

Dozens of Wrecks in Snowstorm

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It would be accurate to say that it was a hellish dusk and evening for emergency services across the High Country, as the snowstorm intensified as darkness fell. (Photos by Blowing Rock Fire/Rescue)

Among the literally dozens of accidents—a number of them with injuries—that occurred in the storm, Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue responded a wreck that involve a vehicle that slid about 75 feet down an embankment off Shulls Mill Road near Old Turnpike Road. Blowing Rock Fire/Rescue said the vehicle rolled several times before coming to rest against a tree. Firefighters said a female occupant in the vehicle was entrapped because her arm had come out of the window during the roll and was pinned under the vehicle. Firefighters had to stabilize the vehicle then use air bags to lift it off the arm to free the girl. Fortunately, the teenage girl did not sustain life-threatening injuries and was transported to Watauga Medical Center for treatment, and none of the other occupants were hurt.

