



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



SHERIFF **BEN WOLFINGER**

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## Media Release September 15, 2017

**Athol, Idaho** – On Friday, September 15, 2017 at just after 6:00 AM, Kootenai County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Merritt Brother's Lumber Company in Athol, Idaho for an unconscious male, as a result of an industrial accident.

Preliminary information is that a 45 year old male employee had been trying to clear a machine of a broken piece of wood when he received a mechanical injury.

Medical personnel also responded and transported the male to Kootenai Health where he was pronounced deceased.

Deputies are still investigating the scene and attempting to locate family members for notification. No further information is available at this time.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff  
By: Lieutenant Stu Miller