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Traffic Circle Crash Sends Five to the Hospital

Around 5:45 p.m. Monday, February 15, 2016 Bluffton Police Officers responded to a collision affecting three vehicles near the Hwy 170 and Hwy 46 traffic circle.

After speaking with witnesses, Police determined the driver of a Toyota Avalon, traveling towards Bluffton, crossed into the opposite lane of traffic and struck a Ford Focus station wagon. The third vehicle, a Chevy Tahoe, was traveling behind the Ford Focus and was struck by several pieces of debris as a result of the crash.

Due to the amount of debris and the time it took for EMS and Fire to retrieve the victims from their cars, both directions of Hwy 46 were closed to traffic for several hours. All three drivers and the passengers in the Ford Focus were transported to the hospital. All lanes of Hwy 46 were opened by 8:30 p.m.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation. Bluffton Police Department's Collision Response Team is currently reconstructing the accident to determine the cause.