



## **PERQUIMANS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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### **PRESS RELEASE – Ocean Highway/ NC 37 Highway Motor Vehicle Accident**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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On May 6, 2021 at 8:46 p.m., the Perquimans County 911 Center received a call for a motor vehicle accident located near the intersection of Ocean Highway South and NC 37 Highway that involved two vehicles.

Upon arrival, responders found that the accident involved a log truck and a four-door car which was transporting two occupants and had extensive damage. One occupant was able to be removed from the vehicle without extrication, but the second occupant did require extrication.

One patient was airlifted from the scene by East Care Air Ambulance to Vidant Medical Center and the other was transported by ground to Vidant Chowan Hospital.

Due to the safety of crews and debris in the roadway, the northbound lane of Ocean Highway was closed for over two hours and traffic was diverted. The southbound lane was also closed temporarily so that East Care Air Ambulance could safely land on scene.

Responding agencies were: Bethel Fire Department, Hertford Fire Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, Hertford Police Department, Perquimans County EMS, NC State Highway Patrol, East Care Air Ambulance, and Nightingale Air Ambulance who was cancelled en route.

Chief Darren Saunders with Bethel Fire Department provided Incident Command per established National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. "I would like to thank everyone for their quick response and their hard work under difficult circumstances" stated Chief Saunders.

This incident is under investigation by the NC State Highway Patrol.

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