

IIU investigating motor vehicle collision involving a police vehicle outside of Thompson

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating a motor vehicle collision that took place on June 1, outside the city of Thompson.

On June 1, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) notified the IIU of an incident that occurred around 3:45 a.m. that same day.

According to the notification, RCMP were transporting an adult male on Provincial Trunk Highway 280 and approximately 21 kilometres from the city of Thompson, the police vehicle entered the ditch. Emergency medical services responded, and the male was transported to hospital for treatment of what were believed to be minor injuries. At the hospital, fractures to the male's vertebrae were discovered and he was transported to Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg for surgery. The RCMP notified the IIU on June 3, to provide an update on the male's injuries.

Given the male suffered two broken vertebrae, this meets the definition of a serious injury as defined by regulation. The IIU is mandated to investigate.

Witnesses or other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation are asked to contact the IIU toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

The investigation is ongoing, and no further details will be provided at this time.

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