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Fatal Collision

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Incident: 20C010651
Location: Intersectio, Lateral A Rd and Lateral 1 Rd
Date: 6/25/20

Narrative: On 6/25/20 at about 1250 Hrs, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, Wapato Police Departmnet, Yakama Nation Police and District 5 Fire Department responded top a report of a two vehicle collision at the intersection of Lateral A Rd and Lateral 1 Rd.

The vehicles invloved were a 1998 Honda Accord and a 2017 Kenworth fuel truck loaded with gasoline.

When responders arrived they found the Honda off the roadway and in a field off the west side of Lateral A Rd. There were two deceased males in the Honda.

The driver of the commercial truck was southbound on Lateral A Rd. The driver of the commercial vehicle was not injured.

Investigation showed that the Honda was pulling out of the fruit stand area located at the southeast corner of the intersection. The driver of the Honda did not stop as he was pulling out onto the roadway and pulled in front of the commercial truck.

The driver of the commercial truck attempted to stop but was not able to. The commercial vehicle had the right of way.

The front of the commercial truck struck the center passenger area of the Honda, forcing the Honda off of the roadway. It's believed that the driver and the passenger of the Honda died instantly.
This is the second fatal collision in the same area in two days in a row, where the drivers of the causing vehicles were at fault, because the drivers failed to either stop at a stop sign, or in this case, stop while leaving a driveway before entering the roadway as is required.

It's unknown at this time if there were any intoxicants involved on the part of the driver of the Honda.