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**Subject:** Re: Additional Information on the closure of L-202 Red Mountain  
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Hi Mark,  
Thanks, this is great information to add.

**Kerry Wilcoxon, P.E., PTOE**

**State Traffic Safety Engineer**

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On Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 6:15 AM Mark DeLugt <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Good morning, here is the supplement from Dispatch Supervisor Vincent Irwin.

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**Date:** Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 5:53 AM  
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**To:** Mark DeLugt <[REDACTED]>

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To: TOC (Admin More Info) - ADOT [REDACTED]  
Cc: TOC Dispatchers [REDACTED]

**Additional Information on the closure of L-202 Red Mountain**

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**DPS DR#** T21031311

**Location:** L-202 RM E/W MP-4 (E of 52nd St Exit)

**Incident Command:** IRU 6T11 Matt Anderson (44th St Command)

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Range:** L-202 RM E/W MP-3 to 6

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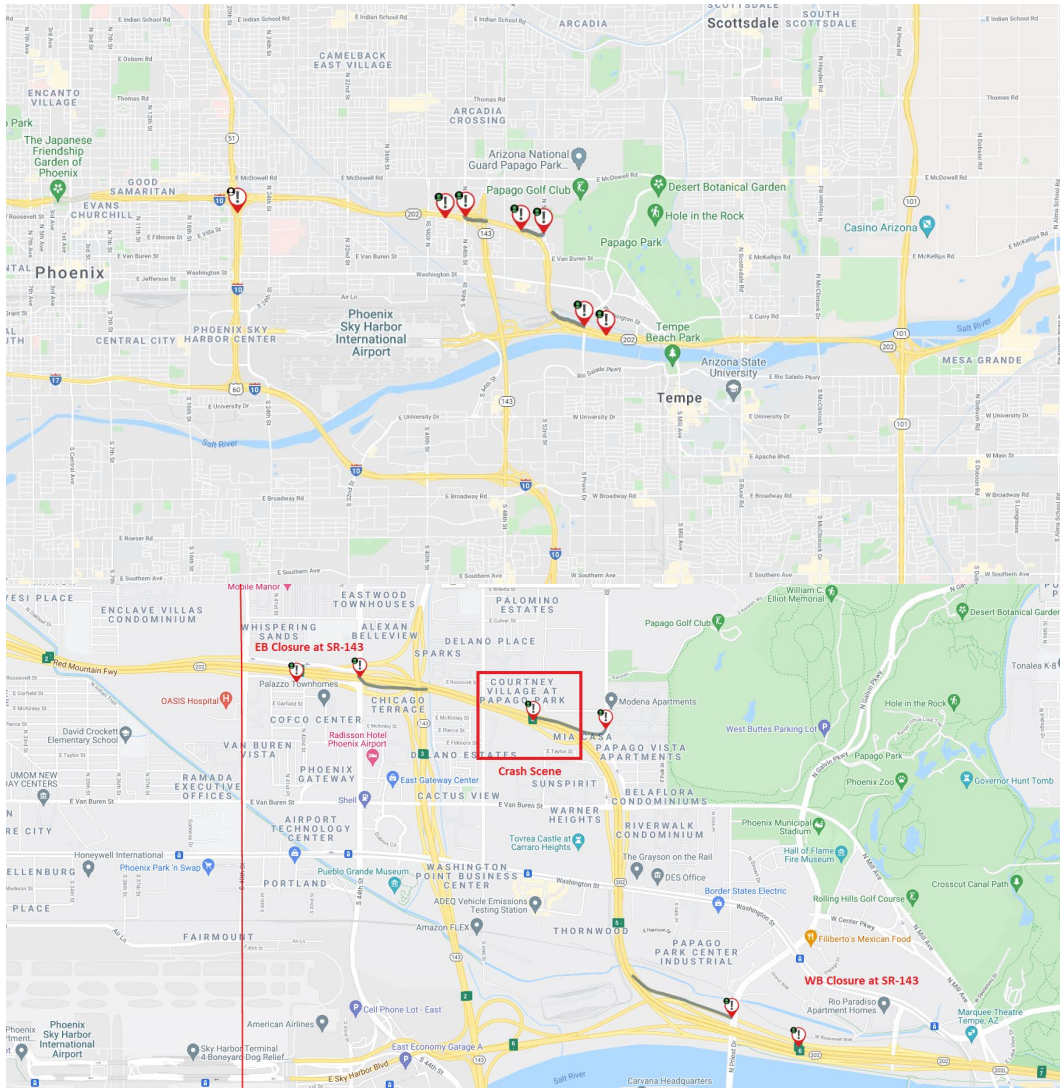
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22:16:36 06/09/2021 ADOT2 DMSA ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V  
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22:16:53 06/09/2021 6T12 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 ENROUTE TO A CALL call=455I  
22:16:53 06/09/2021 6T17 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 ENROUTE TO A CALL call=455I  
06/09/2021 22:17:31 IRWIN, V 6T11: STARTING CREW 10-19, REQUEST IRU PAGE  
22:26:07 06/09/2021 ADOT2 PAGED ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V IRU, call=455I  
