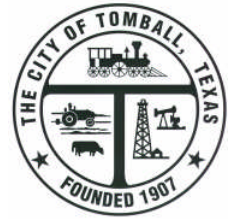


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A Tomball Police Officer Was Injured While Patrolling School Zone Traffic

The first day of school wasn't so pleasant for a Tomball Police Officer. On Monday, August 24, 2009, at approximately 0710 hrs, Officer Jaime Reeves was "rear ended" while working the speed zone of the Tomball Intermediate School. While stopped at a red light, awaiting to travel westbound in the 700 Block of West Main Street, the marked patrol unit in which Officer Jaime Reeves was driving was struck in the rear by a Chevy Tahoe which was speeding through a school zone.

The driver of the Chevy Tahoe, David Bell of Montgomery, stated that during his attempt to stop, he immediately realized his brakes did not work, causing him to strike the rear of the Police Car. Officer Jaime Reeves was transported to Tomball Regional Hospital by Northwest EMS where she was treated and released.

Rick Grassi, Captain of Patrol, stated "Although it is an unfortunate event any time someone is injured in an accident, in a sense we are fortunate that the Chevy Tahoe struck the rear of a Police Car." "Could you image if it wasn't until the driver of the Tahoe was trying to stop for a child in the crosswalk before he realized his brakes didn't work?"

This is a reminder that Tomball Independent School District started their 2009-2010 school year on Monday, August 24, 2009. It is important that all citizens remember the importance of safe driving through our school zones, enhancing a safe environment for our children. In addition to laws already established for school zone safety, effective September 01, 2009, new laws come into effect making it illegal to use a cellular phone while traveling through a school zone.

The Tomball Police Department has always placed a priority on child safety. There will be officers enforcing traffic laws throughout the school zones during the entire school year.