

INCIDENT 010947; 1st Street West at I-40; Motor Vehicle Collision

January 20, 2012; 1245 hours

Conover Fire Department was dispatched to a reported MVC at 1st Street West and Interstate 40, MVC was reported as a vehicle had struck a tree head-on. Arrival of first fire department personnel reported a single vehicle collision, vehicle into a tree, one patient and confirmed entrapment. CFD Engine 2 arrived on scene; fire department personnel began vehicle stabilization, gained access and stabilized the patient prior to extrication being started. Conover Fire Department was assisted by fire personnel from Sherrill's Ford Fire-Rescue and Long View Fire Department, along with Newton-Conover Rescue Squad. Personnel used the department's Amkus Rescue Tools to extricate and gain access into the patient compartment of the vehicle by removing the passenger side doors of the vehicle. Once access was made, Catawba County EMS began treatment and triage of the driver of the vehicle, who was the only occupant, and transported the patient to the medical facility. Fire Department personnel and apparatus remained on scene for vehicle removal and traffic control while Conover Police Department officers investigated the crash. Traffic exiting Interstate 40 Eastbound and entering Interstate 40 Eastbound at 1st Street West was detoured for a short time during extrication. Conover Fire Department was assignment complete, all personnel and apparatus returned to quarters.

Agencies on scene: Conover Fire Department, Newton-Conover Rescue Squad, Conover Police Department, Catawba County EMS, member from Sherrill's Ford Fire-Rescue and member from Long View Fire Department

FD Equipment: Engine 2, Engine 3, Chief 150

FD Personnel: 10 on scene

