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318021102 9/30/15 Plymouth No Inspection	Masonry Contractor 238140 182	A laborer collapsed at work and died of natural causes.	No inspection - not work-related.
318021110 10/1/15 Stewartville	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 17	Two dump truck operators were trying to close the tail gate of a truck by using the bumper of a second truck to push the back gate closed. One operator was backing up the second truck when the other operator went between the two trucks and was crushed.	Citations issued.
318022415 10/25/15 Fairmont	Nitrogenous Fertilizer Manufacturer 325311 165	A laborer was climbing the ladder of the dry tender box on the rear of a trailer to check the level of the fertilizer when the laborer fell, striking the concrete floor below.	No citations.
318023652 11/15/15 Lakeville	Coated & Laminated Packaging Paper Mfg. 322221 1700	An employee was below a foil laminator roller and was pulled into the roller.	Citation issued.
318034345 11/27/15 West St. Paul No Inspection	Home Center 444110 10,000	An employee was found unresponsive in the employer's parking lot.	No inspection – not work-related.

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12/4/15 Royalton	Site Preparation Contractor 238910 11	On a construction site a truck driver was walking behind a dump truck that was backing out and was struck by the truck.	Case open.
318036183 1/7/16 Backus No Inspection	Administration of Human Resource Programs 923130 260	An employee was discovered lying on the floor, deceased.	No inspection - not work-related.
1/7/16 Granite Falls	Specialized Freight Trucking, Long-Distance 484230 5	An employee was inside of a tanker truck, washing the interior of the tank and having difficulties. A second person entered the tank to assist, collapsed and died.	Case open.
1/21/16 Lakeville	New Single-Family Housing Construction 236115 1901	An employee entered the basement of a house to investigate a smell of gas. While exiting the basement, an explosion occurred, engulfing the employee in fire.	Case open.
318037231 1/26/16 Bloomington	Other Support Activities for Road Construction 488490 50	A driver and equipment operator were clearing snow from a city sidewalk. They were in a 1-ton truck with a directional strobe light and had stopped in the traffic lane to the left of the turn lane when they were rear-ended by an SUV.	No citations.
6/2/16 Minneapolis	Solid Waste Collection 562111 4	A laborer was standing on a riding step of a yard waste truck while the truck was moving and fell.	Case open.

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6/13/16 Madelia	Other Heavy & Civil Engineering Constr. 237990 9	A laborer was connecting drainage ditches in an excavation, when the excavation caved in over the top of a trench box, striking the laborer.	Case open.
318065299 6/13/16 Minneapolis	Employment Placement Agency 561310 6904 Cemetery & Crematory 812220 45	A laborer was operating a riding lawn mower when the metal canopy of the mower contacted a main limb of a tree causing the trunk to split. A large limb with branches landed on the laborer.	No citations - both employers.
6/22/16 Blooming Prairie	Motorcycle, ATV & Personal Watercraft Dealer 441221 4	Two laborers were riding a utility terrain vehicle when the driver began convulsing and hit a tree. The driver died and the passenger suffered multiple injuries.	Case open.
7/25/16 Minnetonka	Water & Sewer Line & Related Structures Construction 237110 14	A trench collapsed on two employees; one survived.	Case open.

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318073111 7/26/16 Echo No Inspection	Executive Office 921110 14	A maintenance worker was found unconscious.	No inspection – not work-related.
8/1/16 Morris	Dairy Cattle & Milk Production 112120 800	A supervisor was operating a skid-steer loader and was found trapped between arms of the skid-steer loader and the operator cage.	Case open.
318074812 8/5/16 Fergus Falls No inspection	Wheat Farm 111140 4	Farm worker engulfed in grain.	No inspection – farm exemption.
318075603 8/9/16 Isle	Roofing Contractor 238160 3	A roofer fell while installing trusses on a garage.	No citations.
8/27/16 Alexandria	Boat Dealer 441222 10	A marine technician was test-driving a boat, fell into the water and drowned.	Case open.
9/22/16 Le Sueur	Solid Waste Collection 562111 22	A truck driver was on top of a waste tanker pumping manure and fell to the ground.	Case open.