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News Release

Incident: Motor Vehicle Accident
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On Saturday, December 29, 2007, an Egg Harbor Township Police Officer was involved in a motor vehicle accident which occurred at approximately 5:25 pm at the intersection of Ridge Avenue and Route 322/40, more commonly known as the Black Horse Pike in the Cardiff section of the township.

Officer Rich Vogt [23] was traveling east bound on the Black Horse in his patrol vehicle. A 1996 Subaru, driven by James Sheridan[19] of Egg Harbor Township, was traveling south bound on Ridge Avenue. Sheridan's vehicle crossed in front of Vogt's vehicle when the police cruiser's front bumper made contact with the passenger's door of Sheridan's vehicle. Both vehicles remained in contact and forced onto the south east corner of the intersection and into brush when Sheridan's vehicle hit a large tree.

The Cardiff Volunteer Fire Department responded with the Jaws of Life in order to extricate Sheridan out of his vehicle. The Egg Harbor Township Rescue Squad responded and transported Officer Vogt to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Mainland Division with injury to his neck, shoulders, and wrist. Sheridan was transported with assistance of Medic 2, to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Trauma Center, City Division with multiple injury including head trauma.

Cardiff Fire Department Fire/Police assisted with the detouring of traffic for more than four hours while accident was being cleared and investigated.

Investigator Kevin Hincks of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Vehicle Collision Unit responded to assist in the investigation. Also the Atlantic City Police Department's Accident Investigation Unit sent Sgt. Bob Clark and Officer Chris Staines to assist in the investigation. It is a standard procedure in Atlantic County that when a police officer is involved in a motor vehicle accident with injuries, that another department will assist in the investigation of the accident. Egg Harbor Township Traffic Safety Unit Officers Al Maiorano, Kevin Devlin, and Steven Swankoski also responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. Issuance of motor vehicle summons is pending completion of the investigation.

Anyone having any information regarding the accident or the events leading up to the accident, should contact the Egg Harbor Township Police Department Traffic Safety Unit at 926-2649 or contact the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Vehicle Collision Unit at 909-7667.

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