

06-17-2012 – Ames LA – Howard James Snider – LEO Off Duty Accidental Medical

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http://www.dps.state.ia.us/commis/pib/ipom/Officers/Snider_Howard.shtml



Sergeant Howard James Snider



On June 17, 2012, Ames Police Sergeant Howard Snider was boating at Lake Geode with his daughter and had jumped into the lake to swim to a boat that had drifted away from the dock. His 11-year-old daughter was in the boat.

While swimming to the boat, he disappeared under the water and did not resurface.

The Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner ruled the cause of Sergeant Snider's death to be accidental drowning in the setting of a pulmonary embolism. The State Medical Examiner ruled the pulmonary embolism was caused by an injury he sustained on-duty several days earlier prior to his death.

Sergeant Snider served as a law enforcement officer in the State of Iowa for 23 years.

Ames PD officer drowns over the weekend

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A 23-year veteran of the Ames Police Department drowned this weekend at a state park.

The body of Howard James Snider, 51, of Nevada, was recovered from Lake Geode in Henry County at around 6:08 p.m. Sunday, June 17.

At 4 p.m., the Henry County Sheriff's Office took a report of a possible drowning near the main boat ramp of the lake.

Henry County officials have not said what caused Snider to drown. Henry County Sheriff Allen Wittmer confirmed that Snider was at the park with family.

An autopsy is being performed by the Iowa Medical Examiner's Office.

Snider was hired to the Ames Police Department in June 1989. He became a sergeant in 2002.

He was recently assigned to supervising the department's Safe Neighborhoods team.