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## News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### Traffic Crash STH 54 / Old Amish Rd.

On Monday, January 01, 2018 at approximately 3:52 A.M. the Portage County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle crash located at the intersection of STH 54 and Old Amish Rd. in the Town of Buena Vista.

A SUV traveling west on Old Amish Rd. left the roadway and struck a stop sign at the intersection with STH 54. The SUV continued across STH 54 and entered the south ditch. The vehicle overturned in the ditch, coming to final rest on its tires. During the crash, the SUV struck a utility pole guy wire. This caused the utility pole to snap in half and power lines to fall across STH 54. Several additional utilities poles were damaged.

The SUV was operated by a 39 year old male from Wisconsin Rapids. There were no other occupants in the vehicle. The operator was subsequently cited for several traffic violations. He was treated for non-life threatening injuries. Alcohol and speed appear to be contributing factors in this crash.

STH 54 was closed at CTH BB to allow for the repair of the power lines. Wisconsin Public Service remains on scene to restore power to local residents.

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