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CVSA's 2017 International Roadcheck Enforcement Event to Take Place June 6-8 with Special Emphasis on Cargo Securement

Read up on last payroll's newsletter with the details of how to make your roadside inspection pass with flying colors!!



Reminder!!!! Reminder!!!!

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE: THE DRIVER WITH THE MOST CLEAN ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$100 CASH!!!! GO GET THOSE INSPECTIONS AND EARN YOURSELF SOME SPARE CASH ☺

Money money money!!!!

Notes from the desk of Helen.....

Due to changes in family members please find a contact form for person or persons YOU WOULD LIKE NOTIFIED in case of an emergency. Please complete and return. This gives us permission to share details in case of an emergency. Also if any of those 'loved ones' wish to travel with you in the truck, they must be 12 years old, and you must obtain a passenger policy (and approval) from me.

CHECK IN-IT'S THE LEAST YOU CAN DO: If you are here in the Gering yard, please come in and say hi! Who know we might have something for you, or it could be a FOOD DAY and you could stop in for some snacks! We promise we do not always make you watch updates with the videos ☺

This also holds true when you are picking up or delivering-remember to check in with the customer, that way the customers is aware and has acknowledged your presence.

Oh Blitz! The 2017 72 Hour Blitz is here again: June 6-8 is the DOT 72 hour Level 1 inspection blitz. Ensure all your paperwork, permits, driver qualifications, truck and trailer information, are all up to date. PLEASE if you need inspections or permits please contact the

Safety Tip: GOAL

Get Out And Look

When backing: your truck is a high profile vehicle, always check that no one is parked or stopped behind you. If you are stopping at a truck stop for the night try to drive into the parking place instead of backing.

TSA WARNS Be Diligent: What this means for you, be aware. TSA is warning with the recent terrorist 'Ramming Attacks' with trucks, that trucks could be a hijacking target. TSA is asking drivers to please maintain a "High level of Alertness". This would include:

- ✓ Park in secure locations
- ✓ Report suspicious activity
- ✓ Lock your vehicle, Padlock your trailer
- ✓ Do not pickup hitchhikers, or strangers
- ✓ Know your route
- ✓ Straps and cargo securement for flatbeds

appropriate person to get you up to date! When picking up a new trailer-CHECK THE PAPERWORK AND INSPECTION documents! You are the responsible person, not 'the other guy'.

Keep in mind that even though it is a blitz on cargo securement you still need to keep your seatbelts on, and keep an eye on your driving. This includes:

- ✓ Speeding
- ✓ Following too close to the vehicle in front of you for conditions, speed.
- ✓ Distracted driving: no cell usage, eating, trying to write things down...?
- ✓ Professionalism-yes we are going to mention that again. Make your mothers proud. ☺
- ✓ Placards-Ultimately your responsibility. You carry a hazardous materials endorsement on your license, guess what that means-the officer wants YOU!
- ✓ Is your trailer clean and ready to be loaded by the customer? Or will you have to wait for another load due to trailer rejection? This includes maintenance before arriving at the customer as well.



Summertime (we think) is here: Anyone driving the midwest this last week, you probably beg to differ with me. ☺ Summer is coming please remember to keep yourself hydrated and cool. Do not let your body overheat. Wear sunblock, and keep water close. Summer also brings out ticks, fleas, chiggers (for you Oklahoma folks), and mosquitos-wear long sleeves, and pants whenever possible. Protect yourself against lyme disease, west nile, zika and spotted tick fever. Happy trails to you!!!! Drive to arrive ☺

Don't forget to check out www.smithsystems.us for permits, newsletters and more! Plus if you submit a picture of your truck to Sharisa we can add it to the webpage! We are always growing if there is anything you would like to see on our webpage or in the notes please email sharisa@smithsystems.us

Attachments:

- **Family Release Contact Form**
If you want us to provide information to them- It might be a good idea to return this to Helen.
- **Michigan Liquid Industrial Waste Permit** This covers Michigan Liquid Waste, your NV Alliance permit covers the Hazardous Waste.
- **California Department of Toxic Substances Control Hazardous Waste Permit**
Required for Hazardous Waste in the State of California. California is tough enough, be sure to get this in your truck so you have it when you are at the port.

