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VEHICLE CRASH CAUSES INJURY TO CITY EMPLOYEES

On June 9, 2011 at approximately 3:30 p.m., Traffic Officers of the New Bern Police Department responded to the intersection of Country Club Rd and US Hwy 70 West off ramp for a vehicle crash involving injuries. Upon arrival, officers located the two vehicles involved near the intersection. **Barbara BELL**, age 69, of 502 Cactus Court, Pollocksville NC was operating a 2004 Buick at the time of the crash. The other vehicle was a 2006 Ford van operated by Civilian Unit Supervisor **Vivian HARRELL**. Police Service Technician **Cynthia WEST** and Officer **David WELCH** were passengers in the city-owned van.

HARRELL was traveling North in the outside lane on Country Club Road when **BELL**'s vehicle began to pull onto Country Club Road from the outside lane of the off ramp of US Hwy 70 West. **HARRELL** moved to the inside lane to avoid being struck by **BELL**. **BELL** moved the inside travel lane occupied by **HARRELL** causing the collision. **HARRELL** suffered injury to her right hand. **HARRELL** was taken to CarolinaEast Medical Center for those injuries and has since been released. **WEST** suffered minor injuries and was treated and released at CarolinaEast Medical Center.

BELL was cited for Failure to Yield the Right of Way.

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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