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### **SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT CAUSES POWER OUTAGE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 12, 2016) – The Suffolk Police Department is currently investigating a single vehicle accident that has caused a power outage in the rural Whaleyville borough.

Emergency Communications was notified of the accident at 3:30 a.m. that occurred in the 4600 block of Whaleyville Boulevard involving an overturned Honda mini-van. Whaleyville Boulevard is currently completely shut down from Liberty Spring Road to Freeman Mill Road. Both lanes will remain closed as a tow truck retrieves the vehicle.

Upon preliminary investigation it was found that the vehicle left the roadway and struck an electrical pole, causing it to snap in half with downed power lines near the vehicle. The adult female driver, the only occupant, was initially entrapped and required extrication by rescue personnel. She received emergency medical assessment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel on scene but refused medical transport.

Approximately 205 residences are currently without power in the area. Dominion Virginia Power crews are on scene and have advised that one lane in the northbound direction will be closed for several hours as they work to replace the power pole and restore power to the area.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

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