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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 20, 2014) Suffolk Police advise that Pruden Boulevard/Route 460 has reopened and traffic is flowing in all lanes.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 20, 2014) Suffolk Police remain on the scene of the accident that occurred earlier this morning. Only the far right westbound lane is currently open in the 4600 block of Pruden Boulevard/Route 460 near the intersection of Gardner Lane. The two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane remain closed. Suffolk Public Works crews are assisting with alternating traffic.

A second tractor trailer is on scene as the load from the tractor trailer which crashed is offloaded. The 18-wheeler which landed on its side after striking the light pole was hauling approximately 24,000 pounds of empty pallets.

Dominion Virginia Power has replaced the damaged light pole and power lines are being reattached. Approximately 8 customers have been affected and were without power.

Michael Perry Settle, age 55, of Sevierville, Tennessee was issued a summons for Reckless Driving.

All lanes are anticipated to re-open by 11:30 a.m.

TRACTOR TRAILER ACCIDENT ROUTE 460

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 20, 2014) The Suffolk Police Department is currently on the scene of a tractor trailer accident which occurred at approximately 1:32 a.m. The incident occurred on eastbound Pruden Boulevard/Route 460 near the intersection of Gardner Lane.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the tractor trailer lost control and ran off the road to the right and struck a light pole. The male driver was ground transported to Sentara Obici Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. There are no power lines down, however the pole was destroyed and Virginia Dominion Power is on the scene. There are no reports of power outages associated with this incident.

It is anticipated that it will take a minimum of 4 to 5 hours to remove the tractor trailer and replace the light pole. Both eastbound lanes are currently closed at this time and traffic will be alternated with one lane of travel east and west in the westbound lane. Staff from Suffolk Public Works will assist with any lane closures or required alternating travel lanes. Both eastbound lanes may be periodically closed throughout the morning as the tractor trailer is towed and required emergency repairs are made.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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