

90-vehicle crash in Illinois dust storm kills 6, injures dozens

May 1 (UPI) — Six people were confirmed dead and dozens were injured in south-central Illinois on Monday after a massive dust storm blew across Interstate 55, cutting visibility and causing as many as 90 vehicles to crash.

A 30-mile stretch of the highway was shut down in both directions after the multiple-vehicle pileup was first reported at 10:55 a.m. local time.

Police and rescuers arriving on the scene encountered heavy winds and blowing dust that cut visibility to zero, according to Illinois State Police, who said a portion of Interstate 55 will remain closed through Tuesday afternoon.

“Visibility in the area is reported to be low due to blowing dust,” officers said.

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