

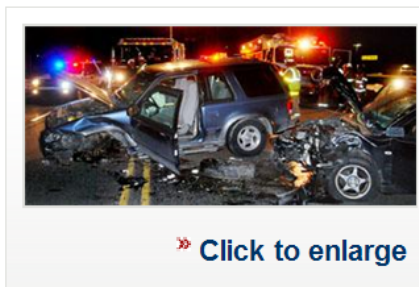
# Driver in Stowe crash is Amity official

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WEST POTTS GROVE — One of the people involved in the Friday night crash that sent a young girl to the hospital in a helicopter is an Amity Township Supervisor, and police have confirmed blood was drawn from him in order to determine if he was legally intoxicated at the time of the crash.



Terry Jones, who is also a supervisor with the borough's public works department, was driving a 2000 blue Ford Explorer at 7:30 p.m. Friday when he pulled it out in front of a 2003 Mitsubishi driven by Shannon Nester, according to West Pottsgrove Police Det. Sgt. Steven Ziegler.

A 3-year-old girl was a passenger in Nester's car and was "unrestrained" at the time of the crash, according to the initial report on the crash.

No charges have yet been filed in the crash, Ziegler said.

The crash occurred in the 1600 block of West High Street, just west of the intersection with Grosstown Road.

Ziegler said the report indicates Jones' Ford "pulled out onto West High Street from the Dunkin' Donuts and pulled in front of the Mitsubishi."

Ziegler also said the report indicates the investigating officer "detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage about (Jones') person" and ordered that blood be drawn from Jones to test for intoxication.

"That does not mean he was intoxicated. That's common procedure if the officer even thinks he detects an odor," Ziegler said.

Ziegler said Monday evening the results of that blood test had not yet been received by his department.

He also said the department's accident reconstruction specialist, Robert Stoudt III, has not yet completed his reconstruction report on the crash.

After the crash, Jones, 46, was taken to Pottstown Memorial Medical Center.

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Both Nester, 24, and the 3-year-old, whose name police have not released, were taken to Lehigh Valley Medical Center, Nester by ambulance and the girl by helicopter, Ziegler said.

A hospital spokeswoman said Friday that Nester, a resident of the 400 block of East Vine Street in Stowe, had been treated and released.

Without a name for the 3-year-old, the hospital could not provide information on her condition.

Township police, who routinely include the names of those involved in accidents when issuing press releases, had steadfastly refused to release any names involved in this crash as recently as Monday afternoon.

Zieger said Monday he was following instructions, despite the fact that West Pottsgrove Police Chief Earl W. Swavely is on vacation.

However, after The Mercury confirmed that Jones was one of the drivers and informed Zieger of this, he called back and said he had spoken with Swavely, who instructed him to release all the information about the crash.

Jones, who lives in the 100 block of Worman Road in Amity, was elected as a township supervisor in 2009 along with Paul Weller.

Jones received 913 votes.

Pottstown Borough Manager Jason Bobst said he was informed of Jones' involvement in the crash by Pottstown Police, who assisted at the crash scene.

He said, "I have not been informed that this is a DUI investigation. As far as we're concerned, we're treating it as a vehicle accident."

Bobst said the only policy the borough has regarding alcohol is one that prohibits its use during work hours.