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Bailey's Bad Boy

In this episode of the Andy Griffith Show, Bill Bixby plays the son of an affluent and well know attorney (Bailey). He is speeding and driving reckless down a country road and causes a farmer to wreck his truck. Andy and Barney arrest the young man. Young Bailey is accustomed to having his father get him out of any trouble. Andy by example of how he deals with Opie, teaches young Bailey about taking responsibility for his actions.

Regarding safety: why should we care more about an employee's safety than the employee does? If a carrier wants to deliver mail without a satchel and dog spray and they get their throat ripped out by a pit bull, why should we care? If a carrier wants to ride around without a seat belt engaged and they die, oh well too bad. We spend millions of dollars in education, training, and having the equipment available for employees to work safely. We make water available. In the summer it is hot. It is always hot. We provide water. If an employee doesn't properly hydrate, then the union wants to file a grievance against management. If an employee wants to be stupid and/or careless, how is that the fault of management. The union, like young Bailey's father tries to bail the employees out of every situation. Many employees feel they don't have to follow the rules because the union is there to protect them. It is not their intention, but the union encourages bad behavior by defending every violation. Theft, throwing away mail, and violence are these the kind of employees you want to work beside. We can't cure stupidity; we can only provide consequences.