

VISION ZERO

"Every Life, Every Crash, Matters"

2016 - PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLISTS FATALITIES

7 Pedestrian Fatalities

3 Bicyclist Fatalities

1.



DEVIKA GUNASEKERE

January 5, 2016 @ 7:50 a.m.

Old Georgetown Road @ Battery Lane (2D)

1 Vehicle, 1 Pedestrian - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 67)

At 7:50 a.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 67-year-old **GUNASEKERE** was crossing Old Georgetown Road from west to east at Battery Lane. She was believed to be in the area of the marked crosswalk. A Montgomery County Ride-On bus was attempting to make a left turn from westbound Battery Lane onto southbound Old Georgetown Road and collided with **GUNASEKERE**. She succumbed to her injuries and died later that evening. The native of Sri Lanka was married, the mother of two adult children, and a teacher's assistant at the Guiding Star Child Development Center in Bethesda. **GUNASEKERE** started working at the center in May of 2013 and enjoyed working with children.

2.



BEZA MESFIN

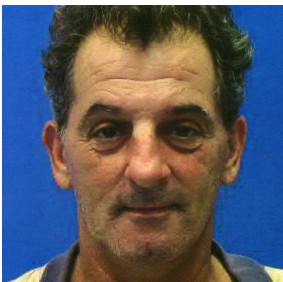
March 4, 2016 @ 7:55 a.m.

E. Randolph Road @ Tourmaline Court (3D)

2 Vehicles, 1 Pedestrian - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 26)

On Friday, March 4, at approximately 7:55 a.m., **MESFIN** was struck by two eastbound vehicles while crossing E. Randolph Road in a southbound direction, in the area of Tourmaline Court. She was crossing in the area of a marked crosswalk. Pedestrians are vulnerable when crossing major roadways with fast moving traffic, even when in a marked crosswalk. For reasons still under investigation, both vehicles collided with **MESFIN**. **MESFIN** was transported to an area hospital and succumbed to her injuries on Sunday, March 6. **MESFIN**, a native of Ethiopia, turned 26 years old in January and had recently started working at Adventist Risk Management in Silver Spring, Maryland.

3.



PHILLIP GARY CONSTANTINE

April 30, 2016 @ 11:30 p.m.

600 block of E. Gude Drive (1D)

1 Vehicle, 1 Pedestrian - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 57)

On Saturday, April 30, at approximately 11:30 p.m., officers responded to the 600 block of East Gude Drive for the report of a collision. Preliminary investigation has indicated that 57-year-old **CONSTANTINE**, using his wheelchair, was attempting to cross East Gude Drive in the area of the crosswalk and traffic signal. **CONSTANTINE** was a long-time, beloved resident of the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH) men's shelter.

4.



SANTOS "MARTIN" ESCOBAR-VILLATORO

June 2, 2016 @ 2:34 p.m.

South Frederick Avenue (Rt. 355) & Fulks Corner Avenue (6D)

1 Vehicle, 1 Bicycle - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 16)

On Thursday, June 2, at approximately 2:34 p.m., officers responded to reports of a serious collision at S. Frederick Ave (Rt. 355) and Fulks Corner Avenue. Preliminary Investigation has indicated that **ESCOBAR-VILLATORO** was riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, on the southbound side of S. Frederick Avenue, struck a commercial sign that had been illegally placed on the sidewalk, and then **ESCOBAR-VILLATORO** fell into the travel lanes of S. Frederick Avenue where he was struck by an SUV.

ESCOBAR-VILLATORO was known to his friends as "Martin." Two years ago, Martin moved to the United States from Morazan, El Salvador. He lived with his father and worked at Sardi's Restaurant in Gaithersburg to support his mother and other family members back in El Salvador. **ESCOBAR-VILLATORO** dreamt of going to college.

5.



OSCAR MAURICIO GUTIERREZ OSORIO

July 17, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.

Location: Veirs Mill Road and Turkey Branch

1 Vehicle, 1 Bicycle - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 31)

On Sunday, July 17, at approximately 1:00 p.m., responded to Veirs Mill Road and Turkey Branch Road for a collision involving a Honda that was traveling eastbound on Veirs Mill Road in Lane 1, when bicyclist, **OSORIO**, who was traveling northbound in the area of the marked crosswalk, crossed in front of him. The Honda struck **OSORIO** and he was thrown from the bicycle. **OSORIO** and the driver of the Honda were both transported to Suburban Hospital with life threatening and non-life threatening injuries, respectively. **OSORIO**, of Silver Spring, was pronounced deceased. He had been biking with friends. He had come to the U.S. for a better life.

6.



JULIUS HENRY NEWTON

August 4, 2016 @ 9:24 p.m.

1400 block of Layhill Road

1 Vehicle, 1 Pedestrian - 1 Fatality (Deceased - Age 77)

At approximately 9:24 p.m., officers responded for a pedestrian collision at the 14400 block of Layhill Rd. The victim, **NEWTON**, was located at a second location, Homecrest Road, approximately 1 mile away. Officers determined that **NEWTON** had been crossing Layhill Rd when he was struck and carried approximately 1 mile to Bel Pre Rd & Homecrest Rd. Driver of vehicle has not been identified.

7.



SIMON SAIKMON ENG

August 31, 2016 @ 8:56 p.m.

Bells Mill Rd. & Windsor View Dr.

1 Vehicle, 1 Pedestrian Fatality (Deceased - Age 65)

At approximately 8:56 p.m., officers responded to Bells Mill Road & Windsor View Drive for a collision between vehicle and pedestrian, **ENG**. **ENG** was walking along Bells Mill Rd. when he was struck by a Lexus. **ENG** was transported to the hospital in serious condition; his injuries were believed to be non-life-threatening. **ENG** later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

8.

PEDRO MENDOZA

October 16, 2016 @ 8:50 p.m.

Norbeck Rd. & Baltimore Rd.

1 Vehicle, 1 Pedestrian Fatality (Deceased - Age 54)

At approximately 8:55 p.m., Officers responded to Norbeck Rd & Baltimore Rd for a report of a pedestrian collision. The operator of an Acura Integra was traveling E/B on Norbeck Rd. As she was traveling through the intersection, she struck pedestrian, **MENDOZA**, who was crossing Norbeck Rd on the east side. **MENDOZA** was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

9.



NED GAYLIN

October 17, 2016 @ 11:28 a.m.

Little Falls Parkway & Capital Crescent Trail

1 Vehicle, 1 Bicycle Fatality (Deceased - Age 81)

At approximately 11:28 a.m., MCP Officers responded to Little Falls Pkwy, between Arlington Road and Hillandale Road for the report of a collision involving a vehicle and bicycle. **GAYLIN**, of Chevy Chase, was riding on the Capital Crescent Trail on his 3-wheeled recumbent bicycle in the area of a marked crosswalk, when a 2002 Mercedes was traveling on the roadway and collided with his bike. **GAYLIN** was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. **GAYLIN** was a Clinical Psychologist at the University of Maryland, before retiring 10 years ago. The Collision is still under investigation.

10.



ROBERT MICHAEL GROSSMAN

October 24, 2016 @ 6:54 a.m.

Georgia Avenue & Regina Drive

1 Vehicle, 1 Pedestrian Fatality (Deceased - Age 64)

At approximately 6:54 a.m., MCP Officers responded to the area of Georgia Ave & Regina Dr. for a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. The pedestrian, **GROSSMAN**, was walking, not in a marked crosswalk on Georgia Ave., when he was struck by a Toyota Camry. **GROSSMAN**, of Silver Spring, was transported to an area hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.