

One-car crash in Weston snaps utility pole in half

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A single-vehicle car crash resulted in a downed utility pole, a transformer leak, and a power outage on Sunday, June 26.

Weston police, fire, and EMS responded to the report of a crash around 3 p.m., in the vicinity of 136 Lyons Plain Road, near White Birch Ridge.

When respondents arrived at the scene, they found a gray Subaru had crashed into a telephone pole snapping it in half, causing extensive damage to the vehicle. A transformer on the pole was actively leaking fluid, which covered the width of the roadway.

Firefighters built a dam where the transformer was leaking in order to contain the spill from going onto the roadway. The state Department of Environmental Protection was notified about the spill, and the utility company had to shut off power for several hours.

Police say the accident was caused when a front tire on the Subaru blew out and the operator lost control of the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle, Robert Watman, 65, of Valley Forge Road, was evaluated by Weston EMS and transported to Norwalk Hospital. He was issued an infraction for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and given a verbal warning for failure to drive in a proper lane.

Weston Engine 4, Rescue 5, Truck 6, and Ambulance 55-1 responded to the call, and were aided by Westport and Easton police.