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Two Die in ORV Accident

On the night of Saturday, February 5th, rangers received an OnStar activation report from the Worcester County communications center. The rangers conducted a search of the Maryland ORV zone. Although they discovered fresh tracks in the area, they were unable to locate the caller or vehicle. On Sunday morning, three surfers discovered a body on the sand dunes and a partially submerged vehicle in the surf about a mile-and-a-half inside a posted closed area. A subsequent ground, aerial and water search for additional victims continued throughout the day on Sunday. Several local and state agencies were involved in this phase of the search, including the Coast Guard. A missing person's report was filed in Baltimore County late Sunday evening for a friend of the first victim. On the following morning, the body of the woman who was named in the missing person's report was found on the beach about five-and-a-half miles north of the accident scene. Both victims were transported to the state medical examiner's office in Baltimore. Alcohol may have been a factor in this accident. The investigation is continuing with the assistance of the Worcester County Bureau of Investigations.

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