

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 9, 2020) The roadway in both directions reopened at approximately 2 p.m.

OVERTURNED TRACTOR TRAILER CLOSSES PORTION OF CAROLINA ROAD

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 9, 2020) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue are currently on the scene of a single vehicle accident involving an overturned tractor trailer in the 1300 block of Carolina Road, Saturday, May 9, 2020. At this time, both northbound and southbound Carolina Road between Turlington Road and the Whaleyville split are closed with detours in place. Emergency Communications was notified of the accident at 8:16 a.m. The driver was not injured.

The truck was carrying livestock with approximately 180 hogs onboard at the time of the accident. Smithfield Foods has a response team in route to the scene. It is unknown at this time as to the number of deceased or injured animals. Any further information regarding the involved livestock would need to be provided by Smithfield Foods.

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 and the 18-wheeler is up-righted. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.



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