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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Tire strikes vehicle, causing collision, injuries

Chehalis -- Lewis County Fire District 6 responded to the report of a one vehicle collision with possible injuries on northbound Interstate 5 at milepost 75 yesterday evening at approximately 4:36pm.

On arrival, crews found one vehicle about 150 feet off the roadway, resting in a swampy marsh with about 12 inches of standing water in the marsh. Crews from Lewis County Fire District 5, Chehalis Fire Department, and American Medical Response were also on scene to assist.

Bystanders reported a tire came off a vehicle travelling southbound on Interstate 5, crossing the median jersey barrier, and struck the passenger car that was travelling northbound. Two patients were located at the scene. The first with major injuries, was transported to the Chehalis Centralia Airport and airlifted by AirLift Northwest to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle in critical condition. The second patient sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Providence Centralia Hospital in Centralia.

The incident is being investigated by the Washington State Patrol. Further inquiries on the incident should be directed to WSP.

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Attachments:

MP75 - Picture shows damage to the vehicle struck by the tire.

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