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Motorcycle Crash Claims the Life of Dublin Resident

On Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at approximately 2:49 pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible injury crash at the intersection of State Route 736 and Taylor Road in Darby Township. Deputies and units from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Pleasant Valley Fire District responded to the scene and found a 2013 Harley Davidson motorcycle laying on its side and a 2001 Kenworth semi-truck towing a farm implement near the intersection. The driver of the Harley Davidson was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Union County Coroner's Office and has been identified as Richard L. Wehling, age 77 of Dublin. The deceased was transported to the Montgomery County Morgue where an autopsy will be performed.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the Kenworth semi was driving northbound on State Route 736 pulling a farm implement. The implement became entangled in overhead utility lines near the intersection of Taylor Road and pulled the utility lines down into the roadway. As a result of the utility lines being down, other vehicle traffic began to backup. The 2013 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling northbound on State Route 736 and passed several stopped vehicles and then attempted to turn west onto Taylor Road. The driver of the Harley Davidson failed to see a low hanging utility line and struck the utility line, causing the motorcycle to overturn. Alcohol is not suspected to be a factor in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the State Patrol Commercial Enforcement Unit, the Pleasant Valley Fire District, Frontier Communications, and the Union County Coroner's Office.

Crash Scene Photos:

