



State of New Mexico  
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### **Carlsbad Resident Killed in Crash**

Carlsbad – 42 y.o. Joseph D. Koch of Carlsbad, New Mexico was killed when the commercial motor vehicle he was driving crashed.

State Police Officers responded to the scene of the commercial vehicle crash just after 6:00 PM yesterday evening, the crash occurred on State Road 243 Mile Post 8 near Carlsbad. The officer's investigation has shown that Joseph D. Koch was traveling southbound in his 2007 Semi when he drove half way off the roadway. Koch overcorrected, losing control of the semi subsequently leaving the east side of the roadway and rolled onto its side.

Joseph D. Koch sustained fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced deceased on scene by the Office of the Medical Investigator. Seat belts were worn at the time of the crash and alcohol was not a contributing factor.

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