

R & M Transportation August 2012 Newsletter



Gear Up for Clean Truck Month

Statewide enforcement campaign to focus on compliance and education

SACRAMENTO - August may be the dog days of summer, but in California it's also Gear Up for Clean Truck Month, with the Air Resources Board launching a multi-agency campaign to make sure that trucks traversing the state's highways are in compliance with state air pollution laws.

"Our goal this month is to do everything in our power to make sure truckers know the rules and that they understand how to comply," said ARB Executive Officer James Goldstene. "All our diesel regulations were adopted with one thing in mind Air Resources Board launches "Gear Up for Clean Truck Month" in August - protecting public health. Focusing on enforcement gives us the chance not only to educate drivers on why the regulations are important but also to ensure that truck owners investing in cleaner equipment are on a level playing field with those who are not playing by the rules."

State measures aimed at cleaning up diesel vehicles include requirements to report fleet information to ARB, employ fuel-saving technology, install diesel soot filters and replace or upgrade aging engines and transport refrigeration units.

Working in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol and other allied agencies, ARB will deploy inspectors throughout the state, focusing on trade hubs, weigh stations, ports, railyards and major points of entry into the state.

The campaign is also geared to provide advice and educational materials including information and fact sheets on how to follow regulations, maintain equipment properly, and grants and funding that may be available now and in the future to help purchase clean trucks and related equipment.

Environmental groups, community organizations and industry have all expressed support for Gear Up for Clean Truck Month, noting its goals to educate truckers, improve air quality and protect public health in the most feasible cost-efficient manner.

Truckers with questions can visit the ARB website at www.arb.ca.gov and click on The Truck Stop, contact the ARB Diesel Hotline at 1-866-6-DIESEL or email 8666Diesel@arb.ca.gov.

ARB's mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare, and ecological resources through effective reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering effects on the economy. The ARB oversees all air pollution control efforts in California to attain and maintain health based air quality standards.

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Cargo Theft Costing Nation Billions

It is the costliest crime in America, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Organized crime drives it, money fuels it, and it has gone international. It happens nearly three times a day somewhere in America, and in California it happens twice as often as anywhere else in the nation.

They are talking about cargo theft – the high-cost, big-time crime that you’ve likely never heard about.

“It really is huge,” said California Highway Patrol officer Xavier Spencer. “We estimate nationwide that it’s a \$35 billion loss annually just in cargo theft and obviously that only involves the cargo theft that we’re made aware of. A lot of these thefts are not reported.”

Most thefts take place when a driver goes inside a truckstop to take a shower or to get something to eat.

Dispatch Phone List

Overview of Dispatch Load Planners

Iowa and Nebraska

Eric – ext. 233
Assistant – Bill – ext. 223

Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginias
and all the Northeast States

Tim – ext. 222
Assistant – Bob – ext. 235

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah,
Washington

Dawn – ext. 243
Assistant – Tim H. – ext. 246

Arizona, California, and Nevada

Caleb – ext. 242
Assistant – Jeff – ext. 266

The load planner's role is to line you up on your next load and book the freight with the customer.

The assistant's job is to follow the load from prior to pickup until the load is complete. Everything you need to know about the load after accepting the load is to go through the **assistant**.

Notes from Payroll:

Just a reminder that we do still need the original paperwork on all loads. Please turn your packets in as soon as possible after delivering the load.

Notes from Paul in Safety:

- If your e-logs stop working please remember to cover the electronic logs signs on your doors.
- On duty time is very important for pre-trip and post-trip inspections, fuel, loading and unloading, drop and hooks, repairs, physicals, drug screens, on-road inspections and accidents. REMEMBER TO GO BACK TO OFF DUTY OR SLEEPER WHEN FINISHED.
- Safety is here to help you with your hours of service issues. If you have a problem or think you are going to have a problem please call.

Thank you for helping R & M

Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

The Federal Heavy Use Tax, Form 2290 has to be filed and paid by August 31, 2012. If you have any questions please contact Kevin in permits ext. 229.

Insurance Identification Card

R & M has changed insurance carriers from Northland Insurance to Great West Casualty Co. Please get with Kevin or Safety to get the new Insurance Identification Card that needs to be carried in your tractor.

If you are involved in an accident please contact the Safety department for instructions.

Warm Weather Driving

Notes from the Maintenance Department

This will be the last few notes about tire inflation. A tire has 18% more rubber on the road at 70 PSI than a tire at 100PSI. The sidewall will be flexing more which contributes to heat building up in the tire. The longer tire FOOTPRINT associated with under inflated tires increases rolling resistance. For those of you purchasing your truck, High Rolling Resistance= Less Fuel economy. Conversely Low Rolling Resistance=Better fuel economy. With 18 Wheels rolling on the ground it benefits all drivers to check air pressure. You can also purchase tires by selecting those with the lowest rolling resistance. All tire makers provide the number for resistance in each of their tires. A number close to 100 or below is optimal for better fuel economy. These tires have a small footprint and under proper inflation can get premium mileage along with much improved fuel mileage. Some of these tires will pay for themselves in a short amount of time compared to a heavy aggressive tread tire. The end of summer is coming and after the hottest July on record since 1895, I hope this will benefit you in tire care and possibly if you purchase new or better tires.



2012 President's Safe Driver Club:

Congratulations to Clifton Bagley who has earned membership into the Nebraska Trucking Associations President's Safe Driver Club.

To earn this award you must be employed with R & M Transportation for 36 continuous months and have no preventable or non-preventable accidents, whether on or off duty. Also you must have no traffic violations, whether on or off duty.

The certificates of recognition will be awarded to the company at the awards breakfast in Lincoln on September 21st.

Congratulations



To Paul Scotland, the winner of the June on-road inspections.

To be in the drawing just get a clean inspection with no-violations found and you receive \$25.00 and put in the drawing for the \$300.00. This is good for any level inspection.

Safe Driving Awards

7/12 – Jose Roaha – 1 year

7/13 – Donald McLaughlin – 5 years

7/16 – Sandra Coulter – 3 years

7/27 – Blaine Ward – 1 year

7/31 – Daniel Winkelman – 3 years

The Talents of Driver's

Our driver Julia McArthur shared with me a picture that she is working on in her spare time. Thank you for allowing me to share your beautiful art with others!



If you have an interesting picture you would like to share of scenery or any interesting thing you see out on the road please send it to Michelle in Safety.