

Memo to File
Wednesday, 29 February 2012
Mine Creek Accident – hwy 5 closed
RCMP file southeast 2012-1057

1954hrs, Lower Nicola -1C, recent snowfall had stopped and start were poking thru. At 1945hrs Dennis called re: hwy 5 closure at mine creek due to accident. He had called the BC Amb Service and advised them to come from Hope as the lanes were blocked to the accident heading southbound.

1959hrs, Merle stated that Merritt had closure point at Merritt at exit 286. Checked FM 89.9 which was playing the standard winter messaging. Trucks coming down hwy 8.

2104 Conversation between CW14 (Terry) and M14 (Roy). Terry asked Roy for help with area up to Juliet. S22 Merle indicated Merritt was icing up. Turned out incidents and conditions on 97% and 5 phase 2 prevented Roy from sending help.

Road Info sign 25-8 on hwy 8 eastbound just before hwy 5 reads "97C open - 5 South open" time now is 2005. There's no TCP at the southbound onramp of exit 286 but VSA 9 is on the freeway itself detouring traffic away from the freeway. Traffic is light, but I see in front of me a couple of cars going up Godey Hill.

Over the radio Tony said his sander wasn't spinning, the solution was to 'run over a couple bumps' to loosen it up then should work.

Dense fog in a couple of spots, one about ½ way up Godey Hill and another one near Comstock over the Summit (Veal). Still no precipitation temp of -3C. VSA 9 is discussing opening procedures with Merritt 14 who had already salted Godey Hill. At Comstock 1½ lanes are still bare and wet. I did a brake check earlier and it wasn't overly slippery.

Moderate snowfall south of Comstock, looks like the lanes are just starting to get accumulations. As a matter of fact, a vehicle drove through less than a minute before and you can barely make out their tracks. The squall is short lived and the snow tappers off after a few km.

Reports are that a vehicle left 97C and slammed into the rock bluff area about 1km west of the brake check on Hamilton Hill there. A trucker reported that the 2 people were OK and a tow truck was on route. VSA learned of the status via LAD 1.

2028 Kane Valley CMS says "slow down, keep your distance, bare, slushy, slippery". I called PHCC to let them know that CMS was wrong. Also I gave Merritt 14 a highway update in that the salt was working well, no slippery sections to speak of, a short squall I mentioned earlier and I'm switching channels.

2033 Dennis gave me an update from Terry McCuish who is CW14 and at the accident site. Ambulance is on site, the attendants are trying to work on the people in the pickup. Terry thinks he can get single lane open sooner than later. The tow truck is just coming around Falls Lake.

Sounds like there are 3 tow trucks, 1 on site now and 1 coming now at Falls Lake and a third on its way. Time now is 2038, I also just called Jay and told him the closure shouldn't be any longer than what was stated on Drive BC, a couple of hours. He's been telling people 3-6 hours.

2044 I'm just south of Juliet, I did a brake check and it's slippery, got out and did a foot test and it's slippery, it's black ice. The road temperature is -3, ambient temperature is -3. The road appears that it's not slippery, not much in the way of winter sand. I did a couple of brake stands there with the Hyundai, anti-lock brakes kicked in, but the vehicle held true.

I just talked to Constable Doug Hardy who is protecting the tail. Dale Bennett is up at the accident scene. Hardy has left the slow lane open so I can get right up there. There's a unit carrying some blood/plasma that has to go down to the coast, and if we don't resolve it quickly, we'll do the N/B closure. An ambulance weaving thru the line-up travelling n/b in the s/b lanes heading to Hardy's position passed me while I was going to the scene.



Sb at accident scene



sb at right shoulder location



Sb at left (median) location



looking north, pickup at left
Beside pickup is tractor of 2nd vehicle
container trailer is 1st vehicle
back right is trailer of 3rd vehicle



Straightening 1st vehicle, container trailer

2053 the 2nd ambulance heads n/b in the s/b lanes. To give you a picture, there's a couple a km worth of trucks mainly and some cars and light vehicles, stacked up leaving a lane partially open so emergency vehicles can get through. These ambulances will be going back to where Hardy is then he'd be escorting them back to Juliet I suppose using the same cross over.

