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PRESS RELEASE – High Call Volume

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In the early afternoon of June 16, 2021, the Perquimans 911 Center received a high volume of calls within a brief period. Below is a summary of the incidents.

- At 1:46 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to the end of Bethel Fishing Center Road for a boat fire that was offshore. The vessel's two occupants evacuated the boat and started swimming to shore. When responders arrived on scene, the boat was fully engulfed and anchored about 50 yards away from the shoreline. One occupant was transported by Perquimans County EMS to the helicopter pad at Vidant Chowan Hospital then airlifted to a nearby trauma center. The second occupant was evaluated on scene and released per their request.
The Perquimans County Water Rescue Team launched a boat and was able to extinguish the flames using buckets and fire extinguishers. Once the boat had burned close to the water's surface, it quickly sank. Crews marked the area so that arrangements could be made by the necessary parties to have it removed from the water.
The following agencies responded: Bethel Fire Department, Perquimans Sheriff's Office, Perquimans County EMS, Perquimans County Emergency Management, East Care Air Ambulance and NC Wildlife. The US Coast Guard was also notified of the incident.
NC Wildlife is investigating this incident.
- At 1:48 p.m., Hertford Fire Department, Belvidere Fire Department, and NC Forestry were dispatched to the 1200 block of Center Hill Road for a brush fire. Crews were able to extinguish the fire quickly and no structures were damaged. No injuries were reported at this incident.
- At 2:24 p.m., multiple calls were received that reported a two-vehicle traffic accident located at the intersection of Ocean Highway and Church Street. Vehicle occupants were evaluated on scene by Perquimans County EMS and released per their request.
The following agencies responded: Hertford Fire Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, Perquimans County EMS, and the NC Highway Patrol.
The NC Highway Patrol is investigating this accident.
- At 2:45 p.m., a fourth call was initiated by a NC Forestry Officer who came upon a motorcycle accident near the 400 block of Wiggins Road. One person was involved, and they were transported by Perquimans County EMS to Vidant Chowan Hospital for further evaluation.
Responding to this incident was: NC Forestry, Winfall Fire Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, Perquimans County EMS, NC Highway Patrol, and Pasquotank-Camden EMS who was requested for mutual aid but cancelled en route.
The NC Highway Patrol is investigating this accident.
