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Semi Tanker accident shuts down Hwy 330 near Albion

1800 mile of Marsh Avenue (Hwy 330) in Marshall C - At 1038 hours on 08/21/2010, Deputies from the Marshall County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a reported personal injury accident in the 1800 mile of Marsh Avenue (hwy 330). 911 callers had indicated to dispatch that a semi was overturned in the ditch.

Upon arriving on scene it was discovered that a bulk gasoline semi-truck, owned by "Sully Transport" had overturned in the east ditch of the roadway. Citizens in the area had assisted the truck driver in getting out of the truck without injury immediately following the accident.

It was apparent to Marshall County Deputies that the bulk tank had ruptured leaking gasoline into the road ditch. The Albion Fire Department was notified along with the Iowa Department of Natural resources, the Des Moines Fire Dept HazMat team, Iowa State Patrol and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

In order to ensure the safety of citizens in the area, nearby homes were temporarily evacuated by Marshall County Emergency Management. Hwy 330 was shut down for over 9 hours while crews removed the semi and cleaned up the spilled fuel.

Witnesses indicated that a northbound passenger car was slowing and then stopped abruptly, yielding to southbound traffic prior to making a left turn onto westbound 180th Street. The tanker truck had been following this car, also headed northbound, and was forced to take evasive action in order to avoid a rear-end collision. The driver swerved right and into the east ditch to avoid the stopped the car.

There was no contact between any vehicles and no injuries occurred with any parties involved. The investigation is continuing at this time and there have been no charges filed.

Damage to the tractor trailer was estimated at \$50,000. There is no estimate of clean-up costs at this time.

About Marshall County Sheriff's Office

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is lead up by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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