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SUFFOLK FIREFIGHTERS RESCUE MAN FROM BURNING VEHICLE

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (November 24, 2010) Suffolk Firefighters battled flames this morning while working to free a man who was pinned in a burning vehicle. Firefighters were called to the scene of a single vehicle accident on Bridge Rd. at Plummer Blvd. just after 10 a.m. For reasons unknown, the driver of a four door, sedan ran off the roadway striking a light pole and a large diameter traffic signal pole. The vehicle sustained extensive front end damage and the driver was pinned.

Fire broke out in the vehicle's engine and driver compartment. When firefighters arrived on scene the smoke inside the vehicle was so thick that the driver was not visible to rescue personnel. Crews from Ladder 5 and Engine 5 simultaneously fought the fire while extricating the injured driver from the vehicle.

The driver sustained injuries, burns and suffered smoke inhalation. He was flown by Nightingale to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. He is currently listed in serious condition.

The accident remains under investigation.