

Amity officer's patrol car strikes sheds near Rt. 422

Suffers injury after responding to crash of 2 vehicles eastbound near Riga Lane

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An Amity Township patrolman responding to a crash on Route 422 Sunday afternoon veered off the highway and his patrol car struck two sheds at a roadside business, police said.

Officer Justin Schlottman, 22, suffered a minor arm injury in the crash at 2:30 p.m., which happened in the westbound lanes near Limekiln Road, police said.

Amity Township investigators gave this account:

Schlottman was driving the patrol car with the lights and siren on as he responded to a two-vehicle crash in the eastbound lanes of Route 422 near Riga Lane.

A firetruck also was responding and was slightly ahead of the patrol car in the passing lane.

As other motorists slowed to let the emergency vehicles pass, Schlottman had to swerve to avoid striking a vehicle in front of him. The patrol car left the highway and struck two storage sheds that were for sale at Wood Naturally, which sells sheds, gazebos and other products.

Schlottman was wearing a seat belt. The patrol car had to be towed.

Police did not have complete details Sunday night on the initial crash at Riga Lane.

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An Amity Township patrol car, near one of the two sheds it struck Sunday afternoon while responding to a crash on Route 422.