



Fatal Traffic Collision

January 29, 2023 – At approximately 9:51 a.m., our communications center received a call for service regarding a two vehicle injury traffic collision in the intersection of Menifee Road and Watson Road. Menifee Police Department (PD) Officers and Cal Fire personnel were dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival, officers found that a Hyundai sedan and a Volkswagen sedan were involved in a broadside collision. The driver of the Hyundai was suffering from severe injuries and police personnel, as well as Cal-Fire personnel attempted life saving measures. Unfortunately, the driver's injuries were too severe, and she was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the Volkswagen was transported to a local hospital for treatment and was in stable condition.

Our traffic unit arrived on scene and took over the investigation. One witness remained on scene and provided statements. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Volkswagen was traveling southbound on Menifee Road approaching the intersection with Watson Road, which is a two way stop intersection with eastbound and westbound traffic being required to stop. The Hyundai was traveling eastbound on Watson Road, approaching Menifee Road. The driver of the Hyundai came to a stop at the stop sign and proceeded into the intersection where her vehicle was broadsided by the southbound Volkswagen. Neither Alcohol nor drugs appear to be a factor in the collision. The decedent's name will be released by the Riverside County Coroner's Office pending notification of next of kin. The Menifee Police Department sends our condolences to the family of the deceased female.

The exact cause of the collision is still under investigation. Anyone with additional information regarding the collision is asked to contact the Menifee PD Traffic Unit at (951) 723-1690 or (951) 723-1565.

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