



# July 2024 Newsletter

## CVSA Operation Safe Driver Week July 7-13

Throughout Operation Safe Driver Week, law enforcement personnel will be on the lookout for commercial motor vehicle drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaging in unsafe driving behaviors, such as speeding, distracted driving, following too closely, drunk or drugged driving, etc.



As a professional driver, you are often having to compensate for the bad driving behaviors of other drivers. Staying attentive and alert can save a life!

- **Always wear your seat belt**
- **Be aware of driving conditions**
- **Don't speed**
- **Do not fixate on non-driving objects-** Keep your eyes on the road. Restrict glances away from the roadway to one second or less. Keep your focus on the potential driving hazards you may encounter.
- **Do not drive fatigued**
- **Search as you drive-** Observe the roadway in front, the sides and rear of your vehicle. Look for all sources of potential moving and fixed hazards. Watch for brake lights; they may signal

hazards ahead. Anticipate possible risks and where interactions with traffic will occur.

- **Be aware when backing**
- **Maintain your lane of travel**
- **Be aware of the "no zones"-** Remember the "No Zones," which are the locations where you are unable to see vehicles or other hazards to the front, right, left and rear of your vehicle. Check your side mirrors often for vehicles entering these areas and be aware of vehicles that may be tailgating. As a professional driver, you may have to compensate for other drivers' bad driving behaviors.
- **Enter curves/bends slowly-** When entering a curve, be



aware of speed limits and do not place yourself or your vehicle in a dangerous situation. Load shifts

can result in serious consequences.

- **Plan your route before leaving**
- **Do not be distracted by your phone**
- **Avoid distractions**
- **Monitor medications-** Both prescription and over-the-counter medications may affect your ability to operate your commercial motor vehicle safely. Know the side effects of your medications.



### Spotlight Driver- David Robinson



Dave has been a regional driver with GT since April 2023. In that time, he has safely driven 149,902 miles. He has been a very safe and diligent driver and never disappoints Zach. Dave also has great taste as he is avid Ohio State fan! We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



### Are you packed and ready?

It is important to make sure you have the proper safety and loading tools out on the road. Feel free to reach out to safety if you need something! We recommend:

### Office Spotlight- Danielle Reynolds

Danielle has been the customer service representative since 2015. You may recognize her as she has worked from home since 2020, occasionally coming to the office. Danielle is very detail oriented and uses her great personality to build relationships with customers. She enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 boys. They also enjoy camping and going to Florida. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



- Hard hat
- Safety vest
- Load locks/straps
- Gloves
- Seals
- Boots
- Trailer securement (king pin, airline locks, pad lock)
- Safety glasses
- Tool kit
- First aid kit
- Shelf stable food like canned goods and water
- Paperwork (up to date permit book, blank BOL, log book)

With the hot summer days here- make sure you are also:

- Wearing sunscreen
- Wearing proper eye protection
- Stay hydrated
- Take breaks and inspect the equipment more
- Stay alert and be mindful of changing traffic with construction and lost tourist



- LAKISHA W.- TRUCK 611
- ALEX C.- TRUCK 2441
- DON H.- TRUCK 609



No matter the weather- always practice patience and kindness!