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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 8, 2012) – All lanes of eastbound and westbound Rt. 58 have reopened.

To correct the previous release, the van was traveling eastbound on Rt. 58 at Rt. 10 when it crossed the median and struck the school bus, which was traveling westbound.

The victim has been identified as Frederick Mitchell Adkins, age 55, of Suffolk, Virginia. The cause of the accident remains under investigation. Master Police Officer D. McLamb is the investigating officer.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 8, 2012) – Traffic continues to be impacted due to this morning's accident as Suffolk Police and Public Works have closed both inside lanes in the east and westbound directions of Rt. 58 as the investigation into the cause of the accident continues. The closures are expected to last until 4:00 p.m.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 8, 2012) – Suffolk Police Department has confirmed that the driver of the van died as a result of the accident. The name of the driver has been withheld pending notification of next of kin. The cause of the accident remains under investigation. Traffic continues to be impacted in the area.

EARLY MORNING CRASH INVOLVING VAN AND SCHOOL BUS

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 8, 2012) – Suffolk Police Department reported an early morning accident involving a Suffolk Public Schools bus and a van resulting in serious injuries.

Several calls were received at 9:07 a.m. advising of the accident which occurred at westbound Rt. 58 and Rt. 10 (Godwin Boulevard). Initial reports were that the van traveling westbound crossed over the median and hit the bus head-on in the eastbound lane, wedging the van under the bus. No children were on the bus at the time. The driver of the bus was treated at the scene by Suffolk Fire & Rescue. The identity of the driver of the van is unknown at this time.

The cause of the accident is under investigation and traffic traveling in both directions on Rt. 58 may be impacted during the investigation.

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