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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Monday, August 20, 2012 at 3:26pm., the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle crash on CTH G about ¼ mile east of 290<sup>th</sup> St., in the Town of Glenwood.

A 1995 Ford LTL 9000 truck driven by Steven J. Berends, age 29, from Prairie Farm, WI was westbound on CTH G. According to witnesses, the truck went into the south ditch and traveled approximately 100 yards before striking a tree. Berends had to be extricated from the cab of the truck. He was pronounced dead by at the scene by the St. Croix County Medical Examiner.

Berends was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Assisting at the scene were the Glenwood City Fire, EMS, and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality of 2012.

The crash remains under investigation by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office.