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Good Samaritans Save Life of Driver After Truck Catches Fire Following Crash

At 12:31 p.m. on Friday, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to a crash on Palm Harbor Parkway and Club House Drive in Palm Coast. A pick-up truck towing a trailer with a Bobcat excavator was traveling at a high-rate of speed and lost control.

The pick-up truck struck a box truck then crashed into a concrete wall at Marina Cove before catching fire. Two witnesses were able to extinguish the flames using a fire extinguisher. Sheriff Rick Staly was in the area and responded to the area of the crash minutes after it occurred. Deputies on scene credited the two witnesses for putting out the fire and potentially saving the life of the driver, who was entrapped in the vehicle.



Left: Sheriff Staly and witnesses on scene at the crash.



Right: The pickup truck after it crashed through the wall.

The driver of the vehicle was removed by firefighters on scene and transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The occupants of the box truck were not injured.

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“This situation could have ended much differently without the quick response by these Good Samaritans,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “I applaud our citizens, deputies, and first responders for acting quickly and efficiently to render aid to the driver. Special thanks to the Pam Coast Fire Department for their quick use of the Jaws of Life to extract the driver from the truck and the Flagler County Fire/Rescue crew that took him to the hospital. Thanks to everyone’s assistance, the driver had only minor injuries.”

The area of Palm Harbor Parkway between Clubhouse Drive and Clubfield Drive was closed in both directions in order for towing services to remove the box truck and the pickup truck from the scene. Special thanks to Palm Coast Fire-Police for assisting with traffic control.

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