

W.W. Transport INC.

Safety Newsletter

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APRIL SAFETY LEADERS

Congratulations to this month's Safety Leaders!

Richard Dennis- Ogden, UT
Corwin Jones- Doraville, GA
James Macans- Burlington, IA
Michael McLaughlin- Newton, NC
James Rosa- Commerce City, CO
Tim Weber- Commerce City, CO
Joel Young- Cement Division

Curtis Dunse- Wood River, IL
Daniel Krueger- Wood River, IL
Robert Macropoulos- Wood River, IL
Allan Mettille- Cement Division
James Spears- Refrigerated Division
Jesse Whitson- Burlington, IA

Keep up the great work!



CVSA Intl. Roadcheck June 4-6

On June 4th the yearly Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) International Roadcheck will begin. Over the course of 3 days, inspectors will primarily conduct Level 1 inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers.

Once a year the CVSA places a special emphasis on a category of violations. This year that category will be **steering and suspension systems** as a reminder of their importance to highway safety.

The Level 1 inspection is a 37 -step procedure many drivers will be accustomed to. This inspection also includes driver operating requirements such as CDL credentials, medical certification status, and hours-of-service compliance. During this time, it is important to

ensure that you are operating within regulations including: an updated electronic log book, e-log manual in vehicle, and a backup book of paper logs.

If you are pulled in for an inspection, be courteous to the inspector, it may go a long way as inspectors can opt to conduct a Level 2 walk-around driver/vehicle inspection, Level 3 driver/credential/administration inspection or Level 5 vehicle-only inspection, which will get you back on the road quicker if no violations are found.

If you receive a violation free inspection on a Level 1 or Level 5, a CVSA Decal will be applied to your vehicle to indicate you have passed a 'decal eligible' inspection conducted by a CVSA certified inspector.

Bear in mind, if you receive a violation free inspection during this 3-day period, or anytime during the year, you are eligible to receive a \$50 gift card. Make sure that you send in a copy to your manager to be submitted to the safety department. Upon verification, you will receive your gift card in the mail.

The inspections performed during this 3-day period are no different from those performed each day during the year. Compliance with FMCSA regulations are key when operating your commercial motor vehicle to maintain the integrity of a safe environment on the highway for yourself and others.

Left Hand Turns

Whether leaving a customer after a delivery or simply driving through an intersection, a left turn is a fact of life for a professional driver. If you're reading this, odds are that you have performed a left-hand turn at some point in your life. Left turns in tractor-trailers can be extra tricky. According to data collected by New York City's transportation planners, left-turns are three times more likely to kill pedestrians than right turns. Furthermore, a study by the US National Highway Traffic Safety Association shows that left-turn incidents account for 61 percent of crashes, as opposed to 3.1 percent of crashes involving right hand turns.

So, what factors create such a disparity in the amount of crashes involved in left- and right-hand turns?

Well, for starters, a left-hand turn requires more time for a tractor-trailer to clear the intersection. Tractor-trailers, especially loaded ones, will accelerate slowly, requiring even more time to clear an intersection and get up to speed with traffic. A driver must choose a suitably large gap in traffic with all factors in mind.

In any turn, a truck with trailer will require more space, sometimes even requiring crossing over into an oncoming traffic's lane. For this

reason, a driver must ensure that all lanes to be used are clear of traffic to avoid a crash. Left turns must be started further in an intersection to avoid curbing the tires, as well as avoiding signs, posts, or lights on a median.

Making a safe left turn ultimately requires patience. Never try to force a driver to slow down or stop for you. Use a turn signal and slow down so drivers behind you are aware of your intentions and to keep your center balance through a turn. Before turning, double check your intended path for pedestrians, motorcycles or obstructions, especially when visibility is limited. Lastly, when setting up for a turn, assume traffic is driving over the speed limit. Giving yourself a little extra room might take more time, but, as the old adage goes, "it's better to be safe than sorry."

