## EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **CRASH ON US HWY 53**

On Friday, March 23, 2018 the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office was notified of a crash with injury on US Hwy 53 near County Hwy V. It was further reported that the vehicle was on fire with the driver trapped inside. When Law Enforcement arrived on scene the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames.

The preliminary investigation revealed a single vehicle crash involving one occupant (driver). The Southbound vehicle lost control and entered the opposite ditch. The vehicle appeared to roll and then strike a tree.

The Township Fire Department along with the Eau Claire Fire Department arrived and gained control of the fire scene. The deceased male driver was located with no other occupants found.

The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Wisconsin State Patrol, Township Fire Department, Eau Claire Fire Department, and Eau Claire County Medical Examiner's Office.

Investigation into the cause of the crash and the notification of family is ongoing.

No further information will be released at this time.