

FIVE MILE POINT FIRE RESPONDS TO TRACTOR TRAILER FIRE

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On the evening of April 21, 2022, at 2250 hours, Broome County Communications dispatched the Five Mile Point Fire Department to I- 81 South on the Exit 3 off ramp to Colesville Road for a tractor trailer fire.

Squad 59 went enroute with 5 and county advised the scene could be accessed from Colesville Road and that the driver had detached the trailer but county still did not know what the cargo was. New York State Police arrived and reported a working tractor trailer fire.

Squad 59 arrived to find the tractor detached from the trailer and pulled about 20 feet forward



Photo provided- Rear of truck on fire upon arrival.

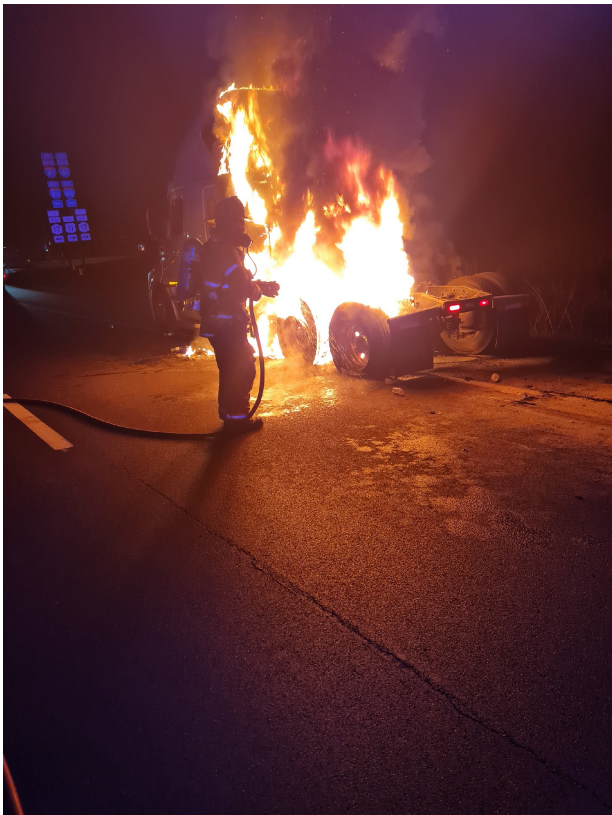


Photo Provided- Squad 59's crew stretches the first line to extinguish the fire.

with heavy fire on the rear of the tractor. Squad 59s crew immediately went to work and stretched two lines to the cab and began extinguishing the fire. Traffic was temporarily shut down on the exit ramp while crews knocked down the fire due to the smoke condition created. Engine 59-2 arrived next and provided manpower and water to Squad 59s crew. It was determined that the truck was hauling rolled steel that was not hazardous and did not pose any risk.

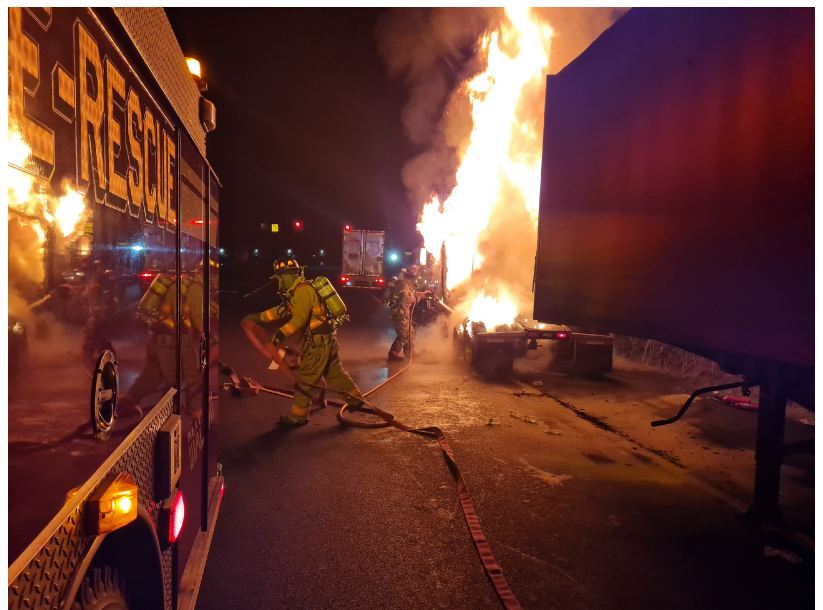


Photo provided- Squad 59's crew stretches the 2nd line to assist extinguishing the fire.



Overall the fire was contained to the tractor with no damage to the trailer or cargo. The driver was uninjured and some of his personal belongings were able to be recovered from the cab. Broome County Fire Investigators responded to investigate the cause of the fire.

NYSP assisted with traffic control on scene. Oralls Garage responded to tow the truck and trailer from the scene. All units were clear of the scene by 0130 hours on April 22.

Photo provided- Squad 59's crew uses both lines to extinguish the fire.



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