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Re: Fatal Highway 53 Crash

For Immediate Release – Public

ALTOONA, Wis. – Around 5:00am on June 20, 2025, Altoona Police and Fire Departments responded to a crash on Highway 53 near the 88.5 Mile Marker, just south of River Prairie Drive. A pickup truck was found down the ditch embankment. The driver was the only occupant of the vehicle and was found deceased. The crash is believed to have occurred over an hour prior. The preliminary crash investigation suggests there was heavy rain and the vehicle lost control while entering the construction zone. One lane was closed for construction at the time. The crash remains under investigation.

This is all the information that will be released at this time.

Respectfully,
Chief Kelly Bakken