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Gurnee Fatal Traffic Crash

Gurnee – On December 17, 2021, at approximately 2:20 AM, Gurnee Police responded to the area of Grand Avenue and Six Flags Parkway for a single vehicle traffic crash with injuries. Gurnee officers arrived and located a blue 2008 Chevy Cobalt with extensive damage after striking a light pole.

The initial investigation shows the Chevy, driven by a 63-year-old man of Waukegan, Illinois, was traveling eastbound on Grand Avenue before driving into the light pole on the southeast corner of the intersection at Six Flags Parkway. The man was the sole occupant of the Cobalt. When Gurnee officers arrived on the scene, the man was unresponsive inside the locked vehicle. In an effort to provide emergency aid, officers smashed the window of the vehicle to gain access to the occupant. Officers gave lifesaving efforts until the Gurnee Fire Department arrived.

The driver of the Cobalt was transported to Advocate Condell Hospital and was later pronounced deceased.

Investigators with the Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) responded to the scene and aided with the crash investigation. An autopsy is scheduled with the Lake County Coroner's Office on Friday.

This crash remains under investigation by Gurnee Police.