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*****Fatal Accident Investigation Update*****

As an update to the fatal investigation, involving a pedestrian and an Uber vehicle, Federal partners were on the ground Tuesday in Tempe, AZ collecting information on Sunday's collision. These partners include members from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Uber vehicle involved in this investigation was part of the company's self-driving test fleet of vehicles. The investigation will address the operating condition of the vehicle, driver interaction with the vehicle, and opportunities for the vehicle or driver to detect the pedestrian that was struck.

On Tuesday 03/20/18 the NTSB began the following steps of their investigation:

- Began collaboration with representatives of Uber, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Tempe Police Department
- Began the examination of the vehicle, a Volvo XC90
- Began the examination of the accident site, midblock on Mill Ave. south of Curry Rd.
- Began gathering information about the technology included on the test vehicle
- Began gathering information about the vehicle operator and the pedestrian
- Began collection of any and all electronic data stored on the test vehicle or transmitted to Uber
- Viewed and obtained a copy of a video that captured the crash from an aftermarket dash camera mounted in the test vehicle.

Chief Moir and the Tempe Police Department would like to reaffirm that fault has not been determined in this case. Tempe Police Detectives will complete the investigation and it will subsequently be submitted to The Maricopa County Attorney's Office to determine if criminal charges are warranted. We will continue to communicate and work with our Federal partners in this investigation.

NTSB and NHTSA will be in the Tempe area for the remainder of the week. The NTSB will not release any findings or determine the probable cause of the crash while on-scene. Those will come only after a comprehensive investigation of the gathered information and data analysis are complete.

