

## **Dutchess County Trauma Team Activated to Provide Support Following Tragedy in Tivoli**

**Poughkeepsie, NY...** Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro has directed the Dutchess County Trauma Team to respond to the tragedy that occurred early this morning at Route 9G & West Kerley Corners Road in Tivoli that resulted in the deaths of two Bard College students and injured several others.

The Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene's Trauma Team offers crisis counseling, ongoing support following the event, as well as links to other appropriate support services as necessary. The Trauma Team has been in contact with Bard College and is available to assist students as they cope with this tragedy. The Trauma Team is also available to any community members who may need assistance.

County Executive Molinaro said, "We extend our thoughts and prayers to the families of those impacted by today's tragic incident in Tivoli. Emergency response and Sheriff's Office personnel have been working hard since the call came in early this morning. Our mental health professionals are available for resource and assistance to our first responders and the Bard College community, as well as those in Tivoli and Red Hook. May all those affected find comfort in the company of friends, family and faith during this difficult time."

Anyone who needs to contact the Dutchess County Trauma Team should call the Dutchess County 24/7 HELPLINE at 485-9700 or [877-485-9700](tel:877-485-9700) outside of the 845 area code.

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