

Off-duty cop charged in fiery crash

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EDMONTON, Alberta -- An off-duty Canadian police officer in Edmonton, Alberta, faces multiple charges, including drunken driving, after a fiery weekend car crash. City police said a BMW with four people inside hit a Ford F-150 pickup truck broadside at an intersection with enough force to roll the truck, the Edmonton Sun reported Monday. There were also four people in the truck in the 2:15 a.m. Sunday crash, three of whom escaped when it caught fire. The report said bystanders rushed to flip the truck upright to free its trapped and burned 18-year-old driver. One BMW passenger and one truck passenger were also hospitalized, both with non-life-threatening injuries, the report said. The car driver, Constable Douglas Kurtis Brown, 29, was charged with three counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm, three counts of dangerous driving causing bodily harm, and driving with a blood alcohol level over .08, police said. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will assist an Edmonton Police Internal Affairs investigation into witness claims the BMW was speeding and ran a red light before the crash, the Sun said.

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