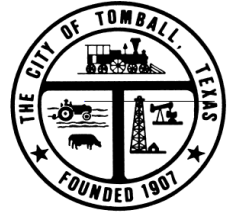


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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Auto Fatality Accident**

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, at approximately 2:45 p.m., the Tomball Police Department received a report of a major traffic accident in the 28100 Block of Tomball Parkway. Due to reports that both vehicles involved were ignited in flames, all public safety entities, Tomball Police Department, Tomball Fire Department and Northwest E.M.S. responded to the scene.

Investigation revealed that a 2002 Ford Explorer was traveling southbound on Tomball Parkway in the outermost lane. As the Ford Explorer attempted to pass a vehicle by entering the center lane, it "side-swiped" a vehicle traveling in the innermost lane, causing the driver of the Ford Explorer to lose control of her vehicle and strike a 1998 GMC Pick-up that was stationary at the stop sign of Hirschfield @ Tomball Parkway. The impact caused both vehicles to travel off of the roadway, striking a gas meter located on the side of the road, igniting both vehicles.

The driver of Ford Explorer was identified as Dorothy Fleming Daigle, 63 yoa, of Magnolia. Mrs. Daigle was transported to Tomball Regional Hospital where he was treated and released. The driver of the GMC pick-up, Erika Denise Johnson, 33 yoa of Baytown, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The body of the deceased was taken to the Harris County Medical Examiners Office for autopsy.

The accident occurred within the jurisdiction of the City of Tomball and officials with the Tomball Police Department, in partnership with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, are conducting the accident investigation.

This is the first recorded fatality accident in the City of Tomball for 2011.