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(Neb.)-Vehicle Avoids Sinkhole South Of Chadron, No Serious Injuries UPDATED 10:23 am

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UPDATE (Chadron)-The City of Chadron and Dawes County crews will be working together to repair a road that was damaged by a sinkhole on Wednesday morning. One vehicle came across the large hole shortly after 7 am, and was fortunate enough to be able to almost entirely avoid the hazard, but did end up getting stuck in the east ditch.

Chadron Public Works Director Milo Rust said his office was notified of the incident on Country Club Road south of Chadron Wednesday morning, and he was able to go to the scene to begin to make an assessment of the situation. Representatives from the Water Department and Dawes County Road Department were also on scene. Rust said a City water line broke, causing the washout.

The water line will need to be repaired, as will the road, which will keep the road closed until at least Friday, and Rust hopes they can open up one lane of traffic at that time if they don't have the repairs completed. The City will make repairs to the water line and fill in the hole with dirt, and the County will help finish off the road to make sure it meets specifications. Rust said he is thankful for the great working relationship with the County for when situations arise that they need to team up.

Rust is also thankful that the occupants in the vehicle were not seriously injured. He said you can always repair a road and a water line. We will keep our listeners updated as to the progress of the repairs and the road opening.

(Chadron)-Two people escaped serious injury Wednesday morning after an accident on Country Club Road south of Chadron. According to a listener tip to the KCSR/KBPY newsroom, the vehicle was driving on the road when it came across a sinkhole. Due to evasive maneuvers by the driver, the vehicle did not go directly into the hole, but was able to get off to the side.

On scene, a Chevy Suburban could be seen on the east side of the road, partially in the ditch, with the rear end in the hole. A City of Chadron water line was exposed on the west side of the washed-out road. County crews were on scene placing road closure signs, and city officials had been on scene earlier. The occupants of the vehicle had already made their way into town.

A witness on scene said that as he was standing there, parts of the west side of the road continued to fall into the hole. As of this time, it is not exactly known how the sinkhole occurred. As more information is made available on the incident, we will pass that along to our listeners.

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