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Fatal UTV Crash Under Investigation in Bens Fork Road Area

Charleston, WV – Deputies and other First Responders were called to a fatal utility terrain vehicle (UTV) crash on Saturday, March 15, 2025. At approximately 2:20 p.m., Metro 911 received a call reporting the crash, which occurred in the 1100 block of Bens Fork Road at a private residence.

Upon arrival, deputies determined that the UTV rider, Joseph Teel, 82, of the Coopers Creek area, was traveling down a driveway when he lost control while negotiating a left-hand curve. The UTV ran off the road, struck a rock, and overturned. A friend of Mr. Teel discovered the accident and notified emergency services.

Deputies confirmed that Mr. Teel was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. The official cause of death is pending examination by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

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