Tow truck and bus collide, injuring 32 people in Pompano Beach

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More than 30 people were hurt when a flatbed tow truck rear-ended a Broward County Transit bus in Pompano Beach on Thursday, officials said.

One person was seriously injured and 31 others suffered minor injuries but all were taken to local hospitals, city spokeswoman Sandra King said.

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue trucks and a city bus were used to help take the injured to the hospital, she said.

A City of Pompano Beach Parks and Recreation bus took nine patients to Holy Cross Hospital. The other 23 patients were split between Broward Health North Medical Center, Broward Health Imperial Point and Northwest Medical Center. Both drivers were among the injured, King said.

The crash happened around 3:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of W. Sample Road near Andrews Avenue as the loaded bus pulled over. The tow truck had a gray car on its flat-bed, she said.

The incident caused officials to shut down three lanes of traffic during rush hour. The busy roadway was opened about two hours later.

Bus No. 0736 displayed a route 27 sign. The truck was from Auto Club Towing at 4900 Sheridan Street in Hollywood. Another Auto Club tow truck driver went to...
the scene of the crash to retrieve the wrecked wrecker, company officials said.

Investigators with the Broward Sheriff’s Office had not determined how the wrecked occurred. Officials with the Broward County Transit could not be reached for comments late Thursday.

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Tow Trucks need to be SLOWED DOWN!!!!!!! They have NO right to exceed the speed limit!!!

I agree probably a lot of "fakers" on the bus but to do that kind of damage you gotta hit something really hard.....I’m guessing he was doing close to 50mph and made NO attempt to stop!!!

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