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MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH INVOLVES AMBULANCE

On July 23, 2011 at approximately 10:29 am officers responded to a call for a vehicle crash involving a CarolinaEast Medical Center ambulance and a 2009 GMC Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) at the intersection of Us Hwy 17 North and Simmons Street.

The ambulance, driven by **Bradley FOSLER**, DOB: 1/24/1988 of 3645 River Road, Vanceboro, NC, was en-route to CarolinaEast Medical Center from River Bend. The 2009 GMC was operated by **Dr. George BECKWITH**, DOB: 5/14/1942 of 112 Hawks Pond Rd, New Bern, NC.

The ambulance was traveling east on US Hwy 17 North while operating emergency lights and sirens with a patient was onboard along with two paramedics, **Gary SMITH**, DOB: 6/3/1971 of 3920 Elizabeth Ave, New Bern, NC and **Randolph DUNLAP**, DOB: 5/10/1981 of 175 Beulaville Hwy, Apt G, Richlands, NC. The ambulance allegedly slowed for steady emitting red light and then proceeded through the US Hwy 17N/Simmons intersection. The 2009 GMC was traveling north on Simmons St under a steady emitting green light when contact was made on the passenger side of the ambulance causing the ambulance go across the median into the oncoming traffic lanes on US 17. There were no vehicles occupying the oncoming lanes. The 2009 GMC came to rest in the intersection.

Additional ambulances responded to transport the original patient to CarolinaEast Medical Center and Dr. **BECKWITH**, who had a complaint of a shoulder injury. **BECKWITH** was treated and released. There were no additional injuries reported for the original patient.

FOSLER was cited for "Failure to See before Starting" with a court date of September 20, 2011.

The New Bern Police Department is committed to Community Policing. Citizens are encouraged to become a "**Partner in Policing**," by reporting suspected illegal activity to the New Bern Police Department's **TIPS** line at **(252) 636-5034** or the Craven County Crime Stoppers line at 633-5141.

For additional information, please contact Lt. Linda T. Godette, Public Information Officer at the New Bern Police Department at (252) 672-4196.

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