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Police Respond to Woman Trapped in Burning Vehicle

On October 5, 2018 at approximately 3:51 AM, the Oak Brook Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to a traffic crash on E/B I-88 just east of Rt. 83. Responding personnel were advised the car had “flipped and was on fire”. It was unknown if the vehicle was still occupied.

As officers from the Oak Brook Police Department arrived on scene, they observed a silver Chevrolet Impala resting on its roof against the barrier wall separating the ramp to E/B I-88 from the E/B through lanes. The engine compartment of the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames.

Officer Baca quickly determined the car was still occupied by the female driver. The driver was incoherent and unable to escape the vehicle. Officer Peterson and Officer Walsh used extinguishers to suppress the fire while Sgt. Ramirez, Ofc. Marek and Ofc. Baca worked to free the driver. Officer Baca utilized his baton to break the rear passenger side window. Sgt. Ramirez and Ofc. Marek then pulled the driver from the vehicle.

Oak Brook Fire Department Battalion Chief Clark stated, “Upon our arrival the vehicle was fully involved in fire to a point that would have most likely proved fatal had the the driver not been removed by responding officers.”

“I am extremely proud of our officers’ quick actions and willingness to put themselves in danger to save the life of another,” said Police Chief James Kruger.

The Oak Brook Fire Department transported the driver to Good Samaritan Hospital where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

A subsequent investigation determined the driver was entering E/B I-88 from N/B Rt.83 when she lost control of her vehicle. The vehicle left the ramp and continued to travel north striking a light pole on the south side of I-88. Additional information regarding the details of the traffic crash should be directed to Illinois State Police District 15.