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Event Name: Bacon Creek #1 Fire

Date: July 21, 2012

Location: Northwest Flank of Fire (In Wyoming)

1. What Happened?

During IA, the Type 4 Engine was securing the west flank of the fire. Conditions at the time (2130) were dark and smoky. The driver was staying close to the edge of the black—approximately 20 yards from the drop-off to a creek running through the middle of the fire.

Due to low visibility, the driver didn't see that the bank had a cut back. The front driver's side wheel went over the edge. (See Photo 1. Photo 2 is the incident scene in daylight.)

After the vehicle came to rest, the driver set the air brake, shut off the engine, and exited the vehicle.

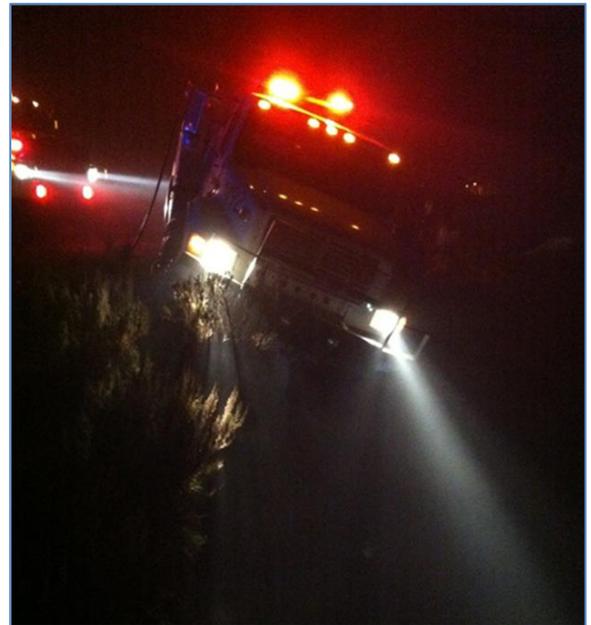


Photo 1



Photo 2

2. Lessons and Successes

No one was injured. The driver kept calm and safely shut the vehicle down and exited.

During our AAR, we evaluated our SOP for night and low visibility operations—and made changes to mitigate a repeat incident.

This incident had an impact that went beyond those personnel directly involved. Other resources on scene also took a step back to evaluate their operations and increase their situational awareness.

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