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Police Patrol Car Struck in Ellicott City Investigating Collision *Officer in patrol vehicle transported to Shock Trauma*

A Howard County police officer was injured today after his marked police vehicle was rear-ended while on a traffic call in Ellicott City.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., the officer responded to the ramp from Route 100 westbound to Route 29 northbound to investigate a minor property damage collision. He was in the driver's seat of his patrol vehicle, with emergency lights activated, and stopped in the right lane to divert traffic from the earlier collision when his vehicle was struck from behind by a 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser.

The officer was transported to University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and is in fair condition. The driver of the PT Cruiser was transported to St. Agnes Hospital with minor injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

The ramp from Route 100 westbound to Route 29 northbound was closed for approximately two hours.

Police are reminding drivers of Maryland's Move Over law. The law requires drivers approaching a stopped emergency or service vehicle with red, yellow or amber flashing to, when possible, move over a lane or slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing conditions while passing.

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