22:26:20 06/09/2021 6T10 RCVD ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 CALL RECEIVED call=455I  
22:26:39 06/09/2021 ADOT2 SN ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V 6T10  
06/09/2021 22:27:36 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED 6T10 VIA 10-21  
06/09/2021 22:28:48 IRWIN, V HPTOC: 963, THIS IS A FATAL CRASH  
22:28:58 06/09/2021 6T15 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 SHABAN, R (MDC)  
Assisting unit IRU3 incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
22:29:18 06/09/2021 6T14 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 ABDULLAH, K incid#=T21-18070 ENROUTE TO A CALL call=455I  
06/09/2021 22:29:24 ABDULLAH, K From: SMITH, C (Unit 6T14) ETA 25  
06/09/2021 22:29:41 IRWIN, V HPTOC: TAKE WB TRAFFIC OFF AT VAN BUREN/52ND ST. CLOSE THE WB 52ND ST ON RAMP  
06/09/2021 22:30:02 IRWIN, V HPTOC: TAKE EB TRAFFIC AT SR-143 AND CLOSE THE EB 44TH ST ON RAMP  
06/09/2021 22:30:47 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED 6T11  
22:35:34 06/09/2021 IRU3 DMSM ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V ACTIVATED ADDITIONAL DMS FOR CLOSURES  
22:38:32 06/09/2021 6T11 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 ANDERSON, M (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
22:40:39 06/09/2021 6T17 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 BENTHIN, T (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
22:40:43 06/09/2021 6T17 TCS ADOT 6C03 BENTHIN, T (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
06/09/2021 22:41:21 IRWIN, V Nature change from TFIREVEH to T963X  
06/09/2021 22:44:33 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) EXPECTED TO BE A 10 HOUR CLOSURE. CALL BOB'S BARRICADES  
06/09/2021 22:45:19 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) MILK TRUCK ENTIRE LOAD OF MILK WENT DOWN THE DRAIN, NOTIFY

