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Re: Flight from Police/ Multi-Vehicle Crash Near Mt. Currie BC

At approximately 4:30 PM, Monday, March 20, 2023, a member of the Stl'atlimx Tribal Police Service, out on patrol on Highway 99 near Mount Currie, encountered a vehicle he believed required to be stopped. While attempting to pull the driver over, the vehicle sped away from the officer and headed southbound from the Mount Currie area toward the town of Pemberton.

A short time later, the fleeing vehicle was involved in a collision with two other vehicles and the police vehicle at the Lillooet River bridge near Pemberton. The driver of the fleeing vehicle attempted to flee the accident scene on foot and was apprehended by police. He was later taken to Lions Gate Hospital by EHS, where he was treated for non-serious injuries. Occupants of the other vehicle involved in this crash were treated at the scene, with one taken to the local hospital in Pemberton. All parties were released later in the evening.

"This was a series of events that resulted in collisions where people were fortunate not to be very seriously hurt," said, Sergeant Mike Leo of the STPS.

At the request of the STPS, the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service attended the scene in order to conduct an investigation into the crash itself. Alcohol and speed are deemed to be contributed factors. The investigation is ongoing and no further details will be released at this time.

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Released by:

Chief Officer Deborah Doss-Cody
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Note regarding the STPS:

The Stl'at'imx (pronounced – Shtat leeum) Tribal Police Service is British Columbia's only Independent Municipal Police Service. The STPS serves 10 of 11 communities within the Stl'at'imx Nation, including the community of Mount Currie.