

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Crossville Police, Crossville Fire, and Cumberland County EMS were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Highway 127 North and Matherly Drive. Initial reports indicated that it involved a passenger car and a motorcycle.

The driver of the motorcycle, 44-year-old Michael Paul Howard, was traveling north on Highway 127 when the accident occurred, and Mr. Howard was ejected from the motorcycle. Mr. Howard received severe injuries and was flown to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga for the treatment of his injuries.

Mr. Howard may not have survived if it weren't for the quick thinking of Mr. Frank Vitale. Mr. Vitale rushed to the aid of Mr. Howard and used a belt as a tourniquet to help control the bleeding in Mr. Howard's leg. Mr. Vitale also stayed with Mr. Howard and kept him calm and conscious until emergency personnel arrived at the scene.