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## Nine Vehicle Crash Results In A Fatality In Far East El Paso

11-09-23 **Time:** 5:29 pm

Location: Loop 375 MM38 (Edgemere Northbound Lanes)

Unit#1: 20 Gray Peterbilt (heavy tow truck)

Driver: 50-year-old Antonio Zubia, resident of East El Paso, Texas

Unit #2 Ford Edge

Driver: 34-year-old Daniel Alamos, resident of Northeast El Paso, Texas

Unit#3 Dodge Charger

Driver: 47-year-old Antonio Dominguez, resident of Chaparral, New Mexico

Unit #4 2000 Honda Accord

Driver: 28-year-old male pending notification (Deceased)

Unit #5 2000 Ford Ranger

Driver: 56-year-old John Charles Gardiner, resident of North East El Paso, Texas

Unit #6: 2015 Toyota Camry

Driver: Martin Torres, resident of North East El Paso, Texas

**Unit #7:** 2008 Pontiac G5

Driver: 29-year-old Steven Valenzuela, resident of North East El Paso, Texas

Unit #8: 2023 Hyundai Tucson

Driver: 55-year-old Belinda Luke, resident of North East El Paso, Texas

Unit #9: 2023 Hyundai Elantra

Driver: 48-year-old Omar Ronquillo, resident of East El Paso, Texas

El Paso, Texas— The Special Traffic Investigations unit was called to investigate a nine-vehicle pile-up involving a fatality. The initial investigation revealed the heavy tow truck driver was traveling north on Loop 375. Traffic began to slow due to heavy traffic along Loop 375. Due to the slowdown, Zubia attempted to swerve to avoid the Ford Edge. However, unable to do so struck the rear of the vehicle. This caused a series of chain reaction collisions. Unit #2 was pushed into unit #3 and then into unit #4. Unit #2 caught fire and was redirected, striking the rear of unit #5. Units #6,7 and 8 attempted to avoid the crash but could not. As a result, all vehicles except units #8 and 9 caught fire. All drivers were transported to a local hospital except the Driver from unit #4, who died at the scene. This is the 68 traffic fatality this year compared to 63 at this same time last year.



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