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Subject: Preliminary (24-hour Briefing)

To: Mark Eaton, Acting Regional Safety Manager

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Witherbee RD; Francis Marion NF, Region 8

Team leader: Andrew Colaninno

Date of occurrence: January 25, 2007

Time of occurrence: 8:20 PM

Mission: Returning to the district office after conducting smoke patrol on a prescribed burn.

Activity: Driving on a paved, two lane road.

Number injured: N/A

Number of fatalities: Fatalities (2)

Property damage: Both vehicles involved in the accident were destroyed

Narrative:

A vehicle and a tractor trailer truck collided on a two lane state highway on the Francis Marion NF. The impact caused an explosion resulting in both vehicles being destroyed. Each vehicle was occupied by the drivers only and both drivers died at the scene.

A Regional Safety Investigation Team has been activated.

cc: Orlando Sutton, District Ranger
cc: Jerome Thomas, Forest Supervisor



