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Three sent to Local Hospitals following Highway 101 Head-On

Monday, June 17, 2024, at 8:54 am, Clallam County Fire District #3 Units were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle collision at Highway 101 and Schoolhouse Point Lane. Multiple callers indicated that one vehicle was on fire, while another was a head-on collision involving a semi-truck. Firefighters from station 37 in Blyn, Station 34 in Sequim, and a Battalion Chief responded. Based upon the serious nature of the updates, Life flight was placed on standby, and an additional Olympic Ambulance was requested to respond to the scene.

On arrival, Engine 37 initiated incident command and triaged the victims within the three involved vehicles. Two of the injured were taken to Jefferson General Hospital in Port Townsend, and the third was transported to Olympic Memorial Hospital in Port Angeles, all with non-life-threatening injuries. There was no active fire noted on scene, although the semi-truck sustained damage causing approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel to potentially spill on the scene. Firefighters created an earthen dam and applied absorbent material to stop the spread of fuel. Members from WSDOT and EPA arrived to take over the mitigation of the fuel spill.

CCFD#3 responds to multiple motor vehicle accidents along the Highway 101 corridor every year. The volume of traffic continues to grow. In an effort to improve responder safety on roadway incidents, CCFD#3 has developed a plan to inform drivers of upcoming accidents. Support crews deploy "Emergency Scene Ahead" signs soon after arrival to help drivers expect that an extended traffic interruption is ahead.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Chris Turner at (360) 683-4242. Ext. 132.

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Figure 1: Two vehicles off the roadway



Figure 2: Puget Sound Transfer w/ Diesel Fuel Leak



Figure 3: New "Emergency Scene Ahead" Signs

(Photo Credit BC Chris Turner)