

# Massachusetts tractor-trailer rollover spills contents across I-93 in Milton

Just before 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, Massachusetts State Police received multiple reports of a tractor-trailer that flipped over on the southbound lane of Interstate 93 just before the Randolph exit in Milton.

Upon arrival, first-responders discovered a tractor-trailer lying on its side resting in the median and grain spilled across several lanes blocking traffic.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was transported to a Boston area hospital with minor injuries.

Southbound traffic was at a standstill for approximately 45 minutes as crews removed the grain from the street and set the tractor-trailer upright so it could be towed from the scene. The two lanes were re-opened to traffic by 7 a.m.







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## **New Bedford Fire Department, Haz Mat, EMS, respond to fire at Brittany Global Technologies**

“Earl Saturday at 11:34, the New Bedford Fire Department received a fire alarm activation at 1357 East Rodney French Blvd., Brittany Global Technologies.

While en route, Command Unit 2 reported heavy smoke in the area. Unit 1, Engines 6, 1, 7 and Ladders 3 and 1 were also dispatched and crews quickly deployed two hose lines to the

second floor of this large 4 story structure and extinguished the fire involving a large section of exhaust piping used in their manufacturing process.

A search was conducted to confirm all occupants were out of the building and crews began ventilation operations to clear the building. The buildings sprinkler system was key in slowing the spread of fire until the arrival of the Fire Department.

NBPD, NB EMS, NB Haz Mat-1 and the DEP assisted at the incident. The cause is under investigation with New Bedford Fire Investigators.”-New Bedford Fire Department.

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## **“Walking Dead” spinoff, “Dead City” seeks extras from Boston area for Season 2 episodes**

“Kendall Cooper Casting is seeking people local to Boston to work as extras on “Dead City S2”. Filming will be in Boston, MA and surrounding areas APRIL through JULY 2024.

The casting team is looking for people of all ages and ethnicities local to the Boston area to portray walkers, soldiers, post apocalyptic survivors, and various other extra roles throughout the season. Specifically seeking athletes and people with military or law enforcement experience to play soldiers.

Also seeking capable people with weathered faces to play

survivors in the apocalypse. Also looking for people who are very thin, tall and have flexible/available schedules to play walkers.

Filming generally takes place MON-FRI. Filming will typically be a 12+ hour commitment for each day of work. Some extra roles will only require 1 or 2 days of work. Others will be recurring throughout the season. All extra work and fittings are paid. Seeking SAG and Non-Union talent. Local hire only, no travel or housing provided.”-Kendall Cooper Casting.

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## **Lakeville Fire Dept. forestry unit battles remote fire involving multiple cars, structure**

“On Friday – 12:05 pm: A vehicle fire was reported in the area of 44 Pierce Avenue. The caller reported the fire was remote from the road.

Engine 2, Forest Fire 1, Tanker 1, Car 2, and Car 1 responded to the scene.

First arriving police officers communicated that only the forestry unit would be able to make the fire scene.

The fire actually involved multiple vehicle and a membrane structure. Numerous compressed gas cylinders were also involved in fire. Multiple explosions occurred before and after the arrival of firefighters.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire with hose lines



deployed from our Breaker, with water supply lines stretched into the woods from the street. Approximately 4000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the blaze.

The vehicles and structure were a complete loss but the fire was contained to area of origin.

An adult male reports that he accidentally started the fire while repairing the motor of his 1984 Z28 Camaro. The man was evaluated by paramedics but refused further treatment or transport to the hospital."-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.



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## **BCS0 welcomes Capt. William's new partner, German Shepherd from Hungary, K9 'Tusko'**

"Please join us in welcoming the newest K9 to the BCS0-Captain Jeff Williams' new partner, K9 Tusko.

Tusko is a 13 month old German Shorthaired Pointer imported from Hungary. Captain Williams chose Tusko as his partner for



his high level of drive and eagerness to work. They are already best friends and are excited to get to work together.

The pair will participate in a 12 week Narcotics Detection Academy that will expose Tusko to several different odors of narcotics, teach him scent association, and search patterns. He will learn to search indoors and outdoors as well as motor vehicles, jail cells, and packages. Tusko will also be trained in tracking procedures to find people.

