

Two Hurt, One Pinned In Foscoe Crash

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Two young men were injured—one pinned in over 45 minutes—in a single car crash on NC 105 in the Grandfather community of Watauga County. The crash occurred at about 8pm near Vineyard Lane with the small blue Chevy Metro crossing the center line traveling south, running off of the left side of the road, where it slammed into a large tree well off of the road. The impact crushed the roof in on the passenger in the car, and Watauga Rescue had to respond to cut the roof off of the car with their Hurst Power tool to reach him, then work to free his legs, pinned in the wreckage. He was reportedly conscious on the scene in spite of a head injury, while Watauga Medics rushed the driver to Watauga Medical Center, suffering less serious injuries. Passenger Thomas Joshua Cole of River Road Banner Elk, was finally freed, the 20-year old eventually flown to the Johnson City Medical Center by WINGS Air Rescue, according to trooper Alexander, that after initial calls for a chopper were put off due to area storms and fog. Alexander said the driver of the '98 Chevy Metro was 21-year old William Clinton Railing, listing a Banner Elk address, who told the trooper he thought a CV joint came out in the suspension, causing him to lose control. Alexander charged Railing with Left of Center in the crash.