

Slick roads equal Atchison Co wrecks Friday

(KAIR)--Slick, Friday morning Atchison County roadways are blamed for two separate crashes that involved a total of four vehicles resulting in several injuries.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, the first crash happened about ten-minutes prior to 7:00 and involved 3-vehicles that crashed on U.S. Highway 73, about two miles west of Atchison.

The KHP's preliminary report states that a Ford Explorer and Oldsmobile car were driving southeast on the highway when a Kia Spectra, heading northwest on the highway, lost control due to the slick conditions. That caused the compact car to cross into the path of the Ford Explorer, which collided with the car's passenger side.

Meanwhile, the Oldsmobile was unable to stop, causing it to hit the Explorer in the rear and the Kia on the driver's side.

Behind the wheel of the Ford Explorer was 54-year-old Steven George, of Effingham, who, the report says, suffered a suspected minor injury. According to family members, George was transported for examination at St. Joseph's Mosaic Lifecare, following the wreck.

The St. Joseph hospital is also where the driver of the Kia Spectra was transported, with the KHP's report saying 24-year-old Atchison resident, Tanner Hinson, incurred a suspected serious injury in the morning wreck.

The driver of the Oldsmobile, 32-year-old Andrew Ernzen, of Atchison, suffered no apparent injury in the three-vehicle crash, which happened just east of Osage Road.

According to the KHP's report, all of the drivers were buckled up at the time of the wreck.

A second Atchison County crash, involving a lone SUV traveling on K-116 highway, a mile west of Cummings Road, sent the Nortonville Driver to the hospital.

According to the preliminary report from the KHP, 47-year-old Adrienne Meredith was eastbound on the highway, behind the wheel of her Chevrolet Suburban, when she attempted to slow down at the junction with U.S. Highway 59. However, KHP reports that Meredith was unable to stop, causing her SUV to slide off the highway and overturn, coming to stop upside down.

Meredith was transported to Amberwell Atchison for the treatment of what the KHP identifies as a suspected minor injury.

Meredith was buckled up at the time of the Friday morning crash, which happened around 8:20.

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