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K-9 Officer and dog injured in a traffic accident

On 08/27/09 at around 10:15 pm, A Hawthorne K9 Officer was injured in a traffic accident that occurred at El Segundo Blvd and Yukon Ave.

The K9 Officer was driving east on El Segundo Blvd at Yukon Ave to assist another officer (who was on a routine traffic stop) when a 2001 Toyota SUV going the opposite direction made a left turn in front of the Officer. The two vehicles collided and the impact caused the Officer's patrol car to ram a large power pole on the South/East corner of Yukon Ave & El Segundo Blvd. Both vehicles sustained major damage. The Officer was not driving with lights and siren.

The Officer and the driver of the SUV were taken to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The police dog suffered several cuts and possible internal injuries and was taken to a local emergency Vet for treatment.

The Driver of the SUV did not have a driver's license.

The Gardena Police Department is conducting the accident investigation.