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# NEWS RELEASE

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**Subject: DEATH OF ANAHEIM POLICE OFFICER**

*Deceased:* Brian W. Hayes, age 35, resident of San Bernadino County.

Chief John Welter is saddened to announce the death of an active-duty Anaheim Police Officer.

On Sunday July 17, 2011, the Anaheim Police Department received telephonic notification that a fatal plane collision had occurred in Winslow, Arizona and that one of the victims was believed to be an off-duty Anaheim Police Officer. Later in the day, we received confirmation that one of the deceased individuals was Anaheim Police Officer Brian Hayes. Also killed in the collision was his 32 year-old girlfriend, Nicole Anderson who was a Police Officer with the Simi Valley Police Department.

According to the Chief of the Winslow Police Department, at approximately 10:10 AM on Sunday morning, Winslow Police were notified that a fixed-wing, single-engine airplane crashed while taking off from the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport. The Mooney M20F aircraft came to rest upside down at the end of the runway, immediately killing the two occupants on board. The NTSB and FAA also responded to the crash site to conduct their investigation.

Brian Hayes had been a long time member of the Anaheim Police Department. He began with Anaheim Police as a Police Explorer, and later as a Reserve Police Officer. He was a police cadet in Garden Grove, and in 1999, Brian was hired by the Anaheim Police Department as a full-time police officer. He had served in a variety of assignments including patrol officer, traffic investigator, and police detective. At the time of his death, he was serving as a patrol officer.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

For additional information relating to the plane collision, please contact the Winslow Police Department (Arizona), the NTSB and/or FAA.

