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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (February 6, 2019) Suffolk Police advise that Bennetts Pasture Road between Sleepy Hole Road and Lee Farm Lane will remain closed to through traffic until approximately 7:00 p.m. while Dominion Power makes necessary repairs due to this afternoon's multi-vehicle accident. An Officer will remain on scene directing traffic and accommodations are being made for school buses and residents.

Public Works has placed detour signs in the area.

MULTI- VEHICLE ACCIDENT CLOSES PORTION OF BENNETTS PASTURE ROAD

SUFFOLK, VA (February 6, 2019) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue units responded earlier this afternoon to a multi-vehicle accident in the 5200 block of Bennetts Pasture Road.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 12:03 p.m. advising of the accident involving two passenger vehicles. Upon preliminary investigation it was determined that the vehicles left the roadway with one landing in a ditch and another overturning

and striking a utility pole, which then snapped and caused a transformer fire. The adult male driver of the overturned vehicle was able to self-extricate prior to the arrival of firefighters and denied medical treatment. The adult female driver of the other involved passenger vehicle received emergency medical assessment and treatment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel and was ground transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Rescue personnel had to wait for crews from Dominion Power to arrive on scene due to live electrical wires in the area. Firefighters also extinguished a small brush fire due to the transformer fire. Minimal power outages reported by Dominion Power.

Bennetts Pasture Road between Sleepy Hole Road and Lee Farm Lane is anticipated to remain closed for at least four hours as crews from Dominion Power work to replace the damaged power pole and transformer.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation at this time.

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