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Paramedics Life Flight One from Highway 101 Collision in Blyn

Friday, October 04, 2024, at 2:25 pm, Clallam County Fire District #3 Units were dispatched to 270756 Highway 101 near 7 Cedars Casino for a semi vs. SUV motor vehicle collision.

Engine 37 (Blyn Station), with two paramedics on board, was the first unit on scene and requested Life Flight and additional resources. Crews from Station 34 in Sequim, the Battalion Chief, volunteer firefighters from Diamond Point, and Olympic Ambulance responded to the incident. Highway 101 was completely blocked for enhanced responder safety while the two patients were extricated from the SUV. Limited visibility in the curve of the highway required that traffic control to be a coordinated effort with Fire, WSP, and WSDOT. Vehicles were temporarily diverted through the casino parking lot to Sophus Road and back to Hwy 101 at the Longhouse fuel station to bypass the scene.

Medic 37 rendezvoused with Life Flight at the Jamestown Justice Center on Sophus Rd, and the patient was transported to the nearest trauma center. Medic 34 transported the second patient to Olympic Memorial Hospital in Port Angeles for evaluation. The semi-truck driver was not injured in the collision. WSP and WSDOT continued to keep the highway closed during their investigation.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation. Traffic was allowed to pass through the scene around 5:00 pm.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Chris Turner at (360) 683-4242. Ext. 132.

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270756 Highway 101 (Location of MVA)



Figure 1: Aid 35 crew providing traffic control at Sophus Road intersection



Figure 22: Traffic blocked along Highway 101