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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Lewis Truck Lines wishes a safe and prosperous year for each of you and your families.

SAFETY MEETING

The next safety meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2007 at Richard's Restaurant in Marion, SC. The subject of this quarter's meetings will be Hours of Service Rules. These meetings are for owners and drivers. Remember you must attend at least one meeting per quarter. Make your plans now to attend.

DRIVER LOGS

Driver logs must be turned in each week. If they are not turned in within 13 days, checks will be held until we get the logs. Remember they must be sent in even if you are in the shop or out for some reason.

Drivers need to be sure to show all fueling at the correct time and on the bottom line of their logs. This is a must. Remember that you must check your logs before you send them in and make sure that you are putting all the correct information on them.

You must have your hours totaled correctly.

You must have bill of lading numbers on all logs that you have driving time on.

You must sign all your logs.

You must do your inspections on the back of all your logs that you have driving time on.

You must put your mileage on all logs that has driving time on them.

You must take 10 hours off after driving for 11 hours or after being on duty for 14 hours. All four lines count in your 14 hours.

WEEKLY MAINTENANCE SHEETS

Drivers must send in weekly maintenance sheets each week. Safety must have these for the maintenance files. You need to list any work that was done to your truck by yourself or by someone else.

SAFE DRIVING TIPS

Motorists need to be mindful of actions that will make their travel safer. Drivers can protect themselves and others by following these travel rules.

1. Before you start your trip, make sure your vehicle is tuned up and in good shape for travel. This is especially important for winter driving conditions.
2. Restrain yourself and your passengers properly in seat belts and car safety seats. Remember, the rear seat is the safest place for children of any age to ride.
3. Be flexible in setting your travel plans. Leave early if you can to avoid the peak traffic hours. If snow is predicted during the time you plan to travel, change your schedule.

4. Stay fresh and alert when driving. Take plenty of breaks and do not push yourself to meet an unrealistic schedule. If you get tired, pull off the road into a rest area or business, get out of the car for some fresh air, get something to refresh you, or just relax until you feel revived. If that doesn't work, find somewhere you can spend the night. Forty-one percent of fatal traffic accidents are single vehicle crashes. These crashes most often occur during the late night or early morning hours and the late afternoon hours to drivers who are tired, have consumed alcohol, or both.
5. Signal your lane change. It sounds obvious, but for many motorists, regular use of turn signals when changing lanes has become the exception rather than normal practice. Giving other drivers notice of your intentions is not only an act of courtesy, but also a sound, safe practice.
6. Keep your speed down. Give yourself plenty of time and distance to react to the traffic around you. Let impatient and aggressive drivers pass you or go through the intersection ahead of you so that you control the situation.
7. Understand that trucks take longer to stop; don't dart in front of them. At 55 mph, a fully-loaded tractor trailer travels more than 300 feet before coming to a complete stop. Stopping distances are even greater on wet, snow-covered, or icy pavement.
8. Do not pass if you cannot see enough clear road to pass safely.
9. Because driving requires your full attention, pull off the road if you have to use your cell phone.

REDUCING FUEL CONSUMPTION

Making a few small adjustments in day-to-day operations can yield big savings. Here are a few tips and techniques .

Decrease Idling Times: Idling consumes fuel. Consider as alternatives shore power, generators and inverters that convert a truck's 12 volt DC power into 120 volt AC.

Slow Down: Highway speeds in excess of 60 mph decrease a vehicle's fuel efficiency up to 23 percent for every 5 mph over the 60 mph speed limit.

Lose Weight: Carrying excess weight places an unnecessary strain on the vehicle's engine and greatly affects its fuel efficiency. Removing as little as 100 pounds from the vehicle can significantly improve mileage.

Upgrade Your Fleet: Whenever possible, invest in modern fuel-efficient vehicles. Newer vehicles increase fuel efficiency while maintaining on-road performance.

Tune-Up: A well maintained vehicle performs better, decreases maintenance costs and improves fuel efficiency.

Pump It Up: Proper tire inflation improves fuel mileage and yields other benefits, including improved vehicle and braking performance and an increase in tire life.

TIPS TOWARD A CLEANER, GREENER FLEET

Service Vehicles Regularly: Poorly maintained trucks not only consume more fuel and have higher toxic

emissions, they're also at a higher risk for breakdowns.

Reduce Idle Time: Anti-idling laws loom throughout the nation, but why wait to be shut down? Take action now by investing in auxiliary power units, most of which pay for themselves in the amount of money saved on fuel. Other perks include cleaner air, quieter communities, less wear on trucks and happier drivers.

Get The Lead Out: More than 1,600 tons of lead wheel-balancing weights are lost on roadways throughout the U.S. each year. These wayward weights pose a hazard to the environment, but also contribute to wheel imbalance and premature tire wear. Upgrade to a lead-free option, some of which offer a self-adjusting balance for greater vibration reduction.

Perform Well Under Pressure: Properly inflated tires not only improve fuel efficiency, they also help you get more miles out of your treads. Both rewards are good for the environment and your budget.

Watch Your Fuel: Tracking fuel consumption is the first step toward using less fuel, which means fewer emissions and less money spent on fuel. Route planning can also help.

Fake It With Synthetic Oils: In addition to extending drain intervals, synthetic oils offer faster cold weather starts, better hot weather engine performance and, in some cases, better fuel economy. Sure, they may cost more than their mineral-based counterparts, but buying less oil and fuel, fewer filters and increasing uptime for trucks will help you break even – and possibly even make a few extra bucks.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James Stukes	01-03
LeRoy LeMaster	01-18
Keith Reed	01-22
Henry Reed	01-24
Michael Davis	01-26
Robert Dozier	01-28
Stephen White	01-28



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WITH
LEWIS TRUCK LINES**

Stephanie Rogers	16 Years
Phillip Brown	13 Years
James Legette	10 Years
James Stukes	3 Years

Claude Fields is still out sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during this time.

James Tisdell is still out from an injury. Our thoughts and prayers are with him during this time.