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TVF&R Extricates One Person From Rollover Crash on Highway 217

TVF&R extricated one female patient from a rolled over SUV on Highway 217 northbound at Greenburg Road this evening. She was transported to OHSU with non-life threatening injuries.

Firefighters from TVF&R's Tigard Station 51 were dispatched to a two vehicle rollover crash this evening at 5:10 p.m. Police officers who arrived on scene reported that two SUVs had rolled over and at least one patient was trapped inside her vehicle. Because of the multiple vehicles and patients involved, a TVF&R Battalion Chief upgraded the response to a 2nd Alarm Medical call. The 2nd alarm brings more firefighters and extrication equipment to the scene.

When firefighters arrived, they quickly worked to ensure the scene was safe and then determine the number of patients and the severity of their injuries. They found one patient with minor injuries and another who was trapped in her vehicle. The female driver of the vehicle was extricated from her vehicle and transported to OHSU by Metro West Ambulance with non-life threatening injuries.

Highway 217 northbound was closed at Greenburg Road for more than an hour.

TVF&R dispatched multiple fire units to the scene in order to quickly and efficiently care for the injured and ensure the safety of everyone involved.

"On a crash scene such as this, there are many tasks that are performed simultaneously by firefighter/paramedics," says TVF&R Public Information Officer Brian Barker, "they're working to treat injured patients, stabilize the vehicle so it doesn't pose a hazard to the patients inside or the firefighters working around the vehicles, extricate the patients from vehicles and monitoring potential hazards like fire, traffic, downed power lines."

TVF&R's paramedics and EMTs frequently respond to incidents like the crash this evening. Approximately 80% of TVF&R's calls for service are medical emergencies. Over 60% of our responders are Paramedics who can administer many of the same procedures and medications found in an emergency room, including intravenous drugs, advanced airway procedures and sophisticated cardiac monitors that can 'shock' a heart back to life.

Tigard Police are investigating the cause of tonight's crash.

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