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I-5 Accident Injures First Responders: Please be Mindful When Encountering an Accident Scene

At approximately 10:45pm on July 4th, while emergency crews were working, a car travelling down I-5 drove into the accident scene and struck two first responders; a Mercy Flights paramedic and an Ashland Firefighter. The incident was escalated and additional EMS support responded to assist with injuries.

The initial response included Mercy Flights, Jackson County Fire District 5, Medford Fire-Rescue, Oregon State Police, and Oregon Department of Transportation. Support was also brought in from Phoenix Police to close the interstate completely after the second collision.

“Our first responders wear reflective vests so they are highly visible. Every citizen plays a role in keeping first responders safe while they’re performing their duties. I’d like to remind citizens to slow down nearing the scene of an accident and paying attention to what is in front of you,” said Sheila Clough, CEO, Mercy Flights. “Today, we are happy to report that first responders have been treated and are currently recovering. We would like to thank our community, our partners and all emergency responders who assisted in last night’s incident” added Clough.

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