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MCSO JOINS RPD MOURNING TRAGIC DEATH OF RPD OFFICER MANUEL "MANNY" ORTIZ

First Responders Receive Peer Support Following Fatal Penfield MVA

Penfield, NY (November 3, 2019) – The Monroe County Sheriff's Office continues to mourn the tragic death of Rochester Police Officer Manuel "Manny" Ortiz, 52, Webster, following a one-vehicle MVA Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 7:01 p.m. at 1385 Empire Blvd., Penfield. MCSO extends its heartfelt condolences to Officer Ortiz' family, friends, and our Rochester Police Department brother and sister officers.

First responders continue to receive peer support and assistance following the critical incident as they process the sudden death of a fellow law enforcement officer and friend. MCSO is grateful to all first responders who reported to the scene last evening and those who continue to process the scene today. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office also extends its gratitude to those Good Samaritan citizens of our community who were traveling behind Officer Ortiz and stopped to come to his aid.

MCSO technicians and investigators held the scene overnight and are continuing accident reconstruction and diagramming of the incident today. Deputies are also canvassing the route for any surveillance video from nearby homes and businesses that may aid in the investigation. Officer Ortiz' vehicle was towed from the scene last evening and is secured as part of the ongoing investigation. It will be thoroughly processed today. The Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy to determine the cause of death.



Background:

- **Officer Ortiz is a 22 year veteran of the Rochester Police Department working in its Community Affairs Bureau as a Crime Prevention Officer**
- **Officer Ortiz was traveling westbound on Empire Blvd., Penfield, in route to work at the Rochester Police Department downtown when the MVA occurred (working 4th platoon)**

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