



America's Road Team

The American Trucking Association has named the 2013-2014 America's Road Team. These 19 truck drivers are drivers that have superb driving skills, safety records and the aspiration to share their experience with others. This program is sponsored by Volvo Trucks and is held every year and the term is for the next 2 years.

The selected drivers earned the title of captain of the 2013-2014 America's Road Team. The winners were announced on January 9, 2013 and were awarded the signature navy blue American's Road Team blazer. They will trek around the country as representatives of the trucking industry. They will address communities, schools, the media, and fellow truck drivers.

Congratulations to the follow-

ing drivers:

- Don Biggerstaff, ABF Freight System, Maiden, N.C.
- John Borman, Koch Trucking, Lino Lakes, Minn.
- Byron Bramwell, YRC Freight, Centerview, Mo.
- Ted Carlson, FedEx Freight, Vancouver, Wash.
- Donald Conklin, YRC Freight, La Porte, Ind.
- Herschel Evans, Holland Inc., Bremen, Ga.
- Jeffrey Halford, Con-way Freight, Meridian, Idaho
- Loren Hatfield, ABF Freight System, Maumelle, Ark.
- Stephanie Klang, Con-way Truckload, Diamond, Mo.
- John Lex, Wal-Mart Transportation, Monroe, Ga.
- Don Logan, FedEx Freight,

Eskridge, Kan.

- Rod Miles, Con-way Freight, Lauderhill, Fla.
- Thomas Miller, Prime Inc., Bunker Hill, Ill.
- Otto Schmeckenbecher, ABF Freight System, Little Rock, Ark.
- Todd Stine, Carbon Express, Altoona, Pa.
- Clarence "Eddie" Weeks, AAA Cooper, Silver Springs, Fla.
- Nathan Wick, UPS Freight, Isanti, Minn.
- Dale Williams, Trimac Transportation, Centerville, Ala.
- Bryan Wold, Con-way Freight, Reile's Acres, N.D.

Source:

<http://www.trucking.org>

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Upcoming Deadlines

- 20th series New York Highway Use Tax permits that were issued 2009-2012 will expire this year. Renewals for the 21st series began October 1, 2012. You must be current with your quarterly reports and taxes to renew. NY HUT permit holders will now be required to display decals on all vehicles that will operate in New York.
- Oregon permit holders must file their monthly reports by the last day of each month.
- All interstate carriers (private and for-hire), brokers, and freight forwarders must renew their UCR for the 2013 year by December 31st.
- All New Mexico Weight Distance Tax permit holders must renew their permit by December 31st.
- All IFTA license holders must renew their license by December 31st.
- All IFTA license holders must report their 2012 4th quarter fuel taxes by January 31st.
- KY, NM, NY weight permit holders must file their quarterly report with the states by January 31st.

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Military Commercial Drivers' License Act

President Obama signed the Military Commercial Drivers' License Act of 2012. This will allow veterans and service men and women to obtain a CDL, which will give them more job opportunities after they leave active-duty.

Previously, CDL's were only issued to a person in the state with which they are a legal resident. Since most military personnel obtain training in locations outside their home state, it has been difficult to obtain a CDL prior to parting with the mili-

tary.

With this new law, active duty service men and women will be able to train for the CDL at the same time they are performing their domestic duties, regardless of which state they are in. The law will also allow for states to test and issue CDLs to these service man and women.

There is a need for reliable and well trained truck drivers. This law will hopefully provide a new source

for our active duty military and veterans as well as the companies that are lucky enough to hire them.

Source:
<http://www.truckinginfo.com>



A New Form of Drug Screening

New legislation is being reviewed for the drug screening of truck drivers. The typical urine analysis test that is preformed is said to be easy to manipulate by drug users.

In 2007 the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported their findings based on an undercover investigation. "While all urine collection sites followed DOT protocols by asking GAO undercover investigators to provide identification; investigators successfully used bogus driver's licenses to gain access to all 24 sites — demonstrating that a drug user could send someone to take a drug test in their place using fake identification."

