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### **EL PASO POLICE INVESTIGATE CITY'S FIRST TRAFFIC FATALITY OF THE NEW YEAR**

Date/Time: 01-09-2008 @ 6:19a.m.

Location: 13300 Patriot Free Way @ 8600 Edge of Texas

EL PASO, TEXAS – A 40-year old man from Kansas becomes El Paso's first traffic death for the new year. At approximately 6:19a.m., emergency crews and officers from the Northeast Regional Command Center responded to a serious collision at the intersection of Patriot Freeway and Edge of Texas. Upon arrival the officers learned that a 40-year old man had been fatally injured. Investigators from the Special Traffic Investigations Unit (S.T.I.) responded to assist in the investigation. The preliminary investigation has shown that, the driver of a 1996 Ford Escort was traveling southbound on Patriot Free Way and at the same time a 1997 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling northbound. The driver of the Escort, a 66-year old Hispanic woman, stopped on Patriot Freeway just before the intersection of Edge of Texas, however there is no stop sign for traffic on Patriot Freeway. She then proceeded to turn left on to edge of Texas and disregarded a stop sign for traffic on the Edge of Texas as she attempted to cross the northbound lanes of Patriot Freeway. As a result the driver of the 1997 Silverado, a 25-year old Hispanic male, was unable to stop and struck the front passenger side of the vehicle. The impact caused both vehicles to travel in a northeastern direction. The Escort struck a wood fence before coming to rest in private property. The front passenger of the Escort, a 40-year old Hispanic male, died at the scene. The driver of the Escort and an 11-year old Hispanic female were taken to the Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Silverado was also transported to the hospital for treatment of minor



injuries. This becomes the first traffic death of 2008 as compared none at this time last year. The two first traffic deaths for 2007 occurred on January 10, 2007.

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