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Traffic Crash results in four fatalities

RIVER FOREST, IL River Forest Police responded to the traffic crash with fatalities on August 9, 2020 at 12:49am. A vehicle had struck a planter, light pole, and the wall of a closed business in the 400 block of Harlem Avenue. The crash scene was secured by River Forest, Oak Park, and Forest Park Police. River Forest and Oak Park Fire Departments performed their duties, including transport to the hospitals. The West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (WESTAF) Major Crash Team was called out to assist with the crash investigation.

The vehicle was occupied by five people at the time of the crash. Two of the occupants were dead on scene. Two occupants needed emergent medical care and were transported to a local hospital. The occupants transported are also now deceased. The victims were transported to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office for inquiry. The reported driver of the vehicle was also transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Police are in the process of identifying the occupants of the vehicle and making notifications to family members.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

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"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased. The investigation is still ongoing and we would ask anyone with information pertinent to this case to contact our Detective Unit at (708) 366-7125"

-Chief James O'Shea

RIVER FOREST POLICE CASE #20-00755

The public is reminded that a signed complaint is not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.