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DRIVER CITED IN CRASH WITH EMERGENCY VEHICLE

WHO: Karen Kuechler (Driver)
W/F DOB 3-21-36
Safety Harbor, Fla.
Vehicle: 2003 Saturn
CITED: Failure to Yield

Assistant Chief of Suppression Danny Jones (Driver)
Clearwater Fire & Rescue
Vehicle: 2009 Chevy Suburban

WHAT: Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle/Crash

WHEN: May 12, 2009
3:40 p.m.

WHERE: Enterprise Road near Landmark Drive
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: A/C Jones was traveling westbound on Enterprise Road responding to an emergency call with his lights and siren activated. A vehicle pulled into his path from the parking lot of the Bank of America. The driver, Karen Kuechler, was attempting to turn left (eastbound) onto Enterprise Road. A/C Jones was unable to avoid the collision.

Immediately following the accident, A/C Jones exited his vehicle and went to assist the Kuechler, whose vehicle caught fire as a result of the accident. A/C Jones helped Kuechler from her vehicle and extinguished the car fire. Both A/C Jones and Kuechler were transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Police determined Kuechler to be at fault for the accident. She was cited for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

A/C Jones is a 23-year veteran with Clearwater Fire & Rescue.

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