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Car Crashes into Squad, Deputies Narrowly Avoid Being Struck



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County sheriff's deputies responded to a single car crash on southbound I-894 at W. Cleveland Avenue at 2:00 a.m. today. The vehicle started on fire in the right distress lane, and while deputies were outside their squads tending to the fire and investigating the crash, another vehicle spun out across from the initial crash scene, coming to a stop facing oncoming traffic next to the center median wall.

The driver of that car walked across the freeway to join the deputies. Within seconds, a Jeep Cherokee spun out of control toward the five people standing behind the squad at the first crash. The deputies saw the Jeep suddenly slide across three lanes of traffic and pulled the citizens over the median wall as they jumped to safety. The vehicle crashed into the squad just as they cleared the wall. The deputies' split second reaction resulted in no injuries from this crash to those at the scene.

The West Allis Police Department responded to investigate the squad crash. The 24-year-old male driver of the Jeep was cited by West Allis police for driving too fast for conditions. Alcohol was not a factor in the crashes, and all drivers were wearing their seatbelts.

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