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Woman Saved After Being Pulled Out of Burning Vehicle Following Highway Accident

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Damaged utility pole at the scene of the one-car accident that left a woman injured. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — Two good Samaritans saved the life of a woman who was unconscious in a burning vehicle after she crashed into a utility pole on the Melvin Evans Highway Tuesday night, police spokesman Toby Derima has announced.

According to the V.I.P.D. news release, at approximately 8:46 p.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center dispatched officers to the western end of the Melvin Evans Highway in reference to an auto accident.

An investigation revealed that a white Ford Focus was traveling west on the highway when the female driver lost control of the vehicle, hitting and destroying a utility pole. The accident resulted in injuries to the motorist and the vehicle caught fire.

Two men in the area heard the impact and rushed to investigate. The men found the driver in the vehicle and successfully removed her from the burning vehicle. The driver was transported via ambulance to the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center for treatment of her injuries, where she is listed in stable condition.

Firefighters from the Virgin Islands Fire Service traveled to the scene and extinguished the burning car. Officers from the VIPD's Traffic Investigation Bureau are investigating the cause of the crash, according to the release.

The collision [caused a power outage](#) that affected customers on five power feeders, according to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority.