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NDDOT Snow Plow Struck – I-94 MM 288

Fargo, ND –

On March 1st, at approximately 6:18 am, a 2004 Mack NDDOT snow plow was clearing snow from the eastbound I-94 roadway near MM 288, when a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado drove into the snow fog created by the snow plow, and side swiped the Mack truck. This crash took place two miles west of Valley City.

The Chevrolet was driven by Joseph Schumacher, 76 YOA, Moffit, ND. Klar was uninjured in the crash. He was cited for Care Required. The Chevrolet suffered extensive damage.

The 18 YOA male NDDOT snow plow operator was uninjured. The Mack suffered moderate damage.

The NDHP would remind motorists to give NDDOT snow plows the space necessary to safely remove the snow and ice from our roadways. Snow plows continue being struck statewide this year. NDDOT snow plows and other snow removal equipment have emergency lighting to make traffic aware of their location. Blowing snow and snow fog may obscure these lights and the NDDOT equipment at times. Always slow down when approaching a snow plow and pass safely when you are can clearly see around the snow plow and the snow plow operator would be able see you. If your vision is obscured by the snow fog a plow is creating, stay back, slow your speed, turn on your hazard lights and wait for the plow operator to pull over to allow traffic to pass. Don't ever blindly drive into a snow fog without slowing down. In addition, do not become distracted while driving and never drink and drive.

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