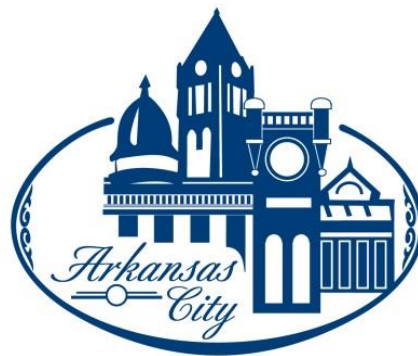


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News Release

Public Works Department employee fatally injured in accident

Accident involving street sweeper operator was around 1:43 p.m. Thursday

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 21, 2017) — A City of Arkansas City employee was injured **fatally** Thursday afternoon in a workplace accident at the Public Works Department central shop.

The employee was transported by ambulance to South Central Kansas Medical Center in critical condition and subsequently transferred by ambulance to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

The employee died about an hour after arriving at Wesley.

The Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department was dispatched around 1:43 p.m. to the shop, located at 1407 W. Madison Ave., for a report of a pedestrian who had been struck by a street sweeper.

It was determined that the accident occurred within the shop premises and involved the operator of the street sweeper. No one else was injured. The exact cause of the accident is still being investigated.

Paramedics stabilized the employee, who initially was not breathing, at the scene for transport.

The Arkansas City Police Department is investigating the accident. Further details will be released as necessary. The employee's name is not being released at this time, pending **notification of family**.

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