



# Woodstock Fire/Rescue District

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**Press Release:** Vehicle Strikes Baseball Diamond – 04/27/2024

## For Immediate Release

On Saturday, April 27 at 9:43AM, the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District was dispatched to 900 W. South St., Emricson Park, for the reported vehicle that drove into a baseball dugout.

Firefighters arrived on scene within 5 minutes and observed a vehicle that had collided with the backside of a dugout at the "Dream Field." Crews quickly began assessing the scene and identified the only injured parties were still inside the passenger vehicle.

A total of four (4) juveniles were inside the vehicle when it traveled down the hill. Three (3) juveniles were transported to area hospitals with injuries ranging from minor to moderate. One (1) juvenile was evaluated by paramedics but declined any injuries.

A game was in progress when the collision occurred, with nearly a dozen teenage baseball players inside the dugout. Fortunately, the concrete structure protected them in the collision. Additionally, several patrons watching the game were alerted to the vehicle and safely removed themselves from its path. We are very fortunate the swift actions of many individuals prevented a catastrophic incident.

Representatives from the City of Woodstock and Public Works were requested to evaluate the damaged dugout. The Woodstock Police Department is investigating the crash and any additional questions pertaining to the investigation (cause, fault, seat-belt use, speeds, etc.) should be referred to them.

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