



# Menlo Park Fire Protection District

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## **South Bound Highway 101 – Motorcycle vs. Vehicle - Fatality Incident**

**Incident Commander – Battalion Chief Dan Coyle (BC1)**

### **Incident Summary:**

September 22, 2015 @ 1747 Hours

Location - South Bound 101 north of Embarcadero (south on University) in San Mateo County

Report – A motorcyclist that struck a vehicle and is down not moving (all units upgrade to code 3)

Traffic collision response – 2 Engines, 1 Truck and 1 Battalion Chief

PSC reports that Engine 63 from PAFD had been requested as opposite with Medic 62

Closest Unit – Engine 2 (East Palo Alto) Entered 101 south bound from University

Next Closest – Engine 77 (East Menlo) Diverts per BC1 to East Bayshore along frontage in East Palo Alto

Closest Truck (PT1) – Truck 1, Battalion 1 (300 Middlefield Road) – Willow and University gridlock traffic

### **Summary Actions:**

- Update from Dispatch of a motorcyclist who struck a vehicle and is not moving- all units instructed to upgrade to code 3
- Engine 2 reports “heavy, heavy traffic, absolutely going nowhere” on 101 south bound from University and to explore other access options
- BC1 instructed PT1 to travel West Bayshore - explore freeway access doors or ladder slide over the sound wall
- BC1 and E77 travel East Bayshore to view incident to ID correct freeway door. Option of walking patient across the North bound lanes set in motion. Option of closing SB 101 and bringing in PAFD Ambulance against traffic flow
- Dispatch advises “patient is in full arrest – not breathing”
- Dispatch advises CPR in progress
- E2 arrives on scene at 1757 hours (10 minute response) Notify Stanford for a trauma patient activation
- E2 assesses the patient and reports that the patient is not viable and deceased (1055) and cancels the balance of the response and requests the County Coroner respond a field unit

### **Agency Performance:**

- Per Fire Board Resolution 1818 – Time Based Performance
- First Fire unit on-scene - Goal to respond in 6.59 minutes – **Failed**
- All units on-scene within 8 minutes – **Failed**

### **Focus Points:**

Traffic conditions on and around 101 during evening peak commute times can severely hinder and delay emergency response.

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