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TAKE A SECOND FOR SAFETY

January 3, 2017 Week 1

“Safety Priority One”

Topics: Protect your CDL/Roadsides

BME / ACE CSA Violations

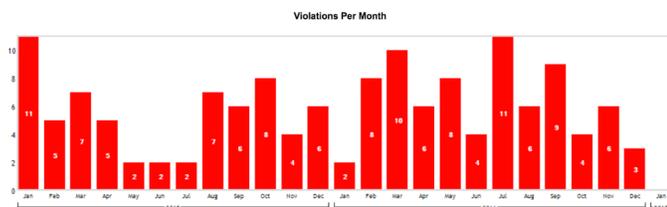
Happy New Year

As we start 2017 we are going to make this the year we remove all alerts from all companies. In order to do this, we must eliminate the majority of the roadside violations we continue to receive. We must not accept any excuses for poor planning and being unprepared for inspections. Below are the inspections we received for the last week of 2016. As you can see we continue to get vehicle maintenance, HOS, and unsafe violations. We will never remove the alert if we do not prevent these. Please communicate to all drivers this will not be tolerated as we move into 2017.

Name	VH	Dispatcher	Points
Archie Bryant		Unsafe	5
Jimmy Daugherty		Clean	
James Lawrence		Clean	
Anthony Rainey		Vehicle Maintenance	2
Ernest Weed		Unsafe	7
John Southern		Clean	
David Mcleod		Unsafe	5
David Mcleod		Vehicle Maintenance	3
Arthur Radford		Vehicle Maintenance	2
Omar Hernandez		Clean	
Lewis Porter		Clean	
David Riddle		Clean	
Bradley Dimon		Clean	
Allen Peaden		Clean	
Danny Misso		Vehicle Maintenance	12
Deborah Benfatta		Clean	
Paul Lipari		Vehicle Maintenance	2
Robert Kammer		Clean	
Erupides Marquez		Clean	
Eyegarge Payne		Unsafe	4
Truman Hardin		Clean	
Robert Mattair		Clean	
Bryant Landry		Clean	
Larry Mickens		Vehicle Maintenance	7

Unsafe Violations

As you can see above we had four unsafe violations last week which totaled eight for the month. The safety event group changes once we reach 149 violations in this basic. With the addition of the eight for December and having two dropping off we still remain very close to surpassing the threshold on this basic (147). The good news is we have a great chance to change this as we should lose eleven violations this month. So, if we have a good January we can lower this score and work the violation count well below the next event group. In order for this to happen, we must communicate to all drivers the importance of maintaining a safe speed and not receiving any moving violation.



Reminder!!!!!! Do you know someone who should be our next Safety Hero? Send me an email at randall.vernon@bennettig.com to nominate someone.

How to Protect Your CDL

For anyone who makes their living as a commercial driver, losing their CDL would be as devastating as an attorney being disbarred or a doctor being decertified. It completely changes how you'd need to make a living. It's happened to good people and has destroyed a lot of lives.

How do you prevent this? You can protect your CDL through safe practices like defensive driving, never driving while under the influence of alcohol or other impairing substances. Always follow the rules & regulations of agencies like the FMCSA & Department Of Transportation in your area of operations.

If a CDL holder gets a DUI or DWI, it's an instant suspension of their CDL. Scary thought, even before considering the physical dangers of driving while under the influence! In many places, reckless driving can have the same result.

Using a cellular phone without a hands-free device or messing with a tablet computer, laptop, etc., while operating a commercial vehicle is not only extremely dangerous, it's illegal anywhere in the U.S. and brings a heavy fine. Not to mention, it could cost your life or result in a fatal crash with someone else.

In the event, you get a ticket for any reason whether in a commercial or personal vehicle, it's always good to get a defense attorney to represent you rather than just paying the fines right away. The reason for this is, when you just pay the ticket, you admit guilt and a certain number of points are assessed to your CDL. (After a certain number of points, your CDL may be suspended.)

Legal representation can usually help to reduce the points assessed and sometimes the fines imposed on you for the violation (ticket). They can also help in situations where your license may be suspended. This keeps your MVR (Motor Vehicle Record) looking better, keeps your insurance costs down (personal & commercial) and helps if it comes time to change companies or move up within the company where you're currently working.

Always remember, when it comes to how to protect your CDL, YOU are the key. Invest in yourself, hone your skills. Keep your equipment in safe working condition. Be professional in your driving habits. It's the little things which make a big difference. Like making sure you get enough rest to be alert while driving and completing your logbook & DVIR to the letter.

You work hard to make a good living. Protect your license and your future! (As posted on Truckers survival guide)