



PRESS RELEASE

Type and Description of Incident / Fire:

Multi-car motor vehicle collision I-93 SB in Derry.

The Derry Fire Department Communications Center received approximately 50 calls reporting a multiple car pileup I-93 SB near the Derry/Windham Line at approximately 1015 am. Callers estimated approximately 40 vehicles involved. We had just experienced a brief snow event that caused slippery roads and whiteout conditions.

The incident stretched I-93 southbound from the Derry/Londonderry Town Line, through Derry, Windham and into Salem.

Derry Fire Car 1 established Command at Mile 9.3 of the 10 car pileup in Derry. Approximately 10 other vehicles were off the road in the area with no damage or injuries. The collisions south of our location were handled by Windham and Salem Fire Departments. We noted 5 victims requiring extrication and transport from Derry and evaluated another 6 victims that refused treatment or transport.

Mutual aid ambulances were requested from Londonderry (2), Manchester and Hooksett. Two Derry Engines assisted and a Londonderry Chief Officer assisted.

Patients were transported to Catholic Medical Center, Elliot Hospital and Parkland Medical Center. All of the injuries were believed to be minor.

Salem and Windham Fire Departments were contending with similar incidents south of the Derry Town Line.

Additional Remarks:

Fire and EMS resources were stretched thin due to numerous simultaneous incidents in Derry and the surrounding communities. Resources had difficulty traveling south bound on I-93 due to highway being completely blocked. Numerous wreckers and State Police were also on scene.

Incident #	2016-0874	Time of Alarm	1015
Date of Incident:	March 4, 2016	Time "Under Control"	1115
Incident Address:	I-93 (SB) Mile 9.3	Recall of Alarm	1210

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Date: **03/04/2016**

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