



MEDIA RELEASE

FOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT/WILDLAND FIRE

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On May 10, 2022, at approximately 2:40 AM, the Fountain Fire Department (FFD) responded to a reported traffic accident on southbound I-25 at approximately mile marker 132 involving a semi. It was also reported that the semi caught fire due to the traffic accident. The fire spread from the semi into the woodland area between I-25 and the frontage road just outside Fort Carson.

Hanover, Security, and Fort Carson Fire responded to assess the driver of the semi. Thankfully the driver only had minor injuries and was not transported.

Time Line

2:40 AM - Wildland Fire was reported

2:50 AM - Water on the fire

3:40 AM - Fire under control on semi

3:48 AM – Wildland Fire under control

4:04 AM - Fire out on semi

5:11 AM – Wildland Fire out

The fire burned approximately one acre. Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and El Paso County Hazmat teams have responded to unload around 100 gallons of diesel fuel from the semi's saddle tanks.

CSP is the law enforcement agency investigating the traffic accident.

Any new information will only be released from the Public Safety Information Officer when, and if, it is appropriate.

The information contained in this media release is based on preliminary information available at the time of its drafting. The Fountain Fire Department's understanding of this incident may change as additional evidence is collected, analyzed and reviewed. The purpose of this media release is to provide timely information to the public. In consideration of the foregoing, please be advised that any statements expressed herein are subject to change at any time.

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