

Two die in Vilas and Oneida county snowmobile crashes last weekend

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Two men died as the result of injuries they sustained in weekend snowmobile crashes.

The first occurred Friday night when a Beloit man died after the head-on crash of two snowmobiles in the town of Little Rice.

According to a press release from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, deputies and emergency personnel responded to the call of a head-on snowmobile collision just before 7 p.m. on Kelly Dam Road just north of Old 8 Road in Little Rice.

David Haseman, 55, was pronounced dead upon arrival of emergency personnel. The other snowmobile operator was transported to Aspirus Hospital in Tomahawk with what appear to be non-life threatening injuries.

The other snowmobile-related death occurred early Sunday morning in Vilas County.

In a press release from the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, it was stated the 911 center received a call at around 1:30 a.m. of a snowmobiler who had struck a tree in the town of Plum Lake.

The initial investigation showed

the machine had deviated off the marked trail on Plum Lake and struck a tree on the shoreline. Life-saving efforts were unsuccessful and the operator, a 55-year-old man from Illinois, was pronounced dead. His name hasn't been released pending notification of the family.

The crash remains under investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

According to the DNR's website, as of Monday, Feb. 27, there have been 16 deaths related to snowmobile crashes and accidents in the state of Wisconsin during the 2022-

23 season, including a 71-year-old man who's body was found Monday afternoon in Lincoln County's Somo Lake.

According to a press release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, it was reported to the sheriff's office late Monday morning that the man hadn't been scene or heard from since the evening of Friday, Feb. 24.

10 of the snowmobile-related fatalities have occurred in Oneida, Vilas and Iron counties.

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NOTICE

Load Limits

**TOWNS OF BOULDER JUNCTION,
HAZELHURST, LAC DU FLAMBEAU,
LAKE TOMAHAWK, MANITOWISH WATERS,
MINOCQUA, PRESQUE ISLE AND WOODRUFF**

The Boards of the above towns historically have placed load limits on their town roads between NOW and March 15th.

It is STRONGLY URGED that ANY heavy truck traffic be accomplished as early as possible (fuel, septic and construction trucks, moving vans, etc.)

Special permits will be required for emergencies after signs are in place. In some townships, county approval may be required for county roads.

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