

# CITY OF OLEAN

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On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 2:00pm, the Olean Police Department responded to the area of West State Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street for a motor vehicle accident involving a City of Olean Fire Truck. Upon arrival, patrol found OCFD Engine 40 to be off the road and that it had collided with the concrete entrance sign for the Ellicott Development Plaza. After investigation, patrol found that Engine 40 had been travelling westbound, with lights and sirens activated, responding to an emergency call. Engine 40 proceeded through the red light at 20<sup>th</sup> Street with lights, siren, and air horn activated. The operator of a passenger vehicle, travelling southbound on 20<sup>th</sup> street, stated that she did not hear nor see Engine 40 until she entered the intersection; at which point she turned westbound on West State Street to avoid Engine 40. The operator of Engine 40 took evasive action upon seeing the passenger vehicle in its path, and travelled southbound into the concrete entrance sign of the Plaza in an effort to avoid colliding with the occupied vehicle. All parties were uninjured, and the operator of the passenger vehicle was cited for failure to yield the right of way to an authorized emergency vehicle. A New York State accident report (MV104A) was completed and Engine 40 was towed from the scene by Portville Truck.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Richardson', is written over a blue circular stamp or watermark.

Chief Ronald J. Richardson