Several Republican Representatives are urging DOT for a pilot program that would allow for hair follicle drug testing. This form of testing is a more reliable form and is becoming more and more common since it is virtually impossible to "cheat" on this test.

Source:
<http://www.politico.com>



New Mileage Tax

There may be a change coming to the way that the U.S. Highway Trust Fund is funded. As it stands right now the main way that the money is funded is a tax on gasoline at 18.4 cents per gallon and 24.4 cents per gallon on diesel fuel. However, this tax has not been successful in raising adequate amounts of money. The ever increasing amount of fuel efficient vehicles has impacted the tax. By the year 2040 the trust fund could be reduced by 21%.

One consideration is to raise the fuel tax or replace it with a tax based on miles instead. While some states have already implemented a pilot program for this new tax; vehicle miles

tax (VMT), the possibility of this tax is not out of the question for other states. Still, there needs to be further studies done and issues to assess before the new tax would be put into effect.

For more information visit:
<http://www.road scholar.com/blog/>



Satellite Tracking

Technology plays a big part in everyday life more than ever. Those out on the road and the companies they work for depend on some type of satellite system to track the shipments on when and where they need to be.

One system that is most widely used is the QUALCOMM Satellite System. It can keep track of a truck inside a 3 block radius. That way the company can tell exactly where the truck is on the

route. It also provides directions, messages, or any kind of information that the driver might need to be able to deliver the load.

Source: www.thetruckersreport.com/truck-driver-facts

Industry Disputes CSA

Last July a lawsuit was filed against FMCSA by a group of shippers, brokers, and motor carriers. They are contesting that the new carrier safety ratings are not clear and can have a direct effect on carriers.

It is said in the legal brief that the Compliance, Safety, Accountability program (CSA) should have asked the public's advise on the best way to convey the information. Because of this confusion as to how the information is con-

veyed, it is possible that the changes have had negative affects on such companies.

Source: <http://www.ttnews.com>



Protect Your Move

In July 2012, President Obama signed a new law ordering the return of household goods that have been held hostage. This seems to be the biggest complaint against moving companies. This new law is part of "MAP-21" and it took effect October 1, 2012.

FMCSA Administrator Anne S. Ferro states that the "FMCSA conducts a rigorous screening and vetting process of all for-hire household goods and passenger carriers applying for authority to operate." There is

thorough research done to make sure the carrier is not trying to "reincarnate" as a new carrier.

FMCSA Administrator Anne S. Ferro, states that there is a Protect Your Move website that offers consumers tools to assist consumers in deciding which moving company they should use. It will also help the consumer know their rights.

Source: www.mymovingreview.com

Funding for Transportation Projects

The governor of Virginia, Gov. Bob McDonnell, proposed a plan to eradicate the state's gasoline tax and increase the sales tax. The diesel fuel tax would remain unchanged. McDonnell stated that there has to be a change in order to have a different outcome. He also said that this plan would produce \$844 million per year by 2018

Some say that by increasing the sales tax truckers would

end up paying more than their fair share of tax with them paying fuel tax and more sales tax. They say that putting a toll on Interstate 95 would be the better idea.

Source: <http://www.ttnews.com/>

Tu' Habla Espanol?

FMCSA Spanish Home Page:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish>

Mexico-Based Motor Carrier Home Page:

http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish/mmc_spanish.html



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Off Duty

Sudoku

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Instructions: Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

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Did You Know?

- The United States has more than 4 million miles of public roads. Alabama has more than Alaska, Delaware beats out Hawaii
- Texas ships the most freight by weight (1.3 billion tons) but not value.
- The nation's transportation infrastructure has a value of \$1.75 trillion about 12 percent of the value of the nation's total productive assets. Its value is 10 times that of all computers used by American businesses and 8 times the value of the entire telephone and telecommunications infrastructure!

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