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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (August 9, 2019) – Suffolk Police advise that the involved tractor trailer and livestock have been removed from the roadway and that the hazardous material clean-up continues in the affected area.

The Route 58 eastbound on-ramp to Godwin Boulevard is expected to reopen at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Any further information regarding the involved livestock would need to be provided by Smithfield Foods.

OVERTURNED TRACTOR TRAILER CLOSSES ROUTE 58 ON-RAMP AT GODWIN BOULEVARD

SUFFOLK, VA (August 9, 2019) – Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue are currently on the scene of a single vehicle accident involving an overturned tractor trailer at the Route 58 and Godwin Boulevard eastbound on-ramp.

Emergency Communications was notified of the accident at 7:26 a.m. The driver was not injured.

The truck was hauling livestock, and 184 hogs were on-board. Three hogs were loose following the accident and were corralled at the scene. Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews have been cooling the animals with hoses while operations continue. Smithfield Foods has brought in an Emergency Response Team to assist in offloading the animals onto another truck. It is unknown at this time as to the number of deceased or injured animals.

Suffolk Animal Control is also on scene, as well as crews from Suffolk Public Works. This portion of the roadway is expected to remain closed for several hours as these operations continue, the 18-wheeler is up-righted, and the roadway is washed down.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

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