

## OPERATIONS CENTRAL BUREAU FATALS FOR 2009

### **There are twenty fatalities year to date. Thirteen of the fatalities are pedestrian related.**

Newton Division Fatal #1	Hollenbeck Division Fatal # 8	Fatal # 14 Newton Division Fatal # 15
Central Division Fatal #2	Hollenbeck Division Fatal # 9	Rampart Division Fatal #16
Rampart Division Fatal # 3	Northeast Division Fatal # 10	Central Division Fatal #17
Northeast Division Fatal #4	Northeast Division Fatal # 11	Newton Division Fatal #18
Northeast Division Fatal #5	Newton Division Fatal #12	Northeast Division Fatal #19
Rampart Division Fatal # 6	Newton Division Fatal #13	CENTRAL DIVISION Fatal #20
Northeast Division Fatal # 7	Rampart Division	

### **OCB FATAL # 1                      NEWTON AREA**

On January 4, 2009, at 1:50 a.m. thirty-one-year-old James Vazquez, a resident of Los Angeles was driving his 1990 Honda Accord eastbound on Vernon Avenue in the number two lanes of traffic, when Enrique Sanchez, a thirty-four-year-old resident of Los Angeles ran into the path of his vehicle. Vehicle-1 collided with victim causing him to collide with the roadway. Victim was dragged underneath of vehicle-1 for approximately ninety one feet. Victim was treated at scene by Los Angeles paramedics; however, he died at scene as a result of his injuries. DA reject.

According to family members and friends victim had consumed a large quantity of beer prior to his death. Party-1 was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol and he was not booked on any charges. Investigation revealed that victim was found to be the party at fault. Case closed...

### **OCB FATAL # 2                      CENTRAL AREA**

On January 7, 2009, at 0639 hours fifty-nine-year-old Gwendolyn Coleman a resident of Burbank was walking westbound on Flower Street, when she was struck by a Dash Bus negotiating a left turn from 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Victim was transported to USC Medical Center where she died as a result of her injuries. The driver was not under the influence of an alcoholic beverage;

therefore he was not booked. The case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office for review.

**OCB FATAL # 3                      RAMPART AREA**

On February 1, 2009, at 1809 hours Henry V. Moreno, a resident of South Gate was driving his 91 Honda Accord Station Wagon eastbound on Olympic Boulevard at Bonnie Brea in the number two lanes of traffic, when he collided with a family of four. Eleven month old Yudith Acusecio who was in her stroller died at California Hospital as a result of her injuries. Her five-year-old sister was transported to Children Hospital and hospitalized for a broken arm. Her mother and aunt sustained pain to their feet. The suspect fled, but was arrested four hours later at the intersection of James Wood and Bonnie Brae.

The District Attorney filed one count of 191.5 PC, 20001 VC, 23153 (a) VC and 23158 VC.

**OCB FATAL # 4                      NORTHEAST AREA**

On February 18, 2009, at approximately 1330 hours thirty-eight-year-old Jerry Jean-Claude Edmond, a resident of North Hollywood was driving his 2004 Ford Taurus westbound of Los Feliz Boulevard at Edgemont, when he collided with vehicle-2, motorcycle westbound in the number two lane. Venicle-2 continued out of control and collided with a tri-light pole and then the street. Victim Michael Zane Meade, a twenty-seven-year old West Hollywood resident died at scene. This investigation is ongoing and will be presented to the District Attorney's Office for review.

**OCB FATAL # 5                      NORTHEAST AREA**

On February 25, 2009, at 1840 hours Helen Jean Innerarity was driving her 1994 Ford Escort southbound on Figueroa Street when she collided with the pedestrian crossing eastbound on Figueroa in a marked crosswalk. Victim Ronald Holizinger, a resident of Los Angeles was fifty-eight-years-of age and according to witnesses was the party at fault. The case will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office for view. Victim was housed in a care facility and was always under the influence according to witness-1. Victim died after an operation for a facture leg. This incident will possible to reclassified as a heart attack when the autopsy results return.

