

Richardson Police Department News Release

November 14, 2009

Fatality Collision
1000 Blk. Custer Rd., Richardson, TX

On November 13, 2009, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Richardson Police responded to a single vehicle crash involving a 2009 Harley Davidson motorcycle in the 1000 blk. of Custer Road.

Investigation revealed that Don Schmidt, 56 years-of-age, was travelling southbound on Custer Road and as he approached the intersection of Custer Road and Arapaho Road, the front wheel of the motorcycle he was operating contacted the center median causing him to loose control. Mr. Schmidt was ejected from the motorcycle and the helmet he was wearing came off during the crash. Mr. Schmidt was transported to Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

The contributing factors in this crash were determined to be, failure to drive in a single lane, faulty evasive action and driver inattention.

On November 14, 2009, Don Schmidt was pronounced deceased at Parkland Hospital due to injuries received in this crash. Mr. Schmidt was a resident of Denton, Texas.

This was Richardson's third traffic related fatality for the year 2009 and the first involving a motorcycle.