

MVA WITH ENTRAPMENT ON I-86 IN BROOME COUNTY

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The driver was extricated after losing control and hitting a large sign and this tree.

Just before 2 pm on Tuesday , January 12, 2016, Broome County Communications dispatched West Windsor (54), Windsor (28), and Five Mile Point (59) Fire Departments along with Windsor Ambulance (84) to I86 Westbound near exit 76 for a 1 car MVA



with entrapment. The truck traveled a distance off the highway before striking the tree. State police were already on scene and reporting one vehicle off the road with one patient entrapped in the vehicle.

Chief 54, Squad 54, Squad 59, and 8421 all went responding with Utility 54 and Utility 28 used for traffic assistance. Squad 54 arrived on scene and advised the MVA was actually eastbound just east of exit 76. Under the command of Chief 54 both squad crews deployed their hydraulic tools and worked together to power down the vehicle and extricate the driver. The extrication was tricky due to severe intrusion on the drivers door from impact with a tree.

An uninjured passenger in the vehicle advised they had lost control and began to spin before taking out a large highway sign and finally impacting the tree and coming to rest in a ditch. After some careful work with the tools, the driver was extricated complaining only of an injured left

shoulder besides some bumps and bruises.

Road conditions were very slippery at the time of the crash due to some snow pushing through the area. NYS Police and NYS DOT assisted at the scene. All units returned to service within an hour.



The severely compromised driver's door lays next to the sign after being removed.



The large sign can be seen (bottom left) completely sheered off at the ground.