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MULTIPLE VEHICLE CRASH ON HARLEYSVILLE PIKE

The Franconia Township Police Department investigated two related vehicle crashes at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. These occurred on Harleysville Pike at Moyer Road.

Rebekah Gehman of Thistle Lane, Perkasie had stopped her Chrysler while northbound on Harleysville Pike for traffic that had slowed due to volume. Her vehicle was then struck in the rear by an Oldsmobile that was driven by Elizabeth Kilmer of Diamond Street, Souderton.

Several minutes later, a second crash occurred at the same location. Ronald Clemmer of Meeting House Road, Telford drove his Chevrolet pickup truck into the rear of a Chevrolet sedan that was driven by Wendy DelBianco of Main Street, Harleysville.

DelBianco had stopped behind the Kilmer vehicle that had become disabled in the first crash. The impact from this second crash pushed the front of DelBianco's vehicle into the rear of Kilmer's vehicle.

Kilmer and DelBianco sustained injuries. They were transported to Grand View Hospital and Lansdale Hospital, respectively, by EMS crews from Souderton Community Ambulance and the Harleysville Area Emergency Medical Service.

Both the Telford and Souderton Fire Companies responded to extricate DelBianco from her vehicle. Fire Police from both companies assisted the Franconia officers with traffic control.

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