



Lady's Island St. Helena Fire District
Press Release

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Traffic Snarled at Both Ends of the Islands

Lady's Island/St. Helena – The Lady's Island St. Helena Fire District was dispatched to two separate but equally hazardous situations this afternoon just after 3pm. The first was an auto accident in the vicinity of Sam's Point and Sea Island Parkway and the second minutes later was auto fire caused presumably by an intended controlled burn.

Lady's Island units arrived at the SC 802/21 intersection just after three this afternoon and found a vehicle severely damaged after colliding with a large roadside mower. The driver was conscious but unable to get out due to her injuries. Firefighters were able to gain access to the vehicle, move the seat some distance and remove the driver all the while rendering medical aid to her injuries. "The patient was transported to Beaufort Memorial Hospital within minutes of Emergency Services arrival." stated Lt. Robbie Morgan. Both eastbound lanes of Sam's Point Road were closed for just over an hour as personnel dealt with the damaged vehicles and maintained traffic control as best as possible.

Just minutes into dealing with the auto accident, fire units were then called for assistance to deal with a large tractor that had caught fire in the area of Seaside Road and Sea Island Parkway near the Harbor Island Bridge. St. Helena units responded and discovered a large piece of machinery aflame likely as a result of its proximity to a large burning pile of organic debris. Units thankfully found no persons involved and were able to extinguish the tractor fire but remained on the scene for almost 4 hours to extinguish a number of related brush fires surrounding the tractor.

In all some ten fire apparatus from the Lady's Island St. Helena Fire District, two ambulances from Beaufort County EMS, 4 Beaufort County Sheriffs, and at least one SC

Highway Patrol Officer all assisted in bringing these incidents to a safe conclusion for all. These events should act as reinforcement to all that seatbelts should be worn at all times when in a vehicle and fire can rage at anytime so be aware and don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 in the event of any emergency.

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