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DUI Accident Closes Harleysville Pike

On Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 4:00 a.m. police were called to the area of Harleysville Pike and Crest Drive, near the entrance to Indian Crest Junior High School, in Franconia Township for a vehicle accident involving one vehicle that hit a utility pole.

The driver, identified as Megan Eleftherion, 22, of the 300 block of Penn Avenue in Souderton, was driving a yellow 2002 Jeep Wrangler northbound on Harleysville Pike. The driver told officers she fell asleep and subsequently struck the utility pole. The utility pole was severed at the base, which left the wires hanging, almost touching the roadway. This also led to a loss of power to the area.

After an investigation by officers, Eleftherion was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Indian Crest Junior High School is without power due to this accident. The school remains open and in session, currently utilizing power from their reserve generators. Students will be served delivered pizza for lunch and the school will be dismissing early at 1 p.m.

As of 9:15 a.m. Thursday morning, Harleysville Pike between Wile Avenue and Cowpath Road remains closed in both directions. PP&L utility crews are working on repairing the pole and restoring power to the affected area. It is unknown when the road will be reopened and when power will be restored.

Telford Police Department, Souderton Fire Company, and Souderton Fire Police assisted on scene. This accident is still under investigation.

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