



OCEANSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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Traffic Collision

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| INCIDENT FACTS | | | | | |
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| Incident Date: | 2/11/2026 | Incident Location: | Northbound 5 South of Harbor Dr. | Injuries – Civilian: | 0 |
| Incident Time: | 05:07 | | | Injuries – Responders: | 0 |
| Time of Arrival: | 05:16 | Incident Type: | Traffic Collision | Structures Damaged: | 0 |
| Incident Number: | 2026-015999 | Incident Cause: | Under investigation | Structures Destroyed: | 0 |
| INCIDENT RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Engines: | 2 | Chief Officers: | 1 | Mutual Aid: | |
| Ladder Trucks: | 1 | Fire Personnel: | 13 | | |
| Ambulances: | 1 | Fire Investigators: | 0 | Cooperating Agencies: | CHP, Caltrans, San Diego HIRT |
| Staff Vehicles: | 0 | Assisting Staff: | 0 | Others Assisting: | |

Oceanside, CA – The Oceanside Fire Department responded to a traffic collision on northbound Interstate 5, just south of Harbor Drive, involving a semi-truck on the San Luis Rey Bridge.

Upon arrival, fire crews found the tractor portion of a semi-truck hanging over the side of the bridge approximately 70 feet above the ground. Oceanside firefighters stabilized the vehicle to prevent further movement and removed the rear cab window to gain access to the driver. Crews safely removed the driver from the cab. The driver was evaluated on scene and was not injured.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Caltrans, and the San Diego County Hazardous Incident Response Team remained on scene to assist with traffic control, vehicle removal, and to ensure all necessary cleanup operations were completed safely.

The Oceanside Fire Department reminds motorists to exercise caution during wet weather conditions. If possible, avoid unnecessary travel during rain, reduce speed, and maintain safe following distances behind other vehicles.



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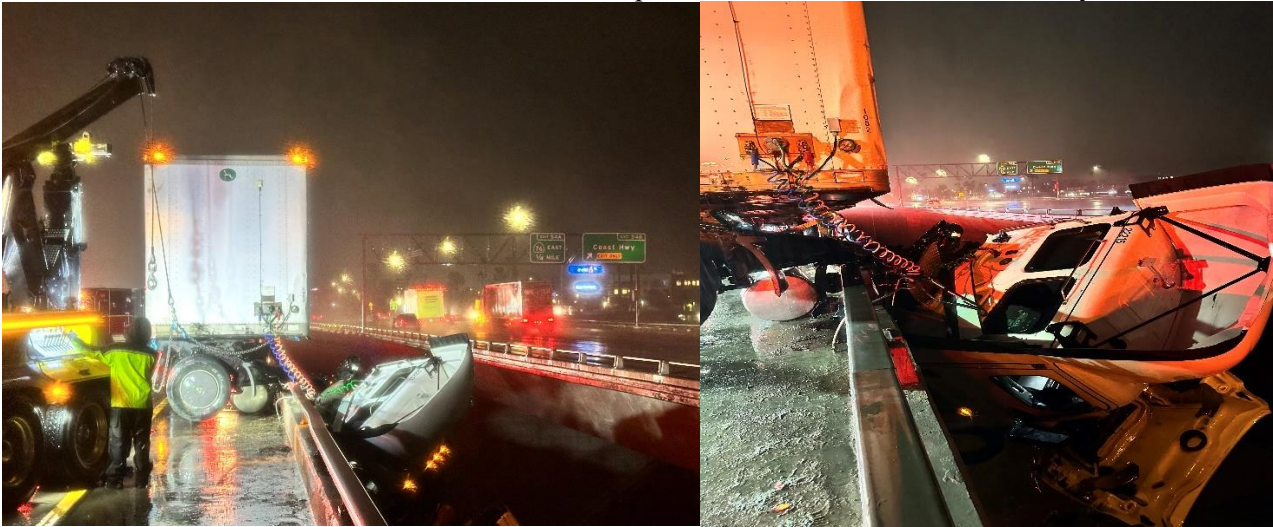


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The Oceanside Fire Department's eight firehouses and full-time lifeguard services protect every neighborhood throughout the 41 square miles of the City of Oceanside. The department was established in 1888 as a volunteer fire company, and in 1939 the first full-time firefighters were hired. The lives of over 180,000 residents and visitors are protected 24 hours per day by over 150 personnel. Visit us at the [Oceanside Fire Department](#) webpage or on social media below.

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