

Virginia's highway death toll climbed to 118 for the year today when a New Jersey truck driver died of injuries received when his truck collided with another vehicle on Route 11 just east of Dublin.

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43-year-old Earl Dewson died at a hospital in Radford after having been trapped in the smashed cab of his truck for more than an hour. A second man, 44-year-old Ernest Hutchison, was also pinned in the wreckage until both men were freed by the Dublin Rescue Squad.

Police reports indicate the tractor trailer driven by the victim struck a parked truck then rammed a power pole and plunged over an embankment. An autopsy performed in Roanoke this afternoon showed Dewson died of a head injury.