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For immediate release:

MVC with wires on a truck, driver inside- 8 Strawberry Hill Rd. Drive Derry, New Hampshire

On February 4, 2022, at 0819 hrs the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a call 911 call reporting a MVC involving a garbage truck with the pole and wires on the truck. The dispatcher confirmed there were no injuries and instructed the caller to have the driver stay in the vehicle.

Ladder 4 and the Battalion Chief responded with the Derry Police Department. While enroute, Eversource Power Company was requested to respond to the scene. On arrival we noted a garbage truck had struck a telephone pole with the pole, transformer and primary wires on the truck. An employee jumped off the back of the garbage truck during the collision and the driver stayed in the truck. We also noted service drops to two houses were torn off.

Fire and police personnel instructed the driver to stay in the vehicle until the power company could assure the power was cut. Eversource linemen arrived on scene within 15 minutes. They secured the power and tested the lines to assure generators in the area were not back feeding into the power lines. Once they determined it was safe to do so the driver was able to get out of the vehicle safely.

A staffing recall was requested due to simultaneous incidents. The incident highlights the importance of staying away from downed power lines and in the instance of power lines coming down on the car, waiting until it is determined to be safe to exit the vehicle.

Fire Officer Submitting Release:

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