

MassDOT worker discovers body of 51-year-old man in Manchester

At 7:25 a.m. today, just after sunrise, a MassDOT worker who was checking highway ramps for ice observed what he believed was a body in the woods off the ramp from Route 128 northbound to Exit 16 in Manchester. Trooper Richard Barnard, who is assigned to the State Police barracks in Danvers, responded to the scene and located a 51-year-old man from Salem who was non-responsive and had suffered serious injuries.

The victim had been ejected from his 2005 Ford pickup truck, which had rolled over and was further into the woods. The Manchester Police and Fire Departments responded and assisted at the scene. The man was transported by a Manchester EMS ambulance to Beverly Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Troopers from the Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and Crime Scene Service Section responded to assist in the investigation. Initial investigations indicate that, for reasons still under investigation, the driver lost control of the vehicle on the ramp and crashed through the guardrail. The pickup truck rolled over, ejecting the driver, and then continued further into the woods.