HAZMAT

06/09/2021 22:46:19 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11)  
INITIATING 44TH ST COMMAND  
06/09/2021 22:47:34 IRWIN, V XREF: T21018484  
06/09/2021 22:48:29 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11)  
CONFIRMED 963X1 IN PC THAT WENT HEAD ON WITH THE SEMI  
06/09/2021 22:48:46 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) NO  
USDOT#, ALL BURNT UP  
06/09/2021 22:49:38 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) AZ  
LIC 72443E FOR PLATE ON SEMI TRAILER  
06/09/2021 22:50:08 IRWIN, V PIO: FLOODGATE ACTIVATED  
22:51:18 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V EB CLOSURE  
22:51:23 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V WB CLOSURE  
22:51:36 06/09/2021 6T15 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 SHABAN, R (MDC)  
Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
22:52:44 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V 963 HEAD ON, 10  
HOUR ROAD CLOSURE  
22:57:34 06/09/2021 6T10 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-  
18070 ENROUTE TO A CALL call=455I  
22:57:40 06/09/2021 6T12 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 BROWN, J (MDC) Arrived  
on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
06/09/2021 22:58:31 IRWIN, V CONTACTED BOB'S BARRICADES.  
NOTIFIED ANGEL. REQUESTED ALL CLOSURES DPS AND 6T11  
REQUESTED.  
06/09/2021 22:59:15 IRWIN, V BOB'S BARRICADE ETA 2 HOURS.  
PROVIDED CONTACT NUMBERS FOR 6T10 AND 6T11.  
06/09/2021 22:59:23 IRWIN, V 6T11: 963X4  
06/09/2021 23:01:29 IRWIN, V CONTACTED ADOT HAZMAT HAZ1  
TRAVIS QUALLS. HE REQUESTS THE INFORMATION VIA EMAIL AND WILL  
NOTIFY SOMEONE.  
23:06:58 06/09/2021 6T14 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 SMITH, C (MDC) Arrived  
on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
23:07:01 06/09/2021 6T14 TCS ADOT 6C03 SMITH, C (MDC) Arrived on  
scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
06/09/2021 23:07:46 IRWIN, V EMAILED INFORMATION TO IRU AND  
HAZ1  
06/09/2021 23:14:03 IRWIN, V CCTV: DPS HAS L-202 RM EB CLOSED  
AT SR-143 ALONG WITH THE EB 44TH ST ON RAMP.  
23:16:59 06/09/2021 IRU3 DMSM ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATED DMS,  
EB CLOSURE AT SR-143  
06/09/2021 23:20:23 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED BRENT CAIN. NO ANSWER.  
LEFT A MESSAGE.  
06/09/2021 23:23:17 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED ADOT EMERGENCY MANAGER  
EM1 DAVID EGLISKIS. NO ANSWER. LEFT A MESSAGE.  
23:34:21 06/09/2021 6T10 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 KAVALIUNAS, R (MDC)  
Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
06/09/2021 23:36:58 IRWIN, V 6T10: WILL BE CLOSING WB DOWN AT  
SR-143.

23:43:13 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATE EB CLOSURE AT SR-143  
23:44:30 06/09/2021 62M10 ASSGN ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 ASSIGNED TO A CALL call=455I  
23:45:08 06/09/2021 62M10 NOTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V SHAWN GARCIA, ASSISTING WITH ATTENUATOR TRUCKS  
06/09/2021 23:45:49 IRWIN, V 62M10: TEMPE MAINTENANCE WILL ASSIST WITH ATTENUATOR TRUCKS. SEVERAL UNITS WILL BE 10-19 SHORTLY.  
06/09/2021 23:47:44 ANDERSON, M 62M10 SENDING 2 TMA 1 FOR EB AND ONE FOR WB  
06/09/2021 23:54:00 IRWIN, V ERS: 75427 EB 44TH ST ON RAMP CLOSED  
06/09/2021 23:55:25 IRWIN, V ERS: 75428 WB 52ND ST ON RAMP CLOSED  
06/10/2021 00:03:46 IRWIN, V ADOT PIO 10-7  
06/10/2021 00:04:56 ANDERSON, M SPOKE TO ANGEL WITH BOBS AND ADVISED HIM OF THE CHANGES TO TRAFFIC CONTROL  
06/10/2021 00:11:05 IRWIN, V From: KAVALIUNAS, R (Unit 6T10) WB MAINLINE CLOSED AT SR-143, REQ UPDATE DMS  
00:12:43 06/10/2021 62M10 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V L-202 WB, call=455I  
00:12:55 06/10/2021 62M13 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 ARRIVED ON SCENE call=455I  
00:13:17 06/10/2021 62M13 NOTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V EDGARDO QUIROGA  
00:14:30 06/10/2021 IRU3 DMSM ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATE WB CLOSED AT SR-143  
00:17:05 06/10/2021 6T17 TCP ADOT 6C03 BENTHIN, T (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
06/10/2021 00:17:58 IRWIN, V ERS: 75429 WB PRIEST ON RAMP CLOSED  
00:18:37 06/10/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATE WB CLOSURE AT SR-143  
06/10/2021 00:23:14 IRWIN, V HPTOC: DPS REQUEST UNIT TO RELIEVE DPS AT EB 44TH ST ON RAMP. 6T11 ADVISED STRETCHED THIN. BOB'S BARRICADES SHOULD BE 10-97 WITHIN AN HOUR. NOTIFIED HPTOC.  
06/10/2021 00:29:21 IRWIN, V CCTV: WB PRIEST ON RAMP CLOSED  
06/10/2021 00:30:12 IRWIN, V XREF: T21018489  
06/10/2021 00:32:29 IRWIN, V 6T11: VEHICLE STOPPED AT WB CLOSURE WITH POSS 1381 DRIVER AND KIDS IN THE VEH.  
06/10/2021 00:32:45 IRWIN, V HPTOC: LOOKING FOR A UNIT TO RESPOND FOR THE VEHICLE  
06/10/2021 00:37:53 BENTHIN, T 6T17 @ 202 WB Priest ONR closure in place ramp closed signed deployed and light  
06/10/2021 00:44:30 IRWIN, V From: KAVALIUNAS, R (Unit 6T10) 52ND ST ON RAMP CLOSED, RELIEVING PHOENIX PD

