

Brown County Crash Injures One

(KNZA)--A two-vehicle wreck on a Brown County road late Monday morning sent a Morrill woman to the hospital.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant says it happened on Kestrel Road in the vicinity of 270th Road shortly after 11:00.

He said a Ford Escort driven by 15-year-old Shane Koehn, of Hiawatha, and a Dodge Intrepid driven by 75-year-old Eleanor Latham met at the crest of a hill where it appears the vehicles sideswiped each other.

Merchant says Latham was partially trapped and the Brown County Rescue Squad had to extricate her from her vehicle.

She was transported to the Hiawatha Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Koehn was not hurt.

The wreck remains under investigation by the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

Also assisting at the scene were the Hiawatha Fire Department, and Sac and Fox Tribal Police.

The high volume of responders prompted Merchant to stress the importance of passers-by on the road to steer clear of the situation.

"We had traffic stopped so we could protect the workers," Merchant said. "Their safety is paramount to us out there. We take that very serious. I want to remind the public: I know you're curious about what's going on. We will work to get information to you as soon as we can. But the issue there is to keep as many people away from there as possible."

Merchant wanted to stress his understanding of people's curiosity and concern for those involved in accidents, but he said the best way to help in that situation is stay out of the way and let the responders do their job.

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