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Less than two days after his car crashed through a fence and into the Charles River, Chauncey Chambers, 66, of Roxbury, died at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Sunday morning.

According to the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Police, Chambers was attempting to park his car on earthbound Memorial Drive, just east of Seneca House, when he lost control of the vehicle, which jumped the curb, broke through the heavy metal fence, and dropped into the water at the Charles River Yacht Club at 8:50am Friday.

Malcolm Scott, a witness at the scene of the accident, said Chambers' car was parked on Memorial Drive before it left the road.

Two Cambridge firemen and an MDC policeman pulled Chambers from his submerged car at about 9am, after a two-man truck lifted the vehicle to near surface level. Earlier rescue attempts by joggers Sheila McCarthy and William Gavin and by another MDC officer were unsuccessful.

MDC Police Officer, Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital News Office, said Chambers arrived at the hospital unconscious, with no pulse and no blood pressure. He was revived and treated for hypothermia, Bander said, but never regained consciousness.

The cause of Chambers' death has not yet been released. Dr. George G. Katsas, Suffolk County Medical Examiner, will issue a report on Chambers' death.

Chambers was a reservist agent for Herman T. Cambridge. Prior to taking the position of reservist agent, Chambers worked as a social worker and an alcohol rehabilitation counselor in Massachusetts.

McCarthy and Gavin were taken to Massachusetts General Hospital where they were treated for exposure and released.