

## TOLEDO FIREFIGHTERS HURT IN FIRE TRUCK CRASH ON WAY TO FIRE

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(Toledo, OH) --- Four Toledo firefighters have been hurt when their fire truck crashed into a power pole and a tree at the intersection of Bancroft and Ashland Streets in the Old West End.

Toledo Fire Chief Mike Bell advised that their injuries do not appear to be life threatening.



According to Bell, the fire truck was responding to a call of an explosion in a West Toledo garage. The crew was following behind another emergency vehicle when two cars pulled in front of their path. "That made them have to change course, which they did, in order to do the least harm to people in the streets at the time," said Chief Bell. According to Bell, the driver of the fire truck swerved to avoid one car, but collided with another vehicle. The crash was felt for a block. "I heard an explosion, a big explosion. I turned and saw the fire truck turned over," said Selena Maurer who was close to the crash scene when it happened. Chief Bell said the fire truck lost its air brakes, power steering and slammed into a power pole and a tree. Extra rescue crews were dispatched to help rescue the firefighters. "This is extremely stressful when four are of your own," said Chief Bell. Two of the firefighters in the mangled truck got out and started helping in the rescue effort. The driver of one of those cars has also been taken to St. Vincent Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. Traffic at Bancroft and Ashland was blocked as power crews try to repair dangling electric lines. Bell held a press conference at St. Vincent shortly before 4:30 p.m.



NBC24 has learned the conditions of the four firefighters injured in the crash. Brian Schoen and Thomas Marciniak were treated and released while Michael Durand and Matt Viertelbeck are both listed in fair condition.





