



## SUNNYVALE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) has received inquiries from our community regarding recent traffic fatalities in the City of Sunnyvale. We hope the following information will help answer some of the questions our community has regarding these heartbreaking collisions. Additionally, we believe this information will help remind drivers, cyclist, and pedestrians of the importance of safety when using our roadways.

Sunnyvale DPS has responded to six fatal traffic collisions in 2022.

### **April 8, 2022**

A solo motorcyclist was traveling southbound on Mathilda Ave. approaching Innovation Way when the rider lost control of the motorcycle as it approached stopped traffic. The rider collided with a tree and was tragically killed in the collision. No one else was injured and no other vehicles were involved. Per witness statements obtained at the time of the collision, unsafe speed appears to have been a factor.

### **April 9, 2022**

The driver of a high-powered sports car was stopped at a red signal near the intersection of El Camino Real and Bernardo Ave. When the traffic signal turned green, the driver accelerated and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle left the roadway and overturned after colliding with a second vehicle. Tragically, the driver of the first vehicle was killed in the collision.

### **Sept. 8, 2022**

During the evening hours, a pedestrian was crossing from east to west in the crosswalk on Wolfe Rd. at Inverness Way. The pedestrian was hit by a vehicle traveling southbound on Wolfe Rd. Witness statements obtained during the investigation revealed the pedestrian was crossing the roadway against a red signal and "Do Not Walk" signal. Tragically, the pedestrian was killed in the collision. The driver remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. No drugs or alcohol influence was suspected.

### **Sept. 9, 2022**

During the evening hours, a pedestrian was walking northbound in the roadway on Sunnyvale Ave., near East Hendy Ave., when they were struck by a vehicle traveling northbound. The pedestrian was dressed in dark clothing at the time of the collision. Tragically, the pedestrian was killed in the collision. The driver remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. No drugs or alcohol influence was suspected.

**Sept. 26, 2022**

A bicyclist traveling southbound on Wolfe Road at Inverness Way was struck by a southbound vehicle and tragically killed. Witnesses located at the scene reported observing the bicyclist leave the southbound bicycle lane and attempt to cross all lanes of Wolfe Road just before the collision. The driver remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. No drugs or alcohol influence was suspected.

**Oct. 10, 2022**

During the evening hours, a pedestrian was struck in the roadway by two vehicles as the pedestrian was attempting to cross Mathilda Ave. at Washington Ave. The first vehicle was traveling westbound Washington Ave. making a right turn onto Mathilda Ave. The second vehicle was traveling northbound Mathilda Ave at Washington Ave. A preliminary investigation revealed the pedestrian was possibly in the crosswalk at the time of the collision. Both drivers remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. No drugs or alcohol influence was suspected. This collision is still under investigation.

### **How is Sunnyvale DPS responding?**

- Patrol officers are proactively enforcing traffic violations.
- Look for Collaborating Enforcement Operations in the Sunnyvale in the coming weeks. Sunnyvale DPS will host several traffic officers from our law enforcement partners to provide traffic enforcement focusing on protecting pedestrians and cyclist using our roadways.



- Sunnyvale DPS has obtained a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund education programs and additional traffic enforcement patrols. This means you will see more traffic education and enforcement.
- [Follow us on social media.](#) We will continue to post traffic safety educational information on our social media sites.

- Is there a traffic issue in your neighborhood? Please help us keep an eye on traffic hot spots by sending us a message [report a traffic issue in my neighborhood](#).

Let's all work together to prevent and eliminate crashes that result in serious injuries and death on our roadways. Please drive, walk, and roll safely!

Safety Resources:

- For safety tips on how to be a pedestrian; [Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center](#)
- For helpful tips to keep your children safe as a pedestrian: [Safe Kids](#)
- Learn how to get your child to school safely: [Safe routes to school](#)
- California Office of Traffic Safety: [California OTS](#)