

News Release

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Icy Bridge Blamed for Car into Building

Fire District 6 responded to a car into a building at 5:23 this morning. The car was traveling northbound on Highway 99 through Hazel Dell. The driver, an adult female, says the car slid on ice when crossing the Salmon Creek Bridge. The car crossed all lanes of traffic, traveled down a small embankment, and crashed into the Thunder Reef Dive Shop, 12104 NE Highway 99. The female driver was not injured and refused ambulance transport. There were no other occupants in the car. The business was closed and there were no people inside the building at the time of the incident. Damage to the building appeared to be limited to the exterior siding and the front entrance. Fire District 6 contacted the owners of the Dive Shop. They responded and firefighters were granted access into the building. Firefighters looked for structural damage but could not find any. The front entrance was deemed unsafe and inoperable until repaired. The car was towed. American Medical Response and the Clark County Sheriff's Office also responded with Fire District 6. "It's important for drivers to remember that even if roads are not icy, bridges and overpasses can be when temperatures are at freezing or below," said Dawn Johnson, Public Information Officer, "this is because bridges and overpasses are more exposed to the cold air."

Please see the attached pictures.

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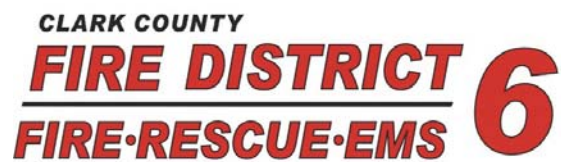
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