



Bluffton Police Department

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Bluffton Police Investigate Vehicle Accidents

What:

Vehicle Accidents along Bluffton Parkway

Where:

Collision #1 – Bluffton Parkway and Persimmon Street

Collision #2 – Bluffton Parkway and Red Cedar Road

When:

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Police are investigating two separate vehicle accidents that occurred on Bluffton Parkway earlier this morning.

The first collision occurred at 9:15 a.m. when a car attempted to turn left from Persimmon Street on to Bluffton Parkway, hitting the side of an SUV causing it to flip in the westbound lanes of Bluffton Parkway. Both drivers were taken to the hospital. The status of their injuries is unknown. The driver of the car was cited for failure to yield. As a result of this accident Bluffton Parkway westbound was closed to all traffic from Red Cedar Road to Simmonsville Road for approximately an hour and half.

The second collision occurred 15 minutes later in the eastbound lanes of Bluffton Parkway just past the previous accident. "The second accident happened due to distracted drivers looking at the first accident. Motorists need to be reminded they should slow down when passing an accident, but to keep their eyes on the vehicles in front of them to avoid situations like this," said Bluffton Police Major Joseph Manning. The second collision resulted with the occupants suffering minor injuries.

The department's Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating the first crash. "Having this Unit is so vital in major crashes like this. We are able to respond immediately and start processing the accident allowing the road to be reopened to traffic much faster," said Bluffton Police Major Joseph Manning.

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