



Town of Clarkdale

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Vehicle Injury Collision

Clarkdale, Arizona

Late in the afternoon on Sunday January 1, 2012, personnel from the Clarkdale Police Department and Clarkdale Fire District responded to the report of a single vehicle collision in the roundabout at Centerville and Highway 89A. They were assisted by additional units from the Jerome and Cottonwood Police Departments, as well as the Cottonwood Fire Department and Verde Valley Ambulance.

The driver of a motorcycle lost control while entering the roundabout. He told investigators that he entered the curve too fast and when he tried to slow down, his tire slipped in the gravel on the side of the traffic lane. The motorcycle then jumped the median and it struck the YIELD sign. As a result both the driver and his rider were thrown from the motorcycle.

The driver was alert and conscious when the responding Clarkdale officer arrived on scene; the passenger was not, nor was the officer able to find a pulse. As a result the officer and an unidentified passerby began initial treatment by performing continuous chest compressions on the passenger until EMS crews arrived on scene.

Both patients were transported to VVMC and the passenger was flown by helicopter to the trauma center in Flagstaff.

The collision is still under investigation.

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