When asked about what he is most looking forward to accomplishing with his new partner, Captain Williams explained, "I am looking forward to ensuring narcotics do not enter our facilities, and keeping both staff and inmates safe.

Welcome to the BCSO K9 Tusko!"-Bristol County Sheriff's Office.



*Bristol County Sheriff's Office photo.*



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# Massachusetts Water Department employee charged for tampering with drinking water, false statements

“BOSTON – A former Stoughton Water Department employee was arrested today on charges that he tampered with the drinking water supply and made false statements to federal investigators.

Robert J. Bullock, Sr., 58, of Brockton, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston on two counts of making false statements and one count of tampering with a water system. Bullock was released on conditions following his initial appearance in federal court in Boston this afternoon.

According to the charging documents, Bullock is a former employee of the Water Department in Stoughton. It is alleged that, on the evening of Nov. 29, 2022, Bullock went into one of the Water Department’s pumping stations and turned off the pump that introduces chlorine into drinking water. As a result, insufficiently disinfected water was introduced into the drinking water system. It is further alleged that Bullock made false statements when asked by federal investigators about whether he was involved in tampering with the water system.

The charge of making false statements provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, two years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charges of tampering with a water system each provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, five years of supervised release and a fine of

\$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Boston Division; and Tyler Amon, Special Agent in Charge of Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division in Boston made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Massachusetts State Police and the Stoughton and Brockton Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney Benjamin Tolkoﬀ of the Criminal Division is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

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## **City of New Bedford spreads word about Vineyard Wind’s Fisheries Compensation Program**

We wanted to spread the word about Vineyard Wind’s Fisheries Compensation Program:

“The third party administered program seeks to provide fair, equitable compensation to commercial fishermen for economic impacts attributable to the project’s construction,

operations, and decommissioning activities. The launch of the program opens a 90-day window for fishermen to qualify for compensation at [www.vwlfisheriescomp.com](http://www.vwlfisheriescomp.com).”

“BOSTON, MA – Avangrid, Inc. (NYSE: AGR), a leading sustainable energy company and member of the Iberdrola Group, and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), a global leader in green energy investment and in offshore wind development through its affiliate Vineyard Offshore, today announced that the Vineyard Wind 1 project has launched its Fisheries Compensatory Mitigation Program. The third party administered program seeks to provide fair, equitable compensation to commercial fishermen for economic impacts attributable to the project’s construction, operations, and decommissioning activities. The launch of the program opens a 90-day window for fishermen to qualify for compensation at [www.vwlfisheriescomp.com](http://www.vwlfisheriescomp.com).

“Throughout the development of Vineyard Wind 1, we have focused on building relationships with local fishing communities while ensuring that each of these vital industries can co-exist to the benefit of the entire Northeast region,” said Avangrid CEO Pedro Azagra. “By launching this program we are making good on our promise to work with the fishing industry to address financial impacts related to the development of this project, and we encourage any commercial fishermen affected to apply for eligibility.”

“The launch of these funds are the latest example of our commitment to working with the fishing industry to create successful programs together,” said Crista Bank, Fisheries Manager for Vineyard Offshore. “In addition to these funds, we’ve also employed dozens of fishing vessels to work on different scopes of the project, a model we hope to expand as we develop projects around North America. By working together, we can power healthy communities and environments with 100 percent clean energy and the fishing industry can continue to provide healthy locally caught seafood.”



“As Massachusetts leads the nation in offshore wind development, sustaining our nation-leading seafood industry is an equally important priority,” said Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rebecca Tepper. “For centuries, commercial fisheries have played an essential role in our state’s history, culture, and economy. The Vineyard Wind Fisheries Compensation Fund will bolster our commercial fisheries during this time of transition to clean energy—we hope this fund can be a model for ensuring offshore wind and commercial fisheries thrive together.”

To support the program, Vineyard Wind 1 has established three escrow funds to compensate affected fishermen in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. Compensation may also be available to shoreside businesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The launch of the program opens a 90-day window, until June 3, 2024, for commercial fishermen to apply for eligibility and qualify for compensation payments based on defined eligibility criteria. Critically, this 90-day timeframe is the only opportunity that fishermen will have to qualify for compensation over the life of the program. Fishermen will not need to demonstrate economic impacts from Vineyard Wind 1 to qualify for the program or receive compensation payments.

