



The Latest News, Safety Tips & More

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Oh Deer! Keep an Eye Out!

It's that time of year again to keep a close eye out for all the deer! As you know, the rut season usually last from late October to as long as early January. This factored in with harvest as well as salt on roadways keep deer active and on the move. If you see one, there are probably more! The leading cause of accidents, injuries and deaths from deer-related accidents involve swerving in an attempt to avoid striking them. Never swerve! Slow down as much as you safely can and let your vehicle strike the deer. Don't swerve and keep yourself and other drivers safer this season. #safety1st!

Brake Safety Week – How'd Everyone Do Across N.A.?

According to CCJ, CMV inspectors sidelined approx. 4,300 trucks across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico for brake-related violations during this blitz. 12% of the 35,764 trucks inspected were placed OOS for brake-related violations. Brake hose chaffing violations were up as well. Folks, we know this is a hot topic and a top violation in roadside inspections that you could be involved in daily. Keep your equipment in top shape and make all repairs when needed. Protect your professional career and get those clean inspections!

It's Time to Check Your Coolant

According to a recent article, it was noted that coolant is generally the most neglected fluid on the truck. A specialist for Chevron Lubricants estimates about 40% of engine related problems can be tied back to the coolant system. An approximately 50/50 mixture of water to coolant should ensure protection in extreme summer heat and the coldest winter days. For especially cold climates, it may be necessary to go with a 55/45 or 60/40 mixture. Be sure that the coolant system is added to your preventative maintenance cycle. #pmworkisextremelyimportant

Happy Thanksgiving

Did you know the United States is estimated to consume around 50 million turkeys each Thanksgiving? All transported by America's hard-working truckers – that is awesome.

Wishing you, your family, and friends a wonderful Thanksgiving season. We give thanks every day of the year for your continued dedication and support to this company. You make it all possible.

May you enjoy some much-deserved time to rest and enjoy a warm meal this holiday season. From all of us, thank you again for everything you do. We appreciate you!

COVID Exemption - Change to the Restrictions and Conditions Around PC Usage

In short, the updated wording under CFR Part 395 states drivers will record their 24-hour duty status in the method usually used when not operating under this exemption; meaning, you are subject to the ELD/HOS requirements and must log by the book. Make sure you have shipper specific documentation declaring an exempt load to clarify any overages with hours. PC usage is no longer an option under this exemption. Questions? Contact any HOS team member at: hoursofservice@medalliontrans.com

Holiday Traffic Congestion

As we rapidly approach the busy holiday seasons, remember to maintain your lane, and keep an eye on your speed and following distance. Everyone will be hustling and bustling the next few months trying to get to their destinations just as you are. You are the ultimate driving professional. Be patient! Not everyone is an expert driver like you. Safety is #1