



## ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff

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### NEWS RELEASE

Update: April 6, 2026

Paul R. Vedder, age 58, of Hazelhurst died due to injuries sustained in the UTV accident, which occurred on March 23, 2026 in the Town of Hazelhurst. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is completing the accident report.

#### UPDATE:

The operator is identified as 58-year old Paul Vedder of Hazelhurst. An updated medical condition on Mr. Vedder is unknown at this time.

For Immediate Release – March 24, 2026

On Monday March 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office was notified of a UTV on the edge of Lake Kaubashine in the Town of Hazelhurst still running but no signs of the operator. Minocqua Police Department and emergency medical personnel located the operator trapped under the UTV. Medical personnel removed the operator from under the UTV and performed CPR. The operator was transported by ambulance to Marshfield Medical Center to be transported by Medevac for further medical evaluation.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Minocqua Police Department, the Oneida County Dive Team, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Oneida County Ambulance, Hazelhurst Fire Department, Newbold Fire Department, and Minocqua Rescue.

Questions can be directed to Captain Johnson at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

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