

Care Ambulance EMT Killed On the Job While Helping Crash Victim

On behalf of Johnston, Moore & Thompson

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A 29-year-old female EMT from Lowndesboro was hit by a car Wednesday morning while she was trying to aid the victim of a car accident near Hope Hull, southwest of Montgomery. She died from the injuries she sustained in the [on-duty vehicle accident](#).

According to Sergeant Steve Jarrett, a spokesperson for the Alabama Department of Public Safety, the fatal accident occurred near mile marker 161 on I-65. There had been two motor vehicle accidents at that location. The woman was outside the ambulance, attempting to assist a victim of one of the wrecks, when a passing 2006 Chevy pickup truck driven by a 42-year-old man from Montgomery struck her.

The EMT was transported to Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery, where she died.

The preliminary investigation by the Department of Public Safety and the Alabama State Patrol indicates that the driver of the pickup truck was speeding and did not slow down when passing the emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the Interstate despite icy road conditions. The pickup truck driver was not injured in the accident. Alabama State Troopers are investigating the accident as a possible traffic homicide.

Remember, the Alabama Move Over Act requires drivers to move at least one lane over from emergency vehicles when driving on a highway with two or more lanes. If it is not safe to move over, drivers must slow down to at least 15 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

Because the EMT was killed during the course of her employment, her family may be entitled to workers' compensation [death benefits](#).

Sources:

- Al.com, "[EMT responding to car crash dead after being struck by another car on I-65](#)," Christine Kneidinger, December 15, 2010
- Code of Alabama, §32-5A-58.2