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### **Crash**

**Update 3/7/2024, 2:00 p.m.-** Recovery crews have now been able to access the immediate area where the semi-truck came to rest from a crash earlier this morning. The driver of that truck was not found at the scene and has not arrived at any area hospitals.

Deputies are still investigating the incident and will be working to determine why the driver left the scene. Currently, we have not identified the driver and we have not been able to confirm if the truck was independently operated or corporately owned.

Recovery crews will be continuing to work the rest of today and into the nighttime hours to clean up the crash. Continue to expect major delays and road closures on Hurricane Road until approximately 8:00 p.m.

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**Frame, WV-** Hurricane Road in the Frame area of Kanawha County is currently shut down after a semi-truck hauling lumber overturned over a large hillside.

The crash occurred in the 1700 block of Hurricane Road, and it appears the truck was traveling south before the crash. The truck was attempting to negotiate a series of winding curves when the truck trailer likely went off the left shoulder of the road and fell approximately 50 feet over the hillside.

Currently, deputies and first responders have not located or identified the driver and the treacherous terrain is making rescue efforts difficult. Heavy Equipment Wreckers have been called to the scene to begin formulating a plan to remove the truck and debris. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is also on scene assessing fluid leakage and the risk of it contaminating nearby streams.



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Deputies believe that the driver was lost or misguided by GPS as this road is not suitable for large trucks. As the investigation and rescue efforts continue throughout the morning, we will provide additional updates as they become available.



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