



Town of Mansfield Police Department

500A East Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048

*Deputy Police Chief
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Bicycle vs Motor Vehicle Accident

On 08/2/21 at 2:31 pm the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional 911 call center received a 911 call reporting an accident involving a bicycle vs car in the area of 500 Elm Street. Upon arrival of patrol units, the bicyclist was found conscious and alert on the side of the roadway speaking to witnesses and neighbors who came out to assist. The operator of the motor vehicle was also on scene assisting the victim.

Initial reports were that the 83-year-old Mansfield resident was riding his bicycle in the westbound lane of Elm Street toward the Town of Norton. The motor vehicle operator, also a Mansfield resident, was driving her compact SUV in the eastbound lane of Elm Street toward Mansfield center. Multiple witnesses report that the bicyclist quickly darted from the shoulder of the lane he was riding in, to the opposite lane across the street and into the path of the on-coming vehicle. Observing the bicycle quickly crossing the road, the operator of the SUV attempted to brake sharply and take evasive action but was unable to avoid the collision. The bicyclist was transported via Med-Flight to Rhode Island Hospital for serious life-threatening injuries.

We would like to thank all of the neighbors, motorists and pedestrians who stopped to assist those who were involved in the crash. Officer David Kinahan, who is an accident reconstructionist, is investigating the crash. If anyone has additional information about the crash, please contact Officer Kinahan at (508) 261-7300.