



NEWS RELEASE

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On September 22 at approximately 6:48 a.m., Portage Police and Fire units were dispatched to an injury accident in the 8400 block of Sprinkle Road. Once on scene, officers learned that a large tree had fallen across Sprinkle Road and was completely blocking the northbound traffic lanes. In an attempt to avoid striking the tree, a northbound motorcyclist lost control of his bike and struck a stopped vehicle, before his bike careened into the downed tree. The operator of the motorcycle, a 50-year-old Kalamazoo man, sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Bronson Hospital for treatment. The motorcyclist was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Northbound Sprinkle Road was closed at Zylman for approximately an hour and a half while the accident was investigated and the tree removed.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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