Three wreckers on site, all Jamie Davis. Also on site are 2 RCMP and the Discovery Channel TV crew. 1st tractor trailer jackknifed and somehow the pickup was involved which was hit by the 2nd semi in the slow lane (which jackknifed) which was hit by 3rd semi in the fast lane. The tractors of both the 2nd and 3rd units were facing to the back while the trailers were still in line facing southbound. Northbound delays continued as the following radio conversation states: "It looks like we've got 1 trailer, the jack knifed semi that's pulled straight, another 1 to get out of the way and then we can let the traffic go. But just for fyi I have delays up to 30 minutes n/b Snow Shed hill because of these semis that are blocking the road here. Northbound? 10-4, we'll just keep that on there until we get these delays cleared up."

2119 First one then the 2nd ambulance took the interchange at Juliet, came up the nb offramp and proceeded sb in the nb fastlane to Mine Creek crossover. A few minutes later RCMP Doug Hardy following by the blood van did the same.

2018 4star report, hwy 5 closed @ mine creek, use hwy 8

Terry indicated the accident happened at 1900hrs.

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This is all 3rd hand information from 2 sources. Apparently the ambulance is going straight to S22 According to discussions it looks like the first rig was passed by somebody which blew up snow obscuring the drivers vision who subsequently lost control and ended up jackknifed blocking both lanes which started the chain reaction.

2200 hours called into PEP 888-344-5888, I told them there was about 50 litres of fuel spilled by one of the 3 rigs. Told them that we would lay down some sand, so it's contained in the snow bank, side to side

and it would be plowed off to the side during normal plowing operations and scooped up at a later date. Relayed that information to both Terry and Doug.

2022 I gave another update to Dennis. They are trying to get Adam from Jamie Davis to pull the other truck because the first truck that Jeff from Quiring is on, he's having a hard time of it.

2235 we have traffic rolling. Traffic eased off at 2049, I don't know why because the plow truck hasn't come through yet. I'm just going to whip around by Mine Creek to see what is going on. It turns out it could be a bunch of sleeping truck drivers.

The Coldwater yard is 1 man short.

2311 My final round from Mine Creek to Juliet and back to the accident scene. It's -4C ambient, 1 lane is bared off, light slush in the fast lane, it's plowed out really wide, it pretty well looks like a 3 lane road around here. I followed the queue and ended up waking up a number of drivers. Odometer reading from the tail to accident scene was 4km and from the accident scene to Mine Creek interchange is about 500m. The accident happened on the tangent coming out of the curves.


2312 4star report, hwy 5 open to single lane

2338 I just signed off Coldwater and told them there wasn't any traffic yet, however, I just passed it about a minute later. I'm heading north just passed Kingsvale, another words when I signed off I changed channels. Terry called a few minutes later and asked if I had the police report # (which I hadn't) and I told him that the sb traffic was at Larson.

2350 FM89.9 still standard messaging.

0010, it's -4, back in Merritt, back in Lower Nicola and Emailed Dennis that I was home.

0318 4star report, hwy 5 open



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Area Manager, Bridges
Merritt

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From: Kurylowich, Dennis TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 10:28 PM
To: Blixrud, Rick G TRAN:EX; Eland, Sherry TRAN:EX; Nelson, Harvey TRAN:EX; Parkes, Norm E TRAN:EX
Cc: Lutter, Jurgen K TRAN:EX; McDonald, Brent G TRAN:EX; Alexandruk, Bob TRAN:EX; Taylor, Glenn TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: Highway Incident 2 Mine Creek

Update :

There were injury's to S22 occupants of the pick up truck. They were transported to the lower mainland. Jurgen reports a diesel spill at the site, and is was reported to PEP. Currently there are four tow trucks on site working to open the lanes. The chain up is now in place NB on the snowshed hill and a tow truck is in place working on the hill also.

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Cc: Lutter, Jurgen K TRAN:EX; McDonald, Brent G TRAN:EX; Alexandruk, Bob TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: Highway Incident 2 Mine Creek

Update.

There were some injures at this accident. It occurred right at the Mine Creek exit southbound. There was 4 commercial vehicles and a pick up truck. Our Bam reports that the road should open to single lane shortly.

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Subject: Fw: Highway Incident 2

VSA report wrecker and ambulance enroute and have just passed Zopkios.

