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## **LPPD investigates S. Broadway crash**

Tuesday February 19, 2019 at approximately 2:20pm, the La Porte Police Department (LPPD) received a 911 call for a major crash in the 3000 block of S. Broadway. La Porte Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were quickly dispatched to the crash scene. Upon arrival it was immediately discovered, the driver of one of the vehicles involved, a 2007 Ford Escape, was unresponsive. The 79 year old male driver was transported to St John's Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

The initial, investigation conducted by a Reconstructionist from LPPD, determined that the Ford Escape was traveling south bound, and crossed over into the north bound lane, struck a north bound 2007 Pontiac. The Ford Escape then redirected to the right, then back to the left, and then rolled onto its passenger side. The driver of the Pontiac was not injured in the crash. The roadway was closed for about an hour while the crash was investigated and debris cleared.

The crash is still under investigation, however it does appear the 79 year old driver may have suffered a medical episode immediately prior to the crash. The medical examiner is conducting an autopsy to determine cause of death and to rule out the presence of alcohol or other substances that may have contributed to the crash.