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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 3000 BLOCK OF EAST DREXEL ROAD

On August 25, 2017, at approximately 8:10 p.m., officers from Operations Division South and members of the Tucson Fire Department responded to the 3000 block of East Drexel Road for a report of a serious injury collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, an adult male was located in the roadway. Tucson Fire transported the male pedestrian to Banner University Medical Center where he sadly passed away from his injuries shortly after arrival. The pedestrian was identified as **53-year-old James Leroy Parker**. Next of kin has been notified.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the location to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that Mr. Parker was in the roadway of westbound Drexel Road, when he was struck by a red 1992 Ford Ranger Pick-up truck. The driver of the truck remained on scene and cooperated with officers and investigators. It is unclear at this time why Mr. Parker was in the roadway and he was not in a crosswalk. Speed does not appear to be a factor in the collision and the driver showed no signs of impairment. No arrests or citations are pending.

Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2016 - 36
Pedestrian - 8
Bicycle - 4
Motorcycle - 8

For 2017 - 35
Pedestrian - 17
Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 8

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