

On June 29, 2011 at about 6:30 PM, deputies from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department along with Northern Lakes Fire personnel responded to the intersection of Ramsey Road and Diagonal Rd, north of Rathdrum, ID for a two-vehicle injury collision.

Initial investigation indicates that a white Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by Brad Lachey 24 years old from Twin Lakes, ID, was traveling eastbound on Diagonal Rd and failed to stop for the posted stop sign at Ramsey Rd, colliding with a southbound silver Dodge pickup truck, driven by Chad Patterson 33 years old from Priest River, ID.

Witnesses had reported the white pickup truck as being an erratic driver prior to the collision.

Both drivers were transported by ambulance to Kootenai Medical Center. Patterson was treated and released; Lachey was admitted with serious injuries.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the collision. The investigation is ongoing and more information will be made available upon request.