



NEWS RELEASE

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(Morning Collision Results In Life-Threatening Injuries and Road Closures)

This morning at 5:36 am, a high impact collision occurred in the eastbound lanes of Highway 26 near Highway 217. While the cause of the collision continues to be investigated by Beaverton Police Department, it is believed that a compact vehicle with three occupants--stopped on the small left shoulder of the highway--was hit by a SUV traveling at a high rate of speed. When emergency responders arrived, they found the driver of the compact car (adult male) lying in the westbound lanes and the front seat passenger (adult female) partially ejected. Both individuals were treated for life-threatening injuries at the scene, entered into the trauma system, and transported by Metro West Ambulance to Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Emergency responders also treated another passenger (young adult male) from the compact car and a passenger from the SUV for minor injuries; one of which was transported to a local hospital.

There was significant damage to both vehicles. Witnesses report that the SUV, after hitting the compact car, rolled several times before coming to rest on its top. According to TVF&R Battalion Chief Jim Davis, "It's amazing that there weren't more injuries, and cars involved."

The collision caused westbound lanes to be closed for approximately 45 minutes. The Eastbound lanes were closed much longer while Beaverton Police conducted their investigation.

Also responding to the incident was Police Fire & Rescue and Oregon Department of Transportation.

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