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Police identify drivers, passenger in collision involving fire vehicle

Howard County police are identifying the drivers and passenger in this morning's collision in Columbia involving a fire department vehicle.

The driver of the fire department pick-up truck, Firefighter Justin Oursler, 38, a 13-year-veteran of the department, and passenger, Battalion Chief John Bean, 50, a 27-year-veteran of the department, were transported to Howard County General Hospital (HCGH) with non-life-threatening injuries. They have since been released.

The driver and sole-occupant of the Toyota Scion, Kamille Ivy Guinn, 28, of Columbia, was transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and is currently listed in good condition.

The driver and sole-occupant of the Toyota van, Maura Aracely Lemus, 45, of Laurel, was also transported to HCGH with non-life-threatening injuries.

The drivers of the remaining vehicles, Venida Brinkley-Puryear, 54, of Essex, and Michael William Verch, 36, from Baltimore, were not transported for treatment.

Through preliminary investigation, police believe a fire department vehicle with emergency equipment activated was traveling eastbound on Route 175 approaching Dobbin Road around 7:18 a.m. on it's way to a reported apartment fire. As the fire department pick-up truck traveled through a red light at the intersection, it was struck by a Toyota Scion traveling northbound on Dobbin Road through a green light. This collision caused the fire vehicle to collide with three other vehicles, a Toyota van, a Ford Edge and a Ford Ranger, that were sitting at the red light at westbound Route 175 to make a left onto southbound Dobbin Road.

The intersection was closed for approximately three hours but is now open. The investigation is ongoing.

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