rate and the sense of urgency she feels to make improvements.

Some of the steps KDOT is taking include creating the Strategic Safety Initiatives and Preservation+ funding programs, building cost-effective passing lanes, and using more practical improvements.

Safety is KDOT's top priority and each of these will be a part of FORWARD, Kansas' next transportation program.

Have a Kansas image you'd like to share? Submit it [here!](#)

Drive to Zero



- Buckle Up
- Never Drive Impaired
- Eliminate Distractions
- Follow the Speed Limit
- Move Over for Emergency Workers

On the Drive to Zero, **YOU** are in the Driver's Seat!

registered. A new law passed by the Kansas Legislature went into effect on Jan. 1 that requires escort vehicle companies/service providers working with overwidth/overheight vehicles to be registered with the Kansas Secretary of Transportation, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The statute states that escort vehicle drivers must be registered, successfully complete an escort vehicle training course, and have a valid driver's license. There is no fee to register or renew a registration, which is valid for one year.

For more information, click [here](#).

Novice Drivers

Study finds teens who smoke marijuana are more likely to drive dangerously, even when sober.

"In the new study, which tested participants in a driving simulator, researchers from McLean Hospital in Boston found that sober cannabis users who started using the drug in their teens had more accidents, drove at higher speeds and cruised through more red lights compared to people who had never used marijuana."

Read the story [here](#).

From the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan Education Support Team Emphasis Area:

Roadway Departure

The Roadway Departure Emphasis Area Team (EAT) has developed data-driven action plans to reduce the number and severity of roadway departure crashes in Kansas.

Strategies will address the 4E's of traffic safety: education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical services. These could include low-cost safety improvements deployed systemically, high-cost safety improvements deployed via safety programs or construction projects, policy changes and research initiatives.

For more information about the goals and strategies for roadway departure (pages 54-62), visit the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan [here](#).

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