



SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Fatal Crash on Route 8

On Thursday, July 20, 2017, at approximately 3:50 p.m., the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Boston Heights Police Department responded to a motor vehicle crash on Route 8 in Boston Heights. The crash occurred in the northbound lanes of Route 8 the near the I80/Turnpike exit lane. An American Coach motorhome driven by a man from Pennsylvania struck two vehicles that were stopped on the exit ramp to I80. The motorhome initially struck a Honda Odyssey with 8 passengers. The Honda subsequently struck a Dodge Caravan with one passenger. Several fire departments responded to the scene including Hudson, Stow, Macedonia, Northfield Village, and the Valley Fire District. The driver of the Honda Odyssey, a 47 year old male from the state of Washington was pronounced dead at the scene. Other individuals involved in the crash were transported to Akron General, Akron City, and Akron Children's Hospital. Two lanes of the roadway were closed for approximately 3 hours. The crash remains under investigation by the Summit Metro Crash Response Team. Neither speed nor alcohol appear to be factors in the crash. If any witnesses of the crash have information regarding the incident, they should contact the Summit County Sheriff's Office or Boston Heights Police Department.