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DRT Logistics hauls freight for a multitude of companies. With locations in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Nevada, and Illinois, our team works around the clock to ensure that shipments are delivered safely and on time. Dispatch and Safety are available 24\*7 to assist or answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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**Andrew Easley** September 17 **Chicago Driver** 

**Rick Patire** September 1 PA Driver

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**Ameal Selders** September 5 PA Driver

**Curtis Zuk** September 20 **Mechanic - Summers** 



**Jay Nelson** 1 Year **PA Driver** 



Do you know someone interested in a career with a trusted logistics partner?

DRT Logistics is looking for customer-oriented, dedicated and experienced truck drivers

WE ARE ADDING MORE REGIONAL DRIVERS!

### New Hire



TREVOR MARTIN GENERAL MANAGER PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE

From: New Holland, PA Interesting Fact: My volleyball team beat Karch Kiraly at indoor volleyball nationals! Previous Job: Vice President of Operations Favorite Hobby: Golfing

## Driver Appreciation Week September 11-17, 2022

Nearly every aspect of daily life is made possible because a truck driver delivers the goods and resources people need.

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week is an important time for America to pay respect and thank all professional truck drivers for their hard work and commitment to undertaking one of our economy's most demanding and essential jobs.

Here at DRT, we understand how important our drivers are and Thank you for all you do daily! In the next two weeks, be on the lookout for a special delivery from DRT.



### **Employee Recognition**



Please join us in thanking Ryan Allwein for all the hard work he puts in daily on the newest project that DRT won. With this project, DRT grew six new employees, designed a new training program, and put in many hours on-site to ensure the project ran smoothly. You've faced challenges and overcame many obstacles but kept the project moving forward. We are so grateful to have someone like you on our team who is willing to go above and beyond to achieve such great success for our team.

### **Kingsbury Korner**

#### T-bone not well done. Was this accident preventable?



John Doe's rig was plowing through a dense morning fog along a two-lane highway in Parachute, Colorado, at the posted speed limit of 55 mph.

Up ahead, through the fog, Doe could see a pickup sitting stopped on a side street. "Ole boy musta run outta gas," Doe muttered as he stuffed another handful of gummy worms into his mouth. Suddenly, McGregor Connor – the driver of the previously stopped pickup – pulled into the semi's lane. "Or not!" Doe exclaimed, spitting gummy worm bits across the dash as he climbed on the brake pedal and – CRIIIMMPP – t-boned McGregor's blue pickup, pushing it several feet.

#### Was this accident preventable?

The fleet manager cited Doe for a preventable accident, saying Doe should have been driving slower in the heavy fog. Doe protested to the National Safety Council, arguing that he was driving at the speed limit and could see the pickup sitting at rest. "If I can see him, then he can see me," Doe contended. The National Safety Council agreed with Doe's manager, concluding that had Doe been traveling at a slower speed given the foggy conditions and used his horn to potentially deter the pickup from pulling out, this accident could have been avoided.

### **Kingsbury Korner**

#### School is starting and that means school buses and children at bus stops.

The fines range for not stopping for a school bus up to \$1,000, and increase dramatically if failing to stop results in an injury or death. Please make sure you stop for all school buses to make sure all children are safe.

The greatest risk is not when riding in the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus and inattentive or unwillingness to stop for a school bus that has stopped and its red lights are flashing and the stop bar sign is activated.

On average, seven (7) school-age riders are killed in bus crashes and nineteen (19) are killed while getting on or off the bus. The average age of these children is between five to seven years old and are hit in the "DANGER ZONE" which is defined as the area around the bus by a passing vehicle or the bus itself.

This chart illustrates when you are legally required to stop for a school bus; and when in doubt, error on the side of caution and stop! If you are following or come upon a school bus that has their yellow or red lights activated, turn on your vehicle flashers and leave them on till the school bus operator turns off their lights and the bus starts to move.



