Police searching for tractor tractor that destroyed fire hydrant near Giammalvo's

Police are searching for a tractor trailer truck that struck a fire hydrant, ripping it from its foundation and causing water to flood Logan Street at at 2:23 a.m. on Tuesday.

The incident also left a 10 foot by 8 foot exposed hole in the sidewalk where the hydrant was located. A large amount of water flowed into the basement at Giammalvo's Market, 1914 Purchase St.

Police observed a white small-box tractor trailer make a turn north from Linden Street onto Purchase Street then east onto Logan Street.

The rear of the trailer drove over the southeast corner of the sidewalk outside Giammalvo's Market. Seconds later, a strong flow of water gushed onto the sidewalk and police determined the fire hydrant had been struck and torn from its foundation.

Police were unable to immediately locate the vehicle.

The New Bedford Fire Department, Building Department, Department of Public Infrastructure and Eversource were notified. Work crews from DPI closed down Logan Street to repair the damage.

Police are searching for the vehicle that struck the hydrant. Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 508-991-6350 or the anonymous tip line at 508-992-7463 or e-mail tip@newbedfordpd.com.

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