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Elk Valley RCMP and Elkford search and rescue have responded to a single snowmobiler caught in an avalanche. The avalanche occurred at approximately 15:30 hrs. in a local riding area known as Tundra. A 23 year old male had been "high marking" in the bowl and had triggered the avalanche on himself. Rescuers on scene were able to locate the male within minutes using avalanche transceivers but then struggled to remove him as he was found buried approximately 2 meters beneath the snow and trapped under his snowmobile.

BC ambulance and search and rescue recovered the male utilizing a helicopter rescue. He was flown to the Elkford Medical Clinic where after extensive attempts to revive him were made he was pronounced dead at 17:52 hrs.

The avalanche threat in the area is considerable and numerous slides have been reported.

The name of the male is being withheld at the request of the family

There will be no further press releases.

  
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