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Overview

Vehicle awareness is essential when driving a large truck. Knowing the clearances for height and width are crucial. Driving a truck is not the same as driving your car. It involves a very different attentiveness. It not only takes experience to get to know your truck's clearances, but constant diligence and alertness while driving. Unexpected hazards are everywhere.



This incident happened in August while a driver was driving through a neighborhood. These roads are not frequently traveled by large trucks so they require extra diligence. This driver hit a low hanging tree going about 15mph.



This truck incident happened this month. It peeled the right corner off the truck box doing 35mph. You can see the trim still hanging from the tree where it struck the tree (picture to the left). The junk truck in the picture was there to clean up the mess and not involved.



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The size of our trucks is not the only concern when driving. Our vehicles have a large profile and are affected by the wind. They have a high center of gravity and are subject to roll over. The important message here is; Be aware of your surroundings and weather conditions while driving. Keep your vehicle under control and arrive home safely.

Activity:

Discuss how your team members, Captains and Wingmen, can help to prevent this type of incident from happening in your location.

"Safety habits are a cheap and effective insurance policy"