

Icy roads and weather cause many major accidents on Highway 9



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Two vehicles were totalled after icy conditions made Highway 9 treacherous to drive on.

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Many tried to wrap up their Christmas shopping after having been cooped up in their homes because of bad roads and snowy conditions, drivers along Highway 9, especially heading north out of Lake Stevens, found themselves on compacted ice and snow.

Road conditions worsened for travelers on Christmas day.

Just after 5 p.m. that night State Patrol and fire units responded to a major motor vehicle collision on 132nd Street and Highway 9 in Arlington.

Two people were seriously injured along with four others that suffered minor injuries.

Several other accidents occurred on the Highway 9 corridor throughout the remainder of Christmas night.

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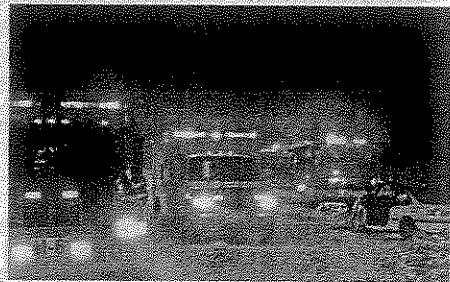


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Emergency vehicles respond to an automobile accident on Highway 9 on Christmas.

miles an hour down this road but it's just pure ice," Captain Welch of Lake Stevens Fire District said.

Road conditions have gotten increasingly better but ice and slush are still a problem in some areas of the Highway. Drivers should also be aware of flooding on the roads as they travel this New Year's Eve.

Fire and Aid Units from Lake Stevens, Getchell, Arlington and Marysville responded to this call.