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**P R E S S   R E L E A S E   \*UPDATE\***  
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At approximately 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2022, there was a traffic incident involving a Berrien County Road Department employee that resulted in a fatality. Berrien County Road Department employee William “Mack” Isom, 57, of Baroda has worked for the Road Department just shy of 25 years. His position was that of lead worker at the Baroda garage.

Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Police Chief Paul Toliver reported in a press release that Isom was working on cutting up a fallen tree which was in the roadway across Red Bud Trail. A southbound vehicle, driven by a 34-year-old Buchanan man, collided with the tree and the employee. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated causing death.

Berrien County officials would like to thank all of the agencies that assisted including Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Police and Fire Departments, the Michigan State Police-Niles Post, and SMCAS Ambulance.

All Berrien County Road Department facilities will be closed for the remainder of the week. At this time, Road Department facilities are scheduled to re-open on Monday, July 25, 2022.

All Board of Commissioners meetings scheduled for today were cancelled. Meetings are scheduled to resume for next Thursday, July 28, 2022.