

Witness: Emergency worker arrived early, tried to help two who died in accident

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MIDDLETOWN — A witness to the aftermath of this morning's fatal accident on Newman Springs Road said an emergency worker was on the scene within minutes of the crash and began to administer first aid to a young man and woman who eventually died.

Charles Hohenstein, of Newman Springs Road, said when he heard the accident, he went down to the scene.

Someone he described as a member of the township first aid squad was on the scene and was attempted to help two people in a black Acura that veered into oncoming traffic on Newman Springs Road and collided with a truck. The truck then collided with a school bus, township Mayor Tom Hall said. No children were on the bus at the time of the accident, police said.

When Hohenstein arrived at the scene, he said he saw the bus driver getting off the bus. She appeared to be upset, he said.

When emergency workers arrived they first attended to the two people in the car. The driver of the truck was able to speak, he said.

"The response was amazing," Hohenstein said.

Patrolman James W. Roese said rescue workers helped the occupants of the truck out of the vehicle, and believes they needed that assistance because they were in shock from the accident. It was also done as a precautionary measure until the extent of their injuries could be determined, he said.

Later, residents who gathered at the scene snapped pictures with their cell phone cameras. The Acura was removed from the scene at about 11:30 a.m.