

Multiple people in hospital, one dead after car accident

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1-40 westbound is closed from mile marker 20 to mile marker 19 after an accident occurred around 8:30 am this morning.

Gallup Police Capt. Erin Toadlena-Pablo said two vehicles collided, although she didn't know what type of vehicles they were.

A total of 11 people were involved in the accident. Three occupants had to be extricated from the vehicles. Five occupants were transported to the hospital and one occupant was announced dead at the scene.

McKinley County Undersheriff James Maiorano III said Exit 22 and 26 are still open for detours, and people can get back on I-40 at the 16 mile marker. Traffic is reportedly slow at mile marker 25 though, so Maiorano said it would be better to use the mile marker 26 exit.