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TRAFFIC FATALITY ON AIRLINE HWY.

Baton Rouge Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred today around 7:20am in the 5500 block of Airline Highway at the intersection of McClelland Drive. The crash involved a 2011 Chrysler 200 and a 2012 Thomas 32400 East Baton Rouge School Bus. The driver of the Chrysler, DANDREW WEST, 33 of 17995 Willow Street, Grosse Tete, LA., died at the scene.

The at-scene investigation revealed that the school bus was stopped in the inside turning lane of Airline (northbound) in order to turn left onto McClelland. The Chrysler also entered the turning lane behind the school bus. For reasons unknown, the Chrysler did not stop and collided into the rear of the school bus causing a fire to the front of the Chrysler. A witness ran over and extinguished the fire.

There were no notable injuries to the driver of the school bus or to any of the 31 students. The 3-year-old passenger of the Chrysler was transported to a local hospital with life threatening injuries.

This crash remains under investigation.

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