

Significant Incident Alert

Type of Incident	Starwest Service Truck (FL02-330) Veered of the road between KM153 and KM154
Key Issues	Brake Failure
INX Ref No	96167
Date & Time	Friday, 12 th August, 2022 @ 4:35 pm
Location	Mill / Mine Road
Injury	Nil

DESCRIPTION

On Friday the 12th August 2022 at around 4:35 pm, a Starwest Service Truck, Fleet # FL02-330 veered off the road between KM153 and KM154 when returning to Geneva Starwest base from its Mil / Mine mobile equipment service run.

Driver was travelling downhill and applying brakes at the bend located between KM154 and KM153 when realising the brakes were failing. He tried the air brake, which also failed. Driver then attempted to slow down the speed by shifting into first gear, which did not engage due to speed. Driver could not select any gear so the truck was travelling downhill on neutral. At that point, driver decided to run into the roadside safety berm to stop the truck from further movement.

He directed the truck toward the left and made contact with the Safety Bern, which slowed down the truck and eventually brought it to a stop. Driver and his off-sider escape injuries whilst truck sustained some damages due to the impact it made with the safety berm.

LESSONS

- Proper Inspection and maintenance of Mobile Equipment and Vehicle is vital
- All defects noted on Prestart Checklist must be reported and get fixed
- Defective mobile equipment / vehicle must not be released to work until problem fixed
- Defects noted on Daily Prestart Checks not attended to by maintenance team
- Driver lacks knowledge on the function of gears hence trying to shift to 1st Gear whilst speeding

ACTIONS

- Starwest Management to improve on its equipment service and maintenance strategy
- Communicate to employees on quality Inspections, reporting defects and consequences of driving faulty / defective equipment.
- Put Driver / Operator of FL02-330 through VOC Training refresher for the service truck operations

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