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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

- Kansas Department of Transportation
- Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office
- KTSRO Materials Order Form
- KDOT Traffic Safety Resources
- Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
- NHTSA
- Traffic Safety Marketing

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

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
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](http://www.ksdot.org).

**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](http://www.ksdot.org).

**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](http://www.ksdot.org).