

Human Performance Factual Report Attachment

Notes from Truck Driver Police Interview

Williamsburg, VA

HWY23MH004

(2 pages)

Notes from video interview of Truck driver

- Mr. Cramer is an over-the-road driver, covering the country
- The crash load was picked up in St. Louis, MO
- The load was headed to a drop yard in Chesapeake, VA
- A local driver would make the final deliveries from the drop yard
- The load was picked up yesterday, 12/15
- He has a co-driver, Dwight
- The co-driver left the truck at a Pilot truck stop about an hour prior to the crash
- They made a delivery in Hannibal, MO at 11 am on 12/15
- They arrived at the shipper for the current load at 2-2:30 pm on 12/15
- Dwight drove to the Pilot truck stop; Mr. Cramer was in the sleeper berth
- Logged on-duty when awoken at Pilot/rest area 1-1.5 hours before crash
- He bought fuel at the Pilot
- They did not have a set time to deliver the load to the drop yard
- There was no pressure to hurry for his next load to Philadelphia, PA, as it was a "rescue" load and was already late
- He uses a fleet card for fuel
- He performed a pre-trip inspection at the Pilot
- He's in the same truck every day
- The truck was in good working condition
- He was not listening to music but was listening to an audible book by C.S. Lewis
- He was not using his phone
- He is at home on an irregular basis
- He was home last week for 4-5 days
- He denied drinking alcohol or taking drugs
- He does not take any prescriptions
- He does take supplements
- They gave him morphine while he was in the ER but they took the blood sample prior to that
- He drinks maybe 4-5 beers a year
- He is married
- When asked, the driver stated he was in the right lane. He did not see the bus until just prior to impact. He stated he had no time to swerve or brake
- He wondered if the bus had been parked on the road because he came up on it so fast
- The driver stated neither the bus driver nor he tried to change lanes.

^{**} The earliest portion of the video was not recorded due to equipment failure.