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**SJPD Releases Additional Details about Holiday Passenger Trolley Incident**

**ST. JOHNS, MI:** On Fri. Dec. 1 at approximately 5:06 p.m., the St. Johns Police Department was dispatched to the 200 block of N. Clinton Avenue on the report that a passenger trolley providing rides to Santa Parade attendees had overturned.

Upon arriving at the scene, officers learned that the trolley carrying approximately 20 passengers had overturned with riders on board. Police, fire and ambulance personnel already there to support the event quickly provided emergency medical services for the injured persons.

As of 10:00 a.m. today, the initial investigation indicates that approximately 16 people sustained non-life-threatening injuries. Initial information also indicates that all riders who received medical attention at Clinton Sparrow Hospital in St. Johns and Sparrow Hospital Main Campus in Lansing have been treated and released.

The City of St. Johns would like to extend its thanks to first responders from the St. Johns Police Department, the St. Johns Fire Department, Clinton Area Ambulance Service and Mercy Ambulance Service. Many bystanders also offered immediate assistance, including St. Johns City employees. Gratitude is likewise extended to staff at Sparrow Hospital in St. Johns and Lansing for their treatment of the injured parties.

As part of the initial investigation by SJPD, it was determined that alcohol was not a contributing factor. The incident remains under investigation.

The City of St. Johns, Michigan is a historic community founded in 1856. Known as the Mint City due to its unique agricultural heritage, St. Johns honors its roots while also planting the seeds for thriving small businesses and industry hubs. The best of both worlds, the city offers a charming, small-town feel with an easy commute to downtown Lansing. St. Johns serves as the Clinton County seat and provides a full range of municipal services to about 8,000 residents. Learn more at [cityofstjohnsmi.com](http://cityofstjohnsmi.com).

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