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

Timothy Mason, 16 years! Burlington Shop
Matthew Hays, 14 years! Burlington Shuttle
Donald Wyatt, 8 years! Burlington, IA
Richard Klinge, 5 years! Martins Creek, PA

Randi Gerling, 14 years! Human Resources Administrator
Clay Crews, 13 years! General Manager
Kevin Hall, 7 years! Burlington Shuttle

Slow Moving Accidents

As a professional truck driver, you are asked to be constantly aware of what other drivers on the road may be doing and how to anticipate and change your speed or direction to cope with hazards presented to you. It is a necessity of the job. What a lot of drivers (even experienced ones) lose sight of is how common slow-moving hazards happen such as those that may occur in parking lots or intersections. It is common for a driver to overlook the dangers of in-the-yard or parking lot accidents because the traffic tends to be lighter and speeds tend to be slower. With stationary object collision accidents accounting for approximately two-thirds of trucking accidents, parking lots, yards and intersections may sometimes require extra attention to avoid unnecessary damage and may save you time in the long run. Some basic accidents you may encounter in parking lots or around yards are:

- Collision with stationary or even fixed objects
- Vehicle collisions
- Intersections collisions
- Slipping and falling

Avoid distractions

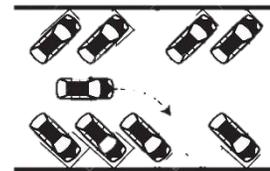
A large number of accidents happen because the driver is working on other things while operating in parking lots or on the yard such as: paper work, checking e-log devices, checking phone messages or calling their dispatcher. While it is understandable that a driver may want to multi-task due to usually being on a tight schedule, an accident will only hinder that and create more of a headache and time delay for the driver.

Focus on these tips to avoid striking fixed objects while maneuvering around parking lots and yards:

- Approach slowly.
- Scan the area you are approaching, including looking up for overhead hazards.
- Get out and look: it's not just for backing.
- Keep flashers on and drive slowly to make it easy to hop out for a quick perception and hazard check.
- Avoid backing up altogether if you don't have to.

- If necessary, when backing, use a spotter that is available and knowledgeable. Otherwise, get out and look to make sure your path is clear.
- When turning, use your mirrors to see whether or not your vehicle is properly tracking and not going to hit something.

Reinspect your surroundings periodically during long backs or in a tight lot, or as needed. Remember, can never be too safe. A 30-second check on your surroundings can end up saving you hours of time and keep you safe and on schedule.



Employee Spotlight



Ray Elliott
Wood River, IL

Ray Elliott is the Tank Wash Manager for our Wood River Terminal. Born and raised in Alton, IL, Ray's hometown actually borders Wood River. Ray has been working for W.W.

Transport for over 5 years now including a couple years under his belt delivering bulk flour in Tampa, FL for W.W. As Ray began working with W.W., he quickly picked up on things and when he saw an opportunity to do more, he took it, working his way up to be a lead supervisor in the tank wash and eventually, Tank Wash Manager. In his

day to day, Ray is focused on preparation, coming in early and staying late to prepare his tank wash employees for the day to come, "I like to set the guys on the floor up, to keep the trailers clean and keep the work moving." Ray said. Throughout the day Ray has a few other duties he looks after including training in dispatch and, with his background in diesel mechanics, he personally addresses mechanical issues that may come up with tank wash equipment. Ray's advice to new employees is to communicate, "Communication is key to the team atmosphere, if we don't know what's on your mind, we can't assist." Specifically, for tank wash employees he says, "it gets hot, so stay hydrated." Ray adds, W.W. is a "very good company to work for and has been very good to me, I feel like a part of the family, it makes it easy to put in the hours too.



Darby Sanders
Cleveland, OH

Darby Sanders is a member of our Cleveland Terminal and has been a driver with W.W. Transport for approximately 1 year. Darby lives in Euclid, Ohio which is about fifteen minutes from Cleveland. Nurani, his terminal manager, says

Darby is a driver he can depend on, Darby "picks up extra loads to help out while we are short on drivers." In his past life, Darby has worked in fabrication of parts for jet engines as well as heart valve stints used

in surgeries, a meticulous job requiring special attention to detail. He has carried that attention to detail over to his career as a truck driver. Darby is currently following a dream of being a trucker he's had since he was a kid, "It's never too late." He says. He's also spent 2 years as an OTR refrigerated division driver in the past, but enjoys the home time he gets with W.W. Transport. In his off time, Darby enjoys bowling, staying active in his church community, and spending time with his lovely wife Teresa of 12 years. The advice Darby give to new drivers is to "pay attention to being safe, always watch where your trailer is going so you don't hit anything. Just think *safety*."