

MONTHLY SAFETY BLAST

WHO CARES ABOUT TRACTOR SAFETY?



After reviewing news articles on farm 'accidents' this month, it was impossible to choose one narrow topic for the monthly blast. Please take a couple minutes to read the stories below and remind yourself why YOU should care about tractor safety. During this feasting season, consider this your 'food for thought'.

November 1, 2012- Fountain City, IN-A farming accident Nov. 1 that robbed 28-year-old Jacob White of his right leg has united this rural, farming community.... White, who works on his family's dairy farm, was alone when the accident occurred... Jacob was cleaning up after finishing the corn harvest on a farm in Fayette County, said his father, Robbie White. White became entangled in two separate power take off shafts, also known as PTOs. White was tossed across the tractor by the first one, which grabbed his pants leg. Some of his clothes then caught in a second PTO shaft. ... "I want it (the accident) to raise awareness that we shouldn't take the equipment for granted," Robbie said. **"Don't take those shields off and if they're off, we really should put them back on."**



November 10, 2012– Jack Hamblin, 62, Moores Hill, died in a farm tractor accident Saturday, Nov. 10, according to a Dearborn County Sheriff's Department news release. Hamblin, 17295 Palmer Road, had taken a Komodo four-wheel-drive tractor with a front bucket to his woods about a mile from his house around 9:30 a.m., said Moores Hill Fire Chief Robert Russell. After a while, when he hadn't returned, his wife, who is confined to a wheelchair, got worried and called a neighbor to check on Hamblin. Emergency responders were called at 1 p.m. "It looks like he was pushing a tree around...to drag up to the house to cut it for firewood," said Russell. "It slid over the bucket and come back and pinned him. ...It looked like it was fast," he said. **Use tractors and equipment appropriately. Take extra precaution to secure loads.**

November 16, 2012– Badger, IA– A Central Iowa man is struggling to recover from injuries he received when he was run over by a tractor on his farm. Jerry Warehime, of rural Badger, was hurt late Friday afternoon while he was working on the tractor at his home, The Webster County Sheriff's Office says no one witnessed the incident, but Warehime's wife was home and discovered him injured. She called authorities and neighbors. **Turn tractors off before working on them.**

November 24, 2012- The Story County Sheriff's Department is looking into a farm accident Saturday that killed a Cambridge man and injured a girl. The name of the victim is identified as 42-year-old Noel Shepley. Injured was his 9-year-old daughter Mallory Shepley. A passerby spotted the older model John Deere tractor overturned in a ditch and then notified sheriff's deputies. Noel Shepley was pronounced dead at the scene. Mallory Shepley was freed after being underneath the tractor. She was transported to Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines for further treatment. The accident remains under investigation. **Install a roll bar and wear your seatbelt. Be aware of uneven terrain. No extra riders. Make sure that children are supervised in a safe play area.**

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