

TV Highway closes for helicopter rescue of car crash victim

by Cheryl McDermott

The Tualatin Valley Highway was closed Tuesday morning as a rescue helicopter evacuated a man seriously injured when he pulled out from a parking lot into the path of an oncoming SUV, authorities reported.

Tualatin Valley Highway was closed to allow a LifeFlight rescue helicopter to evacuate a man seriously injured in a car crash Tuesday - TVFR photo Firefighters worked for almost 1/2 hour to remove the vehicle's roof and extricate Aloha, Oregon resident Torin Shepard - TVFR photo Shortly before 10 a.m. on May 29, Washington County Sheriff's deputies responded to several 911 reports of a high impact crash in the 19200 block of SW Tualatin Valley (TV) Highway.

A 1992 Subaru Legacy driven by 41-year old Aloha, Oregon resident Torin Shepard pulled out of a parking lot and was crossing the westbound lanes of TV Highway to continue eastward when his vehicle was struck in the driver's side door by a 2002 Mercury Mountaineer.

Both vehicles crossed the east lanes of the highway and came to rest next to railroad tracks that parallel the highway, deputies reported.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVFR) personnel were called to the scene to extricate Shepard, who was trapped inside the vehicle. Firefighters worked for almost half an hour to remove the car's roof and remove the seriously injured man.

Deputies closed down TV Highway to allow a LifeFlight rescue helicopter to land, load the patient, and take off on their way to transport the victim to Emanuel Hospital.

The unidentified male driver of the Mountaineer was not injured. His passenger, believed to be a boy between the ages of three and five, was transported by Metro West ambulance to Providence St. Vincent Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Deputies cited Shepard for failing to stop prior to leaving a driveway.

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