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Subject: Highway Incident 2

Incident: MVI

Location: Approx 48kms south of Merritt there has been an accident involve 3 commercial vehicles and a pick up

Traffic Impact:

Road Closed southbound at Merritt

Incident Description: preliminary report as above

Drive BC Comments:

Road closed due to MVI SB Detour via Hwy 8 and Hwy 1

Time of Opening / low confidence

Next update: VSA will start the process

Detailed Description:

As above

Ministry personnel on site:

Area MGR in route

Incident Responders:

RCMP and Ambulance

Site History:

MC Activity:

MC on scene

Area Mgr in route

Traffic Management:

Detour routes in affect: via 8 to hwy 1 Dennis Kurylowich Operations Mgr.

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From: FourStar Communications [fourstar@okagg.com]
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To: stakeholders
Subject: hwy 5 southbound

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From: FourStar Communications [fourstar@okagg.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 9:47 PM
To: stakeholders
Subject: HWY 5 SOUTHBOUND

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Lutter, Jorgen K TRAN:EX

From: FourStar Communications [fourstar@okagg.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 11:12 PM
To: stakeholders
Subject: HWY 5 SOUTHBOUND

COQ SINGLE LANE AT NICOLA INTERCHANGE FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC - RESULT OF A
MVA AT MINE CREEK CORNERS; ETO MIDNIGHT; LOW CONF;

Lutter, Jorgen K TRAN:EX

From: FourStar Communications [fourstar@okagg.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2012 2:34 AM
To: stakeholders
Subject: hwy 5 southbound

HWY 5 SOUTHBOUND AT NICOLA INTERCHANGE HAS SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC DUE TO MVA.

Lutter, Jurgen K TRAN:EX

From: FourStar Communications [fourstar@okagg.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2012 3:18 AM
To: stakeholders
Subject: HWY 5 SOUTHBOUND IS NOW OPEN

HWY 5 SOUTHBOUND AT NICOLA INTERCHANGE IS OPEN TO FULL TRAFFIC

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Daily Dispatch Report

Supervisor Area: Coldwater Winter

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73 BOB HUGHES	RF1	S0134																	TOOL BOX MTG
41 MITCH WILKINSON	E01	✓																	TOOL BOX MTG
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37 BERNARD VALOIS	E01	✓																	TOOL BOX MTG
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62 STEVE HALLER	E01	✓																	TOOL BOX MTG
↓	E02	S0087																	S22
E/S 55 JOHN DEMPSEY	E01	✓																	S22

Coldwater Daily Materials Usage & Accomplishments

DATE WED FEB 29/12

SHIFT # 1 DAYS

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TIC	#	99112			12WAS	555	ZOP			30							
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Work Comments for Next Shift:

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Daily Dispatch Report

Supervisor Area: Coldwater Winter

Comments:	Date	Shift
	WED FEB 29/12	# 1 DAYS
1 EARLY START OUT $\frac{1}{2}$ ABOUT 81 DM 50110		
07:00 3 MORE TRUCKS 1 BLOWER 1 LOADER DISPATCHED		
TOOL BOX MEETING 959C - MONTH END MILEAGE STARTED DS/14		
BIG CRASH AT SHIFT CHANGE - MINE CREEK CORNERS S/B 3 SEMI'S $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 CAR		
TRAFFIC CONTROL HERE BY 0800		

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Daily Dispatch Report

Supervisor Area: Coldwater Winter

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L. Lee	EO2	S0110																		
R. Hagen	EO2	S0087																		
G. Cary	EO2	S0123																		

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Coldwater Daily Materials Usage & Accomplishments

DATE 02:29:2012

SHIFT 2

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Daily Dispatch Report

Supervisor Area: Coldwater Winter

Comments:	Date	Shift
WOMAN!	02:29:2012	2.
- 1900 - B16 PICKUP @ LRG MINE CREEK CND. 3 SEMIS + 1 PICKUP.		
- TOOK TILL ABOUT MIDNIGHT TO CLEAN UP AREA.		
- 20:32 CLEANUP SIGN ON		
01:35 TOOK CLEANUP SIGN DOWN.		
- ROPS PROBE SOUTH OF CENTER.		
- SNOW STARTED SHORTLY AFTER. 2 TRUCKS SPUN OUT.		
- ALL EQUIPMENT STAYED AROUND TILL SNOW QUIT.		
- CREW DID PRETTY GOOD JOB TO HANDLE CONDITIONS AS THEY HAPPENED. THANK.		

Supervisor Signature:

Date: 02.29.2012

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