**OCB FATAL # 6 RAMPART AREA**

On March 3, 2009, at 1340 hours vehicle-1 was northbound on Virgil Avenue, when she collided with victim in an unmarked crosswalk. Victim Guadalupe Ramirez-Cantero, a fifty-seven-year-old transient of Los Angeles died on March 7, 2009. Victim was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage at the time of the collision and was at fault according to an eyewitness. This case will be submitted to the District Attorney's office for review. Party-1 was a license driver and was not under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

### **OCB FATAL # 7 NORTHEAST AREA**

On March 18, 2009, at 0030 hours thirty-eight-year-old Osvaldo Martinez, a Los Angeles male transient was walking eastbound on Myosotis Street at Figueroa in an unmarked crosswalk, when he was struck by vehicle-1, northbound on Figueroa. Victim sustained a fractured left arm, 3' laceration to his forehead and a fractured pelvic. Victim was transported to Huntington Medical Center where he died as a result of his injuries. Party-1 fled the scene without rendering aid to victim. This investigation is ongoing.

### **OCB FATAL # 8 HOLLENBECK AREA**

On March 23, 2009, at 2055 hours forty-four-year-old Sterling Chase Branson, a resident of Altadena was driving his 1987 Ford Mustang the wrong way on Huntington Drive at Minto Court, when he collided head-on with Dolores Perez, a resident of Los Angeles. Mr. Branson died at scene as a result of his injuries. This case is closed because victim caused his own death.

### **OCB FATAL # 9 HOLLENBECK AREA**

On March 24, 2009, at 1410 hours party-1, Jose Raymond Cabrera, a county employee was driving his skip loader southbound on private property at Zonal Avenue and Biggy Street, when he collided with eighty-six-year-old Los Angeles resident Andrew Guipanay Bagsiao who was walking west bound on private property. Mr. Bagsiao died at scene. Party-1 stated he did not see the victim. This case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office for review because party-1 was not under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

### **OCB FATAL # 10 NORTHEAST AREA**

On March 26, 2009, between 0600 hours and 0750 hours victim David Ronald Bork, a transient of Los Angeles was lying behind the alley way of a strip mall, when he was ran over by an unknown vehicle. Victim died at scene as a result of head trauma. At scene investigation revealed victim was possibly run over by a private ambulance. This investigation is ongoing.

### **OCB FATAL # 11 NORTHEAST AREA**

On March 29, 2009, at 2250 hours fifty-six-year-old Agapito Gaspar Nicolas, a resident of Los Angeles was crossing eastbound on Figueroa Street in a marked crosswalk, when he was struck by a possible silver Volkswagen Jetta northbound on Figueroa Street. Victim was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital, where he died on March 30, 2009, at 0155 hours. This investigation is ongoing.

### **OCB FATAL # 12 NEWTON AREA**

On March 31, 2009, at 1320 hours thirty-two-year-old Jeremy Michael Burch, a resident of Los Angeles way lying underneath a semi tractor-trailer truck at Decatur Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, when he was ran over by the right rear tires. The driver was unaware that victim was underneath his

truck. Victim died at scene. Detectives are awaiting the autopsy results because victim negligence was the direct cause his death.

#### **OCB FATAL #13 NEWTON AREA**

On April 2, 2009, at 2025 hours Jesus Lopez Ramon, a resident of Apple Valley was backing his Semi-tractor trailer northbound on private property (Produce market), when he negotiated a right turn eastbound, colliding with victim, a Los Angeles transient who was possibly directing him into a parking stall northbound on private property. Victim died at scene. This investigation is ongoing.

#### **OCB FATAL #14 RAMPART AREA**

On April 19, 2009, at 0145 hours forty-three-year-old Jesus Castillo, a resident of Los Angeles was riding his bicycle southbound on Glendale Boulevard, when he was struck by vehicle-1, southbound on Glendale Boulevard. The hit and run driver failed to stop, identify himself or render aid to the victim. Victim died at scene as a result of head trauma. Suspect, Alejandro Hidalgo, a twenty-two-year-old resident of Panorama City was arrested at 0330 hours at his home by Sergeant Carl Taylor of Van Nuys Division. The suspect and his passenger admitted to his involvement and he was booked at Van Nuys Jail for 191.5 P.C., Gross vehicular manslaughter. His passenger, a detention officer for Phoenix, Arizona Maricopa Sheriff Department was released. This investigation is cleared by arrest.

