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M4 Tanker Incident

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) was called to reports of a fire involving a tanker carrying diesel oil at 05:24 this morning. The incident was between junctions 12-13 of the M4 westbound.

One crew from Newbury, three from Reading (Dee Road, Caversham Road and Whitley Wood), plus specialist appliances from Whitley Wood and Pangbourne attended the incident. A foam tender from Heathrow was also requested.

The fire affected the axle of the vehicle but the tanker itself was not involved. Approximately 9,000 litres of water were applied to the vehicle in order to cool it. The fire was dealt with using two firefighters in breathing apparatus and one hose reel. As a precaution, the vehicle was checked for fuel leaks but none were found. The stop time was called at 07:24.

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