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## PRESS RELEASE

**This morning, 1/21/2026, at 6:16am the Esopus Fire Department and the Town of Esopus Ambulance Squad were dispatched for a 2 car Motor Vehicle Accident in the area of 1835 Route 9W. While units started to respond it was upgraded to a 2-car head on with entrapment and possible ejection. With that additional information, ALS from Empress EMS was dispatched. Upon arrival units found a 2-car head on MVA with both vehicles off the road on opposite sides of 9W. Members on scene verified one subject was ejected from 1 vehicle and the other vehicle still had one party inside. With the assistance of members on scene and responding Police Officers, that patient was removed from the vehicle via a side window and taken to a nearby hospital by New Paltz Rescue Squad. Sadly, the party that was ejected from the other vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene. Route 9W was closed for a prolonged period of time while the NY State Police investigated the accident. The roadway was reopened at 10:50am.**

**While operating at the scene on the MVA our Department and TEVAS handled an EMS call in the district. This shows the support of our members and their dedication to the residents of the community.**

**On scene to assist at the accident were the NYSP, UCSO, Town of Lloyd PD, TEVAS, NPRS, Esopus FD. We would all like to thank NYS DOT for their assistance with the road closure signage and the UC911 center.**

**The NY State Police are handling the investigation into the accident for any further information please contact them.**