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DATE: 04/13/2013 NATURE OF INCIDENT: Police Identify Victims in Fatal Crash CASE NO.: 13069381 INCIDENT DATE :04/12/2013 INCIDENT TIME: 2:38 PM INCIDENT LOCATION: Jean Duluth Road & Carroll Street SUBJECT: Police Identify Victims in Fatal Crash BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

On Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:38 PM Duluth Police responded to a traffic accident with injuries at Jean Duluth Road and Carroll Street.

Initial investigation revealed that a 2002 Chevy Trailblazer (SUV) traveling southbound on Jean Duluth Road spun sideways and into an oncoming northbound 1996 International tow truck. A 39 year old driver of the SUV was killed. An adult male passenger of the SUV was killed. A 45 year old male driver of the tow truck was taken to Essentia St. Mary's hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Names of the deceased will be released pending full family notifications.

Jean Duluth Road is currently blocked off at Martin Road on the north side and Everett Street on the south side as Duluth Police continue to investigate the accident. People that live on Claymore Street & Pleasant view Avenue may access their addresses from above. The Duluth Police Department is asking the public to remain away from this area until the roadways is re-opened.

Since Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 the Duluth Police Department has responded to over forty accidents, two resulting in injuries and one resulting in a double fatality. We strongly urge drivers to continue to USE CAUTION as some roadways still have snow/slush covered slippery area's which are making driving conditions dangerous.

## **UPDATE:**

Duluth Police have identified the two victims who died in Friday's fatal crash as follows:

- The driver of SUV Susan Jean Schmitt, a 39 year old female resident of Two Harbors, MN.
- The passenger in the SUV Jeremy Michael Bohlin, a 36 year old male resident of Duluth, MN.

The driver of the tow truck was Daniel John Rabold, a 45 year old male resident of Duluth who has been treated and released from the Essentia St. Mary's Hospital.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact Duluth Police Department Crash Investigator Ryan Morris at (218) 730-5655. This is an active investigation. No further information is available at this time.