Deputies work firey crash in Oil City

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The Caddo Sheriff's Office worked a major crash today on Hwy. One in Oil City near the Caddo Sheriff's Office north substation.

The crash was reported at 3:27 p.m. At least one person is listed in critical condition.

Deputies say a 2004 Ford Ranger was traveling southbound on Hwy. One when its driver lost control and entered the opposing lane of traffic. The Ranger was hit broadside by Mary Forward of Oil City, who was driving a northbound Dodge Durango. The Ranger traveled off the roadway and landed in a ditch, where it caught fire. The driver of the Ranger, Doug Green of Vivian, was trapped in the burning truck. Fire District 7 responded and extinguished the fire. Green was taken by ambulance to LSUHSC where he is listed in critical condition . Forward was also taken to LSUHSC. Her condition is not yet known.

Deputies say there were strong winds and heavy rain at the time of the crash. The Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit is investigating whether the truck hydroplaned or if there was another cause for the crash.

Other weather notes:

Caddo Sheriff's day shift was held over and night shifts were called in early, providing double staffing for Caddo Parish.

All Search and Rescue personnel have been called in. South substation has been sandbagged in case of flooding. All roads are open but flooding is reported in numerous areas where HIGH WATER signs are being posted.

No property damage so far. More wrecks than usual. Advise citizens to stay off the roads until weather passes.