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NEWS RELEASE

Pedestrian Fatality on Rushing

Date: October 9, 2018

Location and time: 10700 Rushing at 8:11 p.m.

Pedestrian: 76 –year old Guillermo Rivera

Vehicle: 2001 Chevy Silverado

Driver: 57 –year old Sylvia Berge

EL PASO, Texas – Officers with the Special Traffic Investigations unit responded to the 10700 block of Rushing to assist with the investigation of a pedestrian traffic fatality. The investigation revealed that the pedestrian was not crossing at an intersection or crosswalk when he walked across Rushing. A 2001 Chevrolet Silverado travelling north on Rushing struck the pedestrian who died at the scene. The pedestrian was crossing in an area that is unlighted, and he was wearing dark clothing.

This is the 51st traffic fatality compared to 39 this time last year.

Tragically, to date there have been 22 fatal pedestrian traffic fatalities in the city. By obeying all traffic laws, everyone can do their part to help reduce crashes. Pedestrians should cross at intersections and only when permitted by “walk” signs or a green light and do not take for granted that drivers see them and will yield. Alternatively, use crosswalks and motorists should yield the right of way but right of way should not be taken for granted. At crosswalks and intersections motorists should anticipate pedestrians to be crossing. Drivers should observe speed limits, scan the surrounding areas of crosswalks and intersections for pedestrians and be prepared to stop. At dark, pedestrians should wear bright colored clothing and or some type of reflective material. Regardless of who has the right of way, be courteous to others.

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