



# Police Department

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**TO: Press Sources**

**DATE OF INCIDENT: November 9, 2012**

**LOCATION: Crum Elbow Road**

**INCIDENT: One car auto accident claims the life of a 16 Year old Hyde Park teenager**

**On November 9, 2012 at approximately 8:10 PM the Town of Hyde Park Police were dispatched to the area of Crum Elbow Road just east of Cardinal Road for the report of a one car personal injury auto accident. Patrols arrived and found a 2004 Ford Ranger pick truck submerged upside down in a marshy area on the north side of the roadway. Roosevelt Fire Department extricated both operator and passenger. Both were transported to St. Francis Hospital. The driver of the vehicle, Claudio F. Cappola, a 16 year old male from Hyde Park was pronounced dead after succumbing to his injuries. The sixteen year old passenger is in stable condition at St. Francis Hospital. The cause of the accident is still under investigation. The New York State Police Accident Reconstruction Team and the Hyde Park Police are conducting an investigation into the cause of the accident. At this time, there is no reason to believe that drugs or alcohol are a factor in the accident.**

**More details will follow as soon as they are available.**

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