

# Grand Island supervisor among good Samaritans who pulled man from burning car

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Grand Island Supervisor Nate McMurray was among the good Samaritans who pulled a badly injured man from a burning SUV following a three-vehicle crash with a Metro Bus bus on Grand Island Blvd. Wednesday morning, McMurray acknowledged on his Facebook page. Grand Island fire officials said an unnamed "alert passer-by" pulled the man out of the vehicle.

WIVB reported Wednesday that McMurray, who announced he is running for Rep. Chris Collins' seat, was one of the first at the scene and had tried to pull a man out of an SUV. Later Wednesday, McMurray posted to Facebook: "THANK YOU GOOD SAMARITANS. I just need to add, there were several good Samaritans that helped me. We all worked together until emergency services came, and when they came they did such an excellent job. This is why I love GI." McMurray did not return calls for comment about the Grand Island incident.



(Sharon Cantillon/News File photo)

Photos by the Grand Island fire department showed heavy fire coming out of the front of the crumpled SUV as firefighters doused it with water. A total of seven people were taken to the hospital after an NFTA bus and two vehicles crashed at about 9 a.m. Wednesday in front of Fantasy Island amusement park. The injured man, identified as Joseph Rossi, 27, of Grand Island was taken to Erie County Medical Center. He suffered "serious traumatic injuries," fire officials said. A friend of Rossi's set up a [Gofundme.com fundraiser](#) to help cover medical costs.