

Group #3: HAZMAT Truck Accident

On today's date and time, a traffic accident occurred involving a large panel truck and three passenger vehicles. The accident occurred in downtown Abilene, Texas on E. South 11th Street between T and P Lane and Oldham Lane. The unmarked panel truck struck the three cars while going through a red light and overturned. The truck was carrying ten 50-gallon drums in the back. The drums fell into the street and began leaking a yellow fluid into storm drains.

The lone passengers in each of two of the vehicles were killed instantly. The third vehicle swerved onto the sidewalk and crashed into a bus stop. A passenger in the vehicle was ejected and died at the scene. The driver was trapped inside. Several bystanders at the bus stop were injured.

The driver and a passenger from the panel truck were seen climbing out of the vehicle and carjacking a vehicle that had stopped at the intersection. A witness reported that one of the occupants brandished a weapon. An examination of the truck's interior produced several interior and exterior photographs of Abilene City Hall and the mayor.

Fire and police are on scene and beginning to organize their response.

GROUP MISSION:

Prepare and deliver a news conference regarding the jurisdiction's response to the event.

Your news conference should start 4 hours after the accident was reported.

The expectation is that there will be a lead PIO, city/county officials, and subject matter experts, as required

The news conferences will be organized as a multi-party briefing with time for questions by reporters. The news conference will be limited to 10 minutes, with a 5-minute question-and-answer period after the news conference concludes.