

Massachusetts State Police investigating fatal crash on Route 495

At approximately 6:26 p.m. Massachusetts State Troopers responded to reports of a vehicle that went off the road on Route 495 northbound, south of Exit 53 in Merrimac. The crash resulted in the fatality of the operator.

Preliminary investigation by the State Police-Newbury Barracks indicates that a 2013 Nissan Rogue was travelling north on Route 495 when, for reasons still under investigation, the vehicle exited the roadway to the left and struck a tree in the median of the highway. The operator and sole occupant was transported to Anna Jacques Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as a 44-year-old Amesbury man. His name is not being released at this time.

The crash remains under investigation by Troop A of the Massachusetts State Police with assistance from the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section and the State Police Crime Scene Services Section.

The left lane of Route 495 in the vicinity of the crash was closed for 2 hours to accommodate the rescue response and crash investigation. Troopers were assisted by Amesbury Fire and Merrimac Fire and Police. The scene was cleared at 8:36 p.m.