06/10/2021 00:50:28 ANDERSON, M BOBS 97



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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Additional Information on the closure of L-202 Red Mountain  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:35:06 PM  
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ok, i did some sorting and color coding on my side so i could make more sense, let me know if this helps. and at no time was the sign "blank"

6/9/21

21:02:04 - 6 million dose message / DTT (dynamic travel times) was up in a 2 page message  
21:06:45 - LAW ENFORCMENT AT PRIEST EXPECT TO STOP / dtt was posted  
21:35:14 - law enforcement message was removed and 6 million dose message / DTT (dynamic travel times) was up in a 2 page message  
21:47:15 - LAW ENFORCMENT AT PRIEST EXPECT TO STOP / dtt was posted again  
22:08:10 - law enforcement message was removed and 6 million dose message / DTT (dynamic travel times) was up in a 2 page message  
22:13:46 - VEHICLE FIRE AT 52nd ST ROAD BLOCKED / DTT message was posted in a 2 page message  
22:31:55 - ROAD CLOSED AT 52nd ST USE ALT ROUTE / DTT message was posted in a 2 page message  
22:37:57 - ROAD CLOSED AT 52nd ST USE ALT ROUTE was posted (DTT was taken down)  
23:15:07 - ROAD CLOSED SR-143 - 52ND ST USE ALT ROUTE was posted

6/10/21

08:41:40 - LEFT LAGE BLOCKED AHEAD USE CAUTION was posted

On Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 12:15 PM Brian Quinn [REDACTED] wrote:  
gimme a little bit to sort through this if so i can try and help you make sense of it

On Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 12:13 PM Rayburn David S. [REDACTED] wrote:

Brian,

But just to verify the warning at 21:06 was taken off at 22:08:10, and then the routine message about vaccinations was up until 22:13 when it was updated about the vehicle fire and later road closed at 22:28. The crash was at 22:07 and the truckdriver would have driven past the DMS sign on 202 near 24<sup>th</sup> St about 22:04-22:05. So it was on displaying the message about police activity and expect to stop at 22:05 correct?

David

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**From:** Brian Quinn [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:05 PM

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yes, it looks like around 21:06 they posted a message about Law Enforcement at priest, expect to stop, then at 22:13 it was updated to Vehicle Fire at 52nd St, road blocked. then at 22:28 it was updated to Road Closed at 52nd St

On Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 11:58 AM Rayburn David S. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

To all,

So if I am reading this correctly the message warning about police activity and expect to stop was taken down at 22:08:10 on the DMS on Loop 202 at 24thst near Mile marker 1.75. Correct?

David S. Rayburn

NTSB

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**From:** Brian Quinn <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:51 PM

**To:** Kerry Wilcoxon <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Mike Blogg <[REDACTED]>; Mark DeLugt <[REDACTED]>; Derek Arnson <[REDACTED]>; Rayburn David S. <[REDACTED]>  
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hello, i'm sorry i sent the wrong L202 24th St DMS log, that was for the South Mountain sign, attached is the one that you requested

On Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 11:46 AM Brian Quinn <[REDACTED]> wrote:

attached is the export of the 24th St DMS

On Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 11:35 AM Kerry Wilcoxon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Brian and Mike,

We are working with NTSB on the mult-fatal truck crash on EB SR 202 last Wednesday. There was a message displayed on the 52nd St and 24th St DMS on the night of the crash advising Police Activity Ahead. We know that when this crash occurred, the message was still up on the 52nd St sign but need to know **what was on the 24th St sign and when this message was taken off?**

Thanks.

