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Thurston County Teens Airlifted with Critical Injuries from Morning Crash

Two sixteen year old females from Thurston County were airlifted to Harborview this morning with critical injuries after they crossed the center line in the roadway and hit a box truck head on.

At approximately 7:00 a.m. this morning the state patrol received a report of a two car collision on Morris Road just south of 110th Avenue in Yelm. A 16 year-old female driver from Yelm was heading northbound on Morris Road in her 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The teen was driving at a speed too fast for the wet road conditions and crossed over the center line while coming around a curve in the roadway. After crossing the centerline in the southbound lane, she hit a 2003 GMC box type truck head-on.

Both the female driver and her 16 year-old female passenger, who is also from Yelm, were airlifted to Harborview Hospital with critical injuries. The driver of the GMC, 43 year-old Matthew L. Benson of McKenna, was uninjured in the crash.

The roadway was closed while an investigation of the scene was conducted. A detour was made available at 110th Avenue. More information and photos will be available after completion of the investigation.

With the fall season upon us, you can expect rain and wet roadway conditions. WSP would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists to slow down and prepare for the wet, rainy season ahead. If everyone does their part, together we can eliminate these collisions that cause serious injuries or even death.

UPDATE:

The 16 year-old driver of the Oldsmobile, Skye I. Calhoun, and her 16 year-old passenger, Alexandria J. Bachmeier, are both in stable condition at Harborview Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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