



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



SHERIFF, **BEN WOLFINGER**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**March 6, 2014**

On March 6, 2014 at just after 3:00 AM, deputies with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene of an injury accident on Rimrock Road at York Court, near the City of Hayden Lake.

Once on scene, deputies found two vehicles had driven into a large washout on Rimrock Road. Preliminary investigation found that a culvert under Rimrock Rd had failed due to heavy runoff and as the roadway began to deteriorate, the main water line above it broke, washing out the entire width of the road, creating an approximate gap about 10 feet across and about 8 feet deep.

After the roadway had washed out, a southbound Toyota Camry, being driven by Clifton C. McMahon, 24 of Hayden drove into the hole. Also, a northbound Toyota Sienna van, driven by Melissa M. Ehrmantraut, 31 of Post Falls drove into the hole. The two drivers and a passenger of Ehrmantraut's, Anthony J. Moreno, 47 of Coeur d'Alene were transported to Kootenai Health for non-life threatening injuries.

Rimrock Road will be closed between Lakeview Dr and Lancaster as crews repair the roadway. Also, about 150 residents in the area are currently without water. As the repairs are made, other utilities such as gas and telephone may also be affected.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff  
By: Lieutenant Stu Miller