New Bedford officer struck by car while directing traffic

Last night around 9:00 pm, a New Bedford police officer was struck on E. Rodney French Blvd. while directing traffic during a traffic stop of another car.

The unnamed male officer was struck by a dark sedan and knocked unconscious. The driver, also a male, stayed on scene until police and emergency personnel arrived.

The officer was transported to Rhode Island hospital. His condition at this time is currently unknown.

Eyewitnesses report that the impact was powerful enough to shatter the windshield.

At this time, the driver is not suspected to have been under the influence of alcohol or drugs.