The program is open to commercial fishing vessel owners/lessees in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island who can demonstrate historical fishing activities in the lease area, OCS-A 0501; and shoreside businesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Information about the shoreside business portion of the program will be available at a later date.

“CZM was pleased to work with the Division of Marine Fisheries to secure these mitigation funds from Vineyard Wind for the commercial fishing industry,” said Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management Acting Director Tyler Soleau. “These

funds were actively negotiated with stakeholders through the Fisheries Working Group and will help ensure that Massachusetts' historic fisheries remain safe and profitable as the important offshore wind industry emerges and grows."

"Division of Marine Fisheries is glad to see Vineyard Wind Fisheries Compensation Fund, negotiated alongside our commercial fishing partners and the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), provide real benefits for our impacted fishermen and local businesses," said Division of Marine Fisheries Director Dan McKiernan. "DMF is committed to working closely with impacted individuals to connect them with this critical support."

Vineyard Wind is hosting open house and tabling events in the month of March to assist fishermen with their applications and answer any questions they may have. Information about these events is available at [www.vwlfisheriescomp.com](http://www.vwlfisheriescomp.com).

**To qualify for the program, fishermen must be able to demonstrate that they:**

- are a commercial fishing vessel owner/operator homeported in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, or Rhode Island.
- have a 2023 commercial fishing permit from NOAA Fisheries.
- have a valid government-issued vessel registration that shows vessel ownership, or a vessel lease agreement.
- fished in the Vineyard Wind 1 lease area, OCS-A 0501, for at least three years between 2016 and 2022.
- have annual revenue from fishing activities for at least the corresponding three years between 2016 and 2022 (e.g., IRS Form 1099 and/or other tax documents, sales receipts, dealer slips, and/or dealer compilation reports).

Fishermen must include evidence of fishing activities in the lease area, OCS-A 0501, in their application.

**This evidence may include, but is not limited to the**

## **following:**

- Vessel Trip Reports
- Vessel Monitoring System information
- Automatic identification system information
- Fishery Observer or At-Sea Monitoring Information
- NOAA Cooperative Research Study Fleet information
- Chart plotter data/images time-stamped
- Logbooks (supported by additional data)
- Other trip-level reporting information that establishes fishing activity in the lease area

After qualifying, eligible commercial fishing vessel owners/operators will receive annual compensation payments for the first five years of the program. Every five years, participants will need to submit evidence of ongoing and active fishing activities to continue receiving payments. Notably, fishermen do not have to demonstrate an impact to qualify for the program or receive payments.

The program is administered by de maximis, inc., an independent third-party administrator, with support from local fixed gear and mobile gear fisheries advisors. The third-party administrator's point of contact is Major Sharpe, who can be contacted at [vineyardwind@demaximis.com](mailto:vineyardwind@demaximis.com).

Vineyard Wind is not involved in the administration of the program, application review process, payment determinations, dispute resolution, or other program functions. The program will continue until Vineyard Wind 1 is decommissioned.

An 806-megawatt project located 15 miles off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Wind will generate electricity for more than 400,000 homes and businesses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, create 3,600 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) job years, save customers \$1.4 billion over the first 20 years of operation, and is expected to reduce carbon emissions by more than 1.6 million metric tons per year, the equivalent of



taking 325,000 cars off the road annually.”-Vineyard Wind.

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## **New Bedford Police spotlight clinician during National Social Work Month, International Women’s Day**

“Isabel has been a calm, steady presence and resource for not only our officers, but also for our community.

She has been able to connect with so many people to help get them the care they need,” said Assistant Deputy Chief Belong.

“Isabel continues to be a key member of our team here at the NBPD and has never asked for or sought out public recognition for her work. We are very proud of her and fortunate to have her working as a co-response clinician with our officers.”

We appreciate you, Isabel, as well as all of our other co-response clinicians! We will be highlighting all of the great work they do during #NationalSocialWorkMonth.”-City of New Bedford Police Department.

