

Tioga County Sheriff's Office



from
Sheriff Gary W. Howard

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On September 27, 2017 at 11:12 a.m. the Tioga County Sheriff's Office responded to 1 Recycle Dr. in the Town of Owego for the report of an industrial accident involving an overturned trailer. An investigation determined that David Kotwas, age 48, of Oswego, NY employed by Riccelli Enterprises of Syracuse, NY was making a delivery of scrap metal. Kotwas parked next to a tractor trailer owned by McFarren Trucking of Hudson Falls, NY. The McFarren trailer was raised in the air dumping its load when it tipped over and landed on top of the Riccelli tractor, pinning Kotwas inside.

Employees were able to move the trailer off the tractor. Campville Fire Department and Owego Fire Department extricated Kotwas from the vehicle and Campville Fire Department Emergency Squad along with Guthrie Air Medical crew transported Kotwas to Robert Packer Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased due to his injuries. The operator for McFarren Trucking was not injured in the incident.

The Tioga County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Campville Fire Department and Emergency Squad, Owego Fire Department, Guthrie Air and Bradford County Coroner's Office.

Approved by Sr. Investigator Moulton
Posted 9/29/17 11:50 AM by Diane Rockwell