Right after 'Maria's Law' passed in 2005, my main mission was to educate the public on the importance of load securement; so, I asked late King County Prosecutor, Norm Maleng, who I could talk with about starting a Secure Your Load program at all 9 of the King County waste facilities. That program has exceeded all my expectations and is now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year fining and educating over 3,000 citizens every year at the scale house. The recipe is simple; good training on load securement for the scale operators and management, 100% backing of staff by management, good educational tools for the public, and support of law enforcement. This program is now in many other counties and states nationwide! In fact, in the last few years, litter organizations have partnered to provide free nets and tarps knowing that this program helps significantly to reduce litter on our roads. It is estimated that 20-40% of the litter on

our roads comes from vehicle unsecured loads costing our nation billions of dollars every year.

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