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Pedestrian in Roadway Struck and Killed During Officer-Involved Crash

Toledo, OH (March 11, 2020): An Accident Reconstructionist was called to Indiana Avenue last night after a crash involving a pedestrian and the department-issued vehicle of a Toledo Police Detective. At approximately 10:29 PM on March 10, 2020 Detective Cooper communicated via his police radio that there was a pedestrian struck and requested that a life squad respond to the scene. Another citizen also called 911 to report the pedestrian struck.

At this time, it appears that Det. Cooper was traveling eastbound on Indiana Avenue when his vehicle struck a male who was walking in the street. As of this news release, the male's family has not been notified. Because of this, his name is being withheld. Toledo Fire and Rescue Department transported the male to St. Vincent's Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Indiana Avenue was closed between 15th and 13th streets for several hours while an Accident Reconstructionist processed the scene and interviewed potential witnesses.

Detective Cooper, a 26-year veteran with Toledo Police, was on-duty and assigned to work 3:30 PM – 11:30 PM in the Crimes Against Persons Section. He was not injured. The incident will be investigated and reviewed internally as with all officer-involved accidents. The detective's vehicle was unmarked and is not equipped with a dash camera. In 2019 there were 24 traffic fatalities compared to 2018 when there were 30 fatalities.

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