



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **(Truck Fire and House Fire Strain Mobile Water Supply Resources)**

At 11:22a.m. this morning, several drivers on I-205 near Stafford called 9-1-1 to report that a semi-truck hauling large hay bales was on fire. Though it's unclear where the fire started, flames were reported to be coming from the passenger side of the truck and quickly spreading to the 900-pound bales. Fortunately the driver was able to pull the truck over and escape the vehicle unharmed. The truck was hauling a total of 57 bales.

Northbound lanes of I-205 remain shut down at this time, and it's likely that they will be closed through the rush hour. Firefighters and ODOT workers have removed nearly all of the bales from the truck. Each bale must be broken open and fully extinguished before the hay can be hauled away. Since there are no fire hydrants in the area, water is being shuttled by water tenders which adds to the congestion.

Nearly 90 minutes after firefighters arrived at the incident on I-205, a home outside Wilsonville located at 28100 SW Grahams Ferry Road caught fire. No one was at home when the fire broke out and extensive damage occurred to the attic and second story of the home. It took firefighters nearly 40 minutes to extinguish the flames, but they kept the fire from spreading to nearby homes and vegetation. Fire investigators remain on scene and will be processing material evidence and conducting witness interviews to determine how the fire started. There are no damage estimates or resident details at this time.

Several fire departments including Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Aurora Fire Department, Lake Oswego Fire Department and Canby Fire District have supplied engines and water tenders (*units which carry as much as 2700 gallons of water*) to help fight both fires.

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