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Firefighter dies after fall from fire truck

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Associated Press

A firefighter who fell out of a speeding fire truck while putting on his emergency gear died from his injuries Monday, officials said.

Brian Hunton, 24, hit the pavement after being

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thrown from the back seat behind the driver when the truck made a sharp turn Saturday night, firefighters said. He never regained consciousness after sustaining a severe head injury, department spokesman Bob Johnson said.


The truck was traveling at a relatively low speed and the door may have come open, according to police reports.

Authorities are investigating.


"We just want to make sure that this doesn't happen again to our people," Johnson said.

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