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**Phoenix, Arizona  
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**CRASH INFORMATION**

**Location:** State Loop 202 Eastbound, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona

**Vehicle 1:** 2016 Freightliner truck-tractor, 2015 Walker stainless tank trailer

**Operator 1:** 47-year-old male (uninjured)

**Carrier:** Arizona Milk Transport

**Vehicle 2:** 2016 Ford Fusion passenger vehicle

**Operator 2:** 20-year-old male (fatal)

**Passenger:** 20-year-old-female (fatal)

**Passenger:** 20-year-old-female (serious injury)

**Passenger:** 20-year-old-male (serious injury)

**Vehicle 3:** 2013 Toyota Prius passenger vehicle

**Operator 3:** 30-year-old male (serious injury)

**Vehicle 4:** 2021 Chevrolet Equinox Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV)

**Operator 4:** 35-year-old female (fatal)

**Vehicle 5:** 2015 Nissan Altima passenger vehicle

**Operator 5:** 22-year-old male (minor injury)

**Passenger:** 21-year-old-female (fatal)

**Passenger:** 22-year-old-male (serious injury)

**Passenger:** 22-year-old-male (minor injury)

**Vehicle 6:** 2015 Dodge Charger passenger vehicle  
**Operator 6:** 44-year-old male (serious injury)  
**Passenger:** 37-year-old-female (minor injury)

**Vehicle 7:** 2018 Mercedes C300W passenger vehicle  
**Operator 7:** 29-year-old female (minor injury)  
**Passenger:** 6-year-old female (minor injury)

**Vehicle 8:** 2013 Lexus CT200H passenger vehicle  
**Operator 8:** 42-year-old female (minor injury)

**Date:** June 9, 2021  
**Time:** 10:07 p.m. (local time)

## **CRASH SUMMARY**

On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 10:07 p.m. mountain standard time, a multivehicle crash occurred in the eastbound lanes of State Route Loop 202 (SR-202, Red Mountain Freeway), just east of mile marker 4 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. In the area of the crash, SR-202 consists of 5 eastbound travel lanes with a posted speed limit of 65 mph. The crash sequence began with an eastbound 2016 Freightliner Cascadia truck-tractor combined with a fully loaded 2015 Walker stainless equipment tank trailer (combination unit), driven by a 47-year-old male driver. The combination unit, operated by Arizona Milk Transport, Inc., was transporting milk from a local dairy to the United Dairymen of Arizona cooperative plant.

At mile marker 4, just beyond the off-ramp for the 52nd Street exit, the truck driver did not stop for slowed traffic that had formed a queue in the far-right lane, and the combination unit struck multiple vehicles. During the collision sequence, the truck crossed all four travel lanes to the left, struck the center median barrier, and then crossed back to the right before coming to rest in the far-left eastbound lane. When the combination unit struck the center median barrier, the tanker separated from the truck-tractor, overrode the barrier, then landed in the westbound shoulder and adjacent left travel lane. A postcrash fire ensued and the 2016 Freightliner tractor and a 2021 Chevrolet Equinox sport utility vehicle (SUV) were consumed by the fire. Four persons were fatally injured, and 10 persons were transported to the hospital. A total of eight vehicles were involved in the collision. The struck vehicles included: the 2021 Chevrolet Equinox (the driver died); a 2016 Ford Fusion (the driver and one passenger died and two passengers were injured); a 2015 Nissan Altima (one passenger died; the driver and three passengers were injured); a 2013 Toyota Prius (the driver was injured); a 2013 Lexus CT200H (the driver was injured); a 2015 Dodge Charger (the driver and a passenger were injured); and a 2018 Mercedes C300W (the driver and a passenger were injured). The driver of the combination unit was not injured.