



Fatal Traffic Collision

January 31, 2023 – At approximately 3:18 p.m., our communications center received a call for service regarding a two-vehicle injury traffic collision near the intersection of Matthews Road and Palomar Road. Menifee Police Department (PD) Officers and Cal Fire personnel were dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival, officers found that a Mustang passenger car and a Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) bus were involved in a head-on collision. The driver of the Mustang suffered from severe injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Multiple passengers on the RTA bus suffered from minor to moderate injuries.

Our traffic unit arrived on the scene and took over the investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Mustang was traveling westbound on Matthews Road approaching Palomar Road. The RTA bus was traveling eastbound on Matthews Road. The driver of the Mustang was observed weaving in and out of traffic by witnesses before colliding head-on with the RTA bus. Further investigation will determine if alcohol or drugs was 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 and a quick recovery to injured RTA passengers.

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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