



SAFETY MONDAY

June 4, 2012

Spring Fatalities

There has been a noticeable increase recently in the number of fatal accidents involving solid waste collection vehicles. There have been at least 15 fatal accidents involving other motorists, pedestrians and others during the Spring months. Although many of these accidents do not appear to have been preventable, each one resulted in disrupted operations and increased costs. They also count against the company's CSA score for the Crash indicator.

All collection employees are reminded to focus on their jobs at all times and not be distracted by cell phones, texting or other distractions. All drivers are reminded to drive cautiously and to remember that other drivers may be distracted and not see the truck. Drivers need to do careful pre-trip inspections each day. Helpers are reminded to only ride on the riding step when the truck is moving forward, at 10 miles per hour or less and for less than 1/5 of a mile. Let's start summer on a positive note!



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