



TAKE A SAFETY SECOND

Topics: Safety Scorecards

DOT Accidents

The FMCSA monitors DOT accidents as part of their measuring system to determine if trucking companies have effective safety programs that limit risks to the motoring public. Many times, you will hear our safety team referring to DOT accidents. These are all accidents (regardless of fault) involving one or more of three areas:

1. Fatality
2. Disabling damage requiring any vehicle to be towed
3. Any injury requiring treatment away from the scene

Our claims department monitors every accident closely in order to classify every accident correctly. This is why it is critical that all accidents must be reported to claims immediately from the scene. They are the experts and know what questions to ask. Our information must match what is reported by law enforcement officials to the FMCSA.

The FMCSA uses the DOT accident rates (# of DOT accidents per million miles reported) to keep all carriers on a level playing field. According to the Truck Load Carriers Association, the DOT average accident rate is .53 per million miles. Those companies above 1.50 can be subject to FMCSA audits and interventions. How do Bennett companies stack up?

DOT reportable rate 2017 through 3rd Quarter

ACE (wind):	.00
BME/ACE:	.59
BTT:	.79
BDA:	.51

As you can see, many of our operating companies are doing very well. We are proud that Bennett is home to some of the best professional drivers in the industry.



Safety Scorecards

DOT Accidents are used by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to rank companies and focus their intervention programs. DOT accidents include:

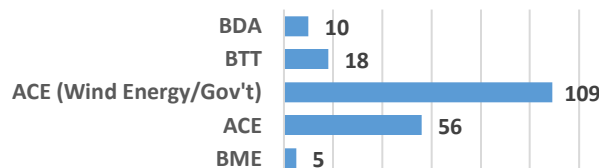
- Fatalities
- Any vehicle being towed
- Injuries that are treated away from the accident scene

Join us for our Monthly safety call on Tuesday, November 14th at 2:00 PM. You will have the chance to win \$25.00 gift cards. We will have the following guests:

- Roy Perry & January Murphy will join us from Bennett Truck Transport. We continue to spotlight many of the Bennett companies.
- UTBA will have a representative to talk about some of the contractor support programs that may interest you, especially as we near the end of 2017
- Other issues:
 - Winter Driving
 - ELD Updates
 - Unsafe Driving Focus
 - Claims Reporting

If you have issues, questions, or suggestions, you can forward them to Paul Molnar via email to paul.molnar@bennettig.com

We are also developing scorecards to track the number of days since a DOT accident occurred. As of this week:



Safety Communication Keys

Many agents, owners and company stores are doing an excellent job at promoting the safety messages to our professional drivers. We have come a long way, but we still have some ground to gain in order to build some positive momentum as we approach 2018.

In this day and age of technology, we can sometimes get away from the personal interaction. Building positive relationships are key to driving an effective safety culture. Taking the time to personally speak with a driver can make a positive difference.

Accident Picture of the week



Backing house and hit other house at consignee

When backing, don't assume or rely on others to judge your space.

Use GOAL (**Get Out And Look**). The few minutes of your time is well worth preventing an accident.

Safety Meeting

The 4th quarter on-line safety meeting is available on DriversIG. Please make sure that all drivers have attended and receive credit for their 2nd half safety meeting. The 2018 Safety plans will be rolled out soon. Our goal is to provide relevant information that will raise the awareness level among all professional drivers and company employees.

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

Know the Priority One system

