



On February 9, 2023, a Nashville Fire Department engine was traveling north on Dupont Avenue while responding to a call with its lights and sirens activated. The call was cancelled, and the fire engine turned its emergency signals off and began backing up to make way for an ambulance. The driver of the engine collided with the vehicle behind it driven by Gloria Sawyers. A property damage claim related to Ms. Sawyers's vehicle was previously settled for \$4,400.

Ms. Sawyers suffered from a headache and pain in her neck and spine. She had difficulty moving, walking, sitting, standing, bending, and lifting objections. Ms. Sawyers sought care at the emergency room on February 9, 2023, where x-rays and a CT scan were performed. She had a follow-up visit on February 11, 2023. She also received physical therapy treatment to relieve and decrease her neck and back pain.

The Department of Law recommends settlement of Ms. Sawyers' personal injury claims for \$40,000, which includes her medical bills and additional pain and suffering.

Disciplinary action against the Nashville Fire Department employee involved is pending supervisor review.

*Fiscal note: This \$40,000 settlement, along with the settlements per Resolution Nos. RS2023-81, RS2023-85, RS2023-86, RS2023-87 and RS2023-91 would be the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY24 for a cumulative total of \$724,800. The fund balance would be \$15,905,418 after these payments.*