



## WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### PRESS INFORMATION

**INCIDENT:** Motor Vehicle Accident - West Windsor Township Officer Injured  
Case # 2012 - 1574

**DATE & TIME OCCURRED:** 01-17-2012 @ 7:17am

**LOCATION OCCURRED:** Cranbury Road near Stobbe Lane

**WHO: (ARRESTED, INJURED, DRIVER, VICTIM, OTHER)**

Victim: Patrol Officer Frank Bal

Driver: Margarita Matos, Trenton, NJ - Rick Bus Company

**OFFICER:** Investigating Officer - Traffic Sergeant Thomas Tarr

**DETAILS:** On the above date and time, Ptl. Bal was struck head-on by a full size school bus while stopped in his patrol vehicle on Cranbury Road. Ptl. Bal was stopped on the northbound side of Cranbury Road in a marked police vehicle with all of its light activated. Ptl. Bal was positioned in the area to warn oncoming motorists of an icy road condition. The school bus, driven by Margarita Matos, was traveling southbound and slid into Ptl. Bal's vehicle. The school bus had 20 students on it. None of the 20 students or Matos was injured. Ptl. Bal was taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton by West Windsor Emergency Medical Services with a neck injury. He was released later in the day. Matos will be issued a traffic summons for Careless Driving.

**OFFICER PREPARING RELEASE:** Lt. William Bastedo

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