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Newsletter

Routes and Paperwork

We are using the routes with the samsara now. It is very easy to operate (when it works correctly- I will be honest). When a load is assigned to you, open the routes and click the start routes. When you arrive/depart places the geofences will know and ask you. You will also be prompted to enter trailer information. This updates the dispatch system and will allow your dispatcher to know what your status is. This will cut back on phone calls- especially when we are closed. I am working on some literature/videos for complete step by step instructions.

All paperwork will also need to be submitted digitally. You can use the POD upload (the preferred option but we know not all tablets are compatible at the moment) or documents on samsara. In this day and age-I have no idea how paperwork grows legs and runs away from the people who need it, but here we are.

Please, please reach out to safety if you need help! We are all learning as we go, and will do everything to help get everyone comfortable.

Spotlight Driver- Tommy Popeko

Tommy has been a local driver at General Transport since January 2024. He has been a driver since 2012 and



always is in a good mood. No matter the day or time, he will always tell you good morning and have a good weekend. Tommy

even went above and beyond recently having us send the dash camera footage of a crash to law enforcement. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



Fuel Cards

I know most of our local drivers do not use their fuel cards often as we fuel in the yard. If you do not use the card, EFS has a new system that automatically moves the card to inactive. If you plan to use your card, please check with safety before you fuel to make sure it is active before you get to the station.

Driving Tips for March's Unpredictable Weather

Make sure your vehicle is prepared

- **Check tires-** pressure and treads
- **Inspect lights and wipers-** Verify that all headlights, taillights, and turn signals are working. Replace worn wiper blades for clear visibility, and top up the windshield washer fluid.
- **Pack an emergency kit-** Stock your truck with essentials such as a flashlight, blankets, water, non-perishable snacks, a first-aid kit, an ice scraper, and a phone charger. Let Safety know you are reading to be entered for a prize.
- **Watch the forecast-** knowing what is coming can make the difference between a major accident and getting home safely. We always encourage drivers to park in inclement weather. Never push yourself for a load.



normal following distance to provide a safer buffer for braking.

- **Avoid sudden movements:**

Sudden maneuvers can cause your tires to lose traction and skid.

- **Do not use cruise control**

- **Use low-beam**

headlights: In fog, heavy rain, or snow, low beams or fog lights are more effective and reduce glare.

- **Watch for black ice:** Pay extra attention to bridges and overpasses.

- **"Turn around, don't drown":** Never attempt to drive through flooded areas.



Adjust your driving habits

- **Slow down:** Speed limits are for ideal conditions. Reduce your speed significantly on wet, snowy, or icy roads. Remember, no one calls with an accident from going too slow.
- **Increase following distance:** Double or triple your

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The Only Person You Are Destined To Become Is The Person You Decide To Be.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

