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Police Investigating After Fiery Drouin Crash Leaves One Man Seriously Injured

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A man is in serious condition following a violent single-vehicle crash late Friday night on the Princes Freeway in Drouin, Victoria. Authorities are currently investigating the circumstances of the crash, including reports that the vehicle may have been involved in dangerous driving behavior moments before the incident.

Victoria Police and emergency crews responded to the scene at approximately 11:50 p.m., after receiving reports that a silver *Holden Barina* had veered off the freeway near Francis

Avenue and rolled down a steep embankment. Upon arrival, they found the car on fire with the driver still trapped inside.

Fortunately, responding officers and a member of the public who had stopped to help were able to pull the driver out of the burning vehicle just in time. The 48-year-old man from Warragul, identified as the sole occupant of the car, sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to a hospital for emergency treatment. He remains in critical condition.

The exact cause of the crash has not yet been determined. However, witnesses have reported seeing the Holden Barina driving alongside another vehicle in the Drouin *Central Business District (CBD)* shortly before the crash. That information has led investigators to consider whether an element of street racing or reckless driving may have been involved.

Police have issued a public appeal for the driver of the second vehicle to come forward. Authorities are urging anyone who may have witnessed the two cars earlier in the evening, or who may have dashcam footage from the area at the time, to contact local law enforcement or *Crime Stoppers Victoria*. The identity and involvement of the second driver could be critical in helping police piece together how and why the crash occurred.

“Any information, no matter how small it may seem, could prove valuable in helping us understand the events that led up to this serious incident,” said a spokesperson from the *Victoria Police Department (VPD)*.

Incidents like this one continue to spark debate about road safety and driver accountability across Australia. With the increasing number of reports of aggressive driving on both urban streets and rural freeways, many residents believe enforcement efforts should be strengthened. In particular, concerns have been raised about whether current penalties are enough to deter reckless behavior that often puts innocent lives at risk.

As investigations into the Drouin crash continue, police are urging the public to remain cautious and vigilant while on the road. They remind all drivers that even a moment of carelessness or poor judgment can have devastating consequences.

Anyone with relevant information is encouraged to contact *Crime Stoppers Victoria* at 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online. The Victoria Police are determined to ensure all individuals involved are held accountable and that the full truth surrounding this dangerous crash is brought to light.