



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**(Mini-Van Collides with Dump Truck; TVF&R Firefighters Extricate Trapped Driver)**

TVF&R firefighters called to a collision between a dump truck and mini-van on Roy Rogers Road this morning, spent 45 minutes extricating and providing medical care for the adult male driver in the mini-van. According to a Lieutenant on scene, the impact to the mini-van completely destroyed the front end of the van, crushing the dashboard upon the driver's legs and trapping him in the vehicle. To gain access, crews needed to remove the roof of the van, which first entailed cutting several support posts and removing doors and sliding doors. While one crew worked to remove the doors, roof and dashboard, another crew focused on keeping the driver medically stable. They established an IV, administered oxygen, and monitored his condition until he was safely removed from the vehicle. The driver appeared to not have life-threatening injuries and remained stable throughout the extrication. Once removed, the driver was transported to Legacy Emanuel Hospital via LifeFlight helicopter.

Witnesses report seeing the mini-van drifting over the center line before hitting the dump truck. The cause of the accident is being investigated by the Washington County Sheriffs Office.

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