***Update: Training Assists Officer In Walking Away From Accident***
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Livingston County Sheriff Steve Cox is crediting the use of a seat belt and training at an emergency vehicle operations course in allowing a Deputy Sheriff to walk away from an accident.

The video of the officer, inside the car, can be seen here, on Youtube
In a follow-up report from the May 16th accident, Sheriff Cox said the patrol car that Deputy Brad Graham was driving was traveling eighty six miles an hour on an emergency call when it went off Highway 190.

The Sheriff believes instruction Deputy Graham received at the Missouri Highway Patrol Training Academy helped Graham maintain enough control of the vehicle to keep it upright, and from flipping or rolling over. It is believed that training also assisted the Deputy from being involved in a head on accident with another motorist.

Sheriff Cox indicated had the vehicle rolled or flipped, Deputy Graham would have most likely sustained injuries.

A camera showed the interior of the car, because Deputy Graham had previously transported a prisoner that was being less than cooperative, so Graham's actions during the accident were caught on video.

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The video shows Deputy Graham in communication with the 911 dispatcher as he was driving West on Highway 190. As the car entered a curve West of the Thomson River Bridge, Graham can be seen, and heard hitting an air horn on the siren box in an attempt to get the attention of an oncoming driver, who allegedly failed to yield for an emergency vehicle.

The Deputy can be seen jerking the steering wheel as he attempts to reposition the patrol car in an attempt to allow more room for the oncoming vehicle.

The week long course that Deputy Graham attended at the Missouri Highway Patrol Training Academy trains participants in day and night driving under intense conditions. Training is also included emergency response and pursuit at high speeds.

Sheriff Cox noted the video shows the importance of wearing seat belts.