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Driver loses control of RV after blowout in St. Johns, FHP says

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A crash of a recreational vehicle left the driver with minor injuries and his passenger was taken to the hospital after the RV with a vehicle in tow ran into trouble while on Interstate 95 in St. Johns County, approximately west of the St. Augustine Shores area, the Florida Highway Patrol says.

Authorities said the RV was traveling south when the right front tire blew out, causing the driver, Frank T. Severino, 60, of Daytona Beach, to lose control of the RV, which veered off the highway and hit several trees.

The RV and the vehicle it was towing ended up in a wooded area off the interstate. Passenger, Linda P. Severino, 51, of Daytona Beach, was flown to Shands Jacksonville for further treatment, authorities said.

Both Severinos were wearing seat belts.



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Blown tire

Submitted by Rogmc on Mon. 10/12/2009 at 8:49 am

This is a common problem for motor homes. They sit in the back yard for months and the tires DRY ROT. These type accidents happen a lot. Guess they will probably sue the tire manufacturer now.

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This has happened twice to

Submitted by TwoToneT on Mon. 10/12/2009 at 9:44 am

This has happened twice to my parents. Neither time was it caused by dry rot as Rogmc guesses. Their motor home is kept in a garage and not in a back yard. After the first accident caused by a tire blowout, they purchased a steering stabilization system incase they have a front tire blowout again.

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Two Tone T

Submitted by Ihatecriminals on Mon. 10/12/2009 at 10:20 am

When it happened to your parents, did they just pull over or run off the road out in the trees?

I bet they will sue the tire company, the RV company, and the engine oil manufacturer, and probably who ever made the mayonaise in the fridge. They will refuse to take responsibility for his poor driving, and lack of training himself. A CDL A class license should be required to drive a motorhome. A driving class should be required.

When seconds count, the police are only minutes away!! Be armed and ready!!

It's time to plant the thugs and see what grows from the fertilizer.

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Tire Blowouts

Submitted by RV_Education_101 on Mon. 10/12/2009 at 10:30 am

Tire failure on RV's can be extremely dangerous and can cause extensive damage to your RV. There are lots of reasons for tire failure on RV's, like under inflation, over inflation, overloading and the age of the tires.

Tires are designed and built to be used. The rubber used in tires ages faster when they are not used, so more use results in longer tire life. The problem is lots of RV's