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(Icy Roads Results in Car Crashes; Fire Station Hosts Motorists Stopped by Temporary Road Closure)

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue crews responded to a multitude of vehicle crashes this morning due to slick roadways on Cooper Mountain. At the same time, they also provided a warm fire station and hot coffee to approximately 20 motorists who found themselves stranded until 175th Avenue was de-iced and sanded.

Due to its elevation, when snow and ice arrive Cooper Mountain can be one of the most treacherous areas served by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. Today's crew had just chained-up its engine when the first call came in reporting an accident just south of Fire Station 69 on 175th Avenue. When crews arrived they found a car into a ditch that had prompted a chain reaction collision involving six cars. Minutes later, multiple crashes were reported at 175th Avenue and Rigert, and 171st Avenue and Kemmer Road. Fortunately, the collisions did not result in drivers requiring medical attention. However, many of the cars had significant damage and had to be towed from the scene.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds the public that during inclement weather, roads in higher elevations are often treacherous. The District advises individuals that can not avoid these roadways and/or delay their morning or evening commute, to carry tire chains and drive with extreme caution. The District also asks motorists to pay heed to flares and hazard tape in place at accident scenes in an attempt to keep the public and firefighters safe from passing vehicles. Several motorists ignored these precautions, driving through accidents scenes and putting individuals at risk.

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Photo Captions

Car in Ditch: Icy roads this morning resulted in numerous collisions on 175th Avenue on Cooper Mountain.

Motorists Wait: Two motorists wait at TVF&R Fire Station 69 for 175th Avenue to be reopened. Approximately 20 motorists spent over an hour in the warm station, enjoying hot coffee while they waited.

Car Being Towed: Although numerous morning collisions on Cooper Mountain did not result in injuries to drivers or passengers, many of the cars had significant damage and had to be towed.