

# W.W. Transport INC.

## Safety Newsletter

November 2018



### OCTOBER SAFETY LEADERS

#### Congratulations to this month's Safety Leaders!

James Atterberry- Wood River, IL  
Rodney Eaton- Flatbed Burlington  
Daniel Johnson- North Texas  
Robert Lamarsh- Wood River, IL  
Leonard Schaefer- Cement Division  
Lucas Thompson- Burlington Shuttle  
Israel Zamora- South Texas

Douglas Davis- Wood River, IL  
Michael Harrod- Tampa, FL  
Edward La Bruyere- Wood River, IL  
Michael Rumble- Tampa, FL  
Ray Shroyer- Wood River, IL  
Terry Whitlow- Wood River, IL

Keep up the great work!

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This article provides safety information to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

*The three Ps of safe winter driving:*

**PREPARE** for the trip; **PROTECT** yourself; and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.  
**PREPARE**

**Maintain Your Vehicle:** Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

**Have on Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares), blankets, non-perishable food and water, medication, and cell phone.

**Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your truck, don't overexert yourself, shine lights, and if you run your truck run it just enough to stay warm.

**Plan Your route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/directions, and let others know your arrival time.

#### **PROTECT YOURSELF**

\* Buckle up!

#### **PREVENT CRASHES**

- \* Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- \* Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- \* Avoid fatigue – Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours.



## Winter Driving Tips



### PASSENGER POLICY: RIDER FORM UPDATE

A benefit that many drivers at W.W. Transport like to take advantage of is our Passenger Policy which allows any driver to have a passenger (of at least the age of 10) join them on the road. Starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the monthly cost will change from \$24.00 to \$25.00 per month. There will also be a change to the form required, these new forms will be sent to each terminal manager, please see them for the updated form.



**W.W.  
Transport  
INC.**  
**November  
Milestones**

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

Steve Roth, 16 years! Burlington Shop Manager  
Michael Wolf, 11 years! Columbus Tank Wash  
James White, 6 years! Wood River, IL  
Jeff Tepen, 5 years! Wood River, IL

Aaron Kahl, 14 years! Wood River Asst. Manager  
Henry Vandygriff, 10 years! Wood River Manager  
Hilton Strunk, 5 years! Martins Creek, PA



## Holiday Safety



This holiday season, at home or traveling, keep safety on the top of your to-do list. Here are a few reminders for staying safe:

- 1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.**  
Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- 2. Do not overload electrical outlets.**  
Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage into each outlet at a time.
- 3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.**  
More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.
- 4. Keep trees fresh by watering daily.**  
Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.
- 5. Use battery-operated candles.**  
Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).

- 6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.**  
A heat sources that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations (NFPA).
- 7. Protect cords from damage.**  
To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors and windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.
- 8. Check decorations for certification label.**  
Decorations not bearing a label from an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.
- 9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.**  
Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).
- 10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.**  
Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11pm and 7am (NFPA).

## Employee Spotlight

### Ethan Newingham



Ethan Newingham is a member of our Wood River Terminal where he works as a weekend technician in the wash bay. Ethan has been working with W.W. Transport for little under a year. He attends college full-time during the week and is studying Architectural Engineering. During the weekend, Ethan puts in 13-hour days at W.W. Transport, driving an hour each way. He says what he enjoys most about working at W.W. is, "It's not a stand around job, you have to stay busy." With limited staff around on the weekend, Ethan enjoys doing what he can to assist drivers with things they might need, such as finding and fixing trailer issues. "Ethan is always concerned about quality of work but is also always very productive. He's never afraid to roll with changes that the customers throw at us and is always a team player," Wood River Terminal Manager Henry Vandygriff said. Ethan's advice for new employees at W.W. Transport is, "Just show up and do your job, never be late."