

KEENE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE FATALITY ACCIDENT

On Sunday, August 7, 2016 at about 9:22am Keene Police Officers Terry Foster, Daniel Martin and Steven Miller were dispatched to an injury accident on US Hwy 67 at the Wallen Ridge intersection in Keene. Officers investigating the accident found that a brown 2017 Kia Sportage SUV had been traveling eastbound on US 67, and an orange/maroon 2013 Harley Davidson motorcycle had been traveling westbound on US 67. Witnesses advised that the Kia Sportage had pulled into the left hand turn lane at Wallen Ridge, then turned left into the path of the Harley Davidson, and the two units collided head on. Witnesses advised that the driver of the Harley Davidson attempted to brake and swerve to his right, but was unable to avoid a collision.

Officers' investigation of the crash supported the witnesses accounts. The driver of the Harley Davidson, identified as 55 year old John A. Stringer, Jr. of Arlington, Texas, was transported to Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth by CareFlite helicopter, where he was later pronounced dead. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. The driver of the Kia Sportage, identified as 64 year old Carol A. Mason of Keene, Texas, received minor injuries but was not transported to a hospital by EMS.

Keene Fire/Rescue, Texas Highway Patrol, Cleburne Fire Department and CareFlite EMS also assisted at the scene.