Two Rollover Crashes I-29 Caused by High Winds

What: Minor Injury Crashes (2)
Where: I-29 MP 63 and MP 71
When: 06/29/2019; First crash at 12:30 PM, Second Crash at 12:59 PM
Road Conditions: Wet
Weather Conditions: Thunderstorms with extremely high wind gusts and reduced visibility
Crash Involvement: One vehicle crashes (2)
Type of Crash: Rollover
Agencies Involved: FM Fire, FM Ambulance, Cass County Sheriff’s Dept., ND Highway Patrol

First Crash Vehicle: 2017 International Enclosed Deliver Truck
Driver: Hunter Tober-McGivern 20-years-old (Male), Fargo
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: Failing to use caution for hazardous conditions while operating a commercial motor vehicle

Passenger No. 1: Tyler Jennewein 29-years-old (Male), Fargo
Restraints: Seatbelt

Second Crash Vehicle: 2011 Chevrolet Silverado pulling a 2015 Forrest River Camper
Driver No. 2: Kathryn Durbin 53-year-old (Female), Appleton WI
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: none

Passenger No. 1: Bradley Durbin 54-year-old (Male), Appleton WI
Restraints: Seatbelt

Passenger No. 2: Catherine Krieglstein 72-year-old (Female), Appleton WI
Restraints: Seatbelt
NARRATIVE: The first crash occurred on I-29 milepost 63 in Fargo at 12:30 PM. A 2017 International Enclosed Delivery Truck, driven by Hunter Tober-McGivern of Fargo, was traveling northbound on I-29. A strong gust of wind, produced in a thunderstorm, pushed the vehicle onto its passenger side. The International came to rest in the east ditch of I-29 on the passenger side facing north. The vehicle was not loaded at the time of the crash. Tober-McGivern suffered a minor injury but refused medical treatment. He was cited for failure to use caution in hazardous conditions while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

The second crash occurred on I-29 milepost 70 at 12:59 PM. A 2011 Chevrolet Silverado pulling a 27-foot Forrest River Camper, driven by Kathryn Durbin of Appleton WI, was traveling north on I-29. A gust of wind produced in the same thunderstorm caused the vehicle to swerve then overturn. The Silverado and camper remained connected and came to rest on the driver side facing east, blocking both northbound lanes and shoulders of I-29. Minor injuries were claimed by Bradley Durbin and Catherine Kriegstein, passengers in the pickup, but they refused medical treatment. Durbin was not cited in the crash. Northbound I-29 was closed at exit 69 for nearly two hours with traffic rerouted to northbound Cass County Road 81 until the scene was cleared.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol asks drivers to follow Severe Weather Warnings, especially when operating a ‘high-profiled’ vehicle. When severe weather approaches turn on your lights. If visibility is reduced from rain, hail or high winds making travel impossible find a safe location to park, off the roadway, and wait until conditions improve to continue traveling.

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