

Massachusetts State Troopers respond to fatal accident in breakdown lane

Yesterday, around 6:45 p.m., the State Police-Leominster Barracks was advised of a multiple-vehicle crash with possible serious injuries on Route 2 westbound in the area of the 100.8 mile marker in Leominster. When Troopers arrived on scene they immediately requested EMS. Leominster EMS was notified and arrived at the scene to render medical assistance.

Preliminary investigation indicates that Daniel Levangie, 44, of Wendell, was changing the tire on his 1997 Ford F350 in the breakdown lane. His family was out of the vehicle except for a minor who was asleep. A 51-year-old man from Fitchburg, driving a 2013 Chevy Sonic, drifted into the breakdown lane where Mr. Levangie was changing his tire. The Chevy struck the rear of Mr. Levangie's vehicle. Mr. Levangie was also hit, and sustained fatal injuries. The minor was treated for their injuries on scene. The operator of the Chevy Sonic was transported by ambulance to UMass Memorial Medical Center with minor injuries.

The crash remains under investigation with assistance from State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section, Crime Scene Services Section, and Worcester County State Police Detective Unit..

MassDOT closed right travel lane for approximately three hours to accommodate the rescue effort and investigation. No further information is available at this time.