

FIVE MILE POINT HANDLES VEHICLE FIRE ON INTERSTATE 81

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During afternoon rush hour on October 17, 2022, Broome County Communications dispatched Five Mile Point Fire Department to Interstate 81 southbound in the area of mile marker 9 for a reported SUV fire. Broome County was quickly receiving multiple calls on this incident advising a working vehicle fire. New York State Police arrived on the scene shortly after, and confirmed a well involved SUV fire on the right shoulder of the highway just south of the Exit 3 off ramp.



Squad 59 arrives on scene.



One of many explosions prior to arrival of Squad 59.

Squad 59 responded with a crew of 6. Arriving on scene Squad 59 advised of a fully involved SUV on the shoulder and that NYSP had closed all lanes of I81 southbound due to the smoke conditions. Squad 59s crew went to work stretching a 1.75inch hose line to attack the fire. The main body of fire was quickly knocked down and two out of three lanes of traffic were able to be reopened.

The vehicle was fully extinguished and towed away. All units returned to service in just over an hours time. Five Mile Point Fire Department was assisted on scene by New York State Police, New York State DOT, and Studer's Garage.

Photo 4: Squad 59 crew works to extinguish the fire.
Photo 5: Squad 59s crews works to overhaul the vehicle



Crew of Squad 59 begins to attack the fire.



Squad 59 crew works to extinguish the fire.



Squad 59s crews works to overhaul the vehicle