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Two-Vehicle Crash and Subsequent Collision Cause Serious Injury

Gurnee – On November 1, 2023, at approximately 7:45 AM, Gurnee officers were responding to the eastbound lanes of Grand Avenue, near Lawson Boulevard, for a two-vehicle crash involving a 2008 Chrysler Minivan and a 2019 BMW X3. As officers were en route, the female occupant of the BMW exited her vehicle to inspect the damage. While standing between the back end of the BMW and the front bumper of the Minivan, a third vehicle, a 2009 Nissan sedan, collided with the back of the Minivan. The collision pinned the female driver of the BMW between two cars.

Passing motorists noticed the female lying on the pavement and stopped to render first aid by applying tourniquets to her legs. Gurnee officers and paramedics arrived moments later to assist with life-saving measures.

The driver of the BMW, a 44 year old woman of Gurnee, IL, was transported by the Gurnee Fire Department to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL, in critical condition.

No other injuries were reported.

Upon the initial investigation, it was determined the first collision took place at the traffic signal on the eastbound lanes of Grand Avenue and Lawson Boulevard. This initial collision resulted in minor damage to the vehicles involved. However, during the assessment of the damage sustained in this first collision, the driver of the Nissan failed to recognize the Minivan and BMW were stationary on the roadway and inadvertently collided with the rear of the Minivan. The subsequent crash resulted in severe injuries to the BMW driver, who became trapped between the Minivan and her own vehicle.

Eastbound Grand Avenue remained closed for three hours while investigators with the Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) assisted with the crash investigation. This crash remains under investigation by the Gurnee Police Department.