

Local residents avoid injury in chain reaction crash

(KAIR)--A Mayetta woman and an Ozawkie man, both drivers of separate vehicles involved in a six vehicle, chain reaction crash in Shawnee County, escaped major injury, but two separate Topeka drivers were left with suspected serious injuries.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, it happened Saturday afternoon, shortly after 1:30, as traffic was backed up due to construction work on U.S. Highway 75.

A driver from Duluth, Minnesota, the KHP's report says, "looked down at his phone for direction[s]" which led his Chevy Suburban to rear-end the vehicle in front of him, causing the chain reaction crash that ultimately left all six vehicles disabled in the roadway.

The KHP report states that all of those involved were buckled up, including 63-year-old Terry Morrison, of Ozawkie, and 61-year-old Vicki Wahquahboshkuk, of Mayetta, who incurred a suspected minor injury but was not transported for treatment.

A minor-aged passenger in the rear seat of one of the Topeka vehicles did suffer minor injuries.

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