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UPDATE

All lanes of Rt. 58 west bound are currently open.

Vehicle Fire Closes Rt. 58 West

SUFFOLK, Va. (December 30, 2008) – Suffolk Fire and Rescue and Suffolk Police are currently on the scene of a vehicle fire on Rt. 58 west bound near the regional landfill. Early investigation reveals that a Ford F-150 was traveling west bound on Rt. 58 when the engine caught fire. The fire spread and ignited a live round of ammunition that was in a firearm in the vehicle.

The vehicle was also transporting approximately four pounds of gun powder. It was originally thought that the gun powder ignited and the State Police Bomb Squad was notified. It was later determined that the gunpowder did not ignite.

The incident was reported just before 7 p.m. The fire was contained within ten minutes. The vehicle was totally destroyed. One lane of Rt. 58 west has reopened.

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