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Mothers Day is May 14, 2017

Please remember in all aspects of life:
Honesty and Integrity will go a long way.
Make your mom proud!

Your Professionalism at the customers yard, on the highway, at road checks and namely everywhere is appreciated. Be upbeat and Think positive!

**SAFETY
REMINDER:
WHEN CLIMBING
INTO YOUR
TRAILER, PLEASE
GET OUT THE
SAME WAY YOU
GOT IN- USE
YOUR 3 POINT
CONTACT. DO
NOT JUMP FROM
THE BACK OF THE
TRAILER- 3
POINTS OF YOUR
BODY SHOULD BE
TOUCHING THE
TRAILER AT ALL
TIMES. ☺**



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

Each year the CVSA International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. This year's focus is cargo securement. While checking for compliance with safe cargo securement regulations is always part of roadside inspections, CVSA is highlighting cargo securement safety this year as a reminder of its importance to highway safety.

Inspectors will primarily be conducting the **standard Level I inspection** which is the most thorough roadside inspection. It is a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of both driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. Drivers are required to provide items such as: drivers license, HOS documentation, motor carrier registration, shipping documentation. Also inspectors will be checking drivers for seat belt usage and the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. The inspection includes checking brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices (required lamps), steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims and hubs, and windshield wipers.

International Roadcheck is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial motor vehicles in the world, with nearly 17 trucks inspected on average. (cvsa.org)

Even though the event focuses on cargo securement LEVEL 1 inspections cover everything! As a driver you need to ensure that EVERYTHING on your unit (truck and trailer) is up to date and in compliance. Remember you receive a CASH bonus for ALL clean roadside inspections ☺

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 ☺

Notes from the desk of Helen.....

Good morning! Don't forget your Mother for Mother's Day! Take a moment to make her feel special! Reminder with Roadcheck coming up to please have your annual inspections on the truck and trailer current, keep your logs up to date, permit books, CDL and Medical cards current, your CDL and Medical Cards current/2016 Emergency response guidebook in the door pocket within arms reach with your seatbelt on, Keep you seat belt fastened until the officer advises you to remove it.



IF you are involved in an accident, remember to get photos of license plates, truck and trailer #'s. Close up photos of the damage are very helpful. Notate any previous damage so that we are not responsible. Photograph the surrounding area, get the drivers name, phone #, insurance information, and call me asap! I will need to know the location fo the accident, weather and road conditions, number of people in all vehicles and if there are any injuries. I must be notified immediately to determine if post accident testing is needed. Please remember to remain calm and be diligent.

PRE TRIP & POST TRIP INSPECTIONS: This is part of your job and a requirement as an employee of Smith Systems Transportation, Inc. ****THE FMCSA requires you to conduct a pre-trip inspection each time a CMV is put on the road**** We recently had a driver written up for not conducting his pre-trip and reflecting it on his daily log. This reflects on your records and ours, let's work to keep the records clean.

DEER OH DEAR! Oh DEAR! DEER HAPPENS!!!! Remember if you have a deer cross the roadway while you are driving- PLACE THE TRUCK IN NEUTRAL AND DECELERATE!! DO NOT SWERVE! Sadly it is safer for you and others around you if you keep your truck straight headed for the deer. If you will be driving where there may be deer you need to adjust you speed for the conditions around you.



Also, hopefully you read at the bottom of the previous page. We are upping the anti for the ROADCHECK 2017. FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE- The driver with the most CLEAN roadside inspections. (NO VIOLATIONS FOUND AND NO VIOLATIONS NOTED!!!) will receive an extra \$100 cash in their pocket!!! This is in addition to our usual roadside inspection bonuses! If we can get a bunch of clean inspections towards our count they will decrease the amount they pull us in beginning in July! Regretfully if we get a bunch of violations we will really have to buckle down as the pull ins will continue. So lets work together and see who can get the most CLEAN INSPECTIONS!!!

One last quick reminder if you have hearing aids you must carry extra batteries, or if you have glasses you need an extra pair if something were to happen to the ones you are wearing! ☺

Happy trails to you!!!!!! Drive to arrive ☺



Always believe something wonderful is going to happen. Even with all the ups and downs, never take a day for granted. Smile, cherish the little things and remember to hug the ones you really love.