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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **North Barrington Head-On Traffic Crash with Critical Injuries**

On December 18, 2019 at approximately 12:45PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a traffic crash with injuries on Route 12 in the area of Timberlake Road, North Barrington. Sheriff's Deputies arrived and located an SUV and semi-truck both with heavy damage.

Preliminary investigation shows a 2003 Mercedes-Benz SUV, driven by a 44-year-old male of Palatine, was traveling northbound on Route 12 in the area of Timberlake Road. For an unknown reason the driver of the Mercedes-Benz crossed the grassy median and drove into the southbound lanes of traffic, striking a southbound 1995 Freightliner Truck, pulling a trailer, driven by a 52-year-old male of Elgin. The impact caused the Mercedes-Benz to roll into the ditch on the west side of Route 12.

The driver of the Mercedes-Benz was flown via medical helicopter to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville with critical injuries.

Both lanes of Route 12 were closed until approximately 3:35PM, when the northbound lanes were reopened. The southbound lanes currently remain closed but are anticipated to reopen in the next 30 minutes.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Unit.

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