

## Layer of Sleet Leads to Rash of Wrecks

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Listening to emergency dispatch during the day Thursday, it was easy to tell where the rain turned to a layer of sleet, then snow as hit the area mid-morning, causing schools to dismiss early and causing a rash of wrecks across the area—some with injuries. The most serious injuries were reported in a King Street wreck just west of the Boone Town limits, with at least one person entrapped, several transported by Watauga Medics to Watauga Medical Center. As traffic was being diverted over Poplar Grove Road and the Poplar Grove Connector, one vehicle skidded off of the road, over the embankment, and caught fire. No injuries came from that, and Boone Fire quickly put out the fire. Other injury accidents include a rollover wreck just inside Ashe County off US 221 on Brownwood Road—slight injury reported there—one in Foscoe on NC 105 in the early afternoon, two wrecks on US 321 in Sugar Grove just before and just after 5:30, Troy Norris Road just before 6pm, but most of the rash of wrecks did not involve injury.