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Semi Fire Temporarily Closes I-94

What: Semi Fire

Where: I-94 West mm 343, near West Fargo

When: 12-09-2022, 05:20

Road Conditions: frost/ice

Weather Conditions: Foggy

Crash Involvement: Vehicle (truck tractor pulling semi-trailer)

Type of Crash: Fire

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, West Fargo Rural Fire Department, Cass County Sheriff's Office

Vehicle No. 1: 2019 Peterbilt, 2006 Great Dane Curtain Van

Driver No. 1: 30-year-old male driver from Fargo, ND. No injuries

Restraints: seatbelt

Charges: None

NARRATIVE:

A Peterbilt (truck tractor pulling semi-trailer) was traveling west on I-94 when the driver noticed the lights and electrical stopped working. The driver, and only occupant, pulled to the right shoulder and stopped. The driver noticed heavy smoke coming from the engine compartment. The driver stepped out of vehicle one and attempted to put the fire out with a fire extinguisher but was unsuccessful. I-94 was closed for about 30 minutes as the north wind was pushing the flames of the fire across both west bound lanes of I-94. West Fargo Rural Fire arrived on scene and extinguished the fire. A Peterbilt was hauling steel tubing. This crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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