Put Safety In Gear When Backing Fatality File



A 39-year-old father of five was killed when he was run over by a dump truck. He was a truck driver with 12 years of experience and had been with his employer for more than two years.

There were two single-bed dump trucks and a front-end loader on site. The loader operator filled the back of one of the trucks, told the victim that he could leave and observed the victim getting into the cab of the truck. The second driver observed the victim getting into his truck and checking his left-hand mirror. He then was seen in the right-hand mirror while slowly backing up so he could keep track of the front-end loader. His back-up alarms were working.

The loader operator rotated his loader so he could scoop material to put in the second driver’s truck after it was positioned. He was rotating the loader back to dump, and saw the victim out of his truck, behind the second driver’s truck. Before the loader operator could respond, the second driver’s truck struck the victim, knocking him down and pinning him under the wheels of the truck.

Emergency medical assistance was called. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.