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NEWS RELEASE

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Title: ATV Accident Leaves One Dead

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GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. –

On September 20, 2015 Dispatch was notified of an ATV crash that had occurred north of Debeque.

Mesa County Search and rescue responded along with a Deputy from Mesa County. The Garfield County Search and Rescue was notified and helped coordinate the efforts.

The crash involved two ATV's and occurred on private land. Upon arrival at the scene it was determined that one of the individuals involved in the accident, a male in his mid 50s, was deceased.

It is unknown at this time if either party was wearing a helmet.

The second person, a 19 year old male, was injured and taken to an ambulance where he was subsequently transported to St Mary's Hospital.

The Garfield County Coroner's Office was notified and responded to the scene.

Names of the deceased and the second party will be released by the Coroner's Office once they have completed their initial investigation and made the proper notifications of the next of kin.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to remind all users of ATV equipment, snowmobiles etc. of the importance of using good quality and properly fit helmets when riding. Rather you are working, recreating or hunting; a helmet could save your life in the event of an accident.

No further information will be released.

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