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Incident: Update # 3 - Abbotsford Police Investigate Collision in Agassiz

Abbotsford – March 21, 2012.

The Abbotsford Police Department has concluded the investigation of the tragic, fatal collision that took place in the evening of July 12, 2011 in Agassiz. APD investigators believe that the patrol vehicle, driven by an officer responding to a dispatched call, crossed entirely into the oncoming lane and struck the Ford Mustang containing 20 year old Steven Genberg and 19 year old Jonathan Dauphney. The most seriously injured in the crash, Steven Genberg, passed away in hospital a few days later.

The investigation revealed that the police vehicle's emergency equipment was not activated immediately prior to the impact. The evidence gathered indicates that the police car was travelling westbound at 99 km/h and the Mustang was travelling eastbound at 60-74 km/h, in the posted 80 km/h zone, when they collided.

After a thorough examination of the evidence by Major Crime Unit detectives and Collision Reconstructionists, the Abbotsford Police Department has forwarded a report to Crown Counsel recommending a Motor Vehicle Act charge of Driving without Due Care and Attention. Crown Counsel will determine whether this or any other charge is appropriate based on the evidence contained in the report.

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Update # 2 – August 29, 2011.

The Abbotsford Police Department's investigation into this tragic, fatal collision is continuing. APD Major Crime Detectives have spoken with most of the witnesses involved. However, there is information that the marked police vehicle may have passed a red or burgundy coloured sedan a few moments before the crash. The occupants of this vehicle were both male and they apparently stopped and offered assistance at the scene. One or both were part-time or volunteer firefighters who were on their way from Agassiz to Vancouver. One of the men mentioned he had family from Yugoslavia and another indicated that he was primarily employed as a mortgage broker.

It is important that the Abbotsford Police identify and interview these two men. If you have any information about these individuals, please contact the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225.

Update # 1 – July 18, 2011.

This morning the 20 year old driver involved in this collision passed away in hospital. The Abbotsford Police Department extends its condolences to the friends and family of this young man from Mission.

The investigation into this tragic incident continues and our objective remains to conduct a thorough, comprehensive and complete examination of facts and evidence.

News Release of July 13, 2011.

Last night at 11:10 pm a collision took place between a marked RCMP vehicle operated by a Chilliwack RCMP member and a Ford Mustang containing a 20 year old male driver and 19 year old male passenger. The collision occurred on Highway #7 and Bodnar Road in Agassiz and both vehicles suffered significant front end damage.

All parties involved were transported to hospital with the occupants of the Mustang being airlifted. The driver of the Mustang is presently in critical condition and the passenger is in serious condition. The RCMP member was treated in hospital and has since been released.

The Abbotsford Police Department has been requested to investigate this collision. A team of officers led by our Major Crime Unit and Collision Reconstructionists have been deployed. Our objective is to complete a thorough and comprehensive investigation which includes all available facts and evidence.

The seriousness of the collision has precipitated the temporary closure of Highway #7 and Bodnar Road. We anticipate the closure to continue until around 12:00 noon today.

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