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Crashes and Failures Involving Vehicles Equipped with Autonomous Driving Systems: Public Roads Serving as Proving Grounds and Endangering All Road Users

*Problems Continue to be on Tragic Display and Uncertainty is Still Abound as the
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has Several Open Investigations*

May 29, 2018, Laguna Beach, CA, Tesla Model S: A Tesla reportedly in “Autopilot” crashed into a parked Laguna Beach Police Department Vehicle. The Tesla driver suffered minor injuries.



Photo Source: LA Times

May 8, 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Tesla Model S: The vehicle reportedly was traveling at a high rate of speed when it crashed into a wall. The resulting post-crash fire killed two teenagers and injured another. The NTSB is examining the electric vehicle battery fire and emergency response. (NTSB Investigation HWY18FH013)



Photo Source: CBS Miami

March 23, 2018, Mountain View, CA, Tesla Model X: While on “Autopilot”, the vehicle struck a safety barrier, causing the death of the driver. (NTSB Investigation HWY18FH011)



Photo Source: Forbes

March 18, 2018, Tempe, AZ, Uber Self-Driving Test Vehicle: The Uber vehicle, which was operating on “self-driving mode,” struck and killed a pedestrian walking a bicycle. (NTSB Investigation HWY18MH010)



Photo Source: NBC News

January 22, 2018, Culver City, CA, Tesla Model S: The Tesla, reportedly on “Autopilot,” was traveling at 65mph when it crashed into the back of a parked fire truck that was responding to the scene of a separate crash. Remarkably, neither the driver nor the first responders were injured. (NTSB Investigation HWY18FH004)



Photo Source: Culver City Firefighters

November 8, 2017, Las Vegas, NV, Driverless Shuttle Bus: A driverless shuttle was involved in a crash during its first day of service. Fortunately, there were no deaths or injuries. (NTSB Investigation HWY18FH001)



Photo Source: Fox5 Vegas

May 7, 2016, Williston, FL, Tesla Model S: Driver killed when his vehicle, operating on “Autopilot,” crashed into the side of a truck tractor combination, traveling underneath the trailer. (NTSB Investigation HWY16FH018)



Photo Source: NTSB