

Atlantic man dies in accident near Avoca

AVOCA -- Garry Johnk, 60, Atlantic, died after a one-vehicle accident Tuesday, Oct. 14 east of Avoca.

Reports indicate Iowa Department of Transportation workers were on the highway working east of Avoca when Johnk, driving a 2011 Ford pickup, passed the workers westbound, his vehicle leading the roadway.

The truck came to rest in a cornfield.

Avoca Rescue transported Johnk to Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan where he was pronounced dead.

Officials said the DOT workers told authorities that Johnk appeared to be slumped over and leaning toward the driver's side door when he passed them on the roadway.

Pottawattamie County Sheriff's officials continue to investigate the accident.