

From the Secret List/Firefighter Close Calls:

Baltimore City Police have confirmed that Baltimore City Fire Dept. Truck 27 had the red light and was going 47 mph when it ran through the red light, striking an SUV, killing the 3 occupants on Sunday morning. The civilian SUV was traveling about 23 mph through the signal which was green in their direction, when it was struck by the ladder truck. Cops say the driver of the SUV, Iryna Petrov, 49, had a blood-alcohol content level of .06, just below the legal limit of .08. The cops have not yet decided if charges will be filed against the Fire Apparatus Operator.

Once the cops conclude their investigation, the results will be turned over to prosecutors as this nightmare for all affected continues.

The driver of Truck 27 is Nathaniel D. Moore, 40, a firefighter and paramedic apprentice who joined the FD 3 years ago. Passengers in the apparatus were Lt. Thomas Moore, a 33-year veteran, not related to the driver; Darryl Alexander, a 25-year veteran; and Kenneth Jacobs, a 13-year veteran.

All emergency vehicles operating in Baltimore City are required to stop at red lights, even when responding to calls...drivers can proceed through a red light or a stop sign after stopping and ensuring that the intersection is clear. Cops said Truck 27 was the 3rd of 4 fire vehicles to travel through the intersection within seconds of each other that morning, while en route to a nearby apartment complex to check on a report of smoke in the hallway of an apartment complex. Additional details will follow.

EVERY FIREFIGHTER or EMS Member who drives ANY emergency vehicle needs to be aware of this latest incident and understand what a nightmare this can be. STOP AT RED LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNS.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Guide to Model Policies and Procedures for Emergency Vehicle Safety which also includes all State Statutes can be found at:

<http://www.iafc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=602>

Take Care-BE CAREFUL. STOP AT RED LIGHTS AND STOP SIGNS. Enforce it...no matter what.