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Fatality Crash - Grand Forks County, North Dakota

What: Fatality Crash

Where: US Highway 2 & Airport Road ~ 3 ½ Miles West of Grand Forks, North Dakota

When: July 2, 2021 @ 7:36 A.M.

Road Conditions: Good, active construction work zone where both eastbound and westbound motor vehicle traffic are head-to-head occupying the normal eastbound lanes of US Highway 2. The westbound lanes of US Highway 2 are closed and currently under construction.

Weather Conditions: Clear, Sunny

Crash Involvement: 8 Vehicle

Type of Crash: Rear-end

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, University of North Dakota Police Department, Grand Forks County Sheriff Department, Grand Forks Police Department, Altru Ambulance Service, Interstate Towing & Recovery

NARRATIVE: On July 2, 2021, at approximately 7:28 A.M. an eastbound semi-tractor towing a bottom dump trailer was reported as swerving and traveling on the rumble strips, or edge line of the eastbound lane of US Highway 2 at mile marker 349.00. Approximately eight minutes after receiving the initial call for service, several emergency calls were received of a crash involving multiple motor vehicles located at the intersection of US Highway 2 and Airport Road west of Grand Forks. The eastbound semi-tractor was involved in the crash along with seven other motor vehicles occupying the eastbound lane at the intersection of Airport Road.

One driver died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Several other drivers and motor vehicle occupants were injured and were transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks for injuries sustained in the crash.

US Highway 2 in the area of the crash was closed to all motor vehicle traffic for approximately 6 hours for crash scene investigation and crash scene clean-up. All motor vehicles involved sustained disabling damage and were towed from the crash scene.

A media release will be provided at a later date once the identity of all drivers and occupants of their motor vehicles can be accurately determined. The name of the deceased driver will also be released pending notification of next-of-kin.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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