
Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by dinko1x - 2008/07/17 10:10

This thread discusses the Content article: Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

I saw this - wow the car was totaled. It happened 10-15 mins before I came into the area. Cops, Firetrucks, Ambulances - everywhere. :(

Here's some pics at KSL

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=3785638>

I am sad for the driver of the car and I hope they go after the aggressive driver of the other vehicle.

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Re:Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by Jaye - 2008/07/17 10:18

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Here is the story from Deseret News.

OREM — Police believe reckless driving might have been a factor in an early morning crash that killed a woman in Utah County.

Around 7:15 a.m., a woman was traveling north on I-15 near Payson when witnesses said a weaving, reckless semitrailer truck driver forced her into the median, said Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Cameron Roden.

The woman, in a passenger car, went down into the median and up onto the other side of the freeway where her car collided with the back trailer of a southbound semi pulling two trailers, Roden said. She was killed on impact.

The trailer became disconnected and also went off into the median, requiring the closing of all southbound lanes and one northbound lane.

Roden said crews hope to have the roads open by about 10:30 a.m..

Police stopped the truck driver and are investigating whether or not his driving was reckless, Roden said.

The woman's name and age have not yet been released.

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No Worries :)

Re:Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by sonic - 2008/07/17 14:21

I live in Santaquin and drove by the wreck around 7:50 am. I've never seen a car that thrashed. It looked like what was once a P.T. Cruiser. Wow, life can change in a flash.

My heart goes out to the family of the Lady that was killed.

Re:Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by Marylb - 2008/07/17 14:53

Heartbreaking story. She had no chance if this is accurate.

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Posted by Jaye - 2008/07/17 15:05

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I'll tell you something Jaye. Some time ago I talked to you here about that situation with your dad and it got to me. I admired your strength and perspective. I don't know how I would deal with it to be honest with you. It is such a sad, sad thing and I know when you hear stories like this it has to bring feeling back instantly. There is no excuse for actions that take an innocent life like this or what happened to your dad. I admire you for your strength and just thought you should know that. Hang in there.

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Re:Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by Jaye - 2008/07/17 16:09

Thanks Marylb. To be honest, it affected the way I felt for quite a long time when it came to being hemmed in by semi trucks on the freeway.

And it affected my wife even worse. For a few months, she only drove in the right hand lane on the freeway, and if she had a semi on her tail, she took the next offramp and pulled into some parking lot or another.

One time only a couple of weeks after dad died, she had such a close call with a semi that she sat in a parking lot, white-knuckling the steering wheel and shook for about a half an hour before she could calm down.

Our youngest son was just getting ready to take Drivers Education when it happened. It put him off learning for a few years. He was scared of semi trucks, and he just didn't want the responsibility. He did take a Sears driving course a few years down the road, and he's been driving ever since with no problems.

Now I have driven semi trucks, and dump trucks and big equipment haulers. And I know that sometimes those little cars cut in front of you and hit their brakes.

I also have a grasp of physics, and I understand that a big rig can't stop on a dime. So I always drove accordingly.

Even so...there were times where other drivers did such stupid things, I still almost clobbered them.

Thank you for your kind and supportive words. They mean a lot to me.

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Re:Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by dinko1x - 2008/07/18 08:27

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Thanks for the update, I read it fully this time;) Unbelievable :ohmy:

My condolences go out to the family as well. :(

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Posted by The Keeper - 2008/07/18 09:13

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Posted by lthappendtometoo - 2008/07/18 10:29

Years ago I happened to be on the passenger side of a semi in heavy traffic. I could not go forward or slow down to get behind him because I was hemmed in. I watched helplessly as he pulled into my lane and into my car. I was lucky. I was able to slow (luckily didn't slam on the brakes) down and pull off the highway. He only made a large dent in my rear fender. When the cops arrived he told them that I HAD PULLED INTO HIM! "Yeah, right," I told the cop..."like I couldn't see HIM"! The cop agreed with me but since no witness stopped and told the truth, the cop decided that no tickets would be issued. I had to pay to get my car fixed. Also - after he hit me, his traveling companion sat up! If she had been awake, he wouldn't have hit me. The PT Crusier was a larger car than mine was but the fact of my accident was that the large flat nose of his truck obstructed his vision and he did NOT see me AND he was going too fast! I NEVER travel on the right side of a semi truck again! I stay behind and pass them on the driver's side as quickly as possible. These trucks are deadly weapons and drivers need more training, alertness, companions that are awake! and drugged drivers are everywhere. A lot of them also take speed to keep awake. My brother worked at a State Inspection station for years and said they scared the H--- out of him. What is the answer?

Re:Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by sasha.welling - 2008/07/18 16:04

Wow what an awful story. My condolences go out to the family.

lthappendtometoo -- thanks for your post. What a scary experience. I never really thought about not driving on the right side of a semi.. but it totally makes sense. Thank you for sharing your comments and insight.

Sasha
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Because she didn't drift into the semi. According to witnesses to the accident, the semi was driving recklessly, and pulled into her lane, forcing her off the road, into the median, where she crossed the median and smashed into the trailer of another semi traveling in the opposite direction.

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Re:Wreck kills one on I-15 in Payson

Posted by Jaye - 2008/07/19 19:39

Sasha...I am wondering...is that a bit of shameless plugging you've done there?

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