



NEWS RELEASE

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE SCHOOL BUS CRASH

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 2, 2022

ISABELLA COUNTY, MI. Troopers from the MSP Mount Pleasant Post responded at approx. 4:32 PM this afternoon to a school bus roll over crash on northbound US-127 near Fremont Road. Initial report and witness statements revealed that the school bus went off the roadway to the left, re-entered the roadway and continued off the roadway to the right causing the bus to overturn. 24 students and 3 adults, including the driver, from the Ithaca School system were on board.

A sergeant from the Mount Pleasant Post was half a mile from the crash when it occurred, responded immediately to the scene, and began rendering aid to the occupants. Numerous agencies arrived to assist and are listed at the end of this release.

18 students were transported by bus to the Shepherd High School where a parent reunification center had been established. A trauma team from a local hospital, fire-rescue personnel, and a liaison from Ithaca Schools attended to the students until they were reunited with family.

The driver and an adult chaperone are receiving treatment at the local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. One student is at another area hospital being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Eight students were transported to yet another region hospital with seven being treated for minor injuries and one for an apparent broken arm. Five of the six students transported to a Mount Pleasant hospital were released after treatment for minor injuries and one is being held for non-life-threatening injuries and observation.

The parent reunification methodology utilized today was from years of partnerships and training conducted by the post with local agencies, emergency managers, MSP EMHSD District Lieutenant, and local schools as part of ASHER response Incident Action Plan's.

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These agencies assisted at the scene:

Michigan State Police Mount Pleasant Post

Michigan State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division

Michigan State Police Sixth District PIO

Isabella County Emergency Management

Gratiot County Emergency Management

Isabella County Sheriff's Department

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Michigan Department of Transportation

Mobile Medical Response

Isabella County Prosecutor's Office

Shepherd fire/rescue

Shepherd Police Department

St. Louis fire/rescue

Gratiot County Central Dispatch

Isabella County Central Dispatch

Lifenet

Shepherd Public Schools

Mt Pleasant Public Schools

Isabella/Gratiot RESD

Shepherd front end

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Mt Pleasant Fire

Mid-Michigan Hospital

McClaren Hospital

Carson City Hospital

Midland Hospital

Alma Hospital

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