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## **UPDATE: SEMI CRASH AND FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION**

**Milwaukee, WI – (June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019)** At 8:55 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2019, MCSO responded to a crash, southbound on I-43 at W. North Ave.

A semi-trailer driver's side front tire, blew out on the tractor. This caused the semi-truck to strike the median wall and become engulfed in flames. The semi began to slide against the wall, causing debris in the southbound and northbound lanes. The semi-tractor also struck a light pole causing the light pole to fall in lanes 1 and 2 on the northbound side of I-43. In addition, the semi-tractor struck another vehicle, which was passing it.

The semi-tractor trailer did not contain any cargo.

The driver of the semi-truck escaped the inflamed semi with minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

The driver of the vehicle was treated at the scene by the Milwaukee Fire Department and released.

At 11:37 p.m., the Milwaukee County Highway Division arrived at the scene to set hard closures and assist with the cleanup efforts.

On Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, the southbound lanes were reopened at 1:04 a.m. The northbound lanes were reopened at 1:29 a.m.

The investigation is on-going.

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