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## **CHERRY VALLEY ROAD (RT. 11A) MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**

On Saturday, August 29, 2015, at approximately 1:12am, Gilford Police and Fire-Rescue personnel were dispatched to the scene of a motor vehicle crash that had occurred on Cherry Valley Road near its intersection with White Birch Drive.

A 2010 Mitsubishi Lancer, being operated by a 23 year old male Gilford, NH, resident, had been travelling eastbound when it lost control and flipped several times before coming to rest. The 23yo was ejected from the vehicle, and is currently in an induced coma at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, where he was transported by ambulance.

At the time of the crash, a 22 year old female Laconia, NH, resident and a 22 year old male Belmont, NH, resident were passengers in the vehicle. Both had exited the vehicle prior to public safety personnel arriving on scene, and were later transported by ambulance to the Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, NH. At this time, the 22yo male has since been released and the 22yo female is still admitted.

A section of Cherry Valley Road had been closed for several hours while the Belknap Regional Accident Investigation Team had been on scene attempting to reconstruct the crash. As of 7:55am Cherry Valley Road has been re-opened. At this time, a preliminary investigation has revealed that speed was a factor in the crash. An ongoing investigation is proceeding in order to determine if other factors were involved and whether or not any of the vehicle's occupants had been wearing seatbelts at the time of the incident.

Given the serious nature of the crash and the ongoing notification of family members, the names of those involved are not being released at this time.

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