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## **HPD investigates fatal South Main Street crash that left one dead**

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department is investigating a wreck that killed a Harrisonburg resident this afternoon, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact officers to assist in the investigation.

The incident occurred Tuesday, Oct. 18, at approximately 3:40 p.m. in the 2900 block of South Main Street when a sedan traveling northbound crossed the centerline and collided head on with a southbound tractor trailer. The driver of the sedan, a 51-year-old male, was pronounced dead at the scene. The severity of the impact created a significant debris field with diesel fuel from the tractor trailer covering all lanes of travel, causing the roadway to be closed in both directions for several hours.

The wreck is being investigated by HPD's Accident Reconstruction Unit. The Harrisonburg Fire Department responded to address the fuel spill. Anyone that witnessed the crash is asked to contact Sgt. Westfall at [wayne.westfall@harrisonburgva.gov](mailto:wayne.westfall@harrisonburgva.gov) or 540-437-2672.

*The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to 51,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).*



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