



SAFETY DEPARTMENT



July 2023 - Drinking and Driving - it Never Ends Well!

What Happened?

On July 7, 2023, ESS had a drunk driver collide with one of our Dump Trucks in Joplin, MO. We have heard that the driver of this third-party vehicle had an alcohol content of 0.43. That level of blood alcohol content is extremely high. The third-party did pass away a couple of days later.

This incident has really hit the company hard because we are being asked by attorneys for copies of our DVIR's, the weight and speed of the vehicle at the time of impact.

What Have We Learned? What Behaviors or Conditions Contributed? & Reminders:

So, our driver was not cited for any violations during this incident. Well, just because you don't get a citation, doesn't mean we are in the clear.

Requests have come in that we provide a copy of the weight of the load (a copy of ticket provided at the asphalt plant) and the samsara records of the video and speed at the time of impact.

In a nutshell, providing this information to the respective parties has found at the time of impact that we (ESS) were:

- Driving above the posted speed limit
- Our truck was over the legal limit
- DVIR's were not completed on this truck/driver for several months

This situation is most likely going to cost ESS in some fashion and we were not the ones who collided with several other vehicles with an extremely high blood alcohol content. It's frustrating for everyone involved.

Tips for Recovery Strap Use

- **Every regulated driver needs to complete a DVIR daily.** This is no longer an option as if we are involved in a serious incident our truck will be taken to the Highway Patrol and inspected with white gloves.
- **Overloading trucks is no longer an option.** We have to stop this and make sure our plants operators are not overloading our trucks, but any third-party truck. The liability if something happens will cost this company millions.



'Tis the season to drive sober!

