



MONROE FIRE DISTRICT #3

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Motor Vehicle Collision Injures Seven, Traps Two

Monroe, WA—On Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 8:03 pm, Monroe Fire District #3 firefighters and paramedics were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on 161st Ave SE. Within minutes, crews arrived on scene where they found two heavily damaged vehicles, one still on its top with two victims still trapped inside. The second vehicle held five passengers, most with reported minor injuries. In total, seven people were hurt in this crash, four of which were children.

Monroe firefighters used hydraulic cutting tools, similar to the Jaws of Life, to quickly extricate the two injured patients from the upside down car, transporting them to area hospitals. The current condition of all patients is unknown at this time. Law enforcement is investigating speed as a possible factor in the collision but it is still under investigation.

Monroe Fire District #3 reminds everyone that motor vehicle safety should be taken very seriously. Automobiles weigh thousands of pounds and can easily injure or kill other unsuspecting motorists, pedestrians, or passengers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 41,059 people were killed in the U.S. in 2007 due to motor vehicle traffic crashes. Please take great care when operating a vehicle, exercise good judgment, **always wear your seatbelt**, and **don't speed** as you may suddenly find yourself out of control. Be safe.

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Please see attached photos