Wind-Related Commercial Vehicle Crash near Petersburg, ND

What: Property-damage crash

Where: eastbound US Highway 2, approximately 1.5 miles east of Petersburg, ND

When: 04/06/2022, approximately 12:35 PM

Road Conditions: Good

Weather Conditions: strong NNW winds, high-wind warning in effect

Crash Involvement: Single-vehicle

Type of Crash: Rollover

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Nelson County Sheriff’s Office, Petersburg Fire & Rescue

Vehicle No. 1: 2002 Freightliner truck tractor pulling empty refrigerated trailer
Driver No. 1: Dimitar Sotriov; male; age 42; of Mt Prospect, IL; uninjured
Restraints: Seat belt in use
Charges: Pending

NARRATIVE: Sotriov was driving the Freightliner east on US Highway 2, nearing the top of an overpass over the BNSF railroad east of Petersburg, ND. Strong NNW winds caused the empty trailer to tip onto its right-hand side, pulling the truck tractor onto its right-hand side. The vehicle slid partially off the roadway and came to rest with the trailer hanging partially over the right-hand guardrail of the overpass.

Eastbound traffic is impacted with reduced lanes and speed. Removal of the vehicle is ongoing.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.
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