

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



MEDIA RELEASE

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Eau Claire Sheriff's deputies responded to two separate motorcycle crashes on Friday afternoon that resulted in three people being transported to local hospitals with non-life threatening injuries.

The first crash was in the Town of Union on Kane Road and West Folsom Street, and was reported around 3:30 PM. A motorcycle driven by 25 year old Robert Hamilton from Eau Claire initiated a turning maneuver and was struck by another motorcycle traveling with him. That motorcycle was operated by 25 year old Steven Friday of Eau Claire. Friday and his passenger, 25 year old Jacklyn Eder of Eau Claire were transported to Luther Hospital via Eau Claire Fire and Rescue ambulance. Friday was not wearing a helmet.

The second motorcycle crash was reported to the Sheriff's Office at 4:19 PM this afternoon, and occurred on Lowes Creek Road in the Town of Pleasant Valley. Deputies found 72 year old William Cook of Eau Claire failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway, and entered the ditch. He was transported to a local hospital by Eau Claire Fire and Rescue. Cook was wearing a helmet.

The five most frequent contributing circumstances in both fatal and non-fatal motorcycle crashes in 2009 were: 1) Failure to control, 2) Inattentive driving, 3) Speed too fast/conditions, 4) Driver condition, and 5) Exceeding speed limit.