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The Crestview Police and Fire Departments responded to the intersection of South Ferdon Boulevard and Interstate 10 this morning, April 10, 2014, just before 6:30 a.m., in reference to a HAZMAT Incident, after a tandem gasoline semi-truck rolled over, after navigating the turn from the South Bound turn lane of South Ferdon Boulevard, onto the East Bound Interstate 10 on-ramp. As the semi navigated the turn, the second tandem trailer of the gasoline transport vehicle experienced a weight shift, and rolled onto its side.

The trailer, which was carrying nearly 4,000 gallons of gasoline, ruptured, and began to spill the gasoline contents onto the roadway, and down into water run-off along the interstate on-ramp. A complete evacuation of surrounding businesses within a 1000 foot radius was activated.

All of north and south bound traffic was completely halted, and was later rerouted down Antioch Road and PJ Adams Parkway, which is unfortunately, the only alternative roadway that crosses interstate 10, connecting the north and south end in Okaloosa County. Drivers experienced hour-long delays or more, as Officers attempted to coordinate the detour the traffic of a 4 lane- major highway, onto a two lane roadway.

The Crestview Police and Fire Departments were in coordination with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Okaloosa Emergency Management, North Okaloosa Fire Department, Ocean City Wright Fire Department HAZMAT, Okaloosa EMS, The Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Transportation, City of Crestview Public Works, and Transfield Services. A joint effort was coordinated which allowed for the quick removal of debris, and the beginning of the clean-up process. Shortly after 1:00 p.m. both North and South Bound Traffic Lanes have been re-opened, with intermittent closures, as crews remain on scene, removing the hazardous contents from the surrounding environment. The contaminated area has been contained, and is being neutralized. There are no immediate threats or hazards to the public, who are required to remain outside of the 500 foot containment area.

The Crestview Police Department would like to extend our appreciation for the close coordination with all local and county agencies that assisted, or responded to the scene. During the clean-up process, the East Bound on-ramp will remain closed. The duration of this closure has not yet been determined.

If you have questions in regards to this release, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Lt. Andrew G. Schneider
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