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EASTBOUND LANES ON HOLLAND ROAD CLOSED DUE TO TRACTOR TRAILER ACCIDENT AND HAZMAT SPILL

SUFFOLK, Virginia (October 1, 2020) The Suffolk Police Department and Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews remain on the scene of a single vehicle accident that has resulted in a hazardous materials spill.

Emergency Communications received the call at 8:23 a.m. advising of the accident involving a tractor trailer in the 500 block of Holland Road/Route 58 eastbound between Pioneer Road and Chappell Drive. The truck wasn't carrying a load. There were no injuries.

Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined that the truck left the roadway and overturned in a ditch.

Fire Marshal Chuck Chapin confirmed that a diesel fuel tank was observed leaking, and the product was initially contained to the ditch in the median. When the truck was up-righted, the fuel tank ruptured, and fuel was released onto the roadway and drained into the ditch that then discharged into a stream in the area. A private hazardous material cleanup company is currently on scene along with a representative from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The affected eastbound lanes of Holland Road/Route 58 are expected to remain closed for an additional several hours as hazmat clean-up efforts continue. Public Works crews will be placing detour signage in the area.

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