5-05/050.25 - Unincorporated Area

The California Highway Patrol is responsible for the investigation and reporting of traffic collisions in the unincorporated areas of the county.

A Department unit shall respond to a traffic collision in unincorporated areas when:

- CHP advises an extended response time and specifically requests this Department handle a collision;
- A fatality is reported under circumstances which cause doubt that the death was attributable to the collision (Refer to the "Fatality-Unincorporated Area" section of the chapter);
- Department personnel or vehicles are involved; or
- Information exists alleging violations of the penal code or county ordinances in conjunction with the collision.