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Citation Issued in Officer-Involved Accident on Byrne Road at Hill Avenue

Toledo, OH (January 14, 2019): Toledo Police are citing one of their own today as the investigation into yesterday's three-vehicle injury accident at Byrne and Hill comes to a close. Officer Nicole Tucker, age 31, will be cited for a red-light violation. It is unclear why Officer Tucker entered the intersection against the red-light; however, she and her passenger/partner, Officer James Schroeder, were not responding to a call for service at the time of the accident, nor were they operating their vehicle with emergency lights.

A vehicle driven by Kelly Molter, age 51, was eastbound on Hill when it struck the police vehicle driven southbound on Byrne by Officer Tucker. Officer Tucker, Officer Schroeder, and Ms. Molter were all taken to the hospital for non life-threatening injuries. As of Monday, all three are recovering at home. A third vehicle was struck following the initial accident; however, no injuries were reported by the occupant of that vehicle.

At the scene, a witness reported the involvement of a possible hit-skip vehicle. Upon follow up investigation, accident investigators do not believe a fourth vehicle was involved or contributed to the accident.

An internal investigation will be conducted into the incident in addition to the traffic citation issued. Officer Tucker, who was hired in October 2013, has numerous exceptional performance reports in her file and no prior discipline.

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