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Watonga Crash Kills Beaver Man

WATONGA, Okla. (AP) - The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says a Beaver man was killed when his tractor-trailer rig collided with a tanker in a Blaine County accident.

Troopers say 44-year-old James Alger was pronounced dead at the scene of the 8:10 a.m. accident about eight miles west of Watonga yesterday. It took more than seven hours to free Alger from the wreckage.

The patrol says the collision occurred in heavy fog at the intersection of U.S. 270 with Oklahoma 33.

Troopers say Robert Magness was driving the tanker from Oklahoma 33 onto westbound U.S. 270 when Alger's eastbound semi struck the passing vehicle in the tank trailer.

A hazardous materials crew had to clean up a butane or pressurized propane spill from the crash.

U.S. 270 was finally reopened about 6:10 p.m.

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