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Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

Niles, IL – On June 24th at approximately 2:12 p.m., the Niles Police Department responded to a multi-vehicle accident that occurred in the 7200 block of Dempster Avenue. When Officers arrived on scene, five vehicles had been involved in the crash, with one person suffering serious injuries as a result of the crash.

The Niles Fire Department arrived on scene and extricated the driver of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe from the driver's seat. The Niles Fire Department then transported him to Lutheran General Hospital. The remaining four other vehicle's drivers did not report any injuries as a result of the multi-vehicle crash.

The initial accident investigation indicated that a black Chevrolet Tahoe was traveling at a high rate of speed, east bound, in the 7300 block of Dempster. The driver appeared to be experiencing some type of medical distress. The Tahoe struck a curb and then rear ended a semi-tracker trailer who was traveling east bound in the middle lane in the 7200 block of Dempster. The Tahoe continued traveling east bound striking a vehicle, a minivan in the curb lane as the minivan slowed down for a red light at Harlem avenue. The minivan was pushed forward causing a chain reaction accident, striking a Mazda 4 door and a Toyota sports utility vehicle.

Due to the nature of the crash, the NORTAF – Major Crash Assistance Team was called in to assist in with the accident investigation. The driver of the Chevrolet Tahoe succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois by Dr. Clark at 3:05 p.m. The accident remains under investigation.

The victim is Grygorcewicz, John J, a 55 year old male from Niles.