

Fatal Crash Follow-up

2300 Connecticut Ave NW

MPD description of crash:

Preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 11:20 pm, the operator of a 1998 Buell Thunderbolt motorcycle was travelling southbound in the 2300 block of Connecticut Avenue, Northwest. The operator failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway and lost control of the motorcycle, causing it to fall on its side. The operator was separated from the motorcycle and came to final rest off the roadway. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and transported the victim to an area hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries.

Crash information (Source: MPD)

Date of crash	8/22/20
Crash Complaint Number (CCN)	20120269
Type of crash	Single vehicle (motorcycle)

Historical crash data, nearest intersection, 2017-19

(Source: MPD crash database)

Crashes	7
Fatalities	0
Injuries	3
Pedestrians involved	0
Bicyclists involved	0
Motorcyclists involved	0



Site visit notes

- Agencies present: DDOT and MPD
- Street Design Context: Intersection

Factors discussed on site visit:

- Single vehicle, single occupant; slight curve
- MPD noted no issues with lightings or obstructions
- Minor changes to markings on the roadway are in process already.

Next steps

Short-term DDOT action items:

- Review location for pavement marking or signage improvements, including “curve ahead” on in-bound approach, and potentially adding markings on the roadway.

Further DDOT evaluations:

- Following all fatal crashes occurring after dark, DDOT evaluates the lighting.

