



PBI Safety Newsletter

Spring, 2017

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Safe Driving Awards

Awards were given out as a part of the Safety Meeting in Chicago on February 25th, 2017.

Yousef Qasem
10 years

Nabil Lakrone
8 years

Viorel Calin
5 years

Nathaniel Trent
4 Years

Giedrius Tijusas
4 years

Rafael Mozo
3 years

James Wright
3 years

Florin Anton
3 years

Khader Shahein
3 years

Juan Murillo
2 years

Val Kamen
2 years

Thank you for your service to PBI, and your safe driving!

Trucking during warm weather months:

With nice weather just around the corner, it's easy to put your windows down and enjoy the warm breeze while driving down the highway. But with this warm weather comes new hazards to watch for. Keep an eye out for the following hazards, and prepare accordingly. Let's all have a safe spring!

Rain: Roads can be slick or even flood easier during the spring, so take caution when driving in areas with rain.

Increased Traffic: Roads may be more packed with traffic, so leave time for deliveries, and leave space for safety.

Motorcycle Traffic: Take extra caution when driving during the springtime to take two looks during lane changes, and give a wide berth for motorcycles.

Animals: Be aware that animal populations increase during spring.



Habits of Professional Drivers:

Drivers face a number of challenges every day, and professional drivers are equipped to handle those challenges. Safety personnel are tasked with training and preparing drivers for whatever lies ahead of them, and defensive driving is the number one way to prevent accidents. Here are 7 tips to driving like a professional:

Drive at an appropriate speed: Don't just drive the speed limit. Commercial motor vehicles require care when operating around curves or inclement weather, so be sure to lower your speed accordingly.

Traffic Signs: Signs are on the road for a reason. Look at all signs for important information, especially signs that warn of future hazards or lane conditions. Be proactive and act early, rather than reacting later.

Traffic Lights: Traffic lights do not all operate on the same timing. To combat being caught in a bad situation by a quick changing yellow light, approach all "stale" green lights (lights that you did not watch change to green) with your foot off the throttle and covering the brake.

Turn Signals: A turn signal warns other drivers of where a truck is moving, and provides a clear visual to all drivers around you where you intend to go.

General Awareness: It's easy to use the size of your vehicle to assert your position on the road, but remember that the rules of the road apply to vehicles of all size. Always check around your vehicle, and provide space on all 4 sides.

Parking Appropriately: Professional drivers are courteous and park in a way that takes as few parking lanes as possible. They also make sure that doors are secured, and don't cut too short when exiting a lane.

Don't misuse travel time: Once a trip is planned, drivers make the best use of that time by driving efficiently and as quickly and safely as possible. If you're ahead to start the day, it minimizes the need for speeding or other dangerous driving habits.

Driver Anniversaries:

January Anniversaries:

Fernando Garcia: 7 years
Sean Head: 4 years
John Oliver: 4 years
Luis Hernandez: 2 years
Keith McDonald: 1 years
Steven McClardy: 1 years

February Anniversaries:

Gregory Hills: 13 years
Cedric Walton: 3 years
Reginald Ross: 3 years
Jaime Valladares: 1 years
Jermarco Williams: 1 years

March Anniversaries:

Constantin Iancu: 21 years
Chris Grandberry: 1 year
Charles Keyes: 1 year

Welcome Aboard!

New Hires since January 2017:

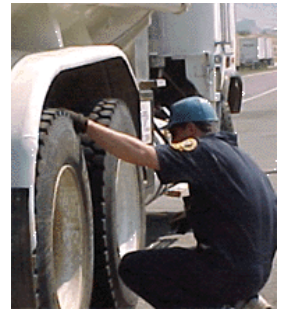
Sean Campbell
Clifford Rogers
Hubert Seals
Corbey Jackson
Efren Thomas
David Mitchell
Iyane Dia
Brian Padilla
Jerson Villena
Ernest Henry
Chanton Jones
Alexander Wideman
Zsa Zsa Lovett
Quazzee Johnson
James Autman
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Terminal Tractor Inspections:

Many drivers have already begun this process, but just as a reminder to everyone, ALL terminals will be conducting light inspections on all trucks to ensure the lamps are working properly. All lights must still be inspected as part of Pre-trips and post-trip inspections, and all defects must be marked on the pre/post trips and the DVIR.



Love's Truck Stop - TIREPASS Check:

All drivers are required to for by any Love's location for a Tirepass once a month – Please make sure that you're using PBI account to pay for the inspection by providing your VIN#.

Tread Wear Indicator Bars:

Another indicator of worn out tread already lives in your tires themselves. Every performance, light truck, or medium commercial tire comes equipped with indicator bars (or wear bars) embedded between the tread ribs at 2/32". They're there to help you monitor tread depth and make decisions about tire replacement. Just look to see if the tread is flush with the indicator bars. If they are, it's time to replace the tire.

Steer Tires DOT Minimum Tire Depth in every major groove is 4/32 (PBI requires 5/32)
Drive Tires DOT Minimum Tire Depth in every major groove is 2/32 (PBI requires 3/32)

Don't Wait Until it's Too Late:

While the penny tire test does deliver on what it promises – indicating whether tread has reached the legal limit – it may not be the best indicator of whether your tires are safe for the road. Tire performance can diminish significantly before your tread hits 2/32" (Drive Axle). Even though the law deems fit for safe driving may not prevent you from hydroplaning or losing control in rainy, slushy conditions. If you think your tires may be close to needing replacement, have them checked out by a licensed mechanic.

NOTE: Companies that have a bad CSA Score or drivers with bad attitudes are much more likely to get a citation. Do a proper pre-trip inspection, make sure repairs are made, and have a friendly attitude until after the officer has left. It will be better and cheaper for PBI as well as YOU.

Hours of Service Reminder:

Rest break violations and log falsification are still the two main issues we have with Hours of Service (HOS). We have sent out messages regarding both issues, but we wanted to give you a few tips to avoid violations.

REST BREAKS:

Set a goal time for your break when you start your day

If running low on time, take your rest break before entering Construction areas, Heavy Traffic areas, and rails/ports where you may spend more time on duty than expected.

LOG FALSIFICATION

Any time you spend that is not strictly personal is considered on duty/driving time. Keep in mind that no matter what you are doing before or after you fuel (even if it is personal time), actual time spent fueling is considered ON DUTY time.

Safety and PBI would like thank the Memphis drivers for continuing to reduce their HOS violations. They received smallest number of HOS violations for JAN and FEB 2017. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to Safety!