

Traffic Toll

Soars to 119

With Crash

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The traffic death toll in Dallas Monday stood at 119 as waning 1965 continued to be the most murderous year ever for the city's motorists.

The 119th death was that of Mrs. Ellen Carol Walters, 23, who died early Sunday in a one-car crash on South Central Expressway.

Police feared the 1965 toll may reach 125 before year's end.

The 119 deaths thus far this year compare with 90 for the same period last year. Already surpassed by the 1965 death toll was the previous record of 103 deaths in 1963.

Accident Investigator J. T. Forston said Mrs. Walters of Route 2, Hutchins was driving south in the 6000 block of South Central Expressway when she lost control of her car.

The car swerved over the median strip and into the northbound lane and slammed into a guard rail, bounced off and spun in a counterclockwise direction, then crashed back into the railing.

Two sections of the steel guard railing on the elevated expressway structure were ripped out.