

## FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

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### **Accident Shuts Down Busy Road**

Unincorporated Lee County, FL – The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (FMBFCD), responded to a vehicle accident shortly after 12:15pm this afternoon. FMBFCD received 911 reports of a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Pine Ridge Road and Stevens Boulevard in unincorporated Lee County. Callers advised emergency operators that one person was ejected from their vehicle and another possibly entrapped in their vehicle. FMBFCD's Engines # 31 and 33 along with Battalion Chief # 31 responded to the accident. Lee County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) also sent two ambulance units to the scene.

Upon arrival emergency workers found two vehicles that were heavily damaged, a red compact vehicle and a black light pickup truck. Emergency workers found that one patient had fallen out of his vehicle following the accident. Firefighters and paramedics quickly assessed and stabilized the two patients that were involved in the accident. The male patient, the driver of the pickup was transported under a Trauma Alert to Lee Memorial Hospital, the female patient, the driver of the red vehicle was transported in stable condition to Gulf Coast Hospital.

Pine Ridge Road was reopened after being closed for about an hour following the accident. Firefighters ensured that there were no further hazards to bystanders by securing each vehicle. Firefighters remind the community that it is important to always buckle up whenever you get in a vehicle. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the Lee County Sheriff's Office Traffic Homicide Investigators.