



Lower Township Police Department

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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FATALITY CONFIRMED IN LOWER TOWNSHIP ACCIDENT

Lower Township Police Chief, Edward Donohue, confirmed on Monday that a two (2) car motor vehicle accident that occurred on Sunday, January 31st, claimed the life of a local North Wildwood woman.

Lower Township Police identified the victim of the accident as Marianne A. Tirimacco, 47 years old of the 200 Block of 17th Street in North Wildwood, New Jersey.

Preliminary investigation of the motor vehicle accident by the Lower Township Police Department's Fatal Accident Investigation Team, has determined that Mrs. Tirimacco was proceeding southbound on Railroad Avenue in the Erma Section of Lower Township at approximately 3:20 pm on Sunday, operating a gray, Pontiac Solstice Convertible when her motor vehicle lost traction due to snow and ice on the roadway. The vehicle then spun out of control into the southbound lane of Railroad Avenue.

The rear portion of her vehicle then impacted with the front of a beige, Chevy Malibu Wagon that was proceeding northbound on Railroad Avenue. The Chevy Malibu was being operated at the time by Carol Dann, age 63 of Villas, New Jersey.

The impact of the collision caused Mrs. Tirimacco's vehicle to spin even further at which point the driver, who police had determined was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle out the passenger's side front window and was subsequently struck by her own vehicle.

The Pontiac Solstice came to rest on the west side of the northbound lane of Railroad Avenue after taking down several rows of mailboxes.

The Chevy Malibu came to rest in the middle of the northbound lane of travel, after which it's driver, Carol Dann, had to be extricated from the vehicle by members of the Erma and Villas Fire Departments, who were called to the scene for a Jaws assignment.

Mrs. Dann was transported to the Cape Regional Medical Center by members of Lower Township Rescue Squad and was later admitted to the hospital for injuries sustained in the accident.

Lower Township Rescue Squad Members administered CPR to Mrs. Tirimacco at the scene and then transported her to Cape Regional Medical Center with CPR in progress. However despite resuscitation efforts at the hospital, Mrs. Tirimacco was later pronounced in the Emergency Room.

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Chief Donohue reported that Lower Township Police Officers responded to a total of nine (9) weather related motor vehicle accidents from Saturday Morning through Sunday Evening.

The Fatal Accident is currently under investigation by Detective Edward Dougherty and CPL. Ernest Macomber, both members of the Lower Township Police Department's Fatal Accident Investigation Team.

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