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Valemount - Avalanche Takes a Life Near Valemount

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On April 10, 2009 at 2:54 PM, Valemount RCMP received a report of an avalanche in the Monashee Mountains, approximately 25 kilometres south of Valemount, near the Clemina Creek snowmobiling area.

RCMP officers, BC Ambulance Service, Robson Valley Search and Rescue responded immediately. Details are still being pieced together but it is believed that a number of snowmobilers were taking turns riding up a slope when one of them triggered the avalanche and was buried by it near the bottom of the hill. Other snowmobilers were eventually able to locate and dig out the victim and start CPR.

Unfortunately, efforts to revive the victim were unsuccessful and the 24 year old male victim from Sherwood Park, Alberta was declared dead on scene. No others were caught in the avalanche or injured by it. Name of the deceased male is being withheld pending notification of Next of Kin. The RCMP and BC Coroners Service continue to investigate. Further updates to follow.

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