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Incident: **Fatal Traffic Crash 1200 Seminary Street**

MESSAGE

On Sunday March 23, 2014 at about 2:00 a.m., Rockford Police District 2 Officers responded to the area of 1300 Seminary Street for multiple reports of a serious traffic crash. Upon arrival, Officers located a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina that had struck a utility pole and a vacant building at Seminary Street and Catherine Street. The driver, a 21-year-old Rockford woman, died at the scene of the crash. One passenger, an 18-year-old Rockford woman, was ejected from the vehicle and was transported to a local hospital by Rockford Fire Department with serious non-life threatening injuries. Two other passengers, an 18-year-old Rockford woman and a 19-year-old Rockford woman, were transported to a local hospital by Rockford Fire Department with minor injuries.

The Rockford Police Department is withholding the names of the victims pending notification of family members.

The damage to the utility pole caused a significant power outage in the area and residents should expect to be without power for several hours on Sunday. The roadway on Seminary Street between Gregory Street and Buckbee Street will also be closed for most of the day on Sunday as investigators process the scene and crews work to restore power.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information is encourage to call the Rockford Police Department at 815-987-5824.

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