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## **Fatal Traffic Collision Incident # 160014059**

On March 12, 2016, at approximately 1:40 p.m., officers from the Torrance Police Department responded to major traffic collision involving a vehicle on fire at the intersection of Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue in the City of Torrance.

On arrival, officers discovered that a 1984 GMC pickup truck with a camper traveling westbound on Torrance Boulevard collided with a vehicle that was stopped westbound Torrance Boulevard at a red signal for Madrona Avenue. After colliding with the vehicle the GMC truck collided with a tree and three vehicles travelling northbound on Madrona Avenue. Upon impact, the GMC truck overturned, landing on its roof and immediately became engulfed in flames, trapping the sole occupant inside of the GMC truck. Several off-duty Torrance Firefighters who were in the vicinity attempted to extricate the occupant of the GMC truck, but rescue attempts were unsuccessful due to the intense heat of the fire, and the driver succumbed to the injuries.

Torrance Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and treated several involved parties for minor injuries. The sole occupant of the GMC truck has not been identified.

Torrance Boulevard between Maple Avenue and Amie Street, and Madrona Avenue between Opal Street and Maricopa Avenue were closed in all directions for approximately six hours during the collision investigation.

This collision is being investigated by the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division under the command of Captain Martin Vukotic, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 618-5557.

Lieutenant Kyle Goffney  
Commander of the Traffic and Special Events Division