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## Single vehicle fatality crash in North Kitsap

**Poulsbo, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's traffic deputies are investigating the death of a driver from an early morning, single vehicle crash in North Kitsap, outside the city limits of Poulsbo.

Sheriff's patrol deputies, along with engine and medic units from Poulsbo Fire Department, responded to a 12:23 a.m. (9-1-1) report of a vehicle crash and fire at the entrance to the Foss Corner electrical power substation, in the 22600 block of Stottlemeyer Road NE.

The first sheriff's unit was on-scene at 12:26 a.m. and found a late model Mazda 4-door vehicle severely damaged and fully engulfed in flames. Due to the intense heat from the fire deputies couldn't approach the vehicle. The flames from the fire had already spread to adjacent trees.

Poulsbo Fire Department units battled the fire initially, but had to temporarily suspend fire fighting efforts due to dangers involving electrical wires in the immediate proximity. A representative from Puget Sound Energy arrived at the crash scene at 1:11 a.m. to evaluate the situation and advise fire units. The fire was extinguished shortly afterwards.

Although the investigation into the crash is in its early stages, a preliminary analysis by traffic investigators indicates that the Mazda was traveling northbound on Stottlemeyer Road at a high rate of speed. The driver appeared to have lost control of the vehicle and overcorrected to the left. The car rotated sideways, rolled, and then struck a tree, stopping the vehicle's momentum. Investigators believe that there was only one occupant in the vehicle.

Information concerning the gender and identity of the driver has not been released. An autopsy is scheduled for Monday. The Kitsap County Coroner will confirm the identity of the driver, and make a determination concerning the cause and manner of death. Public release of the driver's identity will be made following notification of next of kin.

The investigation continues. Persons with information about the crash are requested to contact Deputy Steve Martin, sheriff's traffic unit, at (360) 337-4634.

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