School bus flips over; 9 injured

Crash closes Route 31F in Macedon for hours

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A collision involving a school bus closed Route 31F, from Frey Road to West Walworth Road in Macedon, Wayne County, Thursday. According to Macedon Police Chief John Colella, police were called to the scene at 3:34 p.m. for the report of a two-vehicle collision. The crash caused the Gananda school bus to turn on its side. Seven students sustained minor injuries, and two students were transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, including one with a minor leg injury, Gananda schools Superintendent Shawn VanScoy said. Colella said the driver of the other vehicle had “significant injuries” and was transported to Strong. The bus driver, who was tangled up in a seat belt, had minor injuries and was also taken to Strong for observation.

A person in a Ford Edge was traveling west when the car crossed into the oncoming lane and struck the small school bus, Colella said. The bus was turning into Arrowhead Mobile Home Park to drop off students. A passer-by helped students exit the overturned bus through the rear door and roof hatch. VanScoy said one of the students was able to get out of the bus and help other students get out.

Colella said the driver stated he “nodded off due to his medical condition and struck the bus.” The cause is still under investigation, he said.

VanScoy said the shared bus included five injured students from Gananda and two from Palmyra-Macedon. The students, who are from elementary and middle schools, were from private or parochial schools, VanScoy said.

The road was expected to be closed for a few hours for accident reconstruction, Colella said.

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