

Tesla on Autopilot hits parked police car; no, this is not a repeat from last month, this is a whole new crash

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Autopilot-related crash in Laguna Beach results in injuries
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Model S allegedly being driven on Autopilot crashed into a parked vehicle in the city of Laguna Beach, California, earlier this week. The Tesla suffered minor injuries, and fortunately no one was in the car at the time. Both vehicles suffered extensive damage, and photos of the crash scene posted on social media by the Laguna Beach Police Department showed that most, if not all, airbags inside the Model S had deployed. The driver told the responding officers on the scene that the Model S was in Autopilot mode at the time.

Photos from the scene indicate that the Model S delivered a glancing impact to the rear left quarter and side of the police car with its front right fender, causing damage to the sides of both vehicles.

This apparent Autopilot-involved crash adds to a string of incidents in which vehicles operated on Autopilot have crashed into the backs of emergency vehicles parked on the shoulder or stopped in a traffic lane.

This year, a Model S in California, also apparently in Autopilot mode, crashed into the back of a firetruck that was parked in the left lane of a highway as it was responding to another crash. The driver of that vehicle was not injured. Just two weeks ago another Tesla Model S drove into the back of a firetruck in Utah, causing serious damage to the front of the Model S. The 28-year-old driver told police that Autopilot was engaged at the time and that she was not looking at her phone.