



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Truck Spill Forces Road Closure

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (May 11, 2012) - A lubricant leaking from a tractor trailer caused unsafe road conditions Friday morning, forcing the closure of all four lanes of Egypt Road in Upper Providence Township.

Lower Providence Township Fire Marshal Charles A. DeFrancesco observed the liquid leaking out of the trailer compartment of the vehicle at approximately 9:16 a.m. as it traveled south on Park Avenue near Eagleville Road.

DeFrancesco conducted a traffic stop on Egypt Road at New Mill Road in Upper Providence Township. The driver told DeFrancesco that he was aware of the unsecured load having noticed it leaking while at a business in Eagleville. The tractor trailer is owned by Volpe Express. The truck did not carry a hazardous material placard.

According to DeFrancesco, the bill of lading identified the liquid as a myrtilor-312, a vegetable oil product used for lubrication. It is non-hazardous, but could be harmful to wildlife.

At the stop, the product was deposited on the road, resulting in the closure of all four lanes of Egypt Road because of unsafe conditions. The substance migrated inside a storm drain and into soil, but did not enter the Perkiomen Creek.

Responding to the scene were HAZMAT/Montgomery County Department of Public Safety; Black Rock Fire Company out of Upper Providence Township; the Department of Environmental Protection; PA State Police Truck Inspection Unit; PennDOT and the safety officer from Volpe.

Public Works crews from Lower and Upper Providence townships assisted with the cleanup. The roadway was cleared by 2 p.m.

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