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Two semi trucks crashed into each other this morning, causing a fire to break out on Interstate 40 near the 51 mile marker.

McKinley County Sheriff deputies responded to the crash around 4 am. They found one of the trucks completely engulfed in flames, and it was blocking both lanes of traffic.

In an interview with the *Sun*, McKinley County Sheriff James Maiorano III said that one of the truck drivers had gotten out of his truck to check on an issue with his lights when the second truck rear-ended his semi. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this accident. No injuries were reported.

Drivers were diverted off the interstate at exit 53 using Highway 122 to avoid the area.

McKinley Fire worked to extinguish the flames while tow companies were contacted to clear the road so the interstate could open back up.

