3 Vehicle Crash involving Highway Patrol Vehicle

What: Suspected injury to trooper
Where: I-29 MM 161 near 161 exit bridge
When: 16:58 PM on November 8, 2019
Road Conditions: Ice covered
Weather Conditions: Some rain
Crash Involvement: Car V HP car, Car V HP car (HP Car was struck twice)
Type of Crash: 1st was sideswipe, 2nd was rear end
 Agencies Involved: NDHP, Walsh County Sheriff’s Office

Vehicle No. 1: 1995 Nissan Altima
Driver No. 1: Jacob Bakke, 34 yo, Kennedy, MN
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: none.

Vehicle No. 2: 1997 Honda CRV
Driver No. 2: Will identify later.
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: None

Passenger No. 1: Juvenile
Restraints: carseat

Passenger No. 2: Juvenile
Restraints: carseat

Vehicle No. 3: 2016 Dodge Charger Police
Driver No. 3: NDHP Trooper
Restraints: Seatbelt
Charges: None

NARRATIVE: A NDHP Trooper was in route to a call for a crash near MM 161 on I-29. At this point the Trooper’s vehicles emergency red and blue lights and arrow board was turned on when he arrived on scene as he arrived. When the Trooper arrived on scene, a driver of the Nissan Altima lost control due to ice on the overpass deck and sideswiped the Trooper’s patrol car on the left side and front. The Trooper was then struck in the rear left by the driver of the Honda CRV only seconds later. Walsh County Sheriff’s Office will be investigating both crashes involving the vehicles striking the Trooper’s patrol car. The Trooper was brought to Altru and released with minor bruising. No other injuries were reported by the drivers and passengers of the other vehicles.

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