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Traffic Crash Investigation- State Rd. (Route 1) at Collins Dr.

On Friday morning October 4, 2024 at about 0454 hrs. police received a 911 call regarding a crash of one vehicle into a pole at the intersection of State Rd. at Collins Dr. Sgt. Patrick McKenna responded and arrived at the scene within one minute. Sgt. McKenna found the vehicle, 2005 Lincoln Towncar, crashed against a traffic signal light standard and found the driver inside to be unconscious. Smoke from the engine area was billowing. Sgt. McKenna was unable to open either of the two front doors as a result of the collision. He was able to enter the vehicle by the driver side rear door and began to pull the driver out of the vehicle. As he did this, a fire started in the engine compartment. He was able to successfully pull the driver from the vehicle just before the fire engulfed the vehicle.

Assisting officers, Ofc. Alex Fiore Ofc. Bergman Ofc. Jon Sweeney and Ofc. Sean Clifton, arrived and provided medical assistance to the driver until paramedics from Crozer Paramedics arrived and took over treatment. Springfield Fire Co. arrived to extinguish the fire and provide security to the site which was dangerous due to leaking, combustible vehicle fluids.

The driver, a 43 yr. old male from Ambler, PA, suffered injuries to his legs and was transported to Crozer Chester Medical Center Trauma Unit. Sgt. McKenna was treated for smoke inhalation and released.

This area was shut down to traffic for a period of time until PennDOT could make the highway safe for travel.

The Lincoln had been travelling northbound on the Media Bypass (Route 1) prior to the collision. The investigation of the crash remains active by Springfield Police.

Sgt. McKenna is a 24 yr. veteran of Springfield Police Department and promoted to Sergeant in 2016.

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