



NEWS RELEASE

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On January 9, 2014 at 7:54 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety Fire and Police personnel responded to the westbound lanes of I-94, between S. Westnedge Avenue and Oakland Drive, for a multiple-car, personal-injury accident.

Police officers on scene determined that a single pickup truck lost control and struck the center median barrier. Two other vehicles lost control trying to avoid the pickup truck and sideswiped each other. A semi tractor trailer stopped as a result of the accidents occurring in front and was subsequently struck from behind by a passenger car. A final second pickup truck attempted to avoid the other collisions and ultimately lost control, drove off into the ditch on the north side of the highway, and rolled over.

A total of six vehicles lost control and ended up off the roadway or involved in a collision with other vehicles. Three individuals were transported to area hospitals for minor injuries. High traffic speeds, tailgating, and icy road conditions were the major contributing factors in the accidents.

The Portage Department of Public Safety wants to remind motorists to slow down and leave plenty of room between themselves and the vehicles in front of them during times of inclement weather and poor road conditions.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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