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Newsletter



Driver Appreciation Week

It is hard to believe that it has already been a year since we last took a moment as a nation to stop and appreciate the drivers! The men and woman who deliver groceries, gas, furniture, house supplies, and everything else we touch. "If it is in your hands, it was on a truck".

The driver makes the sacrifice to be away from their own bed, family, friends, and even misses special occasions of holidays. The sacrifice list is long, but they make it to provide for themselves and their loved ones.

Speaking of loved ones, a driver couldn't be away without a solid support system at base. The spouses especially, but the whole family steps up to help out.

Unfortunately, the driver is out there living in the news headlines. Dealing with underqualified CDL drivers, motorists on their phones, language barriers, DOT, and so many other hurdles just to do their job. I mean I think we can all relate to the fact that we don't like being told how to do our job by one person... let alone a dozen.

I appreciate everyone doing what they can to drive as safe as possible and accommodating all of the changes we have made to be a safer fleet and more efficient. From the quarterly videos, I think we all get a glimpse into what happens out on the roads and the importance of protecting your license, record, and your driving career.



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We appreciate all that you do! Not only does it provide for your families but for everyone else here at GT!

Keep your eyes out in the mail for a little something special from all of us!

Highway Hero's

A huge kudos goes out to Aaron Byers and Joe Stanekenas for helping other motorists after an accident.

Aaron witnessed an accident with a driver under the influence. He stopped, help alert on coming traffic, and met with the officers to describe what happened.

Joe drove up to a tractor trailer rear end accident. The second truck went off the road and caught fire. With the assistance of another driver, they were able to pull the trapped driver from the burning truck, saving his life!



In a world where it seems everyone is out for themselves, I could not be prouder to work with individuals who go above and beyond to help others.

Spotlight Driver- Chris Wheeler

Chris has been a local driver for General Transport since December 2022, running freight on second shift for a

customer. Chris served in the military from 1983-1991 before he started trucking specializing in flatbed, Conestoga, and curtain side. He

joined GT as the schedule allows him the time to also be a pastor. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



DVIR- A DVI What?!?!

Are you logging your pre/post trips properly? Are you reporting defects?

Fun fact- if you write up a defect and later get a violation for it, it will not be counted against you. Obviously, if it is not safe then do not move.

Logging a pre/post on your logs does not log an inspection. You have to have your truck and trailer logged into your device first. On your Samsara there is a green button that says DVIR. Once you open it there is a blue button that says create DVIR. It will require you to go on duty. Select a truck/trailer and then follow the steps. You will need to do this twice- once for the truck and once for the trailer.

It is also very important to make sure you log your trailer and load numbers. And certify your logs. These are easy points for DOT to write you up for.

They asked:

"Why is it important to be kind?"

I said:

Because we walk past hundreds of people every day, and none of them wear signs that say, *"I'm grieving," "I'm exhausted,"* or *"I'm barely holding it together."* But they're everywhere. Kindness might be the only softness they receive today.

—Vex King