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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS RESPOND TO INCIDENT ON I-78

(Nazareth, PA) – At approximately 0630 hours, a motor vehicle accident on I-78 eastbound involving one car and two tractor-trailers spurred a day long response effort by Emergency Management officials. One fatality has been confirmed. The Incident Commander on scene, Fire Chief Thomas Barndt, of Se Wy Co Fire Company, noted that the response was a coordinated effort and commended the numerous agencies involved.

Precautionary measures taken by response officials during the 8 hour overhaul included dispatch of the Hazardous Materials response team, on-scene incident support, and resource coordination. The incident site and surrounding area was deemed safe for clean up and crews have begun working to remove the debris.

Northampton County Emergency Management Services Director, Robert Mateff, noted that safety of first responders is critical. “Taking precautionary measures to ensure the safety of our first responders is a top priority of the division.” said Mateff.

Response assistance was received by Saucon Valley Fire and EMS departments. Lower Saucon Township Emergency Management provided logistics support. Mutual aid assistance was received from Lehigh and Bucks counties.

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