

Congratulations to this month's Safety Leaders!

January
Safety Leaders

Brian Grisham- Burlington Bulk
Sam Quam- Burlington Bulk
Leroy Sisco- Reefer
Lyn Knepp- Burlington Shuttle

Kirk Lockwood- Nocross, GA
Donal Ruby- Camp Hill, PA
John Vacaro- Martins Creek, PA
Denny Robinson- Burlington Shuttle

Keep up the great work!

SPEED SAFETY

According to the National Highway Traffic Association, speeding has been involved in approximately 1/3 of all motor vehicle fatalities. In 2015, speeding was a contributing factor in 27 percent of all fatal crashes, and 9,557 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes. The consequences of driving above the speed limit are not limited to traffic tickets or losing your safety bonus. They include immediate risks, such as:

- Increased risk in loss of vehicle control.
- Increased stopping distance when a danger is perceived.
- Increased severity when an accident does happen.
- Lowered effectiveness of safety equipment.

To minimize these risks, it is important to pay attention to the following areas when you are driving your commercial motor vehicle ➡



Stopping time:

A complete stop includes perception, reaction, brake activation, and deceleration.

The time it takes you to stop varies based on how quickly you react, your driving speed, the weight of load, the weather conditions and other factors.

Driving speeds:

Slow down:

- On curves.
- On ramps.
- In work zones.
- In inclement weather.
- In low visibility, such as nighttime.
- In the rain, reduce your speed by one-third.
- On snow or ice, reduce your speed by half.



Preparation:

Make sure that you are as prepared as possible before setting out. For example:

•Perform thorough pre-trip and post-trip inspections every shift.

•Know the difficult road conditions you will encounter in your route (such as curves, raps, and work zones.)

•Be prepared for inclement weather.

•Minimize or eliminate distractions, including mobile electronic devices, fatigue, and pain.

Remember that use of handheld electronics while driving is prohibited by the FMCSA.



Congratulations on your Milestone!

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

Michael Thompson, 24 years! -Burlington, IA
Jeff Bigger, 19 years! - Burlington Flatbed Dispatcher
Michael Torrance, 14 years! -Burlington, IA
Gary Cochran, 12 years! – Wood River, IL
Harold Ribble, 12 years! - Martins Creek, PA
Don Ruby, 8 years! - Camp Hill, PA
Teren Trail, 8 years! - North TX
Jonathan Wilkerson, 6 years! -Martins Creek, PA

James Lickliger, 6 years! -Wood River, IL
David Shryack, 6 years! -Burlington, IA
Daniel Darragh, 6 years! – Martins Creek
Leroy Sisco, 6 years! - Reefer
Dan West, 5 years! – Bulk Operations Manager
Ronnie Quintanilla, 5 years! -North TX
Benito Dominguez, 5 years! - North TX

Employee Spotlight

Name: David Lovell
Hometown: La Harpe, IL
Division: Burlington Bulk
How long have you worked at W.W. Transport? 6 years
Favorite hobby?
Riding horses.
What is your favorite part about working at W.W. Transport?
“It’s like a family.”
What advice do you have for new drivers at W.W. Transport?
“It’s a good company to work for, it’s the best company I’ve worked for. If you want to come home, they get you home.”



Name: Tony Rumble
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Division: Tampa, FL
How long have you worked at W.W. Transport? 2 years
Favorite hobby?
Visiting the beach, fishing, and watersports.
What is your favorite part about working at W.W. Transport?
“It keeps me busy, gave me opportunities when I first came to Tampa.”
What advice do you have for new drivers at W.W. Transport?
“Hang in there, it gets better. You’ll hit rough spots time to time, but the smoke clears.”

Distracted Driving



Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system—anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that’s like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

Since 2010, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) officially banned commercial truck from texting while driving. This includes not just sending a text, but reading a text as well. The law states that you’re in violation if you so much as pick up the phone, read the text, and put it back down. According to the FMCSA’s website, you can be fined over \$2,700 and receive up to 120 days of license disqualification.

These commercial distracted driving laws don’t just address the issue for drivers, they also put pressure on trucking companies. If an employer allows or requires a driver to use hand-held devices for texting, they could be subject to \$11,000 worth of penalties. This move helped create a consistent environment where drivers and companies are not just discouraged from distracted driving behavior, they can actually lose their licenses and livelihoods if they participate in the activity. Roughly a year after the commercial ban on texting and driving, the FMCSA banned the use of all hand-held cell phones for CDL drivers while behind the wheel.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

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