

# *City of Hickory Hills Police Department*

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## Press Release

### Fatal Crash (July 17, 2021)

The Hickory Hills Police Department and the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART) are investigating a single car fatal accident.

On Saturday, July 17, 2021, at approximately 2:24 PM, the Hickory Hills Police Department along with medical personnel responded to the 8500 block of 89<sup>th</sup> Street for the report of a single vehicle crash. The vehicle, a 2008 Mercedes SUV, was travelling E/B 89<sup>th</sup> Street at an extremely high rate of speed, in what we believe was an attempt to go airborne over the crest of the hill at 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue. After travelling through the intersection at 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the vehicle did go airborne, as described by a witness. The vehicle then struck a large tree on the north side of 89<sup>th</sup> Street and the vehicle split in half. There were six occupants of the vehicle, all of which resided in Justice, Illinois. Two occupants were deceased on scene, two were in critical condition and two had non-life threatening injuries. The four injured occupants were transported to area hospitals, with the two critically wounded succumbing to their injuries. The remaining two have been released from the hospital after treatment.

The 17 year old driver of the vehicle was taken into custody upon release from the hospital and has been petitioned to the Juvenile Court of Cook County for reckless homicide, along with traffic citations. At 17 years of age, the driver is a minor and their identity will not be provided at this time. The decedents ages were 15, 16 and two 17 year olds. The Hickory Hills Police Department extends our deepest condolences to the families involved.

This crash remains under investigation by the Hickory Hills Police Department and SMART.