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Fatal horse and buggy collision occurs in Melancthon

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with Dufferin County EMS, and Fire Services attended a serious collision involving a passenger vehicle and horse and buggy in the Township of Melancthon.

On Friday, January 5, 2024, shortly after 7:00 p.m., officers attended County Road 9 at 2nd Line in Melancthon for the report of a serious collision involving a sedan and single horse and buggy.

As a result of the collision, the driver of the buggy, a 21-year-old, male from Melancthon was transported to a local area hospital. The male was later transported by ambulance to a Toronto area trauma centre with life-threatening-injuries, where he sadly succumbed to his injuries.

A veterinarian attended the scene to provide care to the horse who received extensive injuries.

The male driver of the sedan fled the scene however officers located the male a short time later. The investigation is ongoing with charges pending. Charges will be reported at a later date.

County Road 9 remained closed for several hours. The Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team of the OPP was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP 1-888-310-1122.

If you witnessed the collision and want to speak to Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services, they can be reached at 905-951-3838.