



# Man critically injured in crash that involved 11 people [Video](#)

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BELLEVUE - One man was critically injured and two others [Video](#) were arrested after a car crash that involved 11 people in Bellevue.

[Roberta Romero reports](#)

It was a chaotic and devastating scene when Bellevue fire and [More ... Custom Video ...](#) police departments arrived at the accident. The impact of the crash was so significant extra emergency crews were called in.

“In one car, the BMW, the whole driver’s side was crushed in,” said Lt. Bruce Kroon of the Bellevue Fire Dept. “The driver of the Jeep actually bent the steering wheel over, from the impact of the collision.”



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Robert Vasen is in critical condition at Harborview Medical Center.

Bellevue Police say a BMW going north on 108th Ave. NE was broadsided by a Jeep Cherokee going east on NE 2nd Street around 11:30 Saturday night.

Five people in their early 20s were in the BMW and in the Jeep were six teenagers.

"The passengers in the Jeep actually took off, but to their credit they did come back later on," said Kroon.

Six people were taken to the hospital with various injuries. One, 20-year-old Robert Vasen, is in critical condition at Harborview Medical Center.

Vasen is well-known in the Bellevue area, having already survived a life-threatening staph infection in his leg when he was a freshman at Bellevue High School. He is now a student at the University of Washington. Family and friends are at his bedside.

They gave a statement to KING 5 News saying:

"The family of Robert Vasen is deeply appreciative of the outpouring of love, support and friendship during this difficult time. He is gravely ill and your thoughts and prayers mean so much to us."

Bellevue police are still investigating the cause of the crash. Both drivers were arrested for investigation of vehicular assault, and alcohol involvement is suspected.

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