

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | June 8, 2024

## **Northbound I-29 Ambulance Fire – Near Colfax & Secondary Crash**

**What:** Day County, SD Ambulance vehicle fire

**Where:** I-29 MM 36, northbound – 2 miles southeast of Colfax

**When:** June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ approximately 9:15 pm

**Road, Weather & Light Conditions:** Dry roads, clear, dusk

**Type of Crash:** Ambulance fire

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Richland County SO, Colfax FD, Breckenridge-Wahpeton Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** An unknown year Ford ambulance – Day County, SD Ambulance Service  
**Driver No. 1:** David Dulitz, 71 YOA, Webster, SD  
**Restraints:** Restrained  
**Charges:** None  
**Passenger No. 1:** Day County Ambulance EMT  
**Passenger No. 2:** Unknown patient

### **NARRATIVE:**

A Day County, SD Ambulance Service ambulance was northbound on I-29 when it caught fire in lane one. The driver of the ambulance came to stop in lane one and assisted the other EMT in removing a patient from the rear of the ambulance.

Both EMT's and the patient they were transporting were able to safely get away from the ambulance. The ambulance was a total loss and caused northbound I-29 to be closed for approximately 45 minutes while the fire was put out.

The patient being transported was transferred into the care of a Breckenridge-Wahpeton Ambulance and transferred to Sanford Hospital in Fargo.

The ambulance was a total loss. The name of the patient and second EMT won't be released.

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This incident remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

While northbound I-29 was closed for the ambulance incident, a four-vehicle injury crash occurred northbound on I-29 about 1 mile south of the ambulance incident. Traffic was stopped northbound on I-29 when a BMW passenger car started a chain reaction four-vehicle crash. The BMW rear ended another vehicle which caused two additional northbound vehicles to be struck.

There were nine occupants between the four vehicles involved in this secondary crash. At least five occupants were transported to hospitals in Fargo with injuries from during this crash. I-29 was closed at this location for approximately 45 minutes while the crash scene was cleared. More information will follow in regard to this crash later in the day on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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