

Unit Order 19 - Fatal Traffic Collisions

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Station Order is to establish procedures for handling fatal traffic collisions.

SCOPE:

This Station Order applies to all fatal traffic collisions which occur within the jurisdiction of West Hollywood Station. Fatal traffic collision investigations occurring in a county area such as Universal City are the responsibility of the California Highway Patrol.

ORDER:

Whenever a fatal collision occurs in the West Hollywood Station area and this station's Traffic Unit conducts the investigation, the Traffic Sergeant and Traffic Investigator will keep the Unit Commander, Operations Lieutenant and the Traffic Lieutenant advised of all significant events during the investigation.

Traffic Services Detail, F.A.I.T., will be contacted immediately, advised of the collision(s) and a determination will be made regarding the need for them to respond. The Unit Commander or his/her designate (Watch Commander, etc.) will have the discretion to require a response by F.A.1.T. if they feel it is appropriate. The West Hollywood City Manager and the Public Safety and Community Services Manager will be notified after the Unit Commander has been contacted. All other departmental notification requirements remain in effect.

After the initial investigation and first reports are completed, the incident's comprehensive file will be reviewed by the Traffic Lieutenant and Traffic Sergeant.
