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SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVESTIGATING SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN GHENT

Ghent, NY- Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that today at approximately 12:15pm, Columbia County 911 dispatched Sheriff's Deputies to a serious two vehicle accident on State Route 9H, at the intersection of Stockport Road in the Town of Ghent.

Deputies found that a 1994 Dodge Ram pick-up truck was traveling northbound on State Route 9H and a 1998 Subaru Legacy, which was traveling in a easterly direction on Stockport Road, entered State Route 9H into the path of the pick-up truck. The impact caused the Subaru to flip over on to its roof.

There were two occupants in each vehicle. The individuals in the Subaru were trapped and had to be extricated by Greenport Rescue Squad, while West Ghent Fire, Ghent Fire, and Valatie Rescue Squad ran the scene. All four individuals were transported by ambulance to Albany Medical Center for serious injuries. The Life Net helicopter was requested; however, had to decline due to weather conditions.

The accident is still under investigation by Sheriff's Investigators and the Sheriff's Accident/Incident Investigation Unit. The names and extent of injuries are not being released at this time due to the early stages of the investigation.

State Route 9H was closed for approximately 3 hours from Falls Road to County Route 22.

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The Valatie Rescue Squad, Greenport Rescue Squad, West Ghent Fire Company, and Ghent Fire Company all assisted at the scene.

Investigating for the Sheriff's Office are Sheriff David Bartlett, Undersheriff John Davi, Lieutenant Wayne Lopez, Sr. Investigator Kevin Skype, Investigator Reagan Anderson, Deputy Kelly Briscoe, K9 Deputy Travis VanAlstyne, Deputy Joshua Oakes, and Deputy Louis Bray.