

Spaniard's Bay man trapped inside wreckage four hours

The driver of a tractor trailer which overturned in a ditch on Roaches Line early Monday morning was trapped in the wreckage for nearly four hours before rescuers managed to reach him.

Raymond Butt of Spaniard's Bay was heading north on Roaches Line about 4 a.m. when the truck struck a moose and came to rest on its side against a power pole, Corp. Holmes of the Bay Roberts RCMP detachment reported Monday.

The local rescue unit pryed at the wreckage through different methods such as the Jaws of Life

and torches. However, it was approximately 8:30 a.m. before he was finally freed and taken to the Carbonear General Hospital. He was treated for minor injuries and released later that day.

"It took a long time to get the proper equipment in the area and to get him out," Corp. Holmes said. "They used the Jaws of Life and it tore the truck apart and they still didn't get him out. Finally they had to use torches."

Whitbourne Fire Department responded to the call with the Jaws of Life. The RCMP, Bay Roberts

Fire Department, an ambulance and Wildlife officials were also at the scene.

Traffic was reduced to one lane in the early morning while rescue workers and tow trucks attempted to clear the wreckage.

The estimate of damage to the truck was not known, but Corp. Holmes termed it as extensive and possibly a write-off.

The Department of Wildlife removed the moose carcass.

Three moose sightings were reported in the Roaches Line area that morning.



Driver trapped

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The driver of this transport truck, Raymond Butt of Spaniard's Bay was trapped inside the cab for about four hours early Monday morning. The vehi-

cle left the highway on Roaches Line after it struck and killed a moose. The accident happened around 4 a.m.