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Traffic Related Incidents

On Saturday, 19 July 2008, at 2:25 PM, Officer Michael Shetter responded to Route 283, between the Cloverleaf Road and Route 743 exits regarding a vehicle fire. The occupants of the 2001 Honda van were able to get out of the van before it became engulfed in flames. The vehicle owner and driver, William Breidenstine of Hershey, Pennsylvania told Officer Shetter that he had driven over a duffle bag a few miles back. A motorist traveling behind the Breidenstine vehicle drove up to the side of the Honda and yelled at Breidenstine that his van was on fire. Breidenstine immediately pulled over onto the shoulder of the roadway and had everyone get out of and move away from the vehicle before it became engulfed in flames. The van was a total loss.

Officer Shetter's investigation determined that when the van ran over the duffle bag it punctured the vehicle fuel tank. Subsequently the leaking gasoline was ignited by the hot exhaust system of the vehicle. The Northwest Regional Police credit the warnings from the passing motorist for preventing the incident from turning into a tragedy.

On Saturday Afternoon at 2:12 PM, Officer Michael Shetter was detailed to the 2000 block of Bainbridge Road regarding a traffic accident. It was reported that a pick-up truck had struck a bridge abutment. Shortly after Officer Shetter arrived at the scene, the truck caught fire. The driver, Andrew D. Haldeman of Bainbridge, Pennsylvania had been able to get out of the vehicle prior to Officer Shetter arriving

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at the scene. Officer Shetter was able to control the fire with a fire extinguisher from his police cruiser.

Haldeman was taken to the Hershey Medical Center by the Northwest Emergency Medical Service ambulance. The Northwest Regional Police are continuing their investigation and are asking anyone with information regarding the accident contact them at phone number 717-867-8481.

At approximately 2:30 pm On Saturday, 19 July 2008, Officer Ken Neidinger was dispatched to the 2700 block of Mount Gretna Road for a traffic accident involving a head-on collision. A 2006 Toyota was being driven by Jennifer Line F/23 YOA of Etters, Pennsylvania. In the 2700 block of Mount Gretna Road the vehicle ran off the right side of the roadway causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle. As Line tried to regain control of the vehicle, the vehicle crossed the roadway and collided head on with an oncoming 2007 Honda being driven by Herbert Schlegel of North Wales, Pennsylvania.

Both drivers and a passenger in the Honda, Rosemary Schlegel, were transported to the Hershey Medical Center. The Schlegel's were admitted for treatment of their injuries. The two vehicles suffered severe damage. The investigation is continuing and the Northwest Regional Police are requesting that anyone who may have information regarding the accident contact them at phone number 717-867-8481.

At 1:39 AM on Sunday morning, 20 July 2008, Officer Michael Bryant was dispatched to the 1600 block of North Market Street in West Donegal Township regarding a vehicle accident resulting in a vehicle that was overturned. Officer Bryant determined that James Audrey Reid M/28 YOA of the 500 block of South Market St., Elizabethtown was driving his 2002 Saturn eastbound in the 1600 block of North Market Street when he fell asleep. The vehicle left the roadway and tipped over coming to rest on the passenger side in the front yard of 1680 North Market St., Elizabethtown, PA. James Audrey Reid was prosecuted for Careless Driving.

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