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For final verification on anything retrieved from the system archives I would refer you to the system administrators - Brian Quinn and/or Mike Blogg.

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On Tue, Jun 15, 2021 at 10:19 AM Rayburn David S. <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Kerry,

Can we verify what time the message was canceled on the DMS sign on 202 at 24<sup>th</sup> St.  
The statement only refers to the DMS at MP4.

David

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**Phone:** 602-290-5231

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22:16:53 06/09/2021 6T17 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V  
incid#=T21-18070 ENROUTE TO A CALL call=455I  
06/09/2021 22:17:31 IRWIN, V 6T11: STARTING CREW 10-19,  
REQUEST IRU PAGE  
22:26:07 06/09/2021 ADOT2 PAGED ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V IRU,  
call=455I  
22:26:20 06/09/2021 6T10 RCVD ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V  
incid#=T21-18070 CALL RECEIVED call=455I  
22:26:39 06/09/2021 ADOT2 SN ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V 6T10  
06/09/2021 22:27:36 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED 6T10 VIA 10-21  
06/09/2021 22:28:48 IRWIN, V HPTOC: 963, THIS IS A FATAL  
CRASH  
22:28:58 06/09/2021 6T15 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 SHABAN, R (MDC)  
Assisting unit IRU3 incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
22:29:18 06/09/2021 6T14 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 ABDULLAH, K  
incid#=T21-18070 ENROUTE TO A CALL call=455I  
06/09/2021 22:29:24 ABDULLAH, K From: SMITH, C (Unit 6T14)  
ETA 25  
06/09/2021 22:29:41 IRWIN, V HPTOC: TAKE WB TRAFFIC OFF AT  
VAN BUREN/52ND ST. CLOSE THE WB 52ND ST ON RAMP  
06/09/2021 22:30:02 IRWIN, V HPTOC: TAKE EB TRAFFIC AT SR-  
143 AND CLOSE THE EB 44TH ST ON RAMP  
06/09/2021 22:30:47 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED 6T11  
22:35:34 06/09/2021 IRU3 DMSM ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V  
ACTIVATED ADDITIONAL DMS FOR CLOSURES  
22:38:32 06/09/2021 6T11 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 ANDERSON, M  
(MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
22:40:39 06/09/2021 6T17 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 BENTHIN, T (MDC)  
Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I  
22:40:43 06/09/2021 6T17 TCS ADOT 6C03 BENTHIN, T (MDC)

Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I

06/09/2021 22:41:21 IRWIN, V Nature change from TFIREVEH to T963X

06/09/2021 22:44:33 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) EXPECTED TO BE A 10 HOUR CLOSURE. CALL BOB'S BARRICADES

06/09/2021 22:45:19 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) MILK TRUCK ENTIRE LOAD OF MILK WENT DOWN THE DRAIN, NOTIFY HAZMAT

06/09/2021 22:46:19 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) INITIATING 44TH ST COMMAND

06/09/2021 22:47:34 IRWIN, V XREF: T21018484

06/09/2021 22:48:29 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) CONFIRMED 963X1 IN PC THAT WENT HEAD ON WITH THE SEMI

06/09/2021 22:48:46 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) NO USDOT#, ALL BURNT UP

06/09/2021 22:49:38 IRWIN, V From: ANDERSON, M (Unit 6T11) AZ LIC 72443E FOR PLATE ON SEMI TRAILER

06/09/2021 22:50:08 IRWIN, V PIO: FLOODGATE ACTIVATED

22:51:18 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V EB CLOSURE

22:51:23 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V WB CLOSURE

22:51:36 06/09/2021 6T15 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 SHABAN, R (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I

22:52:44 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V 963 HEAD ON, 10 HOUR ROAD CLOSURE

22:57:34 06/09/2021 6T10 ENRTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 ENROUTE TO A CALL call=455I

22:57:40 06/09/2021 6T12 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 BROWN, J (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I

06/09/2021 22:58:31 IRWIN, V CONTACTED BOB'S BARRICADES. NOTIFIED ANGEL. REQUESTED ALL CLOSURES DPS AND 6T11 REQUESTED.

06/09/2021 22:59:15 IRWIN, V BOB'S BARRICADE ETA 2 HOURS. PROVIDED CONTACT NUMBERS FOR 6T10 AND 6T11.

