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FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION 8400 BLOCK OF EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD

On December 24th, 2022, shortly before 1:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division East and personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the 8400 blk. of E. Broadway Blvd. for multiple reports of a collision involving a blue 2015 Yamaha FZ07 motorcycle and a white 2012 Dodge Caliber. The driver of the motorcycle, a 37-year-old male, had sustained serious, life-threatening injuries in the collision. Life-saving measures were attempted on the motorcyclist; however, he was pronounced deceased at the scene. The identity of the motorcyclist is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit were contacted and responded to the scene to continue the investigation. After conducting interviews and collecting roadway evidence, detectives determined that the Yamaha motorcycle was traveling westbound on Broadway Blvd. well in excess of the posted speed limit. At the same time, the Dodge Caliber was also traveling westbound on Broadway Blvd. in the middle lane when it was struck from behind by the motorcycle. The driver of the Dodge Caliber immediately stopped and cooperated with the investigation. An officer from the Impaired Driver Enforcement unit responded and determined that the driver of the Dodge Caliber was not impaired by alcohol or drugs at the time of the collision.

The motorcyclist was wearing his helmet and did have a proper motorcycle endorsement. Failure to reduce and control the speed of his motorcycle to avoid a collision and speeding are the major contributing factors of the collision.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no charges or citations have been issued at this time.

Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 84	For 2022 - 97
Pedestrian - 29	Pedestrian- 48
Bicycle - 7	Bicycle - 6
Motorcycle - 10	Motorcycle - 17
Vehicle - 38	Vehicle - 26

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