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One lane of Kaumuali'i Highway in Kīpū open to alternating traffic following fatal crash

KĪPŪ – As of 9:15 a.m., police have opened one lane of Kaumuali'i Highway to alternating traffic following a fatal crash that occurred shortly after 5 a.m. near Halfway Bridge in Kīpū.

According to a preliminary investigation, a Ford F150 pickup was heading west on Kaumuali'i Highway when it apparently crossed the centerline and struck an oncoming Ford F350 flatbed truck.

The driver of the F150, age 54 of Kalāheo, was transported by ambulance to Wilcox Hospital where he was pronounced dead. His identity has not yet been released.

The driver of the F350, a 32-year-old Lāwa'i man, sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Wilcox Hospital via private vehicle.

Police remain at the scene to complete their on-scene investigation of the crash. It is not yet known when both lanes of the highway will reopen. Motorists are still urged to avoid the area if possible as severe traffic delays are expected.

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