

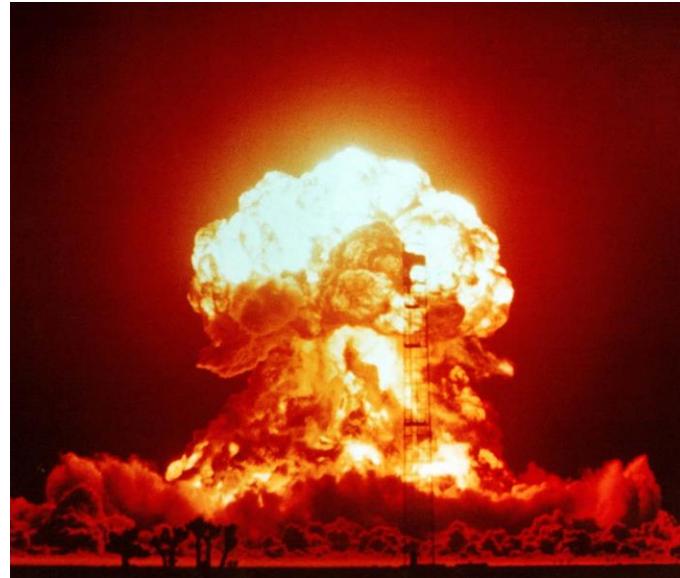
## **Why my Dad is a hero to me and others**

To start out, my dad is a Steel Hauler and owns a trucking business called Diamond Springs Leasing. He has 3 trucks and 2 drivers besides himself. Sometimes things can get rough when things go wrong with our trucks, drivers, or customers. He makes a lot of sacrifices for us.

He says to us "if you can't drive safe, don't drive at all". He gets up every day at 2:00 a.m. and gets done working sometimes at 8:00 p.m. at night. He always works Saturday's and sometimes he even has to work on Sunday's to fix our trucks and trailers. He gives us a great home, food, water and anything else we need.

My dad is a hero to me because of the reasons above and because he even drives on the horrible winter roads in Michigan and northern Indiana for us. I believe my dad is one of the most hard working men around. I do not think a lot of people want a Steel Hauler's job. Either they think it is too much work or is just too dangerous. My dad is on an endless road of work every day. He says he is never going to retire and he means it. He gives us stuff and loves us. My mom, my little sister and me love him to!!!

"I thought it was just traffic lights", he said, "but as I got closer I noticed it was a gasoline tanker that was on fire and flipped over on the off ramp to 109th Avenue on US196". Another driver pulled over also. My dad and him jumped out of their cabs. My dad started running to the fiery wreck. The other guy called out "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" My dad yelled back "I AM GOING TO SEE WHAT IS UP WITH THIS DRIVER!!!" The other guy started to run with him. My dad went to the left side of the wreck and the other guy went to the right. He yelled "IS ANYBODY IN THERE? IS ANYBODY IN THERE?" The other guy from the right side of the tanker yelled "I FOUND HIM!!!". My dad rushed over and said "THIS TANKER IS GOING TO BLOW! WE GOTTA GET HIM OUT OF HERE NOW!!!" Just then, two more truckers pulled up to the fiery wreck and they rushed over to help. The four men were able to pull the driver (Michael Bennett) far enough away from the crash before the gas tanker exploded.



He is a hero to that man for saving his life and lots of others that he has saved in his career of 35 years.

My dad has saved people in car accidents in snow blizzards when the snow was knee deep. He dove into icy waters in the winter to save people and ran into fiery explosions to save people. This is why he is a hero to me & many others.

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