Knowlton Twp. Fire and Rescue Company #1 - Station 41

This morning (Feb. 23 2023) shortly after 8:00am Station 41 was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident (MVA) involving a tractor-trailer carrying hazardous materials cargo. This incident occurred at mile-marker 1.2 on Interstate 80 Eastbound in Hardwick Twp. (Affectionately referred to as the "Scrap Mile" because of the high volume of MVA's)

Mutual aid was dispatched for a Rescue Engine & Crew each from Station 33 Portland (PA) Hook & Ladder Co and Station 38 Hope Volunteer Fire Department. EMS mutual aid was necessary because of another on-going simultaneous emergency call. Mutual aid was obtained from Station 73 Independence First Aid Squad.

Upon arrival responders found the entire two eastbound lanes and shoulder blocked by wreckage and a jack-knifed and badly damaged tractor pulling a dual trailer. A quick assessment found there to be no injuries and no leakage from the hazardous materials on-board the trailers. There was however approximately 150 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from a ruptured saddle tank on the truck.

Fire crews immediately began deploying absorbent pads and booms to keep the flowing fuel from the storm drains that empty to the adjacent Delaware River. Station 22 Warren Co HAZMAT was requested as well to help with control of the spilled fuel. They deployed absorbent booms in the river to collect any runoff.

The highway remained closed eastbound for the remainder of the morning and well into the afternoon. Tow operators worked this entire time to right, stabilize, and move the tractor and trailers. The trailers were unloaded of freight and the area cleaned of wreckage and spilled fuel. NJSP and NJDOT handled traffic control and incident command flawlessly today. Thanks also to the National Park Service and the NJDEP.

Adding to the eastbound closure & detour delays was the fact that the primary alternate route of Rt 611 North in PA remains closed. This from multiple landslides that occurred many months ago. Numerous PA fire companies were dispatched to assist with traffic control on other alternate routes as traffic was backed up for miles.

Again we thank Portland & Hope Fire Dept's and the Independence Twp. EMS for your assistance today! Portland also handled an alarm call at a commercial business on Simpson Road - Knowlton Twp. as they were returning to their station.

Area experts and heros for sure! :

- Station 33 Portland (PA) Hook & Ladder Co
- Station 38 Hope Volunteer Fire Department.
- Hazmat 22
- Station 73 Independence First Aid Squad - for EMS mutual aid necessary because of another on-going simultaneous emergency call.
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- NPS
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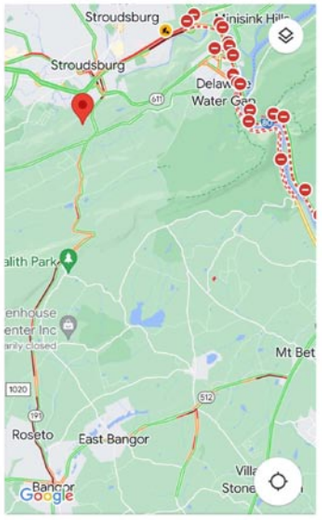
Hope Volunteer Fire Department Station 38 Fire

At 0829 Station 38 Fire was dispatched mutual aid to Route 80 at MM 1.4EB for an MVA involving a TT and HAZMAT.

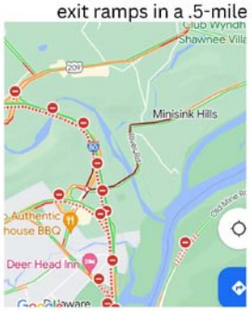
Rescue Engine 38-62 and crew joined 41Fire, Portland Fire, 73 Rescue, NJSP, NJDOT and Warren County HAZMAT in cleaning a diesel spill and preventing the leak from reaching the Delaware River.

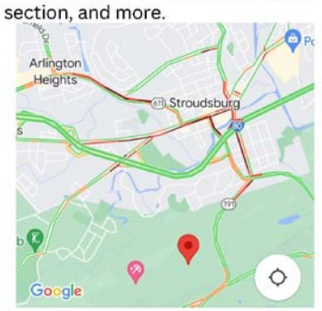
The engine and crew stood by until the trailers were safely upright and the cargo was secure.



URGENT NEED: I-80 /611 DWG Corridor Study

- Feb. 23, 2023 Tractor Trailor cash in construction zone into construction barrier in the fog
- Hazmat clean up and barrier repair
- 7 hours of interstate traffic into local communities
- Our region has suffered with this for decades.
- S-Curve design issues contribute to the high crash rate - 2 lanes, no shoulders, sharp curves, seven entrance and exit ramps in a .5-mile section, and more.





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