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Coal Truck Crash

Cedar Grove, WV- A coal truck has crashed on US Route 60 (E. Dupont Avenue) near the Cedar Grove Go Mart in Kanawha County.

Kanawha County Deputies are on the scene and say a semi-truck hauling approximately 128,000 lbs. of coal ran off of the roadway and onto the railroad tracks that run adjacent to E. Dupont Avenue. The truck did not overturn or strike any other motorists; however, it caused a major traffic incident as heavy equipment wreckers had to be brought in to begin removing the truck from the railroad tracks.

Deputies say they expect the roadway to be closed for approximately 3 to 4 additional hours and we strongly urge motorists to use alternative routes such as WV Route 61 to avoid lengthy delays in the Cedar Grove area.

No injuries were reported from the crash, and it is unknown if damage exists to the railroad. Deputies are working with Hutch's Wrecker Service, Cedar Grove Police, the West Virginia Public Service Commission (commercial vehicle enforcement), and WATCO Railroad to restore all road and railway traffic as quickly as possible.



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