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## **Paulding County Fire Department Rescue Stolen – Involved in Multiple Traffic Accidents**

**Suspect Arrested After Causing Significant Damage**

**Hiram, Georgia – June 27, 2016** – At 09:55 today Paulding County Fire Dispatch received unauthorized and distressed transmissions over the Departments secure radio network.

At approximately the same time, the 911 Center received several calls reporting a Fire Department vehicle driving erratically, at high speeds, damaging several road signs and mailboxes, and crossing into oncoming traffic causing at least one accident involving another vehicle.

The Department vehicle, which was identified as Rescue #3, was involved in a second accident in the vicinity of 690 Mt. Tabor Church Road, and was heavily damaged. The driver, a male in his 20's, attempted to flee the scene but was quickly apprehended by Paulding County Sherriff's Deputies.

During the time of the incident staff from Fire Station #3 were participating in training exercises several blocks away.

Although the Station was secured, the suspect forced entry, stole the Rescue by driving it through the bay door.

No Department personnel or other injuries were reported.

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