

Florida Division of Forestry

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious FL DOF Injuries, Illnesses, Accidents and Near-Miss Incidents



Jacksonville District

Transport/Tractor-Plow Rollover

March 1, 2010

Incident #2010-07-0136

This Preliminary Summary Report is intended as an aid in accident prevention, and to provide factual information from the first 72 hours of the incident review. Information contained within may be subject to revision as further investigation is conducted, and other reports and documents are received.

SYNOPSIS

The following information is a preliminary summary of an incident that occurred while returning from wildland fire suppression activities in which a FL DOF Transport/Tractor-Plow unit rolled over.

NARRATIVE

At approximately 1300 hours on March 1, 2010, a FL DOF Transport/Tractor-Plow unit assigned to the Jacksonville District was returning to station after conducting wildland fire suppression activities. The unit was also involved in pre-suppression fire line plowing and prescribed burning activities earlier that day. While traveling on Bay Road, a paved two-lane road, in Nassau County, the unit left the pavement and the operator's attempt to correct resulted in a roll-over. The operator was ejected from the unit and sustained serious injuries. The operator was air lifted to Shands Hospital trauma center in Jacksonville where he remains in critical condition.

The Transport/Tractor-Plow unit is a total loss.