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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** October 2, 2011  
**Contact:** Lt. Chuck Griffitts or On Duty Watch Commander  
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**Subject:** Fatal Train vs. Vehicle – File #P11146707

**Riverside, CA:** On October 2, 2011, at 8:45 PM, the Riverside Police Department Communications Division received a call from ATX/BMW which is similar to the ONSTAR system. ATX/BMW was reporting that they received an “airbag activation signal” in the area of Adams Street and the Railroad Tracks. The driver of the vehicle would not respond to the company’s calls. Additional phone calls were received from people in the area reporting they heard a loud crash.

The Riverside Police Department Air Unit found the BMW embedded in the front of an east bound BNSF train approximately ½ mile from the intersection. Officers responded to the scene on foot and were able to extricate the driver prior to the vehicle erupting in flames.

American Medical Response and Riverside Fire Department arrived on the scene and pronounced the driver deceased.

Witnesses advised that the crossing arms were operational at the time of the crash and an investigation is being conducted to determine the reason for the vehicle being on the tracks.

Anyone with information pertinent to this incident is encouraged to call the On Duty Watch Commander at 951-351-6050.

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Watch Commander  
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