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Spring snow causes three-vehicle collision *Firefighters arrive within eight minutes*

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WILLIAMS - Firefighters from High Country Fire-Rescue extricated a critically injured driver from the wreckage of a three-car collision on Highway 64 at milepost 198. The accident occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. April 3 during a snowstorm. Firefighters were on scene within eight minutes and remained at the accident for one and one-half hours, according to a press release from High Country Fire-Rescue.

The collision involved three cars, two of which met head-on. This caused significant damage and resulted in a driver being pinned in the wreckage. Responding firefighters used hydraulic rescue tools (jaws of life) to extricate the victim within 30 minutes.

Initial reports indicated multiple patients and a heavy rescue situation. The first arriving firefighters determined that among the three cars, there were a total of seven passengers. Two passengers from the same vehicle were transported by Life Line Ambulance. The

remaining passengers did not require medical care, according to High Country Fire-Rescue.

High Country Fire-Rescue responded with nine firefighters, two fire engines and a rescue truck. Firefighters stabilized the vehicle and extricated the patient. The [Department of Public Safety](#), Life Line Ambulance and the [Arizona Department of Transportation](#) also responded.

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