

W.W. Transport INC.

Safety Newsletter

December 2018



NOVEMBER SAFETY LEADERS

Congratulations to this month's Safety Leaders!

Delmar Branson- South Texas
Mark Brozowski- Winona, MN
Kewanis Green- Refrigerated Division
Thomas Heimsness- Winona, MN
Karl Hoffman- Winona, MN
Mike Kesterke- Dowagiac, MI
Matthew Nell- Cement Division
Jeffrey Tepen- Wood River, IL
James White- Wood River, IL
David Wright- Martins Creek, PA

Kenneth Brobston- Flatbed Division
Dennis Buxton- Wood River, IL
Annette Griffin- Burlington, IA
Barry Hockenberry- Martins Creek, PA
Joshua Joles- Ogden, UT
Brian Mallett- Commerce City, CO
Stevan Smith- Martins Creek, PA
Bland Warren- Columbus, OH
Jonathan Wittmis- North Texas
Hilton Strunk- Martins Creek, PA

Keep up the great work!

CSA Score: Driver Fitness

One of the FMCSA's Compliance, Safety, and Accountability (CSA) categories that affects both a company and a driver's safety score is the program titled **Driver Fitness**.

The **Driver Fitness** category is not related to a driver's physical attributes such as age, weight, or flexibility. The primary focus of **Driver Fitness** is to ensure a driver is qualified to operate a commercial vehicle according to the Department of Transportation standards such as:

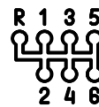
Active CDL (no suspension or downgrade)

Active Medical Card (updated with the driver's state)

Operating within restrictions (Wearing glasses if required; automatic transmission restriction)

As a professional driver, keeping in line with **Driver Fitness** requirements will keep your CSA score low and maintain your status as a qualified driver.

Before you head out on your next trip, take a quick second and pre-trip your qualifications. Double check your medical card's expiration date and review your license restrictions to make sure you're operating within them. If you are found by a DOT officer to be operating outside those requirements, you may be placed out of service and receive points that will reflect on your CSA record for up to two years.



Happy
Holidays

Happy
New Year



December Milestones

We appreciate your work for all these years
and many best wishes on the anniversary of
your service this December!

Otis Rodgers, 9 years! Tampa, FL
Danielle Dolan, 8 years! Minnesota Manager

Jack Yentzer, 9 years! Camp Hill, PA
Clark Rissmiller, 5 years! Martins Creek, PA

New Year's Eve Safety Tips

The ringing in of a new year is a time for celebration. It represents a clean slate in many cases. People make resolutions and vow to make changes for the better starting on January 1st. Not surprisingly, December 31st is typically a "last hurrah" of sorts, as the general public prepares to say goodbye to past behaviors. Like most holidays, on New Year's Eve there is an abundance of additional traffic on the roadways. However, add to that large quantities of alcohol often consumed by New Year's Eve party-goers, and you have a dangerous mix on the roadways.

Here are a few suggestions if you find yourself operating on New Year's Eve:

Plan your schedule carefully

If you are responsible for dispatching drivers, keep in mind the additional dangers for drivers on New Year's Eve. Try to schedule appointments early in the day and factor in extra time needed for traveling between appointments. For drivers, try to arrive at your pick-up and delivery appointments as early as possible. That way you can get underway to a safe parking location earlier. And speaking of parking...

Park early

59% of all alcohol-related crash deaths occur between the hours of 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. If at all possible, call it a night and shut down early. For reserved lots, make parking reservations well in advance. If you don't typically pay for parking, consider it this time. The peace of mind of being safely parked before New Year's Eve revelers hit the road may be worth the cost. If you have to search for a safe place to park for the night, begin your search early. Many of your fellow drivers will (rightfully) have the same idea.

Drive defensively

If you must be on the road on New Year's Eve, exercise extreme caution. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates between 2001 and 2005, the average number of alcohol-related crash deaths was 36 per day. On New Year's Eve each year, that number climbed to 54 alcohol-related crash deaths. With more cars on the road and a higher rate of alcohol consumption by the general traveling public, your risk of collision is greatly increased. Put the defensive driving techniques you've learned through your training into practice until you can safely park.

As a commercial truck driver, you understand the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol. There is greater probability of being involved in a collision – not to mention the potential to negatively impact your driving career. But for motorists in general, the consequences of alcohol-related traffic accidents may seem a distant "if." Use precaution to ensure your personal safety by planning accordingly, parking early, and driving defensively and get the New Year off to a safe start.

Employee Spotlight

Annette Griffin



Annette Griffin is a member of our Burlington Bulk Division and one of our November Safety Leader's. Annette has been with W.W. Transport Inc. for over 3 years, beginning her professional truck driving career with W.W. right out of trucking school. Originally from West Burlington, Iowa, Annette says she really enjoys trucking, "there's always something to do. I like going to different places, I couldn't do the same drive every day, I'm glad I get to do different things." Part of Annette's trucking schedule takes her to many of our terminals across the states. She travels to terminals that are short staffed, or delivers loads for terminals while they are staffing up. On average she spends 3 weeks out and 4 days at home. Primarily delivering bulk flour, Annette has delivered liquid tanker loads as well as potato loads while supporting the Refrigerated Division. What Annette likes about working at W.W. Transport is, "It's more of a family atmosphere, people get to know you and you meet other drivers, if you need help, you can always count on someone helping you out." Annette's advice for a new driver is to make connections, she says, "Get to know other drivers, they'll teach you what you need to know."