



# Press Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### US Hwy 395 Closed due to Big Rig Accident at Bridgeport

**Mono** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) closed US Hwy 395 this morning at 3:45 am after a big rig went through the bridge railing at the junction of US Hwy 395 and SR 182 just south of Bridgeport. The rig landed on the north side of the bridge in Walker River and immediately caught fire. The driver was determined to have died in the crash and ensuing fire.

Caltrans crews were on the scene quickly and closed US Hwy 395 and placed a detour for through traffic along SR 182 through Sweetwater and back onto US Hwy 395. Through traffic was alerted by overhead Changeable Message Signs (CMS) and roadside CMS signs.

Hazmat arrived on the scene by 2:30 pm and started cleanup. Fire crews and tow trucks removed the trailer and secured the scene until further cleanup could be conducted on the following day.

Caltrans crews cleaned up the debris, removed the damaged railing, installed temporary railing and inspected the bridge for damage. The bridge was determined to have not sustained any permanent damage. US Hwy 395 was reopened by 3:50 pm to through traffic.

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