Tioga County Sheriff's Office

from Sheriff Gary W. Howard

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UPDATE (see below)

The Tioga County Sheriff's Office investigated a one car fatal motor vehicle accident occurring on March 19, 2011 at approximately 8:00 PM.

A 1997 Ford Taurus was being operated in a southerly direction on Nelson Rd. in the Town of Barton. The vehicle slid on the pavement going off the east side of the roadway striking a tree on the right front passenger door.

The operator of the vehicle was a 14 year old male. He was transported to the Robert Packer Hospital. Dillon Bostwick, age 14, was pronounced dead at the scene by coroner William Siebert. He was seated in the front right seat.

A 14 year old female was the back seat passenger. She was extricated at the scene and transported to the Robert Packer Hospital.

The investigation is continuing.

Assisting at the scene was the Lockwood Fire Department, Waverly Barton Fire Department and Greater Valley EMS.

<u>UPDATE - 3-23-11</u>

The investigation into the fatal motor vehicle accident that occurred on March 19, 2011 resulting in the death of Dillon L. Bostwick, age 14, has been completed by the Tioga County Sheriff's Office. The investigation results have been turned over to the Tioga County Probation Department. The juvenile operator is being charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Violations of the law, if committed by an adult, would be classified as a crime (misdemeanors and felonies), and if committed by a juvenile are handled through the Probation Department.