

# W.W. Transport INC.

## Safety Newsletter

September 2018



### AUGUST SAFETY LEADERS

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

Timothy Batchelor- Cement Division  
Michael Canter- Columbus, OH  
Brad Dean- Wood River, IL  
Kevin Fowler- Texas Flatbed  
William Gresham- Wood River, IL  
Dennis Millingen- Doraville, GA  
Jasper Palmer- Burlington, IA  
Dean Schneider- Burlington, IA  
Phillip Szentes- Cement Division

Bill Brown- Burlington, IA  
Harold Clark- Tampa, FL  
Arthur Ferguson- Tampa, FL  
Roy Gerst- Burlington, IA Flatbed  
Joey Maniego- Tampa, FL  
Daniel Osborne- Camp Hill, PA  
David Phillips- Columbus, OH  
Clair Shoop- Camp Hill, PA

Keep up the great work!

### Distracted Driving

CMV drivers are prohibited from texting while driving. So, what qualifies as texting? Texting means manually entering alphanumeric text into, or reading text from, an electronic device. This includes, but is not limited to, short message service, e-mailing, instant messaging, a command or request to access a Web page, or pressing more than a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication using a mobile phone. Do not type or read a text message while driving a CMV!

#### Use of mobile phones is restricted for CMV drivers

This ruling restricts a CMV driver from reaching for, or holding, a mobile phone to conduct a voice communication, as well as dialing by pressing more than a single button. CMV drivers who use a mobile phone while driving can only operate a hands-free phone located in close proximity. In short, the rule prohibits unsafely reaching for a device, holding a mobile phone, or pressing multiple buttons.

#### How can drivers use a mobile phone and still obey the rules?

- Locate the mobile phone so it is operable by the driver while restrained by properly adjusted safety belts.
- Utilize an earpiece or the speaker phone function.
- Use voice-activated or one-button touch features to initiate, answer, or terminate a call.

#### What happens if a driver is caught using a hand-held phone or texting while driving?

The rules impose sanctions for driver offenses, including civil penalties up to \$2,750 and disqualification for multiple offenses. Motor carriers are also prohibited from requiring or allowing their drivers to text or use a hand-held mobile phone while driving and may be subject to civil penalties up to \$11,000. Violations will impact SMS results. Texting and calling on a hand-held phone carry the worst possible violation severity weights against a driver's results.

#### What are the risks?

Besides penalties and possible disqualification, recent research shows that the odds of being involved in a safety-critical event (e.g., crash, near-crash, unintentional lane deviation) are 23.2 times greater for CMV drivers who text while driving than for those who do not. Texting drivers took their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, this equates to a driver traveling the approximate length of a football field — without looking at the roadway! For CMV drivers who dial a mobile phone while driving, the odds of being involved in a safety-critical event are six times greater than for those who do not.

#### Why take chances?

#### Driving While



**DISTRACTED**



#### Received a Violation-Free Inspection Report?

W.W. Transport Inc. appreciates your help in keeping our CSA scores low and maintaining a safe environment for everyone. By receiving inspection reports with zero violations, you are eligible for a **\$50 gift card**. Just turn your violation free report in with your paperwork or email it to [ireal@wwtransportinc.com](mailto:ireal@wwtransportinc.com) in the safety department and we will get a gift card sent out to your home address!

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

Christopher Elliott, 20 years!- Wood River, IL  
 Ross Mcvey, 13 years!- Burlington, IA  
 Thomas Chevalley, 8 years! Wood River, IL  
 Rodney Mifflin, 6 years! Wood River, IL  
 Kyle Newsome, 5 years! Columbus Shop

Mike West, 16 years!- Burlington, IA  
 Dexter Cooper, 8 years! Tampa, FL  
 Danny Swoap, 7 years! North Texas Manager  
 Eugene Latham, 6 years! Norcross, GA

## E-log: Instructions Required onboard CMV

If you have had a driver/vehicle inspection recently, then you probably were asked to show instructions on how to use your e-log device. This has long been a requirement when operating electronic logs, however, has been a recent focus for DOT officers during driver and vehicle examinations. Drivers are required to have onboard their vehicle: **instructions for electronic logging device and a back up set of paper logs.** Having the instructions for your e-log device will also assist you in knowing the 'ins and outs' of using your



On-board computer. Specifically, showing you how to:

- Transmit logs
- Make annotations to your log
- Update load and trailer information

To make it easier for the driver to access those instructions required during a DOT inspection, we have uploaded the instructions on our website [wwtransportinc.com](http://wwtransportinc.com). They can be located under the 'Safety' tab, on the page titled

'Driver Resources.' These instructions can be downloaded and printed, or accessed by a smartphone.

Under the 'Safety' tab, you can also find information regarding the Smart Drive camera system, in case you have questions on its features. You can even access previous newsletters under this 'Safety' tab.

For any questions, contact your dispatcher or the Safety Department.

## Employee Spotlight



**Dean Schneider**  
Burlington Bulk

Dean Schneider is a member of the Burlington Bulk Flour team in Iowa and has recently celebrated his 18-year anniversary with W.W. Transport, Inc. As a matter of fact, when Dean was looking for a job change, he decided to start his truck driving career driving with W.W. Transport, he has been here ever since. He says what he enjoys most about being a truck driver is the solitude, "I'm out here by myself, just me and the radio." Originally from the Wapello area, Dean grew up just an hour North of Burlington. Dean primarily drives a dedicated route, picking up flour from our Wood River terminal and hauling it back up to Burlington in support of the Shearer's Bakery in town. Dean thinks W.W. Transport is a "great place to work," he says, "I like the dispatchers and the employees here." Dean, one of our August Safety Leader's, has frequently helped train both new drivers and those acquiring their CDL-A with W.W. Transport. His advice for them is to stick with it, "you might get frustrated at times, I sure did, but if you stick with it, you'll get better at shifting and driving."

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