

Video - Speed and alcohol factors in double fatal accident in Mechanicsville

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On October 8, 2017 at approximately 9:07 p.m., patrol officers from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the serious motor vehicle collision in the area of Three Notch Road and Friendship School Road. Arriving officers discovered two vehicles involved in the collision, with two occupants ejected from one of the vehicles. The St Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined a 1999 Volkswagen Passat, operated by Brian Harding, age 43, of Mechanicsville, was traveling south on Three Notch Road. Witnesses report the Passat was traveling at a high rate of speed when it suffered a tire failure. Harding lost control of the vehicle causing it to enter the grass median and into the northbound lanes. The Passat was then struck by a 2016 Ford Expedition, operated by Carrie Eubanks, age 40, of Leonardtown. Harding and his passenger, Christopher Goldsmith, age 44, of Mechanicsville, were ejected from their vehicle.

Brian Harding and Christopher Goldsmith were pronounced deceased on the scene. Carrie Eubanks and a juvenile passenger were transported to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Two other juvenile occupants were flown to Children's Hospital Center with non-life threatening injuries. At this time speed and alcohol are believed to be contributing factors. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or any events leading up to the collision is asked to call Corporal Brandon Foor #235 at 301-475-4200 ext 2265.

Update 10:04 p.m.

Crash investigators are still trying to determine what caused the accident. One vehicle involved is a SUV. The second vehicle involved is currently unable to be identified because it was heavily damaged by fire and ripped in half during the impact.

Expect this section of Three Notch Road to remain closed for several hours while police investigate and crews work to clean up the scene.

Mechanicsville, MD- Police and EMS are responding to a double fatal motor vehicle accident along Three Notch Road that happened around 9:09 p.m. on October 8 in Mechanicsville MD.

The accident happened in the northbound lanes in between Murphy Lane and Friendship School Road. This area of Three Notch Road is currently closed.

Reports say the vehicle was on fire but it has been extinguished.

At least two fatalities have been confirmed. First responders are searching the area for more patients. One of the two that are confirmed dead was found in a wooded area.

Two patients have been airlifted to a Trauma Center.

St. Mary's Sheriff's Office urges motorists to use caution when traveling in this area and to expect delays.

TheBayNet.com will continue to follow this story and bring you the latest information.