



Kane County Sheriff's Office



PRESS RELEASE

Date: 12/6/12

Location: Rt 72 east of Big Timber Rd unincorporated Rutland Township

Time: Occurred at 10:15am

Incident: Serious Traffic Crash**UPDATED RELEASE 12/7/12***

SYNOPSIS

On 12/6/2012 at approximately 10:15 am Kane County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area or Rt. 72 east of the intersection of Big Timber Rd for a report of a traffic crash with injuries.

The initial investigation shows that a semi-tractor was traveling east on Rt. 72 after stopping for the stop sign at Big Timber Rd. As the semi-tractor approached a curve in the roadway the driver observed a Toyota traveling west on Rt. 72 at a high rate of speed. The Toyota had crossed the center line and into the oncoming lane of traffic. The driver of the semi-tractor attempted to avoid a crash with the Toyota but was unable to do so. After the crash the Toyota started on fire and the driver, who was the sole occupant, was pinned in the vehicle. Kane County Sheriff's Deputies, a Kane County Forest Preserve Police Officer and Officers from the Gilberts and Pingree Grove Police Departments were able to keep the fire from reaching the passenger compartment of the vehicle by using fire extinguishers.

Pingree Grove Fire Department arrived on scene and extricated the driver from the Toyota. He was flown by Flight for Life to Condell Medical Center in Libertyville Il. with life threatening injuries. The driver of the semi was uninjured.

Kane County Sheriff's Deputies and members of the Kane County Crash Reconstruction Team are conducting the investigation into this crash. Deputies have not established if texting while driving or if drugs or alcohol played a role in this crash.

2001 Toyota 4 door-Martin Baureis 26 yoa Sunnyside Beach Dr Johnsburg Il
2009 International Semi-tractor- Michael Fritz 47 yoa of Fountain Ln McHenry Il

UPDATED INFORMATION

On 12/7/12 at about 11am Kane County Sheriff's detectives were notified that Baureis had passed away at Condell Medical Center. The crash remains under investigation.

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