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**Falmouth Fire-EMS responds to Trailer Fire on Maine Turnpike**

On Thursday morning just before 9 am Falmouth Fire-EMS was dispatched to a reported truck fire on the Maine Turnpike. Assistant Chief Jay Hallett arrived to find a trailer carrying coal ash was on fire at mile marker 56 in the northbound lane. The tractor was separated from the trailer and the fire was coming from the back of the trailer. Maine State Police closed the turnpike in both directions for about 30 minutes while crews from Falmouth Fire-EMS arrived and extinguished the fire. The fire was believed to have initially started as a fire in the rear brakes of the trailer and spread to the right rear tires and rear supports of the trailer.

The turnpike southbound lanes are now open and the northbound lane is flowing at one lane until the trailer is removed. All fire units have cleared the scene.

End of release.

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