



# The Monthly Miler

February 2022

## Birthdays to Celebrate!

**Eugene Cannon**  
IL Driver  
February 6

**Tim Swartz**  
Summers  
February 9

**Jay Nelson**  
PA Driver  
February 9

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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## INTRODUCING GENERAL MANAGER



**Ryan Allwein**

DRT is pleased to announce that Ryan Allwein has joined our organization as General Manager of DRT Logistics. Ryan brings over 25 years of experience and knowledge in the transportation industry to DRT, most recently holding the position of General Manager of Dry Bulk, at his former employer. Ryan's responsibilities will include overlooking all processes in place in the logistics division and focusing on ways to improve productivity so that we can make the most of our assets. With his work experience and professional skills combined, this will benefit our organization and bring logistics to the next level. Ryan will be working at the Lebanon Corporate office.

## Anniversaries to Celebrate!

**Gary Smith**  
1 Year  
PA Driver  
February 22



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## Kingsbury Korner

As we embrace the new year with eyes filled with wonderment and hearts full of good cheer, the safety department looks back onto the previous year in reflection on what happened and what we can do to improve it in the new year.

I read in a recent article that the cost of an accident with one injury is \$148,279; add in a single fatality into the mix, now the price jumps up to \$7 million. And did you know that for every \$1,000 cost incurred by the motor carrier, it will take one year to recover that amount? With an insurance deductible of \$2,500 per incident, this means the truck has to remain profitable for two and a half years before the cost of that one accident is recovered. WOW, talk about one expense accident, huh?

So let's review last year's accident history:  
The first step is to check the loss-runs (accident) data.

Types of accidents  
Preventable accidents – 9  
Non-preventable accidents – 3

Accident types  
Side-swipe collisions – 8 – 66%  
Rear-end collisions – 3 – 26%  
Stationary collisions – 1 – 8%

State of occurrence  
Illinois – 3  
Massachusetts – 1  
Minnesota - 1  
New Jersey – 5  
Pennsylvania – 2

Driver type  
Local – 11  
Regional – 1

The second step – conduct a root cause analysis. The safety department reviews each accident in great detail, spending days, if not weeks, in its pursuit of answers. OSHA defines the critical root cause analysis as, "A root cause is a fundamental, underlying, system-related reason why an accident occurred that identifies one or more correctable system failures." This allows us, the employer, to discover the underlying causes of an accident, create an action plan to eliminate future accidents, and later review the data to see if the action plan has achieved the desired results, or a system adjustment or new direction is needed.

The third and last step – inform the drivers and operational staff on the action plan and implement the program in a timely and positive manner while requesting timely feedback on operational and situational events or experiences while we engage the action plan. The safety department will continuously review the data, make necessary corrective actions throughout the process, or alter the overall action plan to reduce preventable accidents system-wide.

The action plan we are implementing today will include:

- Driver training courses focusing on critical behavior modification or situational driving improvement techniques via the Tenstreet training system or another online training program,
- Face-to-face meetings with the driver(s) to discuss issues of concern by the safety department or a designated representative,
- Driver specific ride-along reviews and mentoring events, and
- Increased disciplinary action or the immediate termination of a driver's employment.

Accidents are costly to those directly affected. The long-term effects can cripple the positive growth or, worse, force the company's closure and force its employees to start their careers with a new employer. So, as we enter a new year with eyes wide open and with hearts full of good cheer, let's place safety upfront via your actions and behaviors and drive with care because not only do you depend on it, but each and everyone depends on your safe driving skills everyday.



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# Top News From 2021 from TTNews

### **ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS GETS \$14 BILLION TO HELP EASE SUPPLY CHAINS**

The Biden administration on Jan. 19 announced the release of \$14 billion to the Army Corps of Engineers to fund 500 projects, with a focus on easing supply chain problems and addressing climate change. The spending stems largely from President Joe Biden's \$1 trillion infrastructure deal, and the administration is trying to show how the projects will improve supply chain backlogs. There are three specific projects tied to reducing supply bottlenecks by making it easier to transport goods, according to a White House fact sheet. U.S. ports have struggled to manage the inflow of container ships and move containers onto trucks as the economy recovered from the pandemic, resulting in delays in sending goods to consumers and higher prices. Among the projects being funded for the Army Corps of Engineers is \$858 million to replace locks on the Ohio River so that water levels are high enough for large cargo ships. Locks are enclosures that help to raise and lower water levels and make it easier to navigate waterways on uneven terrain.

### **FOREIGN TRUCKERS MUST BE VACCINATED TO ENTER US STARTING JAN. 22**

Starting Jan. 22, travelers entering the United States at land ports of entry — notably along the Canadian and Mexican borders — and ferry points who are not U.S. citizens must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the Department of Homeland Security announced. The requirement, which takes effect at 12 a.m. ET that day, does not apply to U.S. drivers. However, Canada and Mexico have similar regulations in place that do impact U.S. drivers — including truck drivers — who make cross-border runs. The DHS announcement was released late on Jan. 20, and was one that the trucking industry had been anticipating, noted American Trucking Associations Chief Economist Bob Costello. "It applies to all Canadian and Mexican drivers," he said. "I'm not too concerned about the Mexican drivers — the Mexican drayage drivers — they're vaccinated at a pretty high rate. For the Canadian drivers, they now have to be fully vaccinated to get back into their country to go home. So they're not going to come here if they're not vaccinated." On Jan. 15 Canada began enforcing a vaccine mandate at its border crossings directed at foreign truck drivers seeking to enter that country. Unvaccinated Canadian drivers are being allowed to return to their home country, but they must abide by a strict reentry protocol that includes a mandatory 14-day quarantine period.

### **FREIGHT COSTS EXPECTED TO REMAIN HIGH IN 2022**

Elevated freight rates are likely to remain through much of this year because of market turmoil, according to experts. "We probably peaked in December but for the first quarter and probably even potentially into the second quarter we're really not going to see any deterioration at all in the rate environment," Avery Vise, vice president of trucking research at FTR Transportation Intelligence, told Transport Topics. FTR data shows total truckload rates year-over-year are holding around 12% higher. They are forecast to grow 2.5% to 3% throughout the year. (That compares with a 29% rate increase in the spot market and 14% rate increase for contracts in 2021.) But year-over-year results could start stabilizing later in the year because of a surge in rates last year.



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## Did You Know?

### How The Logistics Industry Got Its Name -

Scour the pages of history, and you might find yourself confused about the true origin of the word logistics. There is a debate about when and where the word originated. The most common theory is that it originated in France. This is because the first record of its use was in 1846 in "The Art of War" by Antoine-Henri Jomini, a Napoleon-era French army general.

However, you might also read that the word originates directly from the Greek language. Some believe the Roman army coined the phrase, where the officers in charge of supplying the legions were known by the Greek word "logistikas." Others believe it came from the mathematical term "logistikos."

### National Logistics Day -

For those of you who work in logistics, June 28 is a day just for you! 2022 marks the fourth annual National Logistics Day. This is the day that we share our appreciation for the work you do! Your role is essential to our economy and only grows in importance by the day.

## Canada Reminder/Update

On Jan. 15, Canada imposed a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for truckers entering through its southern border. A similar U.S. mandate kicked in Jan. 22. U.S.-Canada trucking rates, already elevated because of pandemic disruptions and driver shortages, began rising almost immediately after Canada's mandate took effect. Our Canada team is working hard to stay on top of these mandates and working to best serve our customers.

## Topics welcomed!

If you would like to see a topic discussed in the newsletter that will bring value to the other drivers and the company please submit to  
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