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(Firefighters Respond to Tractor-Trailer Crash; Driver Rescued From Burning Cab by Motorist)

At 4:25 am this morning, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters responded to a report of a tractor-trailer on fire after it veered off I-205 and crashed into a grove of trees near Stafford Road. The first-arriving crew provided medical aid to the severely injured driver and called for two additional engines and a water tender to assist in extinguishing the burning tractor cab and trees. The 43 year-old male driver sustained injuries from the impact of the crash, as well as 2nd and 3rd degree burns. TVF&R Karen Eubanks, Public Information Officer, states, “Prior to our arrival on scene, the driver—entangled in his seatbelt and unable to self-extricate—was pulled from the burning cab by a motorist who stopped to help.” The driver was treated on scene by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and transported to Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Firefighters had the fire extinguished within 10 minutes and kept it from spreading to the trailer compartment, which was transporting bread and baked goods at the time.

The incident resulted in the closure of one northbound lane of I-205 for several hours. The Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office and Oregon State Police were called to the scene and will be investigating the details of the crash.

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