



Tulalip Police Department

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Yesterday, there was a serious motor vehicle collision that closed Marine Drive from approximately 4pm to 10:30pm. This incident is still under investigation and the information is subject to change. This is a summary of the facts known at this time.

On Monday, July 8, 2019, at approximately 3:51pm, a Tulalip Police Department officer initiated a traffic stop at 33rd Avenue in the parking lot of the South Tulalip Chevron. The vehicle, a white SUV, fled westbound on Marine Drive. For public safety the officer terminated pursuit near 31st Avenue. Shortly thereafter, at 3:53, a Tulalip Fish and Wildlife officer travelling eastbound on Marine Drive reported a roll-over accident at the Sturgeon Creek Bridge. Moments later the officer who attempted to initiate the traffic stop arrived on scene, and identified one of the vehicles as the SUV that had fled. Officers secured the driver and administered first aid to all involved. Witnesses reported that another vehicle was struck in the 2700 block of Marine Drive just prior to the collision.

The Snohomish County Collision Investigations Unit arrived and investigated the three-vehicle collision. The driver of the white SUV was arrested on reckless endangerment and vehicular assault charges.

Thanks to the quick thinking of first responders, including Tulalip Officers and Marysville Fire Department staff, there were no fatalities yesterday. Two Tulalip citizens were seriously injured as a result of this collision, they are in stable, but critical condition. A third Tulalip woman was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Our hearts go out to the injured victims and families impacted by this tragic event.

This is an ongoing investigation. If you have any additional information, or witnessed the collision, please contact David Sallee Dsallee@tulaliptribalpolice.org, or Garrett Churchill Gchurchill@tribalpolice.org, or by calling 360-716-4608.



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