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Fatal Traffic Collision

Riverside, CA - On October 09, 2009, at 1:01 am, officers of the Riverside Police Department responded to a major injury traffic collision involving a single vehicle carrying four males. The vehicle, a 2000 Chevy Express Van, was traveling west on Citrus St. approaching Iowa Ave. when the driver failed to negotiate the turn in the road and left the roadway. The vehicle rolled ejecting one passenger. There is one fatality; three others injured.

The rear passenger that was ejected, a 50-year-old male from Riverside, was transported by AMR ambulance to Riverside Community Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased a short time later.

The other rear passenger, a 57-year-old from Riverside, was also transported by AMR ambulance to Riverside Community Hospital with moderate injuries.

The right front passenger, a 32-year-old male from Riverside, was transported by AMR ambulance to Riverside County Regional Medical Center with moderate injuries.

The driver of the vehicle identified as, 28-year-old Roger ROCHA of Riverside, was also transported by AMR ambulance to Riverside County Regional Medical Center with minor injuries and subsequently cleared for release. He was arrested for felony Driving Under the Influence and booked into the Riverside County Jail.

Members of the Riverside Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) responded and the collision is under investigation. Anyone with further information is asked to call Detective Joe Avila at (951) 353-7985.

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