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Fatal collision involving City-owned vehicle

Riverside, CA -- A motorcyclist died Thursday morning as the result of injuries sustained in a collision with a City of Riverside Public Works vehicle, on Van Buren Boulevard at the intersection with Jurupa Avenue, at 8:44 a.m.

Riverside Police, Riverside Fire and American Medical Response ambulance responded to the scene. The rider of a 2005 Honda 1000 RR motorcycle, a 26-year-old male from Mira Loma, was transported by AMR to Riverside Community Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 9:15 a.m. The Riverside County Coroner has not yet released the name of the deceased, pending notification of next of kin. No other persons were injured.

The Public Works vehicle is a 1999 Dodge Ram 2500 pick-up truck, carrying herbicide being used for roadside weed control. The driver, Michael Martinez, 57, of Rialto, is employed by the City of Riverside as a street maintenance specialist.

The Riverside Police Department Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) is investigating the collision.

Van Buren Boulevard is closed Thursday afternoon between Central Avenue and Clay Street in unincorporated Riverside County, for accident scene investigation.

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