

Media Advisory

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## **Plano Fire-Rescue Ladder Truck Struck While Working Crash on Highway 75 Central Expressway**

A Plano Fire-Rescue ladder truck was struck by a vehicle while working an early morning motor vehicle crash on northbound Highway 75 Central Expressway Sunday.

Plano's Truck 1 was dispatched, along with several other apparatus, to a crash on the highway near Spring Creek Parkway shortly after 2:00 a.m. Witnesses to the crash reported a patient was trapped in a vehicle with injuries. Fire crews treated and transported the patient to Medical City Plano and while Truck 1 was blocking traffic and waiting for a wrecker, another vehicle crashed into the ladder truck. One firefighter was injured and transported to Medical City Plano for evaluation and treatment. The firefighter received no serious injuries and has been released from the hospital. The driver of the second vehicle had to be extricated from the car and was also transported to Medical City Plano with serious injuries.

Plano Fire-Rescue utilizes large apparatus at motor vehicle crashes on major highways to block and slow traffic while fire and police crews work the crash scene. This work often involves patient extrication, treatment, and accident investigation and can be very involved. Having a large piece of apparatus like a fire engine or ladder truck block traffic provides somewhat of a barrier for this work.

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### **About Plano Fire-Rescue**

Plano Fire-Rescue is a progressive and recognized fire department providing both emergency services (fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous materials response, and wildland fire fighting) and non-emergency services (fire and life safety education, building fire protection systems engineering and review, fire code enforcement and community event support) from 13 strategically placed fire stations with a roster of 388 sworn personnel and 11 civilian employees. Plano Fire-Rescue holds a Class 1 ISO Rating, and accreditation from both the Center for Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). With the goal of providing the best service to the citizens and visitors of Plano, the department mission/purpose statement includes the core values each employee strives to reflect, *Plano Fire-Rescue, Professional service with heart – integrity always*. Please visit [planofire.org](http://planofire.org).