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Police investigating collision involving fire department vehicle

Howard County police are investigating a collision this morning in Columbia involving a fire department vehicle.

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 driver and sole-occupant of the Toyota Scion, a 28-year-old female from Columbia, was transported to Shock Trauma with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver and passenger in the fire department vehicle, both firefighters, were transported to Howard County General Hospital (HCGH) with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver and sole-occupant of the Toyota van, a 45-year-old female from Laurel, was also transported to HCGH with non-life-threatening injuries.

The drivers of the remaining vehicles, a 54-year-old female from Essex and a 36-year-old male from Baltimore, were not transported for treatment.

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

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