

**#9: Crushed By – Inspection #317752582**

A **46 year old male** employee was pinned between two semi trailers. A newly hired employee was operating the truck on the day of the incident while the victim, the trainer, was riding as a passenger. The employees traveled to Counce, TN to pick up their load for delivery. Upon entering the lot, the desired trailer was identified and the victim requested that the trainee back the semi tractor under the trailer. The trainee stated that he backed the semi tractor under the trailer and pulled the tractor forward to ensure the trailer king pin was inside the semi tractor’s hitch, locked in place and secured. Once secured, the victim exited the semi tractor, walked around the front of the truck, down the driver’s side of the truck and began hooking the trailer up to the semi tractor. The trainee stated that he looked into his driver’s side mirror and observed the victim hook both air lines going from the semi tractor to the trailer in the glad hands by standing on the back portion of the truck. The victim climbed off the truck and began to raise the landing gear for the trailer. The trainee stated, at this point he left the drivers’ seat and entered the sleeper area to retrieve some paperwork pertaining to this load. As the trainee was entering the sleeper area he stated he felt the truck began to roll. The trainee jumped back into the driver’s seat and placed his foot onto the brake pedal of the semi tractor and turned the engine off. The trainee exited the cab area of the semi tractor and saw the victim was pinned between the trailers. The trainee observed a shuttle truck driver in the area so he ran to this driver and requested help. Emergency personnel were called on site. During interviews the trainee stated that the semi tractor was in neutral at the time it began to roll and the parking brake was not engaged. The victim passed away at the site.

**Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

**Citation 1**

Item 1 T.C.A. 50-3-105(1)	The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm.
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**Citation 2**

Item 1 0800-1-3-.03(27)(b)1	The log of all recordable injury’s occurring on the company’s OSHA 300 logs were not complete in details for the days away from work involving 7 injuries in 2011, 11 in 2012, 17 in 2013 and 6 in 2014.
Item 2 0800-1-3.04(3)(b)2	The total number of work hours were not provided for 2011, 2012 and 2013 by the employer on the OSHA 300A logs.
Item 3 0800-1-3-.04(3)(b)3	The OSHA 300a form for 2011, 2012 and 2013 had not been certified.

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Photo 1 of 3 – The semi tractor was backed under the trailer at an angle therefore, when the trailer began to roll it moved closer to the trailer next to it. The circle denotes where the victim was crushed between the two trailers.

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Photo 2 of 3 – The circle denotes the area where the victim was crushed and measured approximately 4/12 to 5 inches between the two trailers.

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Photo 3 of 3 – The circles denotes the yellow and red knobs inside the cab which engage & release the air brake system for the trailer and semi tractor. The yellow knob which controls the parking brake for the semi tractor was not set while the trailer was being connected.