

The Perkins County Sheriff's Office, Grant Volunteer Fire Department and Perkins County Ambulance were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident with injuries Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 4:04 p.m.

Also providing assistance at the scene were the Chase County Sheriff's Office and Imperial Volunteer Fire Department.

The accident involved a 2007 Ford Edge driven by Julie A. Brophy, 55, of Imperial and a 2005 Peterbilt pulling a cargo tank filled with fertilizer driven by Michael S. Dobish, 52, of Ravenna.

The accident occurred just north of the Perkins/Chase County line near mile marker 54 on Highway 61 and initially brought traffic there to a standstill.

The 2007 Ford Edge driven by Brophy was traveling southbound when the vehicle spun out of control on snow packed and icy roads. Brophy's vehicle crossed the center line and side-swiped Dobish's northbound tractor-trailer before sliding off the roadway into the ditch.

Brophy, Dobish and a passenger in Dobish's vehicle were all wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. The airbag in Brophy's vehicle deployed upon impact. Brophy was trapped in her vehicle, but removed without the use of extrication equipment.

Brophy was transported by the Perkins County Ambulance to Perkins County Health Services with complaints of chest pain. Dobish and his passenger were uninjured and were not transported by medical personnel.

Brophy's vehicle was estimated to be a total loss while Dobish's tractor-trailer is estimated to have \$15,000 in damages. A second tractor-trailer had to be called to the scene to offload the fertilizer from Dobish's tractor-trailer before the wreckage could be removed from the scene. Both vehicles involved in the accident had to be towed from the scene.

Law enforcement and emergency services personnel were on the scene for five hours in weather conditions consisting of snow, strong winds and temperatures hovering at 20 degrees and below with wind chills in single digits at or below zero.