

**TILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Press Release -Tanker Rollover**  
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On November 21, 2017 just before 11am Tilton Police received multiple 911 calls of a tractor trailer tanker roll over by TiltN Diner. The Tilton Police Department along with the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department responded to the intersection of RT 140 and Laconia Road near TiltN Diner where they found a fully loaded propane tanker had rolled over at the base of a telephone pole in front of TiltN Diner. The tractor towing the supply tanker had a fuel leak and the propane tank had over 30,000 gallons of liquid propane on board.

The Tilton-Northfield Fire Department Chief recommended some immediate evacuations of area businesses and several roads needed to be closed for safety, including Laconia Road and Rt 140 as well as the 93 Northbound on and off ramps for exit 20.

We also requested the assistance of the NH Office of Emergency Management, NH State Police, NH DOT, Central NH Hazmat and several local police agencies to help manage this very major and dangerous situation. Eventually we had to create a very large perimeter for safety which would require closing over approximately 75-100 stores off exit 20, including Tanger Outlets and the evacuation of several hundred people.

The event went into the night, lasting over 9 hours in length. Eventually all the liquid propane was off-loaded onto a new tanker and the vehicle was up-righted by a special heavy trucking recovery company that specialized in tanker accidents. Amazingly during the entire incident, no was injured, to include the driver and all the first responders did an excellent job keeping everyone safe. It was a very technical and potentially dangerous accident scene requiring a lot of resources to manage it. I also want to thank all the stores and their employee's for their cooperation during this incident and also, we greatly appreciate the public's patience while in traffic as a result of this accident.

The trucking company involved was Northern Gas Transport Company, Lyndonville Vt and at this time, the cause of the accident is still under investigation by the Tilton Police Department and NH State Police Troop G. If anyone witnesses this accident, they are asked to contact the Tilton Police Department at 603-286-4442.

Submitted by: Chief Robert Cormier, Tilton Police Department