



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Update 10-06-2017

The deceased operator and only occupant of the motorcycle involved in the crash was 52 year old Richard Behling of rural Hartford, WI.

The operator and only occupant of the passenger car was 56 year old Susan Pretzel, Town of Ashippun. There were no other occupants in her vehicle.

The operator of the dump truck was 48 year old Harvey Buchholz, Iron Ridge. There were no other occupants in the dump truck.

The crash remains under investigation.

FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal traffic crash which occurred on CTH P, just north of O'Neill Road in the Township of Ashippun.

The crash was reported to the sheriff's office at about 7:25 PM on October 4, 2017. A northbound motorcycle struck a deer in the roadway and the occupant of the cycle was ejected and came to rest in the traffic lane. The cycle came to rest in the ditch.

Following that crash, a secondary and tertiary crash occurred. Another northbound passenger car struck the motorcycle operator and shortly after a northbound dump truck also struck the operator of the cycle. The operator of the cycle was pronounced dead at the scene. No other injuries were reported.

The crash is under investigation by the sheriff's office and its Crash Investigation Team (CIT). The sheriff's office was assisted by the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department, DCERT, the sheriff's office Chaplain, Ashippun First Responders and Fire Department and Stone Bank EMS.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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