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## **TWO VEHICLE ACCIDENT CAUSES CLOSURE OF PORTION OF EAST WASHINGTON STREET**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 5, 2017) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this morning to the scene of a two vehicle accident that resulted in the closure of a portion of East Washington Street.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the accident that occurred at the intersection of East Washington Street and Suburban Drive involving a passenger vehicle and SUV at 10:36 a.m.

Upon arrival of emergency personnel it was found that a head-on collision had occurred. The SUV was on its side, and the adult female driver, the only occupant in the passenger vehicle, had to be extricated from the vehicle by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel, who then provided emergency medical assessment and treatment.

The adult male driver and female passenger of the SUV were able to self-extricate and attempted to flee the scene, however, several witnesses had stopped to assist immediately following the accident and a good Samaritan was able to keep the female from leaving. Police are in search of and aware of the identity of the male that fled the scene.

The female driver of the passenger vehicle was airlifted by Nightingale to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital suffering from serious injuries.

The roadway reopened at 11:42 a.m. The accident remains under investigation. A photo will be provided when available.

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