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Trooper killed in two-vehicle crash

A DPS trooper died at 9:54 p.m. just north of Marshall when his patrol unit was struck broadside by an 18-wheeler as he attempted to cross the highway to pursue a vehicle.

Trooper Todd Dylan Holmes, 29, was parked on the northbound shoulder of U.S. 59, about a mile north of FM 1793, when he activated his emergency lights and began to turn toward the crossover to go south on U.S. 59 to pursue another vehicle. As he turned, he went into the path of an 18-wheeler that was also traveling northbound. The driver of the 18-wheeler tried to take evasive action, but struck the patrol vehicle on the driver's side. Both vehicles came to rest in the center median.

Trooper Holmes had been with the DPS since January 2005 and was stationed in Gilmer. He was married with three young children.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Trooper Holmes was the 82nd DPS trooper to die in the line of duty.

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