

FATAL CRASH: Two Accidents, One of Them Fatal, Near Same Bethalto Intersection Friday

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BETHALTO – Two traffic crashes occurred today near the intersection of Routes 140 and 111, and the junction of Route 140 and I-255, one of them fatal.

Bethalto Police Chief Craig Welch said the first two-vehicle crash resulted in one fatality with three other people being taken to the hospital. Photos posted on social media showed a maroon-colored SUV and the wreckage of what appeared to be a gold-colored late-90s, early-2000s Oldsmobile.

Due to the traffic backup caused by that wreck, Welch said a second crash occurred near the QuikTrip. Witnesses told Riverbender.com it was between a truck and a person with a motorcycle. Welch said three people suffered minor injuries as a result of that.

Welch said officers would be on scene for several hours, so it may be best to avoid that area if possible.



[Chris Rhodes also contributed to this story.](#)