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Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Fatal Investigation

Huntley, IL—On Monday, January 8, 2024, at approximately 3:09 pm, Huntley Police Department Officers and McHenry County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area of Main Street and Coyne Station Road for the report of a male struck by a vehicle while completing work along the roadway.

Responding officers arrived as the victim, 20-year-old Joseph Zephries of Huntley, was receiving treatment from the Huntley Area Fire Protection District. Mr. Zephries was subsequently transported to Northwestern Huntley Hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Main Street between Charles Sass Parkway and Coyne Station Road was closed down for approximately 5 hours on Monday evening as the Huntley Police Department and Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team (K-CART) conducted the preliminary investigation. The vehicle, a 2023 Kia Forte, was traveling eastbound on Main Street when it struck Mr. Zephries, who was on the south shoulder of the road completing utility line location services with USIC. The driver of the vehicle, a 27-year-old Chicago man, remained at the scene and has fully cooperated with police. At this time, drugs and alcohol do not appear to be a factor in this incident.

No charges have been filed at this time, pending a full accident reconstruction investigation.

Drivers are reminded that Scott's Law, otherwise known as the "Move Over" law, requires motorists to slow down and move over if possible when approaching an emergency vehicle or any vehicle with their emergency or hazard lights activated on the side of the roadway.

The Huntley Police Department extends our condolences to the families involved and our whole community as we grieve this loss.