



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release**  
**August 23, 2016**

**Incident:** Motor Vehicle Collision – Police Department Vehicle – Three Injured  
**Location:** Route 17M and Highland Avenue Extension, Town of Wallkill, NY  
**Date/Time:** August 23, 2016/8:49 am

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 8:49 am, Town of Wallkill Police Officer Brendan Smith was involved in a motor vehicle collision while travelling North on Route 17M at the intersection of Highland Avenue Extension. Police Officer Smith injured his head in the accident and was removed by Town of Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance Corp (“TOWVAC”) to Orange Regional Medical Center (“ORMC”), where he was treated and released. A preliminary investigation disclosed that Officer Smith was travelling North on Route 17M when he collided with a second vehicle also travelling North on Route 17M. The second vehicle was operated by Ms. Rebecca Travis of Monticello. Prior to the collision, the second vehicle had stopped and was preparing to turn left into Cumberland Farms gas station when PO Smith’s vehicle collided with it. Ms. Travis was transported to ORMC by Mobil Life Support Services (“MLSS”), where she is still being evaluated for non-life threatening injuries. Ms. Travis’s vehicle subsequently collided with a third vehicle which was travelling South on Route 17M. The operator of the third vehicle, Matthew Donley, refused medical aid at the scene. The Washington Heights Fire Department also responded to the scene.

Robert C. Hertman  
Chief of Police

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