06/09/2021 22:59:23 IRWIN, V 6T11: 963X4

06/09/2021 23:01:29 IRWIN, V CONTACTED ADOT HAZMAT HAZ1 TRAVIS QUALLS. HE REQUESTS THE INFORMATION VIA EMAIL AND WILL NOTIFY SOMEONE.

23:06:58 06/09/2021 6T14 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 SMITH, C (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I

23:07:01 06/09/2021 6T14 TCS ADOT 6C03 SMITH, C (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I

06/09/2021 23:07:46 IRWIN, V EMAILED INFORMATION TO IRU

AND HAZ1

06/09/2021 23:14:03 IRWIN, V CCTV: DPS HAS L-202 RM EB CLOSED AT SR-143 ALONG WITH THE EB 44TH ST ON RAMP.

23:16:59 06/09/2021 IRU3 DMSM ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATED DMS, EB CLOSURE AT SR-143

06/09/2021 23:20:23 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED BRENT CAIN. NO ANSWER. LEFT A MESSAGE.

06/09/2021 23:23:17 IRWIN, V NOTIFIED ADOT EMERGENCY MANAGER EM1 DAVID EGLISKIS. NO ANSWER. LEFT A MESSAGE.

23:34:21 06/09/2021 6T10 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 KAVALIUNAS, R (MDC) Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=455I

06/09/2021 23:36:58 IRWIN, V 6T10: WILL BE CLOSING WB DOWN AT SR-143.

23:43:13 06/09/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATE EB CLOSURE AT SR-143

23:44:30 06/09/2021 62M10 ASSGN ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 ASSIGNED TO A CALL call=455I

23:45:08 06/09/2021 62M10 NOTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V SHAWN GARCIA, ASSISTING WITH ATTENUATOR TRUCKS

06/09/2021 23:45:49 IRWIN, V 62M10: TEMPE MAINTENANCE WILL ASSIST WITH ATTENUATOR TRUCKS. SEVERAL UNITS WILL BE 10-19 SHORTLY.

06/09/2021 23:47:44 ANDERSON, M 62M10 SENDING 2 TMA 1 FOR EB AND ONE FOR WB

06/09/2021 23:54:00 IRWIN, V ERS: 75427 EB 44TH ST ON RAMP CLOSED

06/09/2021 23:55:25 IRWIN, V ERS: 75428 WB 52ND ST ON RAMP CLOSED

06/10/2021 00:03:46 IRWIN, V ADOT PIO 10-7

06/10/2021 00:04:56 ANDERSON, M SPOKE TO ANGEL WITH BOBS AND ADVISED HIM OF THE CHANGES TO TRAFFIC CONTROL

06/10/2021 00:11:05 IRWIN, V From: KAVALIUNAS, R (Unit 6T10) WB MAINLINE CLOSED AT SR-143, REQ UPDATE DMS

00:12:43 06/10/2021 62M10 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V L-202 WB, call=455I

00:12:55 06/10/2021 62M13 ARRVD ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V incid#=T21-18070 ARRIVED ON SCENE call=455I

00:13:17 06/10/2021 62M13 NOTE ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V EDGARDO QUIROGA

00:14:30 06/10/2021 IRU3 DMSM ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATE

WB CLOSED AT SR-143

00:17:05 06/10/2021 6T17 TCP ADOT 6C03 BENTHIN, T (MDC)  
Arrived on scene incid#=T21-18070 call=4551

06/10/2021 00:17:58 IRWIN, V ERS: 75429 WB PRIEST ON RAMP  
CLOSED

00:18:37 06/10/2021 IRU3 EML ADOT 6C03 IRWIN, V UPDATE WB  
CLOSURE AT SR-143

06/10/2021 00:23:14 IRWIN, V HPTOC: DPS REQUEST UNIT TO  
RELIEVE DPS AT EB 44TH ST ON RAMP. 6T11 ADVISED STRETCHED  
THIN. BOB'S BARRICADES SHOULD BE 10-97 WITHIN AN HOUR.  
NOTIFIED HPTOC.

