



The driver of an Acura inspects front end and side damage to the car after crash on Hwy. 404 Thursday.

Second highway worker injured fixing potholes

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For the second time this week, a driver has crashed into a highway maintenance truck in York Region.

At about 12:45 p.m. Thursday, a Ministry of Transportation truck was in the southbound lanes of Hwy. 404 north of Bloomington Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville as workers were patching potholes when an Acura slammed into the back of it, according to Ontario Provincial Police Sgt. James Zikos.

Both vehicles took substantial damage in the crash, he added.

The truck's driver was hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries.

On Monday, at about 2 p.m., a truck operated by Ministry of Transportation subcontractor was on Hwy. 400 between King Road and Aurora Road as workers were fixing potholes when a southbound tractor trailer crashed into the truck, spraying debris across the highway, accord-

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Aurora OPP

ing to the OPP.

The woman driving the maintenance truck was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The tractor trailer's driver was shaken up but not hurt.

Northbound lanes of the highway were reopened by 5 p.m.

OPP Const. Dave Woodford said he understands people want the roads fixed but said motorists must take more care when driving around work crews.

"People are just not paying attention," he said. "How they can drive into the back of these things? I don't know."



A roads worker is loaded into an ambulance after the truck he was in was struck by a car on Hwy. 404 in western Whitchurch-Stouffville Thursday.

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Plow operator hurt driving into work

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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A Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville employee was sent to hospital after the pick-up truck he was driving and another vehicle were involved in a collision Tuesday evening.

The crash occurred around 5:30 p.m. on Hwy. 48 near Davis Drive during a snowstorm that worsened throughout the evening.

The employee is a snowplow operator who was on his way to work.

Both the employee and the other driver were transported to Southlake Regional Health Centre with non-life-threatening injuries.

An ambulance happened on the scene and York Region Police were called, police spokesperson Const. Marina Orlovski said.

The Ontario Provincial Police, who are responsible for this stretch of road, were also called and attended.

Investigations by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the OPP are continuing, town CAO Dave Cash said.

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