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Two women killed, one injured in two-car accident in Warren

WARREN — Two Portsmouth women were fatally injured when their car collided with another car at Market Street (Route 136) and Old Market Street at about 1 p.m. Saturday, the police said yesterday.

Ruth W. Ostrow, 65, and her passenger, Phyllis E. Marshall, 80, were pronounced dead at Rhode Island Hospital, where the other driver, Jennifer Clark, 33, of Bristol, was still being treated yesterday, the police said.

The police declined to give details of the accident. They said all three women were extracted from the wreckage by Warren and Swansea firefighters using hydraulic tools.

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Few answers in fatal Warren car accident

WARREN — There are still more questions than answers two days after two Portsmouth women died in an afternoon car crash in Warren.

Ruth W. Ostrow, 65, and her passenger, Phyllis E. Marshall, 80, were killed on Saturday when their car collided with a car driven by Jennifer Clark, 33, of Bristol.

Warren police Lt. Peter Achille said today that authorities have found only one witness to the accident, which occurred on Market Street at 1 p.m. Saturday. That witness told the police that both cars were traveling south, but saw little else, Achille said.

The police haven't yet spoken to Clark. She is listed in fair condition at Rhode Island Hospital.

"We haven't been able to interview her due to her condition," Achille said, noting that she has "several broken bones."

The police plan to reconstruct the crash when more information becomes available. Achille is asking for anyone who may have witnessed the accident to contact the Warren police at (401) 245-1311.

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OSTROW, RUTH W., of Portsmouth, RI, died Saturday, December 9, in an automobile accident in Warren, RI. She was 65. Ms. Ostrow lived in Portsmouth from 1967 until the time of her death.

Born in Boston, MA on December 18, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Esther S. and Edward A. Friedberg, of New Bedford, MA. Raised in Taunton, MA, Ms. Ostrow earned a bachelors degree from NYU and masters degrees from Bridgewater State College. Ms. Ostrow retired in 2000 after working for some twenty years in a civilian position with the Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport, RI.

Ms. Ostrow is survived by her daughter SaraBeth Thornton; her son Joshua Ostrow; her son-in-law Patrick Thornton; her granddaughter Sydney Thornton; and her sister Anne Friedberg Plaut.

Contributions in memory of Ms. Ostrow can be made to Child and Family Services of Newport, RI, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank in Providence, RI or Temple Shalom in Middletown, RI. A memorial service will be held in the Spring.