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Injury crash involving Snowplow – Williams County

What: Injury crash

Where: U.S. Highway 2, 12 miles east of Ray

When: March 16, 2020 4:15 AM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: Cloudy

Crash Involvement: 2 vehicle head-on involving a DOT snowplow

Type of Crash: head-on

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Williams County SO, Tioga PD

Vehicle No. 1: 2001 Ford F150 pickup

Driver No. 1: 76-year-old male, Ray, ND, serious injury

Restraints: no seatbelt, airbags deployed

Charges: pending

Vehicle No. 2: 2008 International snowplow

Driver No. 2: Wayne Lerohl, 56-year-old male, no injuries

Restraints: seatbelt being worn

Charges: none

NARRATIVE: Vehicle #1, a 2001 Ford F150 pickup, was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of US #2 enroute from Ray, ND to Stanley, ND. Vehicle #2, a DOT snowplow, was traveling westbound on US #2 maintaining the roadways after precipitation had fallen the night before. The snowplow operator observed the vehicle traveling in the wrong lane, slowed to almost a complete stop, but could not avoid being struck by the Ford pickup. The snowplow came to rest in the left driving lane facing west, and the Ford pickup came to rest in the center median also facing west. The Ford pickup driver was seriously injured and transported to Trinity hospital by ambulance. The snowplow operator was not injured. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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