



# ASHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**Sheriff Michael W. Brennan**

## NEWS MEDIA RELEASE

Date: May 19, 2017  
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Authority: Sheriff Michael Brennan  
Re: Car / School Bus Crash

On May 19, 2017 at approximately 7:45 A.M., the Ashland County Communications Center received a 911 telephone call reporting a car had crashed into the rear of a school bus on State Highway 112 approximately two miles south of Ashland. Deputies of the Ashland and Bayfield County Sheriff's Offices, a GLIFWIC Warden, Wisconsin State Patrol Troopers, Ashland Fire and Ambulance, and Washburn Ambulance responded to the scene. Initial reports indicated the driver of the car was not breathing. Additional medical units and helicopters were dispatched but later canceled en-route.

Preliminary investigations determined that the Lakeshore bus carrying eighteen students was traveling northbound on STH 112 and slowing to make a left hand turn when it was struck from behind by a car driven by a sixteen year old male Ashland High School student. The driver of the car was pronounced dead at the scene by the Ashland County Coroner. Two of the students on the bus were transported by ambulance to Memorial Medical Center, and the remaining passengers were taken by bus to the hospital for evaluation.

The crash is under investigation by the Ashland County Sheriff's Office, and a full scene reconstruction is being handled by the Wisconsin State Patrol. Names are being withheld pending further investigation and notification of family.