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FATAL CHILD PEDESTRIAN COLLISION 3300 BLOCK OF EAST 22ND STREET

The Tucson Police Department received notification at approximately 1:26 p.m. on December 29, 2011 of a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian that occurred in the **3300 Block of East 22nd Street**. The pedestrian was described as a **13-year-old male child**. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the incident location and began to coordinate investigative efforts. They arrived within 2 minutes. An off-duty Captain from the Tucson Fire Department was on scene immediately after the child was struck. He initiated life-saving CPR efforts until additional emergency medical personnel were able to respond to the incident location. Immediately after arriving on scene, Tucson Fire Department personnel transported the child to a local hospital for further emergency medical treatment. His injuries were deemed to be life threatening in nature. The child unfortunately succumbed to injuries sustained during the collision, and he was **pronounced deceased** while at the hospital.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the incident location to further the investigation. They interviewed various witnesses as well as the driver of the vehicle that struck the child. In addition, they examined and collected various items of roadway evidence. The detectives determined that a group of children were running across East 22nd Street at the intersection of South Randolph Parkway. They were running in a marked crosswalk. The children were initially on the north side of the street at Reid Park. After successfully crossing the three westbound traffic lanes of East 22nd Street, running southbound in the crosswalk, most of the children stopped on the raised median before entering the second half of the crosswalk, which was in the eastbound traffic lanes of East 22nd Street. The child that was struck did not stop with the other children and instead continued running southbound in the crosswalk. A gray 1989 GMC sport utility vehicle was traveling eastbound on East 22nd Street in the lane closest to the raised median. The driver of the GMC was unable to stop his vehicle to avoid the collision and ended up striking the child as the child ran out into the southern half of the crosswalk. The driver, a 32-year old Caucasian male, remained at the scene of the collision and participated fully in the investigation.

There is no indication that speed, drugs, or alcohol were factors in the collision. The driver of the vehicle that struck the child will not receive any citations, criminally or civilly, as a result of the accident.

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Fatalities year to date:

For 2010 - 46

12 Pedestrian
3 Bicycle
8 Motorcycle

For 2011 - 47

17 Pedestrian
2 Bicycle
11 Motorcycle

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