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(S.D.)-Deadwood Officer Injured In Accident



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DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) - A Deadwood police officer is recovering at home after surviving a collision with a 17 1/2-ton logging truck.

The Wednesday crash near Central City closed a highway, left the semitrailer overturned and sent veteran Police Cpl. Rob Lester to the hospital. He was discharged later the same day.

Lester says he feels "lucky, very lucky." He says he has seen a lot of accidents in his career, and most people don't walk away from crashes like the one in which he was involved.

The Highway Patrol says Lester was blinded by the early morning sun and turned his vehicle into the path of the truck. The truck driver wasn't hurt.

The 45-year-old Lester suffered a broken right wrist and scrapes to his head and arms.

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