

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

Eugene J. Conway

Sheriff



For Release: Immediate 01-20-17
Contact: Sergeant Jon Seeber (315) 435-3033 DR#17-125732

Deputies Investigate Fatal Crash

Town of DeWitt, New York –The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that Sheriff's Deputies are investigating a fatal crash that occurred overnight on Butternut Drive in the Town of DeWitt.

Last night at approximately 11:34 pm, a sheriff's deputy travelling northbound on Butternut Drive near Pyle Drive came upon a one car crash involving a utility pole. The deputy immediately summoned emergency rescue personnel while checking on the driver who was unconscious and unresponsive. Members of the East Syracuse Fire Department along with Minoa Ambulance responded to the scene and extricated the driver from the vehicle who was pronounced dead by Paramedics. Deputies investigating the crash report that the vehicle, a Volkswagen Jetta, operated by an adult male in his 30's, had been travelling southbound on Butternut Drive when the driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle drove off the east side of the road where it struck a cement barrier before rolling over several times and striking a utility pole, bringing down several wires.

The driver, whose name is being withheld at this time, pending next of kin notification, was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash and suffered a traumatic injury.

Butternut Drive between Pyle Drive and Heritage Landing Drive was closed for a several hours while members of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Accident Investigation Team processed the scene and National Grid replaced the pole. The cause of the crash remains under investigation however, deputies believe speed was a factor.

#####