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Press Release

Icy Conditions on Maple Ridge Road Leads to 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents in 17 Minutes

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Icy conditions caused by snow and high winds caused Maple Ridge Road to become treacherous for driving Tuesday evening and the host to 3 separate motor vehicle accidents.

The Medina Ambulance and Shelby Fire Company were dispatched for a reported 3 car motor vehicle collision on Maple Ridge Road just west of Salt Works Road at 5:31pm. Arriving fire and EMS units did confirm a 3 car accident and shut Maple Ridge Road down from Salt Works Road to Hoffman Road for the safety of emergency personnel operating in the roadway. One patient was transported by Medina Ambulance for evaluation at Medina Memorial Hospital and all other patients refused treatment and transportation.

Meanwhile, at 5:33pm the Medina Fire Department and Medina Ambulance were dispatched for a reported 2 car motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Gwinn Street and Maple Ridge Road. Crews evaluated the occupants of the vehicles and all refused treatment and transport to the hospital.

While firefighters from Shelby Fire Company were enroute to close Maple Ridge Road at Hoffman Road, a one car motor vehicle accident occurred at 5:48pm. A vehicle traveling east bound on Maple Ridge Road crossed over the lanes of traffic and rolled into a field. The sole occupant of the vehicle was able to self-extricate and denied injury. He also refused treatment and transportation to the hospital.

The Medina Fire Department reminds drivers to use extra caution when driving in winter weather. Remember to leave for your destination early to allow extra time for slower travel. Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you. Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake. Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists and keep your lights and windshield clean to help increase your ability to see the road. Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads. Lastly, be sure to carry a vehicle safety and survival kit in your car in case you become stranded.

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