### **Kingsbury Korner**

### Did you know?

<u>California</u> – If you fail to stop, you may be fined up to \$1,000, and your driving privilege could be suspended for one year.

<u>Delaware</u> – Upon conviction of a failure to stop for a school bus violation, your license will be suspended for one month for a first offense, six months for a second offense, and one year for each subsequent violation after that.

<u>Illinois</u> – A conviction for passing a stopped school bus with flashing lights and an extended stop arm will result in the suspension of the individual's driver's license. If the owner of the vehicle is not the driver and fails to report the actual operator of the vehicle at the time of the offense, the vehicle's registration will be suspended for three months.

<u>Indiana</u> – School bus stop arm violations are considered reckless driving and are punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,000. Reckless driving is also classified as a serious moving violation for CDL holders. It could result in the driver losing their CDL for up to one year, depending on past convictions.

Massachusetts – A first violation can trigger a license suspension and a \$250 fine.

<u>Minnesota</u> – The owner of the vehicle, less proof that another person was driving the vehicle at the time of the stop arm violation, will face a petty misdemeanor.

<u>New York</u> – Fines range from \$400 for a first violation to a maximum of \$1,500 for three violations in three years. Those that are convicted of three violations will also have their license revoked for a minimum of six months.

<u>Pennsylvania</u> – Failure to stop for a school bus with a flashing red light and extended stop arm will result in a 60-day suspension of the operator's license, five (5) demerit points on your driving record, and a fine.

<u>Washington</u> – Fine double for anyone that passes a stopped school bus. The penalty for failing to stop for a stopped school bus may not be waived, reduced, or suspended.

<u>Wisconsin</u> – Fines can be quite high for illegally passing a school bus, and the risk of hitting a child increases the fines even higher.

As a professional driver, America depends on you to create a safer ride for kids getting to and from school, with Children being our nation's greatest resource.

## **Transport Topics Top News**

### Port of Port Arthur Plans for \$20 Million Expansion in 2023-24

Port of Port Arthur, Texas, will receive \$13.6 million in a federal USDOT grant that port officials say will significantly upgrade the East Texas facility during the next year.

Along with spending an additional \$7 million in local money, port leaders say they will concentrate on three projects, and some of the work will benefit the trucking industry.

"It's a competitive grant process," Port of Port Arthur CEO Larry Kelley said, "and, essentially we were awarded the money for three different infrastructure projects."

The first project will repair and stabilize 25 acres of land that was formerly a railroad staging area that will be renovated to support and expand the port's specialty cargo. That encompasses military equipment as well as renewable energy material, including wind energy towers, turbines and other items that are being imported in larger numbers.

"It was a rail yard, and when the rail was pulled up 35 years ago, we have to correct some drainage issues there and we'll put down a hard surface area to load and unload cargo," Kelley said. "We've never been a player in this wind energy market and this market continues to mature, and Texas is the largest wind energy producer in the U.S."

#### Containership Backlog Outside L.A. Ports Is Almost Cleared

The number of containerships headed for the California ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach — a traffic jam that once symbolized American consumer vigor during the pandemic — declined to the lowest level since the bottleneck started to build two years ago.

Eight vessels were in the official queue as of late Aug. 29, according to data from the Marine Exchange of Southern California & Vessel Traffic Service Los Angeles and Long Beach. That's an all-time low, officials said in a statement, down from a record of 109 set in January and about 40 lined up a year ago.

The Los Angeles-Long Beach bottleneck became one of the most enduring images of the supply-and-demand imbalances triggered by COVID-19 lockdowns. The backlog forced ships to wait two weeks or more, contributing to record-high ocean freight rates that helped ignite inflation now afflicting economies from the U.S. to Europe.

Though officials changed the way inbound ships queued in November 2021 — having them slow-steam across the Pacific rather than bunching them at anchor near the ports — the dwindling count reflects a slowdown in consumer demand, ample inventories built up by American companies, and ships rerouting through Gulf of Mexico and East Coast ports.