

Multiple property crashes and vehicles in the ditch in the NW Region

What: Multiple vehicles in the ditch and property crashes

Where: NW Region both south and north of Minot

When: Morning and afternoon of 12-24-2021

Road Conditions: Ice Covered

Weather Conditions: Freezing rain

Crash Involvement: Vehicle

NARRATIVE: During the night of 12-23-2021 and early morning of 12-24-2021 the NW Region experienced freezing rain that caused the roadways to become covered in ice. The Minot area was affected the worst. The NDHP responded to multiple vehicles and semi-trucks in the ditch. While a Trooper was providing traffic control for a motorist that went into a ditch a commercial vehicle struck his patrol vehicle. Immediately after this collision, another commercial vehicle lost control due to the icy conditions and struck the patrol vehicle a second time. No injuries resulted in the crash.

The NDHP would like people to drive safe during the holidays, and to drive with caution during poor weather. Maintaining safe following distances and decreasing speed are essential when roadways become slippery. When emergency vehicles, and DOT vehicles are observed stopped on the roadway, motorists are required to reduce their speed and move over to avoid collisions and allow emergency personal to safely complete their jobs.

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