

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | February 15, 2023

## **Multiple Crashes in Southwest Region**

**NARRATIVE:** Due to winter weather conditions of icy roads, high winds, and zero visibility, the NDHP attended to several crashes in the southwest region during the evening hours of Tuesday, February 14, and early morning hours of February 15.

The information below provides preliminary information on several of the crashes.

### **Property Crashes**

- One vehicle property crash, February 14, 1:26 pm (MT) on I-94, MM 81 near Richardton, no further information available at this time.
- One vehicle (jackknifed semi that blocked both lanes) property crash, February 14, 2:55 pm (MT) on I-94, MM 66, east of Dickinson

The semi was eastbound on I94 at MP 66 traveling at approximately 45 mph traveling from Dickinson to Bismarck. The driver lost control on the icy roadway, spun out and lost traction while going downhill. The semi and trailer jackknifed and entered the median coming to a stop on top of the bridge guardrail facing west. The driver was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured. Weather conditions included snow and blowing snow. Road conditions were snow packed and icy. Visibility was less than 50 feet at times. The vehicle was towed from the scene due to severe damage to the trailer.

- One vehicle (jackknifed semi that blocked both lanes) property crash, February 14, 3:55 pm (MT) on Highway 22, MM 34 near New England

The semi was a 2016 Freightliner semi with Minnesota plates that was traveling northbound on Highway 22 at a stated speed of 55 mph. The driver was traveling from Hettinger to Fargo with an empty enclosed trailer. At the time of the crash, the roads were ice covered from light snow throughout the day. Northwest winds were 25-35 mph and gusts were near 50 mph. The wind pushed the unit counterclockwise causing the semi to cross both lanes and enter the west ditch facing south. The trailer stayed attached and blocked both lanes of the highway. Damage occurred to the rear sleeper area as the front of the trailer made contact upon becoming jackknifed. The road was closed while vehicle was removed.

- Two-vehicle property crash, February 14, 8:42 pm (MT) on I-94, MM 61 Dickinson exit ramp, no further information is available at this time.
- One-vehicle property crash, February 15, 9:41 am (MT) on Highway 22, MM 81, approximately 10 miles north of Dickinson, no further information is available at this time.

### **Injury Crashes**

- Two-vehicle injury crash, February 14, 1:44 pm (MT) on I-94, MM 90, east of Richardton, no further information is available at this time.
- Two-vehicle injury crash, February 14, approximately 4:15 pm (CT) on I-94, MM 108 near Glen Ullin. An eastbound 2010 Volvo truck lost control and was blocking the shoulder and right lane, a second vehicle, a 2011 international truck, clipped the Volvo and jackknifed. Both ended up jackknifed and blocked the entire roadway, several other cars avoided the crash and entered the median. The roadway was closed westbound at MM 113 from about 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm and eastbound from about 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

In addition, there were numerous other vehicles that slid into ditches along roadways in Stark, Morton, and Burleigh Counties.

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