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Tallahassee, Florida Tanker Involved in Rollover Accident, Driver Trapped

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On the afternoon of March 24, 2005, Tallahassee Fire Department Rescue 13 and Tanker 13 were responding on a report of a large brush fire in southern Leon County outside of Tallahassee, Florida. Reports said that as Rescue 13 was approaching the scene and stopping, the tanker following became distracted, closing down on the rescue and almost rear ending the truck. The 21-year veteran driver turned sharp to avoid hitting the rescue and entered the opposite lane.

A vehicle was approaching from the other side. The tanker then turned sharp to avoid hitting the car but clipped the rear end and sent the 2500 gallons of water into a roll. The tanker then rolled ending up on its wheels and throwing all of its equipment on the road and trapping the driver. Rescue 13 Lt. Greg Hatcher put a call out for assistance and Engine 3, Truck3, Engine 1, Division 1 and Leon County EMS responded. Driver Harold Barber was transported to



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Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center and was released later with bumps and bruises. The accident is still under investigation. The occupants of the other vehicle were uninjured. Tanker 13 was one of five 1999 E-ONE commercial chassis International 2500 gallon tankers.

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