

Deputy hit by vehicle, escapes serious injury

**(KNZA)--A Jackson County Sheriff's deputy escaped serious injury Saturday night after he was struck by a vehicle while investigating a non-injury accident.**

**Sheriff Tim Morse, in a news release, said the deputy was working a car-deer accident in northern Jackson County, north of 278th Road, when a southbound pickup truck failed to properly yield to emergency personnel.**

**Morse said vehicle's mirror struck the left arm of the deputy around 8:30, causing minor injury to the deputy.**

**A citation was issued to the driver for failing to yield to emergency personnel. The fine for failing to yield to emergency vehicles is \$303--including court costs.**

**Morse reminds drivers to watch out for the safety of highway workers and public safety personnel. Kansas law requires motorists on a two-lane highway to slow down, drive with due caution at a safe speed for the road, weather and traffic conditions. On a highway with four or more lanes, motorists are to "proceed with due caution and, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather and traffic conditions, shall change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to that of the stationary authorized emergency vehicle."**

**"Fortunately, this incident did not result in tragedy, and the deputy was able to complete the investigation of the first accident prior to being evaluated by medical staff," he said.**

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