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PRESS RELEASE – High Call Volume

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In the early afternoon of 09/30/2019, Perquimans 911 received a high volume of calls within a brief period. Below is a summary of the incidents.

- At 2:28 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to a tractor fire on Ocean Highway North, near Cartwright Swamp Road. The initial responders arriving on the scene reported that explosions were also present. NC Forestry located individuals on-site and verified that there were no injuries at this time.

The following agencies responded: Winfall Fire Department, NC Forestry, Inter-County Fire Department, Perquimans Sheriff's Office, Hertford Police Department, and Perquimans EMS.

- At 2:40 p.m., Perquimans 911 received a call for a motor vehicle collision in the 1500 block of Harvey Point Road. The collision consisted of a passenger vehicle and a motorcycle. EMS initiated command after arriving on the scene but it was turned over to Hertford Fire Department's Assistant Fire Chief Robbie Reed upon his arrival. The single occupant of the vehicle was transported by Perquimans EMS to the landing zone at Inter-County Fire Department, where they were flown by Nightingale to Sentara Norfolk General. One fatality was confirmed at the scene.

The following agencies responded: Hertford Fire Department, Inter-County Fire Department, Perquimans Sheriff's Office, Perquimans EMS, Nightingale, and NC Highway Patrol.

The NC Highway Patrol is investigating this incident.

- At 3:24 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to an Activated Fire Alarm in the 300 block of Ocean Highway South. Crews arrived on scene and determined that it was a false alarm.

The following agencies responded: Hertford Fire Department, Winfall Fire Department, and Perquimans EMS.

- At 4:24 p.m., Perquimans 911 received a call for a structure fire in the 200 block of Meads Circle. The caller reported that there was smoke in the residence and when firefighters arrived, the fire had been extinguished. The fire was isolated to the refrigerator and fire department personnel worked to help ventilate the residence so the homeowner could reenter.

The following agencies responded: Hertford Fire Department, Winfall Fire Department, Bethel Fire Department, Hertford Police Department, and Perquimans EMS.