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Deputies from the Eau Claire Sheriff's Office investigated a traffic crash on USH 53 between LaSalle Street and Melby Road on Friday 07/16/2010 around 12:13PM.

A tractor-trailer unit owned by Island City Transport Inc out of Cumberland, and operated by 71 year old Richard Hagelberger was northbound on USH 53 in the left lane. The semi unit initiated a lane change maneuver into the right lane, forcing an auto operated by 29 year old Michelle Tremblay of Chippewa Falls into the ditch. The auto continued along the ditch, and re-entered the roadway, colliding with the trailer of the semi unit and becoming wedged under the trailer tires of the semi unit. The auto was dragged for a distance before becoming disengaged from the semi trailer.

Tremblay was trapped in her extensively damaged auto, and had to be extricated by Township Fire personnel. She was transported to a local hospital by Eau Claire Fire paramedics with non-life threatening injuries. Hagelberger received no injuries as the result of the crash, and was cited for Unsafe Lane Deviation.

The volume of traffic condensed down to one lane due to this crash caused a backup of traffic back to Clairemont Avenue. During the one-lane traffic operation, another crash occurred in the City of Altoona, related to the slowed traffic.

Sgt. Carl Duncan

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