

Wrong-Way Drivers Are Often Impaired

Many of you may have heard about marine, Lance Cpl. Gregory M. Suedmeyer, who had just returned home from Iraq and was killed on March 13, 2010 on Interstate 20 by a wrong way driver. Updated information from the Georgia State Patrol recently has shown that the driver that struck and killed him was charged with DUI. More often than not drugs and alcohol play a major role in wrong-way collisions on Georgia's roadways.

Recently the Georgia DOT performed a study and determined that a majority of wrong-way drivers were impaired by either alcohol, prescription drugs or illegal drugs. In order to help prevent and deter wrong way drivers, the DOT has posted warnings on signs along the roadway and reflectors on the center line of the pavement in order to help prevent one from driving the wrong way. Driver error is seldom the reason for wrong-way driving.

Our recommendation, if you are on a major highway or roadway and you see a wrong way driver coming, is to immediately take evasive action. As indicated by the Georgia State Patrol it is likely that the driver that is coming toward you is an impaired driver. Wrong-way collisions can result in serious injury and even fatalities.

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