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Media Release

23 Motor Vehicle Accidents Reported this Morning in Northern Nevada

This morning troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to and investigated nearly two dozen weather-related fender benders. In a ten-hour timeframe that began just after midnight until approximately 10:00 am this morning, a total of 23 accidents were reported on the highways in northern Nevada. Nineteen of the crashes were property damage only resulting in damage to the involved vehicles, adjacent roadway fences, and sections of guardrail, with the remaining 4 events having some type of injuries sustained. Most of the injuries observed this morning were either self-reported or very minor in nature.

Twenty-one of the accidents were reported in Washoe County while only two took place in Douglas County. The US 395 corridor between Cold Springs and Pleasant Valley was where the largest percentage of the calls for service were handled. Speed too fast for conditions was the primary cause in all of the unplanned events this morning.

The crashes varied between single-vehicle spin-outs that led to damage, to as many as 3 vehicles striking one another. As a precaution, motorists should always stay completely focused on their driving, and even more so, when roadway surfaces are wet, icy or snow covered. Motorists should reduce the speed of their vehicles and adjust their driving habits as necessary. Allowing more time for one's commute will help to minimize the stress while driving in such conditions which will hopefully allow those to reach their destination safely.

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