

## **FATAL ALERT**

On September 30, 2015, an employee working for a tire repair and towing company was attempting to repair a split rim tire. During his inspection of the tire, he decided to remove the split rim while it was still inflated. While removing the last lock on the rim, the tire exploded, slamming him into the back of his truck, which was behind him while he was working on the tire.

### **Significant Factors**

- Employee did not wear adequate PPE.
- Employee was standing in the path of trajectory of the tire while servicing it.
- Employee did not deflate the tire prior to initiating servicing.
- Employee did not refer to tire manual to ensure proper procedures were used.

### **Recommendations**

- Brief all employees about the incident
- Ensure employees are trained in safe procedures, including deflating tire prior to servicing, and standing outside the path of trajectory while servicing tires.
- Ensure all employees have proper PPE and are trained on how to use it.