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Truck Snowplow Crash in Traill County

What: Truck Snowplow Crash

Where: Traill County, I-29 northbound, 4 miles south of Buxton

When: 2/14/19 at 9:35 a.m.

Road Conditions: Occasional snow/ice

Weather Conditions: Blowing snow, reduced visibility

Vehicle No 1: 2012 Freightliner Truck Tractor with Trailer

Driver No. 1: Gregory Little, 44 yoa, Blaine, MN, uninjured
Seatbelt in use

Vehicle No 2: 2014 International Truck (NDDOT snowplow)

Driver No. 2: Brian Foss, 45 yoa, Hillsboro, ND, injured
Seatbelt in use

Agencies Involved: Traill County Sheriff's Office

Gregory Little was driving the Freightliner north on Interstate 29. Foss was driving the International north on Interstate 29, actively performing snow removal activities as a NDDOT snowplow operator on the left-hand (median) side of the northbound lanes. Little entered snow fog created by snow removal and was temporarily blinded and struck the rear of the International. Both vehicles were damaged but remained on the roadway. Foss sustained minor injuries. Little was uninjured and was issued a citation for careless driving-causing injury to an operator of snow removal equipment and/or damage exceeding \$1000 to snow removal equipment. The left-hand lane of northbound traffic was obstructed for approximately three hours before the Freightliner and trailer could be removed. The crash remains under investigation by the ND Highway Patrol.

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