

Subject: Re: My rough letter to The Governor about this latest accident
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Ron,

I think the time has come to put legislation in that will eliminate this proliferation of trailers coming loose on the highway. I would appreciate it if you will compile your list of accidents that you have been tracking, and I would appreciate any specific suggestions you have to increase the safety requirements on the hitch systems. I will be away from the office until September 22nd. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Melancon <dusterrm1@comcast.net>
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Subject: My rough letter to The Governor about this latest accident

Please when you get a moment go to www.dangeroustrailers.org This is a direct result of our Governor, The Delegates and The Senators except for one who have been given warnings for almost 7 years these trailers cause.

Please understand that NO Standards are in place for any trailer just one pound under 3,000. Last week alone I have 42 more pictures of double axil trailers that do not have inspections or they have expired inspections.
<http://www.dangeroustrailers.org/uploads/TA14new.pdf>

Even Former Council Man from Federicksburg JOE Willson was hit by a loose trailer and he lost part of his finger.

Now we have a mother of a 8 month old that lost her life because of a loose trailer and what is even more upsetting is he is only going to get charged with a Unsecured load and get off with nothing.

Just a few weeks ago a trailer came unhitched on I-95 at the Parham Road exit I have the pictures... The police did NOT ISSUE A TICKET... OR EVEN LOG A POLICE REPORT the trailer had no SAFETY CHAINS or even a latch on the hitch... yet she was allowed to go with out even a warning.
<http://dangeroustrailersaccidentsthatjust.blogspot.com/2009/08/accident-in-richmond-va-driver-from.html>
Yet if you don't look right and you go to certain area's you get pulled over.

ASK yourself why is this allowed to happen and then look at CARRY ON TRAILERS in VIRGINIA that has lobbied to destroy the REFLECTOR Tape law in Virginia because it cost them \$8.00.
http://www.dangeroustrailers.org/Reflector_Tape_Law_In_VA.html