

One dead, sheriff injured in separate accidents

One man is dead, another injured after an early Friday (August 15, 2014) crash on State Road 60. According to a press release issued by the Washington County Sheriff's Department, at approximately 1:36 a.m. on the morning of Aug. 15, the Sheriff's Department received a call regarding a single motor vehicle crash on State Road 60 west of Powers Road.

Upon arrival, officers discovered a Ford F-150 on fire in a field south of State Road 60. Officers located Stingel, who had been ejected from the vehicle. The release said Stingel was conscious and able to speak with officers. He was flown by air ambulance to U of L Hospital.

A second male occupant, Brian S. Schuler, 27, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The press release states that on officer's investigation of the crash scene, the vehicle was traveling west on State Road 60 when it drove off the north edge of the roadway. The driver (unknown at this time) over corrected, causing the vehicle to slide sideways across State Road 60 and struck a concrete culvert.

The vehicle then overturned several times, ejecting Stingel and stopping on its side.

The crash is still under investigation.

Lt. Ryan Larrimore with the Washington County Sheriff's Department is the investigating officer.

He was assisted at the scene by Indiana State Police Trooper Travis Baker and the Washington County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Roger Newlon and Deputy Allen Taylor.

In a separate wreck on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014 Washington County Sheriff Claude Combs was involved in an accident that sent him to the hospital last Wednesday afternoon. Combs was travelling west on State Road 60 when the 2011 Chevy Tahoe he was issued travelled off of the roadway, striking a ditch and flipping several times before coming to rest. Combs was taken to the hospital and kept overnight for observation. Combs was wearing his seatbelt.