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TO:

Daniel Bolger, Director

FROM:

Scott E. Baker Hazardous Materials Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Propane tanker incident

DATE:

March 8, 2003

On Thursday March 6, 2003 at 0508 hrs. I received a page put out to the Special Ops. Officers at the request of Greenfield FD for a haz mat member to respond to the propane incident in Greenfield Twp.

The incident was in the southbound lane of US 33 south of Carroll Eastern Road in the construction zone in front of Working Dogs. The incident involved a 10,000-gallon propane trailer and tractor owned by PTI (Propane Transport Incorporated).

I arrived at the incident at approx. 0900 and received a briefing from you and Chief Morris. Upon inspection of the incident I found the tanker and tractor still attached laying on its right side on a downward slope near the small creek. The area where the truck lay was approx. 10 to 15 feet below the grade of the road.

When I arrived PTI representatives were making arrangements and trying to track down 3" transfer hoses that would reach the transport truck that was brought in to off load to. About 1100 hrs the transfer had begun. I was a bit surprised to find out that neither driver had any concern about bonding & grounding during transfer. I suggested to Chief Morris that transfers without it would be an unsafe practice and he immediately ordered it to take place. We were told that the transfer would take 4-5 hrs to complete because of the position of the truck and the outside temperature. After about 2 hours of transfer the transport was at 50% and they were not transferring any product. It was at that time that it was decided that if any additional product was to be removed, the trailer would need to be either righted completely or righted enough to get more product transferred to lighten the load. Company Wrench was on the scene and the righting was underway. This met with a bit of troubles in that Brad Hutchison, owner of Company Wrench had very little road surface space in the southbound lane to work with. He had two of his large wreckers attempting to right the truck but to no avail. It was further decided if the truck was to be righted to pump the rest of the load off, we were going to need additional space to do so. We decided to bring in a wrecker from Rusty's towing and temporarily shut down the northbound lane to accommodate it. The lane was only down about 20 minutes but was worth the operation. At about 1500 hrs the transfer was begun again. The transfer was complete at approx. 1700 hrs.

It was decided by Chief Morris per ODOT's request that once the transfer was complete, all operation was to be suspended and the truck & trailer removed at 0230 hrs the next day. ODOT was concerned about the southbound lane be closed through rush hour and stressed the importance to Chief Morris in getting it opened. Chief Morris and I discussed the risks vs. the benefits of allowing the road to reopen without removing the truck & trailer and he decided to allow it to open. ODOT was pressuring him in making that decision and he felt a bit uneasy in doing so and he requested an OSP trooper and car be placed on the berm to slow traffic and dissuade "rubber neckers". We felt it was more of a visual hazard than anything, but had a car careened off the road and struck the undercarriage of the trailer at the pump it was not going to be a good situation. This was another good reason to have the trooper in place.

I spent about 8 hours on the scene with Chief Morris, his men, Company Wrench and other responders.

In my opinion, a response from the Special Ops. Team was not needed, just a consultant to Chief Morris and other responders on the scene. One of the Special Ops. Officers was sufficient to meet those needs.

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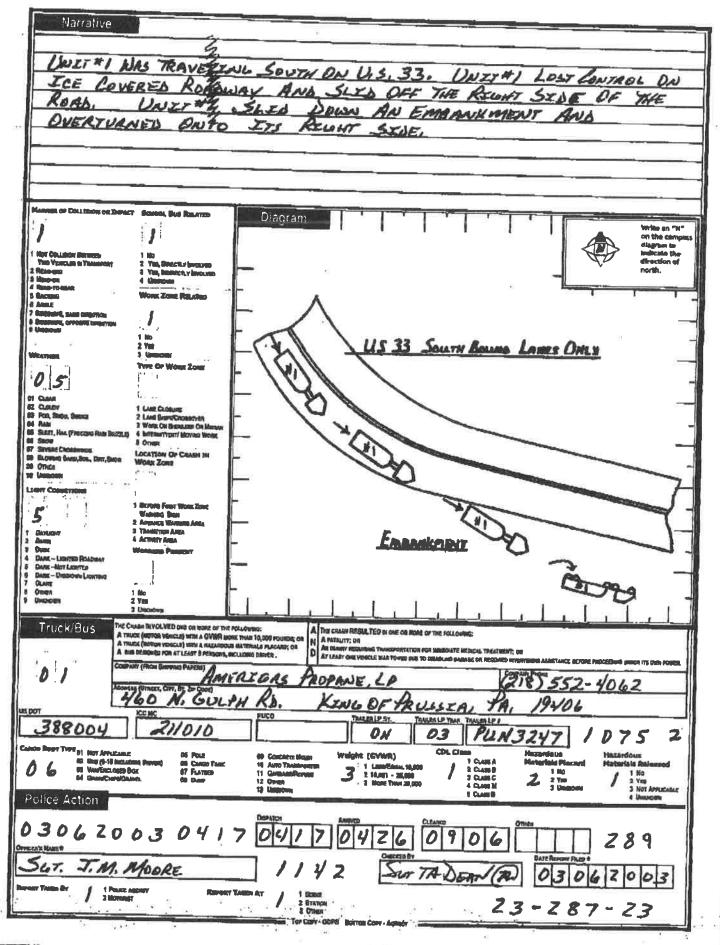
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Approaching a left hand culue and the tak and tel just took off
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GEAR to get the DRIVE OFF the wheels and the unit would not slow
OR TURN. WENT DOWN OVER THE EMBRAKMENT AND THE UNIT FELL
OVER ON the Right SIDE. CHECKED FOR LEAKS. Another truck
DRIVER ASSISTED WITH A FLASHLIGHT to make suke nothing was
JEAKING. State Highway Parteol ADRIVED to make REport.
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INTO MY LAND.
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WATCHERS HEM, THAT'S WHITE I BELLAN TO GET INTO TROUBLE.
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