

FRESNO DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION



Deputy Sheriff Brett Harris

Riverside County Sheriff's Department EOW: May 13, 2023

Age: 26 Tour: 3 years Cause: Traffic Accident Suspect: N/A

A Riverside County sheriff's deputy has died after a violent crash involving another vehicle in San Jacinto, officials confirmed. Deputy Brett Harris, who was assigned to the department's Hemet station, was involved in a crash while responding to an Officer Backup call at 2:15am Friday morning. Harris, 26, suffered major injuries, including a "catastrophic brain injury," according to the Sheriff's Office.

The back end of the deputy's patrol vehicle was crushed by an impact with a light pole, while the front end of the civilian vehicle was also mangled, authorities said after the crash. Another deputy was hurt while trying to help Harris, but is OK

It remains unclear what led up to the crash or which driver may have been at fault. The California Highway Patrol is investigating. The Sheriff's Office said that Harris was an organ donor and arrangements were being made with his family and hospital staff to "ensure his wishes are honored."

Harris is survived by his wife, parents, brother, and twin sister, as well as his law enforcement colleagues.