



## ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff

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### NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release – Thursday, February 22, 2024

On Thursday, February 22, 2024 in the town of Hazelhurst, at approximately 6:08 AM, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a two vehicle head on crash on Highway 51 near South Blue Lake Road. Upon arriving at the scene, extrication equipment was requested to free the two drivers from their vehicles. Helicopters were also dispatched due to the apparent injuries of those involved. Highway 51 was closed at approximately 6:23 AM and remains closed at this time.

Initial reports from the witnesses on scene advise that the southbound vehicle crossed over the centerline and the northbound vehicle could not avoid the crash. The driver of the southbound vehicle was transported by helicopter but died upon arrival at the medical facility. The other driver was also transported by helicopter to a medical facility. The names of the drivers are being withheld at this time to notify the family. The Wisconsin State Patrol is conducting a crash reconstruction which is why Highway 51 remains closed.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office, Minocqua Fire Department, Hazlehurst Fire Department, Oneida County Ambulances, Lifelink, and Aspirus Medicvac.

The crash remains under investigation and the Sheriff's Office will post on Facebook when Highway 51 reopens.

Any questions from the press can be directed to Captain Tyler Young (715)361-5100.

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