

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

One Car Rollover With Entrapment In Port Dickinson

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At 23:13 hours on the evening of Thursday January 26th, 2012 Broome County Communications dispatched the Port Dickinson (35) and Hillcrest (55) Fire Departments, Superior Ambulance, Port Dickinson Police 491, and the Broome county Sheriffs Department to the Brandywine Highway Northbound for an MVA. County advised that they had reports of a one care MVA rollover with possible entrapment near the Old State Road Intersection. Police arrived on scene just south of Old State Road and confirmed one patient still trapped in the vehicle.

Chief 55a was the first fire unit to arrive on scene and called out as command 35. He advised units of their best route to approach the scene and sized up the incident. There was one vehicle, a Jeep Grand Cherokee, rolled over onto the drivers side against a tree off the right shoulder of the road with significant roof crush near the A-post.



(Photo provided) A view of the scene including the skid marks and the vehicle as it came to rest.

Port Dickinson responded with Engine 35 and Brush 35, and Hillcrest responded with Squad 55. Just before Engine and Brush 35 arrived on scene command advised that the patient had been assisted through a broken window by EMS and that they were claiming no injury. Once on scene Port Dickinson units set up traffic control and assisted EMS in packaging the patient for transport by Superior Ambulance as a precaution.

Command canceled Squad 55 prior to their arrival due to no longer needing the extra manpower and tools for the extrication. It was determined that while traveling in the northbound lanes in heavy rainfall the driver lost control of the vehicle and skidded sideways off the right shoulder of the roadway where the vehicle hit one tree almost head on and then rolled at least once up the embankment before coming to rest on the drivers side with the roof against a second tree crushing the roof of the vehicle.



(Photo provided) The vehicle where it landed off the right shoulder against the tree.

Port Dickinson crews remained on scene for Dick's Garage to arrive and assisted with removing the vehicle from the embankment. Port Dickinson Police 491 is investigating the crash. All units had returned to service by 00:15 hours on Friday morning.