

Whiskey Bay Fatal Truck Crash: Evidence Toolkit

Action steps, proof anchors, and questions to ask before the record hardens.

Quick Summary (Use This Like a Checklist)

- Treat “unexplained” as a preservation problem. Data can overwrite and vehicles can be moved.
- Separate crash cause from injury mechanics. A seat belt issue does not answer why the truck left the road.
- Avoid recorded statements until you know who investigated, where the truck is stored, and what data exists.

First 72 Hours Mini Checklist

- Confirm the investigating agency and crash report number (if assigned).
- Locate where the tractor and trailer are stored (tow yard, impound, carrier terminal).
- Write down the exact location (I-10 westbound, Whiskey Bay exit area) and time window.
- List possible cameras (DOTD, businesses, dash cams) and ask for preservation.
- Save texts, call logs, and photos; avoid posting details publicly while facts are unknown.

Timeline Builder (Short Version)

Time Window	What to Capture	Why It Matters
0-6 hours	Scene photos, witness names, camera list	Scene changes fast; video can overwrite
6-24 hours	Tow/yard location, preservation letters, dispatch contacts	Prevents loss of truck data and documents
1-3 days	ECM/ELD/telematics requests + maintenance and load paperwork	Shows speed, braking, and non-driver causes

Tip: Keep one folder (paper or digital) and add everything to it as it arrives.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

Five steps + a mini checklist you can print.

Whiskey Bay Crash Evidence Blueprint

Five steps to protect

1

Build the Timeline

Pin down time,
place, direction.

2

Preserve Truck Data

ECM, ELD, GPS,
telematics, video.

3

Lock Down Scene

Photos, debris,
weather, cameras.

4

Collect the Paper

Trail
Maintenance, load,
dispatch, training.

5

Control the Claim

Avoid quick stories.
Protect deadlines.

First 72 Hours

Mini Checklist

- Identify tow yard
- Save phone photos
- Get witness names
- Note cameras
- Keep paperwork
- Pause statements

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Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Narratives you may hear—and the record that counters them.

Defense vs Evidence Fatal Truck Crash Common narratives, and what closes gaps	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
“Single vehicle means driver fault.”	ECM speed, brake, steer data + scene mapping.
“No defect. Nothing to inspect.”	Maintenance logs + parts history + post-crash inspection.
“Seat belt bars the claim.”	Separate crash cause from injury mechanics + fault proof.
“Sudden medical event.”	Toxicology, records, and pre-crash driving data.
“No video means no case.”	Cameras list + witness pull + preservation letters.

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If your family is dealing with a fatal truck crash connected to the Whiskey Bay area, the early goal is simple: preserve proof and prevent a rushed story from becoming “the file.”

We can help you spot deadlines, identify data sources (ECM/ELD/telematics), and handle insurer communications so you are not pressured into an early recorded statement.

This toolkit is general information and not legal advice. Every case depends on its facts.

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If you are within 72 hours, focus on evidence preservation first—then make the call.