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Gas car explodes:

Driver dead, ten firefighters injured

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After a traffic accident in Margarethenhof at Rohlstorf the vehicle exploded while the firefighters wanted to salvage the car. The 53-year-old driver was killed, ten firefighters were injured.



Rohlstorf. Tragedy on the highway: After an accident the morning between Rohlstorf and Margarethenhof in Segeberg yesterday explodes a gas-powered car. The 53-year-old driver died, ten firefighters were injured, five of them seriously. The rescuers had no chance to see what kind of danger they went into.



According to police in Bad Segeberg a Ford Focus was bumped on the county road 56 into a tree shortly after 8 clock. "When our forces arrived, the vehicle was already in flames," said Gabriele Turtun, spokeswoman for the District Firefighters Association in Bad Segeberg.

At the moment, as the men of the volunteer brigades from Rohlstorf and Krems II would initiate extinguishing the fire, the car suddenly exploded in a massive fireball.

The driver was probably not alive at that time and had probably already died as a result of the accident. The firemen were injured in the explosion partly with serious burns. Several ambulances rushed to the scene. Some of the injured had to be brought to special clinics with helicopters. Even though it first looked as there were many critically injured, none of the men are any longer in danger, said Ralf Thomsen, deputy chairman of the State Fire Service Association and psychologists have taken care of the crews and their families.



It was sheer luck that they were not directly close to the car during the explosion. Otherwise, the accident could have been fatal for the rescuers. A liter of LPG provides the same explosive effect as half a kilogram of TNT."

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After accident with the gas Auto: Firefighters Association wants mandatory labeling

After the explosion of a gas-powered car in Kreis Segeberg that seriously injured firefighters of the Landesfeuerwehrband Schleswig-Holstein has called for a labeling requirement for such vehicles.

Rohlstorf / Lübeck. "We are now pushing the Bundesfeuerwehrband for such a change in the legislation said Landesfeuerwehrvize Ralf Thomsen to the LN. The managing director of the Feuerwehr-Unfallkasse Nord, Lutz Kettenbeil, spoke in favor of, "so that emergency personnel know with what kind of car they have to deal with on site."