



CITY OF OLEAN
FIRE DEPARTMENT

City of Olean Fire and Police Departments Press Releases
Engine 40 Motor Vehicle Crash on January 24, 2022

On January 24, 2022: At 1:59 PM Engine 40 and AM-249 were dispatched to an Advanced Life Support Medical call of an individual having chest pains and breathing difficulty at a West State Street location. During Engine 40's response a vehicle pulled out in front of the fire engine at West State and North 20th Streets. Engine 40's operator took evasive action to avoid hitting the vehicle on the driver's side. Engine 40's operator directed the vehicle towards Francis Square in which Engine 40 struck the concrete sign causing significant damage to the truck. AM-249 continued on to take care of the patient at the West State Street location and FM-1 was dispatched to assist them on that call. The Officer of Engine 40 requested an ambulance and Supervisor to the scene.

The operator and officer of Engine 40 were able to self-extricate from the fire truck. Both firefighters were evaluated and treated at the scene but did not seek transport to the hospital. They are back on their respective shift as of today.

The Westons Mills Fire Department provided standby coverage for Fire Station One during this incident. Platoon C was called in to cover Central Fire Station and to assist with decommissioning Engine 40 before it headed to the repair shop. The City of Olean Police Department responded to the scene to conduct the investigation. Portville Truck towed the vehicle to their location to be evaluated by the insurance companies. In the interim, the Allegany Fire Department has authorized the City of Olean to borrow one of their engines. We sincerely appreciate all of the support during this incident and the well wishes from our community.

Sincerely,



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