06/10/2021 00:29:21 IRWIN, V CCTV: WB PRIEST ON RAMP  
CLOSED

06/10/2021 00:30:12 IRWIN, V XREF: T21018489

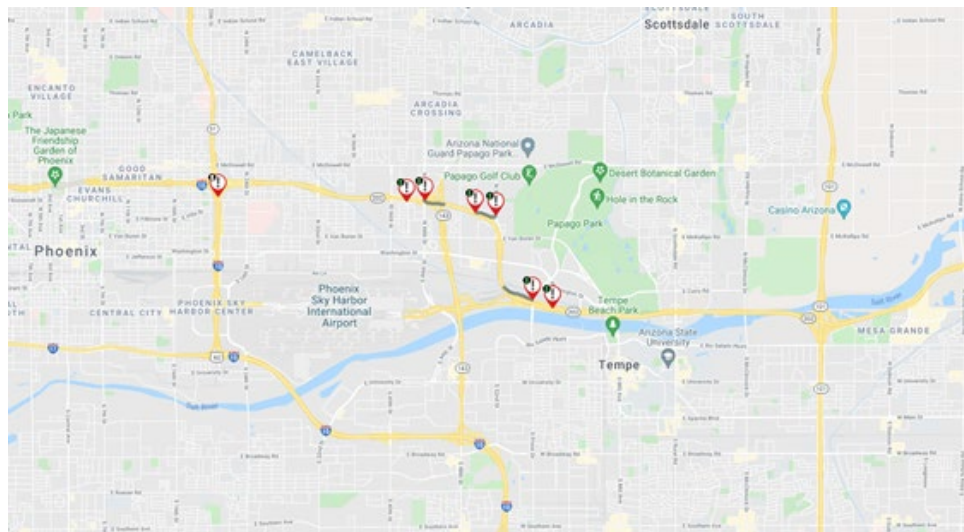
06/10/2021 00:32:29 IRWIN, V 6T11: VEHICLE STOPPED AT WB  
CLOSURE WITH POSS 1381 DRIVER AND KIDS IN THE VEH.

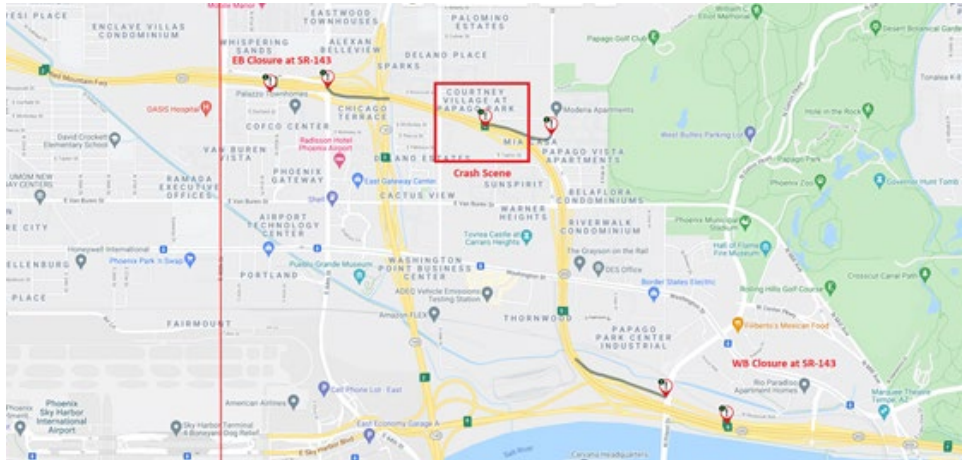
06/10/2021 00:32:45 IRWIN, V HPTOC: LOOKING FOR A UNIT TO  
RESPOND FOR THE VEHICLE

06/10/2021 00:37:53 BENTHIN, T 6T17 @ 202 WB Priest ONR  
closure in place ramp closed signed deployed and light

