

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **UPDATE - 2**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 27, 2019) The roadway has been reopened at this location.

## **CORRECTION/UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 27, 2019) Two southbound lanes are currently shutdown on Bridge Road/Route 17 from Walden Road to Shoulders Hill Road related to the hazmat spill.

It was originally noted the incident occurred on eastbound Bridge Road/Route 17 and the correct direction of travel is southbound.

### **SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE AND SUFFOLK POLICE RESPOND TO HAZMAT SPILL – BRIDGE ROAD/ROUTE 17**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 27, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police are on the scene of a hazmat spill on eastbound Bridge Road/Route 17 which occurred this morning, Friday, December 27, 2019. A tanker truck carrying waste water and jet fuel spilled fluids over an estimated half mile to quarter mile span of the roadway in one lane of travel which is currently closed. Emergency Communications received the call at 10:36 a.m.

Battalion Chief Charles Jolly advised that the tanker truck reportedly had a valve open while traveling before being stopped at the intersection with Knotts Neck Road and Shoulders Hill Road.

A private hazmat company has been contacted and is on the way to assist with cleanup efforts. It is estimated the one eastbound lane will be closed for several hours due to the necessary cleanup along the roadway. Suffolk Police and Public Works are assisting with traffic control at this location.

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