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Something to Think About!!

We start a new year in less than a month and I would like to hear your suggestions for a slogan for 2015!

Safety First! All Day, Every Day - Our Families, Friends and Customers Depend On It!

Importance of PPE



This is Jarrell Chatman from Tennessee. He has a great safety story for us all.

Recently, Nashville mixer operator Jarrell Chatman, reported for work like any other day. He went to his locker, put his Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on, did his pre-trip inspection on his truck and went to work hauling concrete for the day. In Tennessee, PPE (Hard Hats, Safety Glasses and High-Viz vests) is required at all times.

After hauling concrete for most of the morning, Jarrell had a few minutes between loads. He took that opportunity to wash on his mixer. He moved toward the top of the mixer with truck wash in a bucket and grabbed his hand brush. He put the bucket on the platform around the hopper of his mixer and climbed up the ladder to wash the top part of the mixer.

As he finished, he put the brush back in the bucket, moved it over beside the ladder, turned around and started his descent back down the ladder. As he put his foot on the first step down on the ladder, he slipped, lost his hold on the mixer falling to the concrete grab-

bing at his truck on the way down.

His hard hat slid behind his head and hit the concrete cradling his head as it landed, saving it from making contact with the concrete. He was transported to the Emergency Room by his plant manager. After being fully evaluated for head trauma, Jarrell was released that day, with no injuries to his head. His hard hat saved him from a potential **concussion, coma** or even **death**.

Jarell stated, "This hard hat **saved my life**, and it will never stay too far from me. " I will keep it forever." In a short interview with Jarell a few months later, he said to me, "thank you for enforcing a PPE program and looking out for everyone's safety. You never know when they can save your life."

"Jarrell is an important part of the **imi** family and had he not been wearing his hard hat, he may not have survived the fall," said **imi** Tennessee Vice president Tonya Alexander. " We come to work everyday as a parent , a spouse, a brother or a sister to someone who is counting on us. Imagine how Jarrell's family life would have changed had there been a different outcome."

Narrative provided by Heather Scott, EHS Manager—Tennessee



What is personal protective equipment?

Personal protective equipment, commonly referred to as "PPE", is equipment worn to minimize exposure to serious workplace injuries and illnesses. These injuries and illnesses may result

