

NARRATIVE

At the date and time indicated in this report I was dispatched by CENCOM for a report of wires down over a commercial truck near the intersection of Phelps Rd and Day Rd. Upon arrival on scene Fire/Aid personnel and I observed that wires were resting on top of the truck in the northbound lane of Phelps Rd and determined it was unsafe to allow traffic to continue to pass. Aid blocked the north end of the road while I blocked the south end and waited for Comcast and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to arrive on scene. I was able to safely contact the driver from afar and advised them to stay in their vehicle and not step out until the lines were dead/ removed.

PSE and Comcast arrived and lifted the line off of the truck, allowing the truck to pull forward to the nearby Day Rd Park and Ride. I spoke to the driver of the truck who had advised that he had been driving northbound when he had heard the lines catch the top of his truck. The driver had tried to pull away from the snagged lines, resulting in him running into and breaking the "Be Prepared to Stop" fire station signal pole on the northbound shoulder of Phelps Rd approaching Station 23. Yellow and black paint transfer from the yellow and black signage was visible on the front passenger side of the truck.

My investigation concluded that this was an accident as a result of the lines hanging too low over the roadway. The driver was not cited. PSE, COMCAST, and Bainbridge Island Public Works were all notified of the damages as a result of the collision.

