



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release  
July 24, 2014**

**Incident: Motor Vehicle Collision – One Fatality**  
**Location: 320 Pocatello Road, Town of Wallkill, NY**  
**Date/Time: July 24, 2014 / 1:42 am**

On Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 1:42 am, members of this Department responded to a report of a one car motor vehicle collision at 320 Pocatello Road. Upon arrival officers discovered a flame engulfed 2013 Chevy Equinox with one occupant inside. After the fire was extinguished by the Pocatello Fire Department, the sole occupant of the auto was found to be deceased.

The Town of Wallkill Police Department is working with Investigators from the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office, to determine what factors contributed to the collision. Prior to the collision the vehicle was travelling westbound on Pocatello Road, when it travelled across the opposite lane of traffic before striking a utility pole and then a tree in front of 320 Pocatello Road. The preliminary investigation into the incident has determined that the driver failed to maintain a lane of travel. Pending the results of toxicology screenings, it is unable to be determined at this time if alcohol or drugs played a role in the collision.

The victim is identified as:

Charles Gonzalez  
46 year old male  
Pocatello Road, Town of Wallkill

Robert C. Hertman  
Chief of Police

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