
SST NEWS & NOTES

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Come join us at the office for our Potluck Christmas if you are in town!!! Please RSVP by December 19th with your food item you will be bringing, and so we make sure to have enough food for all! Employees and spouses (+1) are welcome! December 20th at 11:30! 😊😊

From us here to everyone out there...

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



ATTACHMENTS:

- ✓ NV Alliance for Uniform Hazmat Transportation Permit (NV, MI, MN, OH, OK and many more states)
- ✓ Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- ✓ Smart Driver-Professionalism
- ✓ Living Right
- ✓ Yard Codes Update

(See next page for our recent raffle winners!!)

Reminder, any employee wishing to donate towards Montes Christmas gift, I need your written authorization into the office immediately. (In order to do payroll deduction from your check, I must have a written authorization FROM YOU to deduct). I will be posting these in on Monday to deduct from the 12-30-16 payroll. Please contact me ASAP if you wish to contribute and have not done so already. We put the money towards Montes golf membership for the upcoming year. Golfing is Monte's guilty pleasure away from trucking and he is very grateful each year....so SSSSHHHHH.

Thank you!



Over 11k Warnings, Citations Issued To Truckers During Safe Driver Week

(ccjdigital.com)

Law enforcement issued nearly 21,000 warnings and citations to commercial trucks and buses, as well as passenger cars, during the CVSA Operation Safe Driver Week Oct 16-22 earlier this year.

Of the 20,648 total warnings and citations issued: 11,182 of them were to commercial vehicle drivers, including 6,078 warnings and 5,104 citations.

The top 5 warnings and citations issued to drivers were moving violations (56.7%), speeding (19.6%), failure to obey traffic control device (7.6%), failing to use a seatbelt (7.1%), and using a handheld phone (2.4%). Following too closely and improper lane changes were also among the top violations.

Top violations for cars were: speeding and moving violations, combining to account for 76.5% of the 9,466 warnings and citations issued.

"This year, the Operation Safe Driver Week campaign specifically targeted the unsafe driving behaviors that are more often the cause of crashes," said CVSA President Julius Debuschewitz. "Through a variety of high-visibility and covert driver traffic enforcement initiatives, in addition to driver education and outreach activities, law enforcement agencies capitalized on the opportunity the weeklong campaign provided to continue their work toward making sure the drivers on our nations roadways are sharing and navigating those roadways safely."

Notes from the desk of Helen.....

Merry Christmas to all. We hope everyone has a blessed and joyous holiday season. Remember Christ is the Reason for the Season. Welcome our new drivers if you see them! Jeff Larrow, Lex Duncan, Mike Mayer, Danny Mehlhaff, Lora Manning and John Milder! Welcome to our little family!

Drivers, PLEASE, do not drop a trailer with a flat (Worn/bald) tire. (A minor nail problem ruined a tire as it was not repaired immediately). Also trailer lights-some have been ripped out of the top of the trailers??? For WHY? If you have equipment that has these problems, take care of them. Do not leave them for the next driver. Contact dispatch for repair information. Refer to 'Notes from Helen' items 1-4 on the Nov 18 2016 Volume 1 issue 10 Newsletter.

This being the season of Snow, Ice, Wind, Cold Weather and Wind Chill, please adjust to the driving conditions and plan ahead for your travel time. Drive Safely, slowdown in bad weather and of course if it is white out blizzard conditions STOP and PULL OVER in a safe location. BE AWARE of the weather conditions around you and where you are going. Let dispatch know if you encounter any problems. Keep extra warm clothing, food, and water in the truck with you.

Again, during training one of the items mentioned is to make sure you are CALIFORNIA LEGAL. When you pickup a load CALIFORNIA bound, please double check that you are legal.

Per attached information from the CCJ, Top citations and warnings were: speeding, failure to obey traffic control devices, failure to use seatbelt, using handheld devices, following too closely and improper lane changes. Please do not let this be you! BE PROFESSIONAL!! BE COURTEOUS!! BE SAFE!! AND BUCKLE UP!!

We wish you the best in the coming New Year, HOPE, JOY, FAITH, and most of all LOVE.

Helen

PAPERWORK, AND ZIPLOC BAGS.....GO TOGETHER LIKE TRUCKS AND DRIVERS:

PAPERWORK SHOULDN'T BE ALL WET AND SOGGY,

REMEMBER TO PLACE IT IN A BAGGY WITH A TIGHT ZIP-LOCK-Y ☺

DRIED AND CRINKLY PAPERWORK FROM THE PREVIOUS WATER DAMAGE, REFLECTS POORLY FOR SST. THIS DOES NOT REFLECT PROFESSIONALISM WITHIN OUR COMPANY.

PLEASE PLACE PAPERWORK IN LARGE ZIPLOC BAGS WHEN LEAVING IN THE BACK OF TRAILERS.

IF OUR CUSTOMERS CANNOT READ THE DELIVERING PAPERWORK THEY MAY CHOOSE NOT TO PAY SST FOR LACK OF LEGIBLE PAPERWORK.

IF YOU NEED LARGE ZIP TIGHT BAGGIES PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ARRANGEMENTS. (P.S. THEY ARE REUSABLE ☺)

CONGRATS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS:



Ron Jones Winner of a Zip Up SST Hoodie Allan Luttinen Winner of a JJ Keller Duffel Bag Terry Mickelsen Winner of a \$50 Best Western Gift Card Mark Alvarado Winner of a 1:64 scale International Pro model truck Chad Strain Winner of a \$25 Texas Roadhouse gift card!

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SMART DRIVER[®] November 2016

Professionalism

“Earned. Never given.” is a phrase used by the Marine Corps to describe the golden eagle, anchor, and globe emblem presented to all graduates of basic military training. This emblem is worn proudly by Marines and reflects the hard work, dedication, skill, and self-discipline exhibited during the grueling 13-week program. However, every service member will attest that the standards for professionalism only go up after graduation. Wearing the uniform of the United States military carries an obligation to conduct oneself with honor, integrity, and accountability.

The same standards of professionalism apply to civilians as well, especially professional truck drivers. From physical appearance and safe driving behaviors to customer service and turning in required paperwork on time and accurately, a professional truck driver can cast a positive image on himself or herself as well as their employer and the trucking industry as a whole. This personal branding has a profound impact on every driver’s livelihood. As motor carriers compete for business and try to attract new drivers to the industry, the professionalism of current drivers can play a big role in the company’s success. A clean-cut, well-mannered driver with an exemplary safety record creates a positive image to shippers and receivers, which can help increase revenue and decrease losses. This level of professionalism, in turn, can potentially lead to better pay and benefits, increased home time, newer equipment, and an “esprit de corps” shared with a new era of knights of the road.



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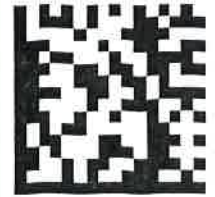
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