

South Boll Weevil Circle sees three accidents in four days

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A three-vehicle accident Friday morning was the third collision near Hillcrest Elementary School in less than a week.

According to Enterprise police Capt. Mike Lolley, a Mazda RX-8 pulled out of the school parking lot about 8 a.m. Friday, failed to yield the right of way and hit a Dodge Durango on the bypass. The Dodge spun out, slamming into a third motorist, who was preparing to turn his Chrysler Town and Country into the school driveway. Lolley said one person was transported to Medical Center Enterprise with minor injuries.



A two-vehicle accident on the south end of Boll Weevil Circle last Wednesday, which left three people with minor injuries, also tied up traffic just as Hillcrest Elementary School was letting out. The collision was one of three in the same area in only four days.

That accident followed one Tuesday in which an 18-wheeler collided with an Oldsmobile a few yards from the school. Another two-vehicle crash on Wednesday left a Jeep Grand Cherokee on fire across the road from Badcock Home Furnishings and three people were sent to the hospital with minor injuries.

Lolley said the string of wrecks does not likely signify a new trend, and at least one may be weather-related.

“The rain on Friday probably had something to do with that accident,” said Lolley. Vehicle accidents tend to occur more frequently at Boll Weevil Circle intersections west of the school, Lolley said.

“There have been several at Bellwood Road and Highway 27 south,” he said. “And we’ve had a few at Plaza Drive.”

According to the University of Alabama’s College of Engineering CARE Research & Development Laboratory (CRDL), the typical Alabama traffic collision occurs between two vehicles when one of the drivers fails to yield the right of way.

CRDL's 2007 statistics show accidents in incorporated areas in Coffee County rose nine percent from 2006 to 2007, but decreased in rural areas. Data shows nearly 69 percent of collisions happen on clear days, and the primary cause where a truck was involved was an unseen object, person, or vehicle.