

NEWS

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Town of Pelican -- On Friday, January 01, 2010 at 12:59 am the Oneida County Sheriff's Office 911 Center received a 911 call reporting a crash involving one vehicle and three snowmobiles on Highway 8 East just west of Haymeadow Road in the Town of Pelican.

The preliminary investigation has determined that there were six snowmobiles traveling east on the westbound shoulder of the highway. A westbound vehicle and three of the snowmobiles collided on the highway. The operator of one of the snowmobiles, a 41-year-old male, was taken to St Mary's Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The operator of the vehicle, a 76-year-old male was transported to St. Mary's Hospital and later air lifted to Marshfield for treatment for his injuries. The operator of a second snowmobile, a 48-year-old male was transported to St. Mary's Hospital and later air lifted to Madison for treatment for his injuries. The operator of a third snowmobile, a 49-year-old female and passenger, a 47-year-old female were transported to St. Mary's Hospital where they were treated and released.

The name of the victim is being withheld so that relatives of the victim can be notified of the death.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Oneida County EMS, Town of Pelican Fire Department, and Rhinelander Fire Department assisted the Sheriff's Office at the scene.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office, DNR, and the Oneida County Medical Examiner Office are continuing the accident investigation.

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