“In honor of National Social Work Month, we would like to recognize our lead co-response clinician Isabel. Isabel has been doing police co-response with NBPD since September of 2021.

Isabel does not often get the recognition she deserves as a social worker. She goes above and beyond the call of duty not only as a co-response clinician but trains all new co-response clinicians and also has completed the Co-Response Certificate

program through William James College.

Isabel thank you for all you do for our program and especially for the patients we service!"-CFS Community Behavioral Health Center.

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## **Southcoast Health Heart & Vascular performs 600 watchman procedures to treat atrial fibrillation**

"FALL RIVER, Mass. – Dr. Adam Saltzman, Medical Director of the Structural Heart Disease Program at Southcoast Health with Dr. Ramin Davoudi, Medical Director of Electrophysiology, Dr. Nitesh Sood, Director of Southcoast Health's Atrial Fibrillation Wellness Program, and the outstanding team at Southcoast Heart & Vascular have completed over 600 WATCHMAN procedures to treat patients with Atrial Fibrillation.

Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) is an abnormal heart rhythm characterized by a rapid and irregular heartbeat, called an arrhythmia. According to the American Heart Association, untreated AFib doubles the risk of heart-related deaths, and patients with AFib are five times more likely to suffer a stroke than individuals with a normal heart rhythm.



*Southcoast Health photo.*

“As the region’s leading heart and vascular hospital, we are proud to have been offering this innovative procedure to those with Atrial Fibrillation for over eight years,” Saltzman said. “Atrial Fibrillation greatly increases a patient’s risk of stroke, a leading cause of death and disability. The Watchman device mitigates stroke risk similarly to blood thinners. This milestone represents the team’s dedication to treating this common arrhythmia and I am so proud of the region leading program we have built here at Southcoast Health.”

This procedure provides a one-time treatment option for patients with Atrial Fibrillation that is a permanent alternative to taking oral blood thinners every day for the rest of their lives. Charlton Memorial Hospital first implemented Boston Scientific’s WATCHMAN device to treat patients with Atrial Fibrillation (A-Fib) on August 24, 2015.

Today, AFib is one of the most common heart arrhythmias and the CDC estimates that 12.1 million people in the United States will have AFib in 2030.



*Southcoast Health photo.*

Congratulations to our amazing team on reaching this impressive milestone!

For more information about Southcoast Health's Heart & Vascular services visit [Top Cardiologist Southeast MA | Southcoast Health](#).

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### **About Southcoast Health**

Founded in 1996, Southcoast Health serves communities across southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island as the largest provider of primary and specialty care in the region. The not-for-profit, charitable system includes three acute care hospitals – Charlton Memorial in Fall River, St. Luke's in New Bedford (a Level II Trauma Center), and Tobey in Wareham, Massachusetts with a physician network of more than 675 providers.

The system has established more than 55 service locations across the South Coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including six urgent care locations, a Visiting Nurse Association, the Southcoast Health Cancer Center, the region's only Level II Adult Trauma Center and numerous ancillary facilities.

Southcoast Health has been recognized consecutively for six years in a row as a Newsweek's World's Best Hospital from 2019-2024 and named a Maternity Care Access Hospital for

2023-2024 by U.S. News & World Report. The organization was recognized as the best place to work for the sixth consecutive year by Southcoast Media Group's community choice awards.

With upward of 7,500 employees, Southcoast Health is the largest employer in southeastern Massachusetts, and one of the largest employers in the Commonwealth, according to the Boston Business Journal. More information is available online at [www.southcoast.org](http://www.southcoast.org)."

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## **New Bedford Police searching for woman who damaged cruisers, almost striking detectives, in chase**

On Wednesday, at approximately 5:00pm New Bedford Police made a traffic stop on 64-year-old Clifford Colby, of Bourne. As police approached her window, for reasons unknown, she slammed on the gas and sped away.

While leaving the scene, police officers had to jump out of the way of her vehicle to avoid being struck. A car pursuit ensued and in the process she ended up striking two unmarked police vehicles before police decided to terminate the chase

When found and arrested Colby will be charged with failing to stop for police, leaving the scene of property damage, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.