

# W.W. Transport INC.

## Safety Newsletter

October 2019



### SEPTEMBER SAFETY LEADERS

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

Dexter Cooper- Tampa, FL  
Bryan Jenks- Ogden, UT  
Rodney Mifflin- Wood River, IL  
Terry Trail- Cement Division

Christopher Elliott- Wood River, IL  
Ross McVey- Burlington, IA  
Christopher Priestley- Heavy Haul  
Anthony Keenan- Burlington, IA

Keep up the great work!

## Winter Driving Tips

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.



### DEER SAFETY DRIVING TIPS

During the breeding season bucks will be chasing does across roads and highways, and hunters often push deer into moving across roads. The time period between early October and December, includes not only hunting season, but when crops are being harvested. These activities may result in deer being displaced from their fields.

Here are 10 safety tips to stay ahead of the 'game':

- Wear seat belts and drive at the posted speed limits.
- Drive with extreme caution in areas where deer crossing signs are posted.
- Dusk and dawn are high risk time periods.
- If you see one deer on a road or highway, expect that there will be more.
- Don't totally rely on deer whistles and high-beam headlights to deter deer.
- Driving with high-beam lights on will illuminate the eyes of the deer to allow for maximum response time.
- Don't swerve your vehicle to avoid hitting a deer. (Although this may be odd; but if a collision with a deer is inevitable, it is important to maintain control of the vehicle.)
- Avoid braking at impact, this does not preclude braking before impact. (Some experts say that this will make the car go down, so that the deer is more likely to pass under the car as opposed to hitting the windshield.)
- Report any deer-vehicle collisions to local authorities
- Stay alert, awake and sober.



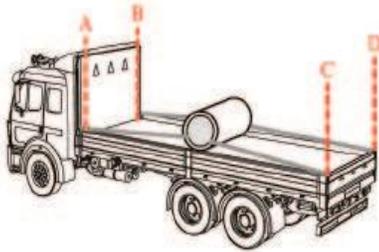
## October Milestones

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

Carl Knoll- 27 years! Cement Division Manager  
Kevin Anderson- 19 years! Burlington Shop  
Stan Addis- 10 years! Safety Manager  
Edward La Bruyere- 8 years! Wood River, IL  
Jani Garcia- 7 years! Burlington Office  
Kevin Massey- 7 years! Columbus Manager  
Steven Street- 6 years! Camp Hill Manager  
Sheldon Macans- 5 years! Burlington Shop

Lois Wiegard- 21 years! Refrigerated Division  
Rodney Eaton- 12 years! Flatbed Division  
Jeff Ikerman- 9 years! Wood River Shop  
Michelle Murphy- 8 years! Burlington Office  
Tyler Huggins- 7 years! Safety/Claims  
Ray Shroyer- 7 years! Wood River, IL  
Hilton Strunk- 6 years! Martins Creek, PA

## Cargo Securement



Anything and everything carried on a truck must be properly secured to prevent loss of control or falling cargo from injuring drivers, passengers, or pedestrians. While safe cargo securement principles (and of course regulations) apply to every single item carried for delivery, they also apply to anything else on the truck, including dunnage, tools, and equipment you need to get your job done. Shovels, blocks, webbing, chains, spare tires, brooms, forklifts, pallet jacks, winches, ratchets, etc., all must be secured.

Regulations require tie-downs to be attached and secured in a manner that prevents it from becoming loose, unfastening, opening, or releasing while the vehicle is in transit. But over time, tie-downs can become worn, torn or damaged. Make sure you inspect tie-downs for damage.

There may be best practices, established by consensus by those who haul what you're hauling, that are worth following. If your shipment is more unique, do your research. Find out what works best, but always make sure your load is properly contained, immobilized and secured that it cannot leak, spill, blow off, fall from, fall through or otherwise be dislodged from the vehicle, or shift upon or within the vehicle to such an extent that the vehicles stability or maneuverability is affected.

## *Texting and 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?**