

I-79 Crash – Jan. 31st

On January 31st, XXX lost control of her vehicle while driving north on Interstate 79. At mile marker 78.6, just before 1530, the red Kia Forte Sedan rolled over several times; XXX was ejected from the car and was pronounced dead at the scene. Signs point to the driver not wearing a seatbelt.

The sedan came to a stop in the median facing north, closer to the southbound lanes. The median slants down from the north lanes to the south as seen in the pictures below.



Figure 1 – View of MM-78.6 from Northbound Lanes



Figure 2 - View of MM-78.6 from Southbound Lanes

The sedan sustained extensive damage and debris was scattered on both sides of the Interstate. First responders originally closed the left lanes on both sides of the Interstate. Southbound lanes were closed at Exit 85 Evans City in Jackson Township around 1630, and shortly after the Northbound traffic was halted at exit 78 to Route 228. Figure 3 on the next page shows the traffic blockage.

Traffic resumed normal operation on Northbound lanes around 1800, and responders cleared the scene just before 1815 as Southbound lanes resumed operation as well.

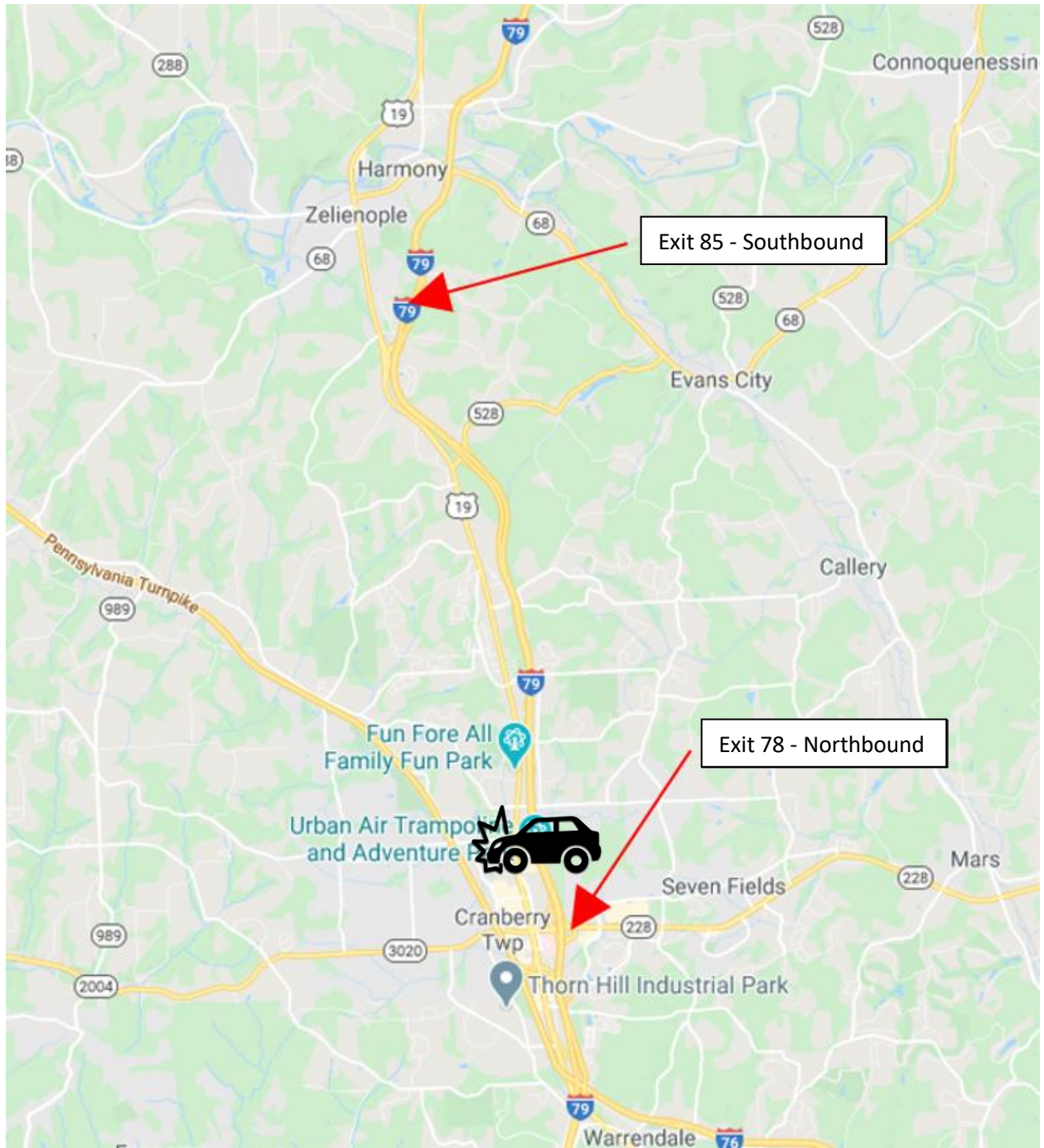


Figure 3 - Traffic Blockage

Cranberry Township Fires – Jan. 28th

On January 28th, Station 90 was dispatched at 1126 for a commercial structure fire in Jackson Township. Multiple callers reported visible flames and heavy smoke in the area. Tower 21 dispatched a crew within minutes of notice for this three alarm fire, to which they arrived second.

The crews encountered heavy smoke and fire from a large commercial garage, which upon further investigation contained unknown chemicals and vehicles. The Fire was reported under control at 1210, and the units cleared at approximately 1400.



Figure 4 - Commercial Structure Fire

Station 90 was dispatched a second time on January 28th at 2358, this time for a structure fire in Cranberry Township. A vehicle was seen on fire in a driveway, endangering a nearby house. Soon after arriving to the scene, firefighters extinguished the car with no impact to the structure.



Figure 5 - Vehicle Fire