

W.W. Transport INC.

Safety Newsletter

MAY 2018



APRIL SAFETY LEADERS

Congratulations to this month's Safety Leaders!

Jeremy Brantley- Newton, NC
Cecil Jones- Martins Creek, PA
Dirk Love- Ogden, UT
Michael McLaughlin- Newton, NC
David Snakenberg- Cement, IA
Michael Vetovitz- Columbus, OH
Time Weber- Commerce City, CO

James Cary- Cement, IA
Corwin Jones- Doraville, GA
James Macans- Burlington, IA
James Rosa- Commerce City, CO
John Tippett- Cleveland, OH
Donald Ward- Reefer Division

Keep up the great work!

Share the Road



Warmer weather attracts different types of roadway users, including motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are vulnerable road users—they do not have the protection of a car or truck, and collisions almost always result in injury.

If you expect to see motorcycles, you are more likely to detect them. Often, we filter out things we don't expect to see. Look for motorcycles, especially at intersections. Motorcycles are much lighter than other vehicles and can stop in much shorter distances. This means that when you are following a motorcycle, you should leave more distance. If the rider has to make an emergency stop, the bike will stop in a much shorter distance than your rig. When you see a motorcycle approaching, realize that it's easy to misjudge the speed because the size of the motorcycle and the fact that it is coming towards you makes it difficult to estimate speed.

Pedestrians are just as vulnerable as motorcyclists and bicyclists. Things to remember as a professional driver:

- *You can encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere – even in places where they are not supposed to be found. Pedestrians can be very hard to see, especially in bad weather or at night. You must keep a lookout and slow down if you can't see clearly.*
- *Stop for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, even if it is not marked. When you stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, stop well back so that drivers in the other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.*
- *Cars stopped in the street may be stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross. Do not pass if there is any doubt.*
- *Don't assume that pedestrians see you or that they will act predictably. They may be physically or mentally impaired – or drunk.*
- *When you are turning, you often will have to wait for a "gap" in traffic. Beware that while you are watching for that "gap," pedestrians may have moved into your intended path.*
- *Be especially attentive around schools and areas where children are active. Drive like you would want other people to drive in front of your own home.*

INTERNATIONAL ROADCHECK 2018

This year, from June 5 through the 7th, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) International Roadcheck will once again be in full force. The CVSA will be conducting level 1 inspections on vehicles, which will cover vehicle mechanical issues as well as driver operating requirements. According to their website, this year's focus will be placed on **hours-of-service compliance**.

While it is always important to operate your commercial motor vehicle within FMCSA/DOT guidelines, driver and vehicle compliance will be carefully combed through by the CVSA inspectors during this time period.

In 2017, 32% of drivers placed out of service during the International Roadcheck were due to hours-of-service violations. Although the new electronic logging device mandate (which went into full effect last December) did not change any hours-of-service rules, it has brought them into the spotlight.

During the International Roadcheck campaign, drivers will be checked for seatbelt usage, asked to

provide their credentials and asked to show the inspector their previous 7-day electronic logs.

Vehicle inspections will include checking brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft components, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices, steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims and hubs, and windshield wipers. Upon passing the inspection, a CVSA decal will be applied to the vehicle indicating the vehicle successfully passed a decal-eligible inspection by a CVSA-certified inspector, so that inspection efforts are not duplicated.



Congratulations on your Milestone!

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

Timothy Mason, 15 years! Burlington Shop
Matthew Hays, 13 years! Burlington, IA
Michael Willis, 7 years! Wood River, IL
Kevin Hall, 6 years! Burlington, IA

Randi Gerling, 13 years! Human Resources Manager
Clay Crews, 12 years! General Manager
Donald Wyatt, 7 years! Burlington, IA

Employee Spotlight



Randi Gerling

Randi Gerling is the Human Resources Manager at W.W. Transport and is celebrating a 13-year anniversary with the company. Randi oversees everything from employee benefits and relations, to workman's comp and disability claims. "I enjoy helping people," she said when asked about the most enjoyable part of her job, "Whether it is just making a small travel arrangement, working with them through a personal disability claim, or just being that listening ear if they are having trouble." What keeps her motivated to work hard each day? Randi says she enjoys the workplace. "I enjoy working for Jeff Walters and Colin Wagenbach. W.W. Transport has grown incredibly over the last several years but remains the same small, family-oriented company. They care for their employees and their families." She says she considers her co-workers in the West Burlington office, family. Randi's advice for new employees at W.W. Transport is, "if you have questions that haven't been answered, please call me or someone in our corporate office. That's what we are here for!"

David Shryack

David Shryack is a dedicated team member of our bulk department at our Burlington Iowa terminal. David is predominantly an Over-the-Road truck driver for W.W. Transport and has travelled as far east as North Carolina, west as California, and even as far north as Canada. Hauling sugar, flour, and all other products, David has worked with W.W. Transport for over six years. "The pay ain't too bad." David said. Born and raised in the area, David's home town of Blandinsville, IL is a hop, skip, and a jump from the Burlington terminal. In the past David had spent time helping out other terminals across the U.S., but lately is a go-to driver when long haul loads need delivered. David said he likes being out on the road, sometimes spending as little as three to four days at home throughout the month, if needed. David's advice for new drivers entering the company and industry is simple but essential, "pay attention to what you're doing."

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