



December 2023 Newsletter

Ugh! Winter is Back!

- **Be mindful of your speed!** A posted speed limit is not always the recommended speed for conditions. I have yet to have an accident caused because a driver was driving too slow for conditions.
- **Watch for black ice-** It's a thin, transparent layer of ice that forms when the temperatures outdoors are close to freezing and can make roads look wet. Bridges are also known icy spots, use caution when approaching!
- **Pedal Lightly-** Do not accelerate or brake heavily.



sudden stop on icy roads can cause you to lose control or

- jackknife. You can also pump the brakes lightly to control your stop.
- **Maintain a Safe Distance-** We all know it is hard to maintain a safe stopping distance with vehicles jumping in front of you, but try! The pile up accidents that end up on the news are usually caused because vehicles cannot stop in the allotted space.



- **Keep it Clean-** Make sure you allow time to clean off your windshield, mirrors, and lights before starting your trips. If you cannot see or they cannot see you, we will have problems!

- **Drain Your Air Tanks-**The water that collects from your air



- compressor/filter assembly can cause rust to build up or freeze. This will damage your air brake system and cause failure that can be hard to trace. There should be cables that you can pull to drain the water, or you can remove the plug to drain water.

- **Fuel Additives-** Make sure you are buying fuel with anti-gel additives in it to prevent your fuel gelling up in the colder weather. Pack Diesel911 in your truck in case you need to use it. Let Safety know you read this to win something special.

- **Be Prepared-** Make sure you have the necessary supplies. Pack blankets, water, food, extra clothes, first aid kit, shovel, ice pick, and sand/kitty litter.

IFTA Stickers

With the upcoming holiday season, it also means it is time to update your IFTA sticker and permit! The permit expires at the end of the year, but the DOT gives you a grace period. Stickers must be on both sides of the truck by February 28th!



Registrations

GT truck and trailer registrations expired November 30th. Make sure your cab card is up to date and that your trailer has a current registration and sticker. If you are missing either, please contact Safety.



- GARY W.- TRUCK 616
- MARK B.- TRUCK 563

Deck Your Rig

You may notice the office and shop has gotten some Christmas cheer, now it is your turn! Deck your truck (safely!! no interfering with visibility or safety devices) and send pictures to Karly by December 18th. We will post a poll and will dish out some special gifts!



Driver Spotlight- Torey Garmon

Torey has been an owner operator at General Transport since August 2015. In that time, he has safely driven 1,035,000 miles! Torey has several issues over the past year, but you would never know based off his attitude! He always goes above and beyond to help, recently assisting with an accident recovery near his house. When he is not out on the road, he enjoys spending time with his kids and his dogs. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



Office Spotlight- Sandi McKenzie

Sandi has been the recruiter for the General Transport since May 2018, but she is no rookie to the industry. She started off watching her mom drive escort vehicles for oversized loads before joining the industry herself in 2014. It is no secret, Sandi lives for her family-kids, grandkids, and fiancé. When she isn't hard at work



looking for the best drivers out there, she enjoys home projects and traveling with her hubby to be! We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!