06/10/2021 00:44:30 IRWIN, V From: KAVALIUNAS, R (Unit 6T10)  
52ND ST ON RAMP CLOSED, RELIEVING PHOENIX PD

06/10/2021 00:50:28 ANDERSON, M BOBS 97





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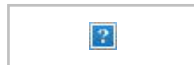
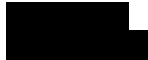
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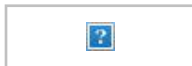
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On the night of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, I was responsible for the rural areas of Arizona. Towards the end of our shift, Trooper Ayala mentioned that DPS was going to stop traffic on the Red Mountain Loop 202 around Center Pkwy (mile marker 6) in the eastbound lanes. There was mention of a shooting in the area and troopers needed to look for casings, or anything related to a shooting. The time was approximately 2100 hours. Trooper Ayala said that DPS did not believe that they were going to have the freeway closed for an extended amount of time. I heard discussion amongst Travis Brown and Luis Venegas about creating a call and placing the DMS sign boards up. On the cameras, we saw that the troopers on scene did in fact have the travel lanes closed and appeared to be searching for items on the road. When I looked at the camera, I could see that the entire mainline was closed and traffic was forced to get off at the closest exit. I am not confident as to which exit it was, I just saw that all traffic was being taken off and troopers had flares out and were using their marked vehicles to block the HOV and 4 other lanes. A short time later, Trooper Ayala said that the road was open. Kathleen Cline, our Public Information Officer, said that she was looking on the cameras and troopers did in fact still have the freeway closed at this same area and nothing was open. Once she said this, the room collectively looked at the camera located at Loop 202 and Center Pkwy area to verify this as well. We all saw that the mainline was still closed. Travis Brown made a comment about signs going back up and staying up until we saw that DPS had physically cleared the scene. Trooper Ayala also apologized for giving wrong information and stated that that was what her units on scene had told her. When Luis, Travis and I left at 2200, the mainline at the Loop 202 and Center Pkwy was still closed. I was not able to tell where the backup was since I was managing the rural parts of Arizona. I, myself did not have any part in this call or placing of the DMS boards. This is just my observations and what I heard while in the room.

Kate Buckmaster

On the evening of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, I was the assigned supervisor for 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift at the ADOT Traffic Operations Center. Present during this time was Dispatcher Luis Venegas, Dispatcher Kate Buckmaster, ADOT PIO Kathleen Cline, HPTOC/DPS Trooper Monique Ayala, and HPTOC/DPS Trooper Jamie Contes, as well as me.

At approximately 21:04, HPTOC (Highway Patrol Traffic Operations Center) Contes advised the TOC staff that DPS Troopers would be shutting down the eastbound L-202 Red Mountain at Priest. This was in reference to a "Shots Fired" call that DPS was investigating. Troopers on scene needed to search the roadway for evidence such as shell casings. We confirmed this via CCTV Camera 202-0052E. Dispatcher Venegas immediately created a call for this event, Spillman #T21018472. I immediately activated the DMS (Dynamic Message Signs) on the L-202 Red Mountain. The DMS at 24<sup>th</sup> St. was activated at 21:06:45 and the 52<sup>nd</sup> St. DMS was activated at 21:09:52. Both DMS read "LAW ENFORCEMENT AT PRIEST. EXPECT TO STOP".

A short while later, approximately 15 minutes, HPTOC Contes informed the TOC staff that DPS Troopers on scene were clear and the roadway was opened up. I deactivated the DMS assigned to this event. Nearly 5 minutes later, ADOT PIO Kathleen Cline informed all of us in the Control Room that it appeared that the roadway was still closed via CCTV Camera. I immediately reactivated the DMS on on L-202 at both 24<sup>th</sup> St. and 52<sup>nd</sup> St. at 21:47:15. The message displayed was again, "LAW ENFORCEMENT AT PRIEST. EXPECT TO STOP. HPTOC Contes said that she was sorry and that the Troopers involved in the closure and the DPS Dispatcher working the call weren't communicating at all with her or HPTOC Ayala.

I informed everyone in the room that the DMS were to remain activated until it was confirmed by CCTV that DPS has indeed cleared the scene. Trooper Ayala then also apologized for giving us the wrong information and stated it was the information she was given by the DPS Troopers on scene. It was apparent that there were some communications issues between HPTOC and their dispatchers.

The evidence collection closure was still in place on the L-202 Red Mountain at Priest upon the arrival of 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift TOC Personnel. I briefed Dispatcher Khaleel Abdullah of this incident and instructed him that the DMS were not to be taken down until all DPS Troopers were confirmed to have cleared the scene. It was at this time that 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift personnel logged out of our workstations and were off-duty.