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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DEATH OF SIMI VALLEY POLICE OFFICER

Chief Mike Lewis is saddened to announce the death of active-duty Simi Valley Police Officer Nicole Anderson, 32 years old.

On Sunday, July 17, 2011, the Simi Valley Police Department received a telephone notification that a fatal plane collision had occurred in Winslow, Arizona and that one of the victims was believed to be an off-duty Simi Valley Police Officer. Later in the day, we received confirmation that one of the deceased individuals was Officer Nicole Anderson. Also killed in the collision was her friend, Anaheim Police Officer Brian Hayes, (35 years).


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 M20 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.

Nicole Anderson has been a full-time police officer with the Simi Valley Police Department since 2003. She served in a variety of assignments including patrol officer, and most recently as the Department Youth Services Officer. Nicole was assigned to the Department's Bicycle Patrol Team, Crisis Negotiation Team and was recently selected as an Explorer Advisor. Nicole was awarded the Department's Meritorious Service Award in 2008.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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

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