

Analysis

On December 1, 2018, a Metro police officer was responding to a burglary call with his lights and siren activated when he entered the intersection of Wedgewood Avenue and 8th Avenue South and was struck by a Camry driven by Ms. Shyes. The Camry in turn struck Ms. Carter's SUV, which was sitting still, causing minor injuries to her neck and back. Her medical bills total \$10,038.91.

Ms. Carter has agreed to settle this claim for \$15,000, with \$7,500 coming from Metro and \$7,500 from Ms. Shyes. Although T.C.A. § 55-8-108 allows emergency vehicles with their lights and siren activated to proceed past a red light, but they must slow down as necessary for safe operation. The Metro police officer was disciplined for traveling at an excessive speed and failing to properly clear the intersection.

Fiscal Note: This \$7,500 settlement, along with the settlements per Resolution No. RS2021-1029 and Resolution No. RS2021-1031, would be the 35th, 36th, and 37th payments from the Self-Insured Liability Fund in FY21 for a cumulative total of \$1,919,594. The fund balance would be \$944,408 after these payments.