

## **Deputies and Officers Battle Car Fire, Assist in Rescue**

December 11, 2012

On December 6, 2012 just before midnight, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of McEver Road near the intersection of Allen Circle, just south of Oakwood, regarding a report of a vehicle on fire.

Arriving on the scene prior to Hall County Fire Services, Hall County Deputies and Oakwood Police Officers discovered that a 1998 Buick Century had left the roadway and struck a tree, trapping the female driver inside. Making matters much worse, the vehicle's engine compartment had caught fire and the flames were threatening to engulf the passenger area.

Reacting quickly, the Deputies and Officers immediately retrieved fire extinguishers from their patrol cars and began efforts to suppress the flames while also trying to assess and stabilize the driver. They continued their efforts, eventually expending five fire extinguishers in process, until the arrival of Hall County Fire Engine # 4. The Deputies quickly assumed duties manning a fire hose from the engine, thereby freeing the fire fighters to tend to the injured driver.

With the fire successfully extinguished, Fire Fighters were able to extricate the driver from the wreckage and transport her to a medical facility for treatment.

Sheriff's Deputies involved in the incident were Corporal Ryan Provost, Deputy Charles Wallace, and Deputy Mark Mason. Oakwood Police Officers responding were Officer Jason Crowder and Officer Jeff Scott.

For further information regarding the extent of the patient's injuries and transport, please contact Hall County Fire Services Chief David Kimbrell at 770-531-6838.

For information from Oakwood Police Department, please contact Chief Randall Moon at 770-534-2364.

For information regarding the crash specifically, please contact the Georgia State Patrol at 770-535-6922.