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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 28, 2015) Suffolk Police now confirm that the second driver from this morning's head-on collision on Carolina Road has also died.

The victims have been identified as Mr. Dale Warren Saunders, age 59, of Corapeake, North Carolina (driver of the Toyota Tacoma), and Mr. Gail G. Ayers, age 60, also of Corapeake, North Carolina (driver of the Dodge Caliber).

Detours remain in place as the investigation continues. Motorists traveling southbound on Carolina Road are being diverted onto Deer Forest Road, and motorists traveling northbound are being diverted onto Adams Swamp Road.

The roadway is anticipated to remain closed for several more hours.

HEAD-ON COLLISION CAROLINA ROAD

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 28, 2015) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews are currently on the scene of a head-on collision in the 5000 block of Carolina Road just north of Deer Forest Road in the rural Whaleyville Borough.

Emergency Communications received the call at 6:28 a.m. advising of the accident.

The accident involved a Toyota Tacoma pick-up and a Dodge Caliber SUV. Both male drivers were entrapped and had to be extricated by Suffolk Fire & Rescue and EMS personnel. They received emergency medical assessment and treatment however one patient expired at the scene. The name of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The other patient was airlifted by Nightingale for transport to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital with what are believed to be life-threatening injuries.

The roadway will be closed for several hours as the investigation continues and the vehicles are removed from the roadway. Police are currently re-routing traffic and crews from Suffolk Public Works are en route to place detour signs.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

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