



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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## DRIVER EXPERIENCES MEDICAL CONDITION AND DRIVES INTO RETENTION POND

**WHO:** Thomas Pattinato (Driver)  
DOB: 3-22-83  
Vehicle: 2002 Dodge Pickup

**WHAT:** Single-vehicle Crash

**WHEN:** January 10, 2011  
12:57 p.m.

**WHERE:** Gulf to Bay Boulevard & Belcher Road  
Clearwater, Fla.

**SUMMARY:** Fire crews and police responded to a single-vehicle crash into a pond at the southwest corner of Gulf to Bay Boulevard and Belcher Road. When first responders arrived, the driver was out of the vehicle and out of the water. He was assisted from the water by a Progress Energy worker.

A preliminary investigation reveals the driver was leaving the parking lot at the southeast corner of the intersection and drove across Belcher Road striking the fence and continuing into the pond. It appears the driver experienced some type of medical condition. He was transported to Morton Plant Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The Progress Energy worker refused medical treatment. The driver was alone in the vehicle. No other vehicles were involved.

