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UPDATE

We were just able to confirm that the animals that had gotten loose were located and recovered. All animals involved have been accounted for.

Overtaken Truck Closes Rt. 10

SUFFOLK, Va. (September 8, 2008) – A truck hauling hogs overturned on Rt. 10 at Kingsdale Rd. shortly before 9:00 this morning, closing that roadway to traffic for several hours as crews worked to transfer the animals. Police report that a northbound tractor trailer, loaded with approx. 190 hogs was travelling north bound on Rt. 10 when it came upon a vehicle that was stopped in the roadway to make a left turn. The driver of the tractor trailer was unable to stop. He ran off the road to the right and struck a power pole before the vehicle came to a rest on its side in a ditch.

Approximately five hogs escaped from the truck. An animal recovery team from Murphy-Brown, which included a veterinarian, was quickly on scene and worked for hours to transfer the animals to other trucks. Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department also responded and sprayed the animals several times to keep them cool. Several hogs died as a result of the accident, but an exact count is unavailable. Members of the department's motor carrier unit were on scene to inspect the vehicle.

The owner/operator of the vehicle, James E. Carter, age 48, of Warsaw, N.C. was charged with one count of reckless driving-fail to maintain proper control. He was

not injured. The roadway re-opened at approximately 4 p.m. Officer P. Jeffries was the investigating officer.

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