Two Wind-Related Overturn Crashes near Reynolds, ND

What: 1 injury crash, 1 property crash

Where: northbound Interstate 29, mm 122, approximately 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Reynolds, ND

When: 05/18/2022, approximately 2:05 PM

Road Conditions: Wet

Weather Conditions: Strong, gusty west winds, rain

Crash Involvement: 2 separate single-vehicle crashes

Type of Crash: Rollover (both crashes)

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Buxton Fire, Hillsboro Ambulance

CRASH #1

Vehicle No. 1: 2008 Dodge Ram 3500 pulling RV
Driver No. 1: Kelly Koch; male; age 39; of Edmonton, AB; non-life-threatening injuries
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None

CRASH #2

Vehicle No. 1: 2012 Peterbilt truck tractor, pulling empty dry van trailer
Driver No. 1: Ralph Shumaker; male; age 55; of Nevada, MO; uninjured
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: None
NARRATIVE: Both vehicles were traveling north on Interstate 29. Strong, gusty west winds associated with a fast-moving storm caused them to tip onto their sides. The Dodge with the RV came to rest blocking the outside lane and part of the inside lane of northbound traffic. The Peterbilt and trailer came to rest in the east ditch and was not obstructing traffic.

Koch, the driver of the Dodge, was transported by ambulance to Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND, with non-life-threatening injuries.

Shumaker, the driver of the Ford, was uninjured.

Northbound traffic was reduced to one lane for approximately 2.5 hours while the vehicles were being righted and removed.

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