

## **Struck by vehicle - Inspection #1104976**

A **22 year old male employee and a 51 year old male employee** were fatally injured during road side trash collection. On the day of the accident a crew of three employees, one driver and two collection employees were in the process of collecting residential waste. The two victims were assigned the task of emptying trash cans into the rear of the garbage truck. All three were inside the cab heading down East Main Street when they noticed a customer had placed their trash cans out late, and decided to stop to collect the trash. The driver came to a stop, turned on his four-way flashers, and checked his rearview mirror for oncoming traffic. After a white pickup passed the trash truck, the two victims exited the truck on the curb side, and went to empty the trash cans at the rear of the truck. As the driver looked forward, towards the next stop, he felt the truck jerk. The driver got out of the truck, saw the victims on the ground, and a red pickup truck that had rear-ended the garbage truck striking the two victims. During the investigation, State Troopers working the crash stated that there were no skid marks indicating the red pickup truck did not attempt to brake before striking the two victims. Both victims were wearing reflective vests, and the flashers on the truck were on, and working. The two victims behind the garbage truck were killed instantly, according to the Office of Emergency Management in Overton County. As a result of the information gathered during the day of the investigation, no violations of the TOSHA standards were found.

### **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.

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Photo 1 of 1 – This photo shows the location of the accident & trash truck.