#### **OCB FATAL #15                      NEWTON AREA**

On May 3, 2009, at approximately 8:05 a.m., nineteen-year old Charsena Koqueena Garrett was driving a 1996 Chevrolet Lumina eastbound on Gage Avenue at Main Street, when she ran the red tri-light signal and collided with victim's vehicle southbound on Main Street in the number two lanes of traffic. Forty-seven-year old Javier Ramirez, his forty-six-year old wife Yolanda Ramirez and their eighteen-year-old son Mauricio Ramirez all died at local hospitals as a result of their injuries. Ms. Garrett will be booked for 192 C) (1) P.C. vehicular manslaughter. This case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office for review on May 5, 2009.

#### **OCB FATAL #16    RAMPART AREA**

On May 10, 2009, at 0305 hours twenty-three-year-old Khaliunna Dranov, a resident of Los Angeles was driving her 2006 Scion eastbound on Wilshire Boulevard at park View Street, when she ran off the roadway and collided with a wall. Victim died at scene. Her three passengers, twenty-year-old Nomin Batbayar, a resident of Santa Ana, twenty-two-year Sandy Han, a resident of Los Angeles and twenty-year-old Khulan Odsuren, a resident of Santa Monica all suffered severe injuries and are hospitalized at local hospitals. This investigation is ongoing.

**OCB FATAL #17**                      **CENTRAL AREA**

On May 20, 2009, at 1915 hours, thirty-five year-old Charlene Tran, a resident of Alhambra, while crossing Spring Street in a marked crosswalk eastbound Temple Street was struck by a Metro bus that was traveling eastbound Temple Street negotiating a right turn towards southbound Spring Street. The victim was transported to County U. S. C. Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead at 1945 hours. This case remains under investigation and upon completion will be presented to the District Attorney's Office for filing consideration.

**OCB FATAL # 18**                      **NEWTON AREA**

On May 21, 2009, at 1430 hours, forty-eight-year-old, Vasquez-Garate, Luis Javier, a resident of Los Angeles, was fatally struck by a northbound Los Angeles County Metro railroad. The decedent was walking westbound on the railroad tracks at Long Beach Boulevard and 48<sup>th</sup> Place. Los Angeles Fire Department Paramedics pronounced Mr. Vasquez-Garate dead at the scene at 1436 hours. This case remains under investigation, but is not a criminal case.

**OCB FATAL #19**                      **NEWTON AREA**

On May 24, 2009, at 0020 hours, approximate 65 year old, Pablo Hernandez, a resident of Los Angeles, was walking mid-block across Vernon Avenue just east of Central Avenue, when he was struck by a 2005 Honda Odyssey that was being driven by fifty year old, Jose Gonzalez, as he drove eastbound in the #2 lane of Vernon Avenue. The impact from the collision caused Hernandez to be launched onto the hood of Gonzalez vehicle and carried in an eastbound direction until he fell off and collided with the roadway. Hernandez was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics.

Gonzalez remained at the scene of the collision where he was determined to be under the influence of an intoxicant and arrested for 23152(a) VC, and he was booked for 187 PC. Gonzalez had a prior 23152(a) VC arrest and a 23109 VC conviction from 1991. This case was presented to the District Attorney's Office who filed (1) count of 191.5 PC (Manslaughter).

**OCB FATAL # 20**                      **CENTRAL AREA**

On June 5, 2009, at 1340 hours twenty-six-year-old Jamie Lara, a resident of Los Angeles was driving his 2006 Nissan 350 Z westbound on 6<sup>th</sup> Street when he collided with vehicle-2, eastbound #1 on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The collision caused vehicle-1 to rotate in clockwise direction and travel in a southwest direction, where it collided with the south curb of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Vehicle-1 continued out of control and collided into the concrete wall. Victim was ejected from vehicle-1 and collided with the roadway. His passenger, twenty-year-old Dorian Cruz suffered internal bleeding and was listed in critical condition. Victim caused his own death due to excessive speed.