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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (October 26, 2018) Suffolk Police advise that the victim in last evening's fatal accident has been identified as Karl Alexander Hill, age 61, of Norfolk. Hill was the driver of the dump truck that was involved in the accident.

Affected portions of the roadway have been reopened and the Amtrak train is no longer on the section of track.

Road closures in the area may continue throughout the day as the Suffolk Police Department continues their investigation as to the cause of the accident.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (October 25, 2018) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue units remain on scene of the accident and roadways at the train crossings at Liberty Street and East Washington Street are anticipated to remain closed until the morning as the investigation into the cause of the fatal accident continues.

The name of the deceased will be provided once notification has been made to the next of kin.

Amtrak officials on scene confirm that the passenger train pulling ten cars had 60 passengers on board. Battalion Chief Chuck Knight advised that all passengers received emergency medical assessment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel and that one adult male was ground transported to a local hospital with a minor injury. Emergency personnel have continued to monitor the status of the passengers following the accident.

Amtrak officials further advised that the train originated from New York and was bound for Norfolk. They have made arrangements for a bus to offload the passengers from the train and transport them to the Amtrak Station in Norfolk.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation. No further information is available for release at this time.

TRAIN VS. VEHICLE ACCIDENT DOWNTOWN SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, VA (October 25, 2018) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue units are currently on the scene of an accident involving an Amtrak train and a dump truck in downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was contacted at approximately 7:54 p.m. advising of the accident that occurred at the intersection of East Washington Street and Moore Avenue in downtown Suffolk.

Suffolk Police confirm one fatality. The train did not derail. The investigation remains ongoing at this time and additional information will be provided as soon as it is available.

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