



Technical Rope Rescue in City of SeaTac

Car goes off road and into a ravine.

City of SeaTac, Wash. – February 22, 2013 – At about 02:00 this morning City of SeaTac Fire Department emergency units were dispatched to a report of a vehicle off the road and in a ravine in the 15600 block of Des Moines Memorial Drive South. The first arriving emergency unit found a car with the injured driver still in the car approximately 100' down a ravine along the side of the roadway.

Due to the slope of the ravine a Zone 3 Technical Low Angle Rope Rescue response was initiated which provided trained technical rope rescue personnel from neighboring fire departments to assist. Technical Rescue personnel with equipment responded from City of SeaTac, Port of Seattle, Burien, Renton, Tukwila, Kent, Medic One and South King Fire and Rescue.

The first arriving SeaTac Fire Department unit made access to the vehicle and found the injured driver still in the vehicle. He was awake and able to talk and tell rescue personnel he was the only person in the car at the time of the crash. SeaTac rescue personnel extricated the driver from the vehicle, treated and stabilized the driver while a technical rope system was assembled to assist bringing the patient back up to the roadway. The driver was placed in a litter and hauled back up the hill to the road. The patient was transported to a local hospital for more definitive care of serious injuries.

City of SeaTac Police Department is investigating the cause of the single vehicle crash.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 27,110. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#). For more information contact Jeff Robinson, economic development manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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