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Trooper struck on the Ohio Turnpike

SWANTON - A trooper from the Swanton Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol was struck by a commercial vehicle on the Ohio Turnpike near milepost 13 in Williams County at approximately 8:36 a.m. this morning.

Tpr. Tommy Alexander, 41, was stopped along the side of the Turnpike conducting a routine traffic stop, when his cruiser was struck from behind by a commercial vehicle. Tpr. Alexander was outside of his cruiser during the crash and was life-flighted to University of Toledo Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the stopped vehicle, Carol Thomas, 44, of Toledo, was taken to Montpelier Hospital, to be evaluated. Both the driver of the commercial vehicle, Patricia Chapman, 53, of Murchison, TX, and the passenger, Jiri Siuda, 34, of Frisco, TX, were not injured.

Tpr. Alexander is a member of the 124th Academy Class, earning his commission in June 1993. He has served at the Swanton Post throughout his career.

This incident is still under investigation.

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