



# Prineville Police Department

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**Topic:**

## **Auto vs. Transit Bus Injures 4**

Prineville, Oregon

**Location: NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and NW Deer Street**

On 10/20/11 at 7:39 AM, a Cascades East Transit bus with at least four passengers was struck by a pick-up truck at the intersection of NW 2<sup>nd</sup> and NW Deer Streets in Prineville. Three passengers on the bus, as well as the driver of the bus, were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries. None of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

Preliminary investigation shows that the bus was northbound on Deer Street when the other vehicle either ran the stop sign for eastbound traffic on NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, or failed to yield right of way after leaving the stop sign and collided with the bus. The impact caused the bus to roll onto its side.

Police and members of the Crook County Fire and Rescue Department were able to extricate the passengers from the bus.

The investigation is still underway. Neither alcohol nor speed appeared to be factors. The initial investigation shows that the Cascades East Transit bus was being driven safely and lawfully.

Captain Michael Boyd