

# Wareham police officers save female OUI suspect from burning car

On Saturday, December 8, at about 10:20 p.m. Wareham Police officers responded to the area of Minot Avenue and Indian Neck Road for a report of a motor vehicle accident.

Upon arrival, Officer Christopher Corner found a vehicle with heavy damage and the engine on fire. The operator was in the car, unresponsive, and the passenger door was jammed shut. Officer Corner took his fire extinguisher and knocking down the visible flames, proceeded to the driver's door. The flames began to pick up again, and he was able to pull the victim to safety as the vehicle was actively on fire. Officer Jennifer Braley had also arrived on location and helped carry the victim to a safe area. The other car contained two individuals who had non-life threatening injuries. The Wareham Fire Department arrived and extinguished the fire.

All parties were transported to Tobey Hospital for treatment by Wareham EMS. An investigation revealed that the woman who was rescued from the burning car, Daicia Rezendes, 28, of Marion, had crossed the center line and struck the other vehicle head-on, causing the accident. As a result of this information, and further investigation, Ms. Rezendes is being summoned to court for, operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and a marked lanes violation.

Officer Braley was treated and released from Tobey Hospital for a minor injury sustained at the scene. Acting Chief John Walcek said, "These two officers put themselves in harm's way to rescue a woman from a burning car." He added, "Chris Corner and Jenn Braley are dedicated police officers and I am very

proud of their actions.”