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## Media Release

### Tractor Ends Up On Top of Vehicle During Crash in Downtown Gaston

August 9, 2017 – A vehicle clipped a passing tractor trailer, causing it to be run over by a second tractor. The two occupants were transported by Life Flight with non-life threatening injuries.

On August 9, 2017, at 8:40 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a traffic crash involving two tractors and a vehicle in downtown Gaston, Oregon. Deputies arrived and found a silver 2006 Pontiac Solstice, occupied by two people, trapped under one of the tractors.



Deputies learned that two tractors, both pulling combine trailers, were traveling southbound on Front Street near East Main Street. The Pontiac was traveling northbound and clipped the trailer of the first tractor, pulling the vehicle into the path of the second tractor. The second tractor then drove up on top of the Pontiac where it came to a rest.

The Cornelius Fire Department, Forest Grove Fire Department, Gaston Fire District, Hillsboro Fire Department, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue conducted a highly technical extrication of the two people entrapped inside the vehicle. Hillsboro Towing assisted in lifting the tractor off the Pontiac.



Both occupants, a male and female, were transported via Life Flight to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries. The operators of the tractors, ages 15 and 17-years-old, had valid licenses to operate such equipment.

The investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing but alcohol does not appear to have been a factor. The interagency Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) assisted with the investigation. Front Street was closed while deputies investigated.