

Snow causes worst day of car accidents in years for Huntsville

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Dozens of car and truck accidents plagued Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley today as a snowstorm blanketed the area Wednesday night. By early this morning, numerous area roads remained closed, and a number of [car accidents](#) with injuries -- including one involving a Calhoun County sheriff's deputy -- shut down open roads in sections.

According to the Huntsville Times, the Calhoun County deputy was driving on U.S. 431 South in Huntsville when his patrol car slid off an icy bridge at about 9:00 a.m. this morning. The single-car accident occurred at approximately mile marker 23 near the Flint River. It was reported that the man was injured, but reporters did not yet have any information their type or severity.

Assuming the deputy was on duty and the car accident occurred during the course of his employment, the deputy should be eligible for workers' compensation.

Multiple truck accidents shut down I-585 in Huntsville overnight

The Huntsville Police Department had to close I-585 southbound overnight because a series of [truck wrecks](#) due to ice on the incline. An 18-wheeler jackknifed, and three other semis couldn't make it up the hill. Road crews treated the incline and HPD officers assisted the 18-wheelers before reopening the road just before 6:00 a.m.

Major Huntsville thoroughfares closed, but most gradually reopening

According to Lite 96.9 traffic reporter Nate Adams, the unusual snowstorm that socked the Tennessee Valley and most of the southeast had already caused numerous car accidents before rush hour even began this morning. As of 7:40 a.m., Adams reported a number of car wrecks and road closures:

- 19 vehicles off the road or involved in accidents on I-565 between Wall Triana and Jordan Lane
- 4 motor vehicle accidents on Highway 231/431 between Bob Wade Lane and Elkwood Section Road
- 3 more wrecks on Slaughter Road between Madison Boulevard and Old Madison Pike, one of which may have involved injuries and driver entrapment
- Numerous cars off the road and on the medians of Research Park Boulevard

Overpasses and other elevated portions of I-565, Memorial Parkway and Research Park Boulevard were closed, as were eastbound Chapman Mountain, Cecil Ashburn Drive and Carl T. Jones Drive. Most have now been salted and reopened.

Please drive safely.