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DUI Collision – 11th Street and Roosevelt Avenue

On March 22, 2019 at approximately 2030 hours, Bremerton Police officers were advised of a possible intoxicated driver traveling on 11th Street. A description of the vehicle was provided and initially officers were unable to locate the vehicle. A short time later, Dispatch advised the vehicle was pulled over on 11th Street east of Roosevelt Avenue.

A Bremerton Patrol Officer arrived on scene, contacted the elderly female driver, and determined she was experiencing a medical issue. The officer requested medical aid and he repositioned his patrol vehicle, diagonally blocking the eastbound curb lane, to shield the vehicle from oncoming traffic. The officer activated his emergency lights, exited his patrol vehicle and began providing traffic control.

Bremerton Fire & Rescue and Olympic Ambulance arrived on scene. Medics determined it would be best to move the elderly female driver to the nearby aid vehicle which was parked on Roosevelt Avenue.

As the medics were tending to the driver, a gurney was retrieved from the nearby aid vehicle and moved toward the elderly female's vehicle. As all of this was occurring, the Bremerton officer observed a newer model Honda accelerate east on 11th Street from Naval Avenue. The officer, sensing the impending collision, alertly called out to the emergency personnel just prior to the Honda crashing into his patrol vehicle. As emergency personnel attempted to move to safety, the impact drove the patrol vehicle more than fifteen feet, pinning the gurney between the patrol vehicle and the elderly female's vehicle. A Bremerton Fire Lieutenant and a Firefighter avoided being struck by the gurney by diving out of the way. An Olympic Ambulance attendant was struck by the gurney and narrowly avoided being pinned between the gurney and the elderly female's vehicle (see attached photos).

The 25-year-old driver of the Honda, employed by the US Navy and stationed out of Bangor, was escorted from his vehicle and seated safely off the roadway. The initial observations were that the driver was intoxicated. Washington State Patrol processed the driver and found him to be nearly three times the legal limit.

Washington State Patrol investigated the collision and 11th Street was closed for nearly 4 ½ hours.

Bremerton Fire and Rescue personnel were evaluated on scene and the Olympic Ambulance attendant was transported to Harrison Medical Center for evaluation. All emergency personal avoided serious injury and the elderly female was treated and scene and cleared.

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