

Massachusetts State Police investigating bridge collision

“The Massachusetts State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section has cited the driver of the tractor-trailer that struck the Roosevelt Circle, Medford, overpass on Route 93 southbound yesterday for two civil offenses:

- 1.) being overheight, and
- 2.) violating the permit issued by the Department of Transportation. Each offense carries a fine of \$105 for a total civil penalty of \$210.

The height of the truck with its load measured 14'9"; the truck was permitted for a maximum height of 14'. Additionally, the driver violated the permit for not having flag cars and for being off-route, as the permitted route of transport through Massachusetts was as follows: Interstate 84 at Connecticut state line to Route 20 to Interstate 395 to Interstate 290 to Interstate 495 to Route 3 to Interstate 95 to Route 1 to Route 99 with a permitted destination of Everett. Route 93 was not on the permitted route.

The truck was hauling a water clarifying tank, consistent with the type of tank used in wastewater treatment.

The metal tank being hauled came into contact with the first and second structural beams of the underside of the bridge; the first beam was split in two and the second was bowed from the impact. The tank and the trailer sustained significant damage. The tractor appeared to sustain minor damage. The cargo and damaged trailer pieces were towed from the scene by Stephens Towing.

The truck involved was a 2013 Peterbilt 367 with an Alabama

registration, owned by Dove Transportation of Lincoln, Alabama. The truck was being operated by a 57-year-old Alabama man and carried a 54-year-old Alabama woman as a passenger. The passenger was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with possible minor injuries following the incident. The driver refused medical attention on scene. The crash occurred at approximately 3:20 p.m. Monday.

The State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section and the State Police-Medford Barracks responded to the incident, along with the Medford Fire Department and EMS.”-Massachusetts State Police.



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