

Pilot killed in fiery Leavenworth Co plane crash

(KAIR)--A Lansing man was killed Monday morning when his small plane crashed in Leavenworth County.

The Kansas Highway Patrol says 68-year-old Gary Knight was killed after attempting to make an emergency landing in a bean field south of Basehor around 10:00.

The Patrol said the single-engine, fixed-wing aircraft was heading south near U.S. 24 Highway, just west of 151st Street, when Knight made a hard-right turn that caused the nose to face east.

After landing, the plane burst into flames and became fully engulfed.

Knight, who was the only person on board, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the fatal plane crash.

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