



GENERAL ORDER

Department of Fire and EMS

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Subject: Incident involving M-139 on 6/6/25

Date: September 7, 2025

Authority: Chief Michael W. Robinson, Director/*MWR*

As most are aware, on Saturday, September 6, 2025, M-139 from the Gamber VFC station was responding to Baltimore County on a mutual aid request. M-139 was involved in a significant motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Westminster Pike and Butler Road in Reisterstown, Baltimore County. This involved a total of three vehicles including a gasoline tanker. Baltimore County Fire Department dispatched a rescue assignment with Haz mat response to this incident. There was a total of 5 patients involved along with entrapment. Our medic 139 crew (Firefighter/paramedic and Firefighter/EMT) were flown to the MD Shock Trauma Center via MSP aviation. Two additional patients were transported to Sinai Hospital and there was one refusal.

Both DFEMS personnel, FF/PM Jason Moore and FF/EMT Bryce Iselin were flown from the scene and treated at Shock Trauma and are listed in stable condition. FF/PM Moore has been discharged and is convalescing at home. FF/EMT Iselin remains at UMMS hospital and is in stable condition. Both will require some time to fully recover, and it is our hope that both will return to full duty once released. I am confident that as the DFEMS family we will provide both them and their families with the needed care, comfort and support that is necessary.

Your DFEMS command staff have been involved since the initial dispatch from the scene to shock trauma to coordination of the investigation and the related logistics. The level of support both internally and externally has been remarkable. Multiple agencies and our mutual aid partners immediately “stepped up” and provided support and logistics on many levels. We will formally thank those that have and are supporting us. This evening, I have been in contact with our Governor Wes Moore and his staff. He expressed his concern for our injured personnel and has pledged the full resources of state government as needed. Our administration, including our commissioners, and our county administrator are following the situation and coordinating with us the county resources that are needed along with Sheriff DeWees and the Sheriff’s Office who will assist us with our investigation.

The Baltimore County Police Department “Crash Team” has processed the scene and are leading the investigation and DFEMS is fully cooperating to determine the dynamics of this incident. This is certainly a tragedy for the department and our priority is the well-being of our personnel. Continuity of coverage at the Gamber station was immediate with transfer units, volunteer and off duty personnel. A temporary replacement unit is now in service as M-139 and we are grateful to the Reese VFC for their stepping up and providing us with a medic unit.

As with any incident of this magnitude, there is a lot of social media information on multiple platforms. This includes video, photographs and much speculation, discussion and uninformed commentary. This is not the

time for any negativity within the organization. I remind all personnel of our social media policies and the potential harm caused to all by ill advised commentary and opinion. We must rise to the occasion and support our impacted personnel as many are involved and moved by this tragedy. As an organization we will seek objectivity and transparency with our investigation, and we will be supported by independent and external assistance. We will lead as is our duty and will move forward to identifying the circumstances, root causes and quality improvement that can be derived through the experience of this incident.

In the short term please focus on driving defensively and consider the appropriateness of your judgement and decision making under both routine and emergency conditions. Lt. Michael Karolenko and the IAFF Local 5184 will be supporting the welfare needs of both the Moore and the Iselin families and we would encourage all to support this initiative. Their website will provide additional details and needs. In closing I want to reiterate how uplifting it was to see DFEMS and our VFC organizations, our internal and external partners and our leadership all come together and synchronize our efforts in our moment of adversity. We are a great team and will move forward as a result of this incident. Please continue to keep Jason and Bryce in your thoughts and prayers!! THANK YOU!

MWR/cw

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