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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 14, 2014) Following this afternoon's accident and subsequent clean-up and removal of debris and towing of vehicles, two lanes of travel were open at 8:44 p.m., and all lanes were reopened to through traffic at 9:35 p.m.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 14, 2014) Traffic on Portsmouth Boulevard/Route 58 continues to move extremely slowly in the one lane that is currently open in the area following this afternoon's accident.

The involved large tractor-trailer type dump truck which came to rest in the ditch was hauling scrap auto parts. Due to the issue regarding a combination of diesel fuel, hydraulic fluid and engine oil spilling into the ditch, crews from Suffolk Fire & Rescue dammed the ditch to prevent the flow of liquids and a hazardous materials firm will be assisting further with clean-up.

ACCIDENT CLOSURES PORTION OF ROUTE 58

SUFFOLK, VA (July 14, 2014) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this afternoon to an accident which has closed a portion of Portsmouth Boulevard/Route 58.

Emergency Communications received the call at 2:30 p.m. advising of an accident in the 1900 block of Portsmouth Boulevard/Route 58 between the Landfill and the Weigh Scales involving a dump truck and an empty flat-bed truck which resulted in the vehicle landing in the ditch and resting on its side. There were no injuries.

All eastbound lanes in the 1900 block of Portsmouth Boulevard/Route 58 were closed for a brief period of time, however, one eastbound lane is now open and two lanes currently remain closed. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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