



Towing Incident

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Safety Alert

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Incident

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Incident Location

Leech Lake Area

Description of the Incident

This incident occurred in an abandon farmyard; the party involved indicated they were pulling-out a fellow employee's truck from a snow bank. During the process of attempting to dislodge the stuck vehicle the "ball hitch" pin broke, projecting the ball through the back window of the vehicle doing the towing (past the headache rack) and striking the front window on the passenger side.

The individuals involved were reported to be following the company's policy of attaching towing apparatus to the rear of the vehicles. Immediately after the incident occurred, personnel notified the company's safety department.

Outcome

No injuries were involved in this incident.

The vehicle is still road-worthy and arrangements for new windows have been made.

Recommendations

It has been recommended that crew members have clavicies on hand

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

