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Serious Crash Sends Four to the Hospital

On behalf of Renton Fire Dept. and Fire District 20

Renton, Wash. - March 23, 2015- A serious three vehicle crash has sent four people to local hospitals and completely blocked Rainier Ave. S. at 84 Ave. S.

Firefighters from the Renton Fire Department and King County Fire District 20 were dispatched to the crash at 6:30 pm. When they arrived they found two of the vehicles sitting next to each other and another approximately 200 feet away. All three had suffered serious damage with one of the vehicles losing the entire front end of the vehicle and with the engine laying 10 feet from the car.

The impact sent debris in all directions and even onto the roof of a nearby home. Fortunately, no one on the sidewalk or in homes was injured.

Two of the people in the cars had potentially life-threatening injuries and were transported to a local hospital by King County Medic One. Two others were treated by firefighters and transported by ambulance. All were adults.

When treating patients, emergency responders operate under the "golden hour", which means getting patients to definitive care (emergency room) within the first hour after they arrive on scene. Doing so greatly increases the chance of survival of a patient. In this case, medics and firefighters had all four patients enroute to hospitals within 16 minutes.

The King County Sheriff's office is conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the crash. All lanes of Rainier Ave. S. are closed and will be for the next few hours. Drivers are asked to take alternate routes or to expect delays as traffic is rerouted through side streets.

For more information on the call and to learn the cause, please contact the King County Sheriff's office.

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