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Media Release

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department's Traffic Unit has completed an initial investigation of the vehicle crash which occurred May 11, 2011 at approximately 7:30pm at the intersection of Prairie Ave. and McGuire Rd., near Post Falls, Idaho.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 1999 Dodge truck operated by Scott J. Szoke age 48 of Green Acres was travelling S/B on McGuire Rd. approaching Prairie Ave. June Kuenzel age 74 of Hayden, was travelling E/B on Prairie Ave. at McGuire Rd. in her 2003 Ford Taurus car.

The intersection has a posted stop sign for east and westbound Prairie Ave. McGuire Ave. is a through traffic road with no stop sign.

Initial investigation and witness accounts, showed Kuenzel had stopped at the posted stop sign and then began to enter the intersection, but did not yield the right of way to Szoke as he was entering the intersection. The vehicles collided in the intersection.

Kuenzel was transported by ambulance to Kootenai Medical Center with severe, but non-life threatening injuries.

It appears that alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Sheriff Rocky Watson

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Patrol Traffic Sergeant
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