



### SEPTEMBER SAFETY LEADERS

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

Bradley Boulton- Burlington Flatbed  
Chris Elliott- Wood River, IL  
Eugene Latham- Norcross, GA  
Ross McVey- Burlington, IA  
Jon Phillips- North TX  
Todd Smith- Martins Creek, PA  
Anthony Keenan- Burlington, IA

Dexter Cooper- Tampa, FL  
Morgan Johnson- Cedar Rapids, IA  
David McGinley- Martins Creek, PA  
Rodney Mifflin- Wood River, IL  
Christopher Priestley- Heavy Haul TX  
Michael Wood- Martins Creek, PA  
Mike West- Burlington, IA

Keep up the great work!

### "Slips and Falls"- Is it really a problem?



Most studies put "slips and falls" as responsible for 20 to 25 percent of all driver accidents. They are often the second-most costly (behind vehicle accidents). As a driver, you are exposed to this type of accident in several ways.

- When you either load or unload freight, you may get up or down from the trailer numerous times.
- When you are walking around your terminal and the customer's location.
- When you are getting in and out of your truck.

Like any injury, if prompt and proper medical treatment is not obtained, further injury may result, and the net result may be far worse than the original injury.

#### Handling Freight

- Note the lot or dock conditions where you load or unload.
- Take small and controlled steps when the area is muddy, icy or otherwise slick.
- Wear appropriate shoes with good soles.

#### Work surfaces in the office and on the lot

- Look for problems such as ice at doorways or steps, puddles, potholes, or material or trash that is stored where you want to walk.
- If the area is dark, use a flashlight, spotlight, or other means to find out where walking hazards are present.

#### Getting in and out of trucks

- Keep a three-point contact with your truck. Keep either one foot and two hands, or two feet and one hand in contact with the truck at all times. This allows you to catch yourself even when you slip.
- Keep your truck steps clean.
- Face your truck when getting in or out
- Never jump out. You cannot be sure of the footing where you will land.
- Wear footwear with good, non-slip soles.
- Don't use your fuel tank or other rounded surfaces as a step.
- In the winter, you may need to wear gloves to keep your hands warm and dry so they don't slip.

If you are injured, let management know, and get treatment promptly to prevent further injury.

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Transport  
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October  
Milestones

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

Carl Knoll, 26 years! Cement Division Manager  
Kevin Anderson, 18 years! Burlington Shop  
Stan Addis, 9 years! Safety Manager  
Jeffrey Ikerman, 8 years! Wood River Shop  
Michelle Murphy, 7 years! Burlington Corporate Office  
Tyler Huggins, 6 years! Director Safety/Compliance  
Ray Shroyer, 6 years! Wood River, IL  
Steven Street, 5 years! Camp Hill Manager

Lois Wiegard, 20 years! Reefer Division Dispatcher  
Rodney Eaton, 11 years! Flatbed Burlington  
James Atterberry, 8 years! Wood River, IL  
Edward La Bruyer, 7 years!- Wood River, IL  
Jani Garcia, 6 years! Burlington Corporate Office  
Kevin Massey, 6 years! Columbus, OH Manager  
Michael Harrod, 5 years! Tampa, FL

Roadside  
Inspections:  
Staying Violation  
Free



A driver reported this interaction after passing a roadside inspection with no violations:

I said: Gee thanks! You just got me \$50!

DOT Officer said: No! You earned yourself \$50! Congratulations! You got your act together!

The driver involved was quick to give credit to his terminal, terminal manager and the safety department for his clean inspection but, the DOT officer had a good point, the driver had earned his violation free report and gift card himself by making sure his vehicle was in good operating condition and he was driving in compliance with the Hours of Service rules. Ultimately, it is the driver's responsibility when something goes wrong, and credit to them when it goes right.

Roadside inspections can occur during any trip you take. Whether it is a roadside stop or a weigh station inspection, staying on top of your vehicle condition and your logging requirements can reward you with a \$50 gift card.

A few things to pay attention to are:

- Performing a pre-trip inspection**- Spend some time walking around your truck, check for audible leaks, check the tire inflation levels, and give your mirrors and windshield a good cleaning in preparation for your trip.
- Operating according to hours of service rules**- We know we have 11 hours drive time and 14 on-duty, but plan on when and where you will take that 30-minute break ahead of time.
- Learning how your E-log device works**- You should have instructions in your vehicle (DOT requirement), but take some time to read it. Educate yourself on the settings such as brightness level or sound level, and troubleshooting issues you might run into.
- Driving safely and legally**- Avoid inspections altogether by not getting pulled over. Wear your safety belt and stay within the speed limits posted. Stay off your phone and a hands-free device if you need to make a call.

## Employee Spotlight

### Jim Macans Burlington Bulk

Jim Macans is a member of our Burlington Bulk department and has been with W.W. Transport Inc. for nearly ten years. Jim is part of a legacy of W.W. drivers. Jim's Dad and Mom were some of W.W.'s very first drivers that 'team' drove as W.W. first expanded their operations, driving over the road and coast-to-coast for up to three months at a time. As the construction industry began to take its toll on him, Jim decided to start a career in the trucking industry, and is now a crucial part of our daily operations at W.W. Transport. Jim is on a dedicated route that delivers from Burlington to Council Bluffs, Iowa, shoots over to Red Oak, Iowa to load up on corn flour, then heads back to Burlington. The trip takes every bit of thirteen and a half hours and, to make it work, "everything has got to click," Jim says. Most days it clicks, some days however, it doesn't. Those days, Jim says, you have to expect. "Trucking is like Yin and Yang, you got to take the bad with the good. You learn to accept the bad because there twice as much good." Jim says what he likes most about working at W.W. Transport is the upper management. "They are remarkable, unbeatable. They make me feel as though I'm welcome here. You don't have that everywhere. They make me feel like I'm a part of the family." Jim's advice for new drivers is to focus on your mistakes. "When you do something wrong, you correct it, and turn that into a right. Learn by your mistakes."

Recently, Jim was able to save the company from a potential food safety hazard that could have been costly if it was not found. Jim received a relayed load and, in keeping with his commitment to food safety, he rechecked the seals and found that, though the bill of lading was correct, the seals were wrong. He was able to catch the irregularity with enough time for his dispatchers to troubleshoot the issue and avoid any delays. Jim's attention to detail helped maintain the continued integrity of W.W. Transport's food safety program.

