



# **SOUTH PARK AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

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## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**FROM:** Paul Mattson, District Chief  
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**RE:** Ambulance Struck On Scene

On Sunday, January 3, 2010 at approximately 12:35 pm an ambulance from South Park Ambulance District was struck by a vehicle while on the scene of a previous accident. The incident occurred on US 285 at mile marker 175 in Park County. The ambulance was parked, facing southbound, on the northbound shoulder with warning lights on. Additionally, an EMS command unit, a CSP unit, and a blocking fire engine from Northwest Fire and a Park County deputy unit were on scene. Northbound traffic was stopped. Highway was icy in spots, sunny, with the scene visible to oncoming traffic for approximately one mile from the north and south.

A patient from the first accident had been loaded into the ambulance and the ambulance was preparing to transport when a SUV travelling at highway speed (65 mph) in the southbound lane began an uncontrolled slide, crossing into the northbound lane and striking the rear of the ambulance. The patient was secured to the cot and received no additional injuries but the two paramedics and a patient family member in the module were unrestrained. All three were injured as well as the two occupants of the SUV.

Two additional South Park ambulances and a mutual aid ambulance from Summit County responded to the scene. Additional units from Northwest Fire, Hartsel Fire, and Park County Sheriff responded to the scene. One paramedic was flown to St. Anthony Central Hospital by Flight for Life. All other patients were transported to St. Anthony Summit Medical Center in Frisco. As of this date, there does not appear to be any life-threatening injuries. The driver of the SUV was ticketed by CSP.