

SUV FIRE EXTINGUISHED ON I 81 IN FIVE MILE POINT

During the peak of Friday afternoon rush hour on March 18th, 2022 the Five Mile Point Fire Department was dispatched to the area of Interstate 81 South at the exit 3 off ramp for a reported vehicle fire. A short time later Chief 59A arrived and reported a fully involved Chevy Trailblazer on the right shoulder at the top of the exit 3 off ramp. Squad 59 arrived next and stretched a line to extinguish the fire.

While Squad 59's crew went to work, Engine 59-2 arrived and provided a block in the right lane and exit ramp. Engine 59-1 would later arrive to supplement water to Squad 59. The driver of the vehicle advised he was driving on the highway and began having mechanical issues and pulled over just before the entire underside of his vehicle burst into flames. The fire is not believed to be suspicious.

In all the Five Mile Point Fire N. Griswold photo- Squad 59 arrives and sets up just ahead of the vehicle. Department responded the Squad and both of the vehicle. Engines with a total of 12 personnel and operated on scene for 1 hour and 11 minutes. Also assisting on scene were New York State Police, Broome County Sheriff's Department, and New York State DOT. Due to the timing of the incident traffic was slowed in the area and backed up on Interstate 81.



Squad 59's crew works to extinguish the fire.

Photo 1: Squad 59 arrives and sets up just ahead of the vehicle.



Squad 59's crew continues to work as Engine 59-2 arrives to provide the block.

Photo 2: Squad 59s crew works to extinguish the fire.

Photo 3: Squad 59's crew continues to work as Engine 59-2 arrives to provide the block.