

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



MEDIA RELEASE

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On 01-17-16 at approximately 6:02 p.m. the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the 8900 block of STH 12, Town of Washington, reference a two vehicle crash.

Preliminary investigation of the scene indicate that the one of the vehicles involved was traveling westbound on STH 12 and the other vehicle was traveling eastbound on STH 12 when the crash occurred. Operators of the vehicles were the sole occupants of the vehicles. Operator in one of the vehicle's involved was transported by ambulance due to injuries sustained during the crash. Operator of the other vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene by the Eau Claire County Medical Examiner.

The names of the operators are not being released at this time pending notification of family members.

A portion of STH 12 was closed during the investigation.

The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Washington Township Fire, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue, Altoona Fire and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

This crash remains under investigation by the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office.

UPDATE January 18, 2016

After further investigation of the crash on January 17 the investigation determined three vehicles were involved.

A vehicle driven by Alexis A. Beaver of Fall Creek, WI was eastbound on STH 12 when her vehicle was struck by a westbound vehicle. Her vehicle sustained minor damages and Ms. Beaver and minor passenger were not transported to the hospital as a result of the crash.

A vehicle driven by Vanessa J. Rossano of Fall Creek, WI was eastbound on STH 12 when her vehicle was struck by a westbound vehicle. Her vehicle sustained substantial damages and as a result of the crash Ms. Rossano was pronounced deceased at the crash location.

A vehicle driven by John E. Severson of Eau Claire, WI was westbound on STH 12 when his vehicle became involved in the crash. His vehicle sustained substantial damages and as a result of the crash Mr. Severson was transported to a local hospital with unknown injuries.

The above crash is under investigation and further details will be released at a later time.

Captain Dan Bresina
Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office