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School Crossing Guard Struck by Vehicle

(KNZA)--A school crossing guard was injured Thursday morning in Sabetha after he was struck by a vehicle.

Police Chief Robert Wahwasuck told MSC News a 2008 Chrysler Town and Country minivan driven by 32-year-old Kelly Hildebrand, of Sabetha struck the volunteer crossing guard, 64-year-old Sabetha resident Patrick Rodecap, at 1st and Oregon shortly after 7:30.

Rodecap was taken by ambulance to the Sabetha Community Hospital complaining of both head and shoulder pain. Wahwasuck says Rodecap told him at the hospital "he was just happy that it was him and not a kid."

He says Hildebrand, whose vehicle received only minor damage, was issued several citations.

Wahwasuck says it's believed he was driving around 15 miles an hour at the time of the accident. He said it's believed the sun and a dusty windshield played a role in the accident.

Wahwasuck says Hildebrand, who was shook up emotionally, was escorted from the scene by a friend.

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