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Delivery Truck Crashes into Power Pole and Closes Road for Hours

Friday, October 23, 2015 — The Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle crash today on SW Tonquin Road. A delivery truck ran off the road knocking over a power pole. The driver suffered only minor injuries.

On Friday, October 23, 2015, at about 4:24 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on SW Tonquin Road east of SW Oregon Street. A refrigerated delivery truck, owned by the Columbia Empire Meat Company, crashed into a power pole.



When the deputies arrived they found the driver, Joseph Ely, 43, from Sherwood, was still trapped in the truck. Firefighters from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVFR), officers from the Sherwood Police Department, and Sheriff's Deputies could not approach the truck because there were powerlines lying across it. A crew from Portland General Electric (PGE) responded quickly and was able to cut power to the lines.



Once Mr. Ely was removed from the truck he was treated at the scene by firefighters for minor injuries. He did not go to the hospital and was not cited for the crash. Mr. Ely told deputies he lost control of the truck in a curve and could not recover before he hit the pole.

SW Tonquin Road remained closed for several hours following the crash to allow PGE crews to repair the power lines.