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On Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at approximately 4:50 p.m., officers responded to the 97.2 mile marker southbound on Interstate 55 in reference to a single vehicle crash of a tractor trailer. Officers arrived and found the vehicle off the west side of the roadway engulfed in flames. Cape Girardeau Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. At this time, it appears the driver was unable to exit the vehicle and has been declared deceased by Cape Girardeau County Coroner John Clifton. The identity of the driver is not being released at this time.

Interstate 55 was immediately shut down and traffic is being diverted onto Kingshighway. Further notifications regarding lane closure will be made as it becomes available. Officers are still on scene at this time and the cause of the crash is still under investigation.

UPDATE

July 18, 2013

The driver of the tractor trailer crash from Wednesday evening has been identified through dental records as James D. Holloway, age 56, from Corsicana, Texas.

Traffic crash investigators are on scene this morning continuing the investigation as to the cause of the crash. Traffic may be moving slow through the area of the 97 mile marker on Interstate 55 due to emergency vehicles parked on the side of the highway.

