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TRACTOR TRAILER ACCIDENT CLOSES ALLENTOWN RD.

AT 6:32 A.M., FRIDAY MORNING, THE FRANCONIA POLICE RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A TRUCK ACCIDENT IN THE 100 BLOCK OF ALLENTOWN RD. JUST SOUTH OF JBS PACKERLAND, FORMERLY MOYER PACKING COMPANY. A TRACTOR TRAILER DRIVEN BY MICHAEL DESLODE, 44, OF PERKASIE WAS NORTHBOUND ON ALLENTOWN RD. THE TRAILER HAD BECOME DISLODGED FROM THE TRACTOR AND STRUCK A GUIDE RAIL. THE TRAILER THEN STRUCK A UTILITY POLE ROLLED OVER THE GUIDE RAIL AND WENT DOWN AN EMBANKMENT. DESLODE WAS NOT INJURED AND HIS TRUCK WAS ONLY LIGHTLY DAMAGED. THE TRAILER WAS REMOVED FROM THE EMBANKMENT AT APPROXIMATELY 1145 HOURS.

ALLENTOWN ROAD REMAINED CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING THIS TIME. FRANCONIA POLICE WERE ASSISTED BY PERSEVERANCE FIRE POLICE OF SOUDERTON.

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