

Atchison County crash claims one life

(KAIR)--One person is dead following a late Wednesday morning single vehicle Atchison County crash.

Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper Don Hughes tells MSC News the wreck happened on U.S. Highway 59, southwest of the Atchison city limits.

A report from the Kansas Highway Patrol identifies the victim as 57-year-old Michael Bruce, of Atchison. He was a passenger in the 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera.

Three others also traveling in the vehicle suffered injuries, and were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

The Patrol's report says the driver, 53-year-old Tracie Turpin, of Atchison, and 31-year-old passenger, Brandon Mottin, of Lancaster, were both transported to Mosaic Life Care, in Saint Joseph, Missouri, with disabling injuries.

Another passenger, 49-year-old Martin Winfield, of Columbus, Kansas, was transported to the Atchison Hospital with disabling injuries.

According to the Patrol's report, only Turpin was buckled up at the time of the 10:00 wreck.

The report says the wreck happened two miles outside of the Atchison city limits, when Turpin failed to negotiate a curve, sending the northbound car across the roadway, into the west ditch and down an embankment where it struck a tree.

Numerous area agencies assisted at the scene of the fatal crash, including the Atchison County Sheriff's Office, the Atchison Fire Department, and Atchison County EMS.

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