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Christie Administration Acts to Assist New Jerseyans Potentially Impacted by September Fatal Accident and Fire That Engulfed Truck Carrying U.S. Mail

Trenton – Governor Chris Christie has ordered State agencies to provide all required assistance to New Jerseyans who may have been affected by the loss of hundreds of pieces of mail in a two-truck collision on the New Jersey Turnpike on Sept. 11, 2012 that resulted in the burning of a box truck, the tragic death of its driver and the destruction of the majority of its cargo of U.S. mail.

The box truck burst into flames after colliding with a larger truck on the New Jersey Turnpike between exits 8 and 8A near Hightstown. The U.S. Postal Service now says the blaze and resulting firefighting efforts destroyed nearly every piece of mail on board. The truck was carrying one day's worth of mail to a variety of locations in Central New Jersey, including letters and packages bound for some state government offices in Trenton and the surrounding area.

Mail collected from ZIP codes starting with 070 to 076, 078, 079, 088 or 089 was lost. The letters and parcels were most likely collected from Sept. 7 to Sept. 10. New Jerseyans who believe they may have had letters or packages

bound for government offices on the truck should check with the appropriate state agency to determine the status of their filings, payments and applications.

To help any New Jerseyans potentially impacted by the loss of mail, Governor Christie has ordered State commissioners and agency heads to provide all necessary aid and, where appropriate, flexibility in the application of rules and regulations to those who may have had letters or packages on the truck bound for government offices. The directive will help ensure that, as a result of a loss of mail stemming from this accident, no affected individual is unfairly subjected to penalties, lost or missed benefits from state government.

At the Governor's order, all agencies will post information on their websites explaining how affected citizens can obtain assistance with issues resulting from the destruction of this mail.

To find an agency's website, go to the governor's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/governor/> and click on the link at the top that says "**Departments/Agencies**," and then click on the appropriate agency's link. Or call the Governor's Constituent Relations Office at (609) 777-2500.