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Injury Crashes - Benson County, North Dakota

What: Injury Crashes

Where: ND Highway 57 @ Mile Marker 12.50 ~ 5 ½ Miles South of Devils Lake, North Dakota

When: January 21, 2022 @ 3:55 P.M.

Road Conditions: Compacted Snow/Ice

Weather Conditions: Blowing Snow/Severe Crosswinds/Significantly Reduced Visibility

Crash Involvement: 8 Motor Vehicles/Initial Crash with Two Secondary Crashes

Type of Crash: Combination of Angle/Head-on/Rear-end Crashes

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, North Dakota Department of Transportation, Benson County Sheriff Department, Ramsey County Sheriff Department, Lake Region Ambulance Service, Spirit Lake Ambulance Service, Cowboy's Towing & Recovery

NARRATIVE: A Ford Explorer spun out on the ND Highway 57 bridge spanning the waters of Devils Lake and stalled. A Good Samaritan operating a Chevy Silverado saw the stalled motorist and stopped to assist. A motorist operating a Ford Expedition struck the rear of the Chevy Silverado and pushed it into the stalled Ford Explorer. The Ford Expedition was then struck by a Toyota Scion. The Toyota Scion also struck the Chevrolet Silverado. The stalled Ford Explorer was then struck by a Kia Optima which was struck by a GMC Sierra. A secondary crash occurred when the stalled Ford Explorer was struck by a Toyota Camry. Another secondary crash occurred when a Pontiac G6 struck the Toyota Scion which was involved in the initial crash.

A total of five patients were transported by ambulance to CHI Saint Alexius Hospital in Devils Lake for injuries sustained in the three crashes. All five patients sustained minor injuries and were treated and released the same day.

ND Highway 57 in the area of the crashes was closed to motor vehicle traffic for approximately 2 ½ hours for crash scene investigation and crash scene clean-up.



The crashes remain under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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