



## Lower Township Police Department

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## **MAN CRITICALLY INJURED IN FULLING MILL ROAD CRASH**

On Monday evening, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 8:30 pm, the Lower Township Police Communication Center began to receive multiple 9-1-1 cell phone calls reporting a head on motor vehicle accident involving a Honda Civic and a Ford F250 Pick-Up Truck, on Fulling Mill Road approximately one (1) mile east of the intersection of Bayshore Road on Fulling Mill Road.

Police Officers and Rescue Personnel were dispatched to the scene. Once on scene, police officers requested a Jaws assignment as one (1) of the driver's was still trapped in the car.

Firefighters from the Villas and Erma Fire Departments responded to the scene and after cutting the roof off of the Honda Civic, were able to remove the driver from the car.

Investigation on scene determined that Robert Snyder, age 23, of Alexander Avenue in the Villas, was operating a 2002 Honda Civic proceeding westbound on Fulling Mill Road with his two (2) year old son restrained in a child safety car seat in the back seat of the vehicle.

The Honda Civic then entered a curve in the road and crossed the double yellow line traveling into the eastbound lane where it impacted nearly head on with a 2000 Ford F250 Pick-Up Truck.

The operator of the pick-up truck was identified as Kevin Dallin, age 40 of the 3000 Block of Route 9 South in the Rio Grande Section of Middle Township.

The truck was also occupied by Mr. Dallin's 18 year old son, as a front seat passenger.

Both vehicles sustained heavy front end damage and the driver and passenger air bags deployed on both vehicles.

The driver of the Honda Civic was unconscious after impact and the car was smoking when Kevin Dallin removed the two (2) year old male child from the car, for the child's own safety due to the fear of a fire.

Two (2) Air Medivac Helicopters were initially requested to respond to the accident, however one (1) was later cancelled.



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Robert Snyder was treated on scene by the Lower Township Rescue Squad and Paramedics before being transported to the County Airport where he was airlifted to the Atlantic Regional Trauma Center in Atlantic City in very critical condition.

Snyder's two (2) year old son was transported by the Lower Township Rescue Squad to Cape Regional Medical Center for observation.

Both the driver and passenger of the pick-up truck were not injured and declined medical treatment at the scene.

The driver of the pick-up truck advised police officers investigating the accident that the Honda Civic was traveling at a high rate of speed when it crossed into his lane.

The posted speed limit where the accident occurred is 35 miles per hour.

The accident is under investigation by Patrolman Ryan Hansberry, Detective Edward Dougherty and members of the Lower Township Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Unit.

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