

## **NEWS RELEASE** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 20, 2023

## Interstate 29 Closure South of Grand Forks Due to Multiple Crashes

**NARRATIVE:** Starting at approximately 9:48 AM CST on February 20<sup>th</sup>, due to limited visibility related to blowing snow, multiple crashes occurred on northbound Interstate 29 south of Grand Forks, near mile marker 130. Due to commercial motor vehicles blocking the interstate, northbound Interstate 29 was closed from the Thompson exit (Exit 130) to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South exit in Grand Forks (Exit 138) while crews worked to remove the vehicles. The crashes involved three commercial motor vehicles and five passenger cars, one of which rolled over.

A short while later, multiple crashes occurred on the southbound side of the interstate near mile marker 130. Due to commercial motor vehicles blocking the interstate, southbound Interstate 29 was closed from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave South exit in Grand Forks (Exit 138) to the Thompson exit (Exit 130) while crews worked to remove the vehicles. The crashes involved eight commercial motor vehicles, four passenger cars, and a Thompson Fire & Rescue vehicle.

At 11:54 AM CST, northbound Interstate 29 was reopened. Due to the sheer number of commercial motor vehicles requiring removal, southbound Interstate 29 remains closed at this time, with an estimated reopening time of 6:30 PM CST.

Due to deteriorating weather conditions to include blowing snow reducing visibility, a no travel advisory is currently in place for Interstate 29 from the Canadian Border to south of Fargo.

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