



The Monthly Miler

October 2021

Birthdays to Celebrate!

Alan Barda
Chicago Driver
October 30

Anniversaries to Celebrate!

Michael Byrd
1 Year
Driver, IL
October 5

FROM THE DESK OF DOYLE JACOBS



Hello, and welcome to the second edition of The Monthly Miler. Did you know that for the majority of DRT customers, you will be the only DRT person they ever meet? The interaction you have with that customer tells them more about DRT, and the quality of our company, than any number of emails or phone calls from anyone else at DRT. Thank you for being the face of DRT. We are thankful to have you representing the remainder of us that will never meet our customers. Safe Travels!

- Doyle Jacobs, Vice President



ANNOUNCING A RECRUITING BONUS

REMINDER - we are offering a \$1,000 recruiting bonus to any current driver that refers any new qualified applicant(s) that is hired and remain employed with the motor carrier (after date of hire):

- + After 90 days - \$500
- + After 180 days - \$250
- + After 1 year - \$250

*Applicant must provide your name in the referral section of the application or before hiring for you to qualify

SEPTEMBER US AVERAGE DIESEL GAS PRICES

- WEEK OF AUG 30 - \$3.339
- WEEK OF SEPT 6 - \$3.373
- WEEK OF SEPT 13- \$3.372
- WEEK OF SEPT 20 - \$3.385
- WEEK OF SEPT 27 - \$3.406



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Kingsbury Korner

With the last few sunny, warm days remaining and nature preparing to dazzle us with a beautiful display of colors for us to enjoy, I want to remind you of the top 11 safety values that each professional driver must keep.

1. Get enough rest. If you feel drowsy, alert your dispatcher immediately. If you are already at work, alert your dispatcher that you need to end your work-day sooner than expected and then get out and get some fresh air (get out and move about) till you can safely park the truck and go home to get some rest.
2. Slowdown in work zones. Adjust your speed to the posted speed limits and heed the speed limit till you pass the "End Construction Zone" sign. If you feel you must drive slower to remain safe, do so, but never exceed the posted limit. Not only is this against the law, and you risk receiving a citation, this is also a company violation, and violators will face disciplinary action. Remember, speed kills.
3. Be aware of your blind spots and look ahead. Small cars are abundant and could quickly hide in your vehicle blind spots, so signal your intentions to change lanes or turn well in advance. If any mirror is damaged, report this immediately; we will get it replaced right away. And remember, look ahead look for low bridges and low hanging wires. 13' 0" means don't try it, driver...find a new route.
4. Increase your following distance. Use the 6-second rule and maintain that distance at all times. If necessary, drive slower than the traffic speed to allow traffic to flow around and away from you. Remember, you are here to do a safe and efficient job, not win races.
5. Check your brakes. Nothing will make a good day turn south in a hurry if you suddenly don't have brakes, so check them and check them often.

6. Follow the posted speed limit. Better yet, drive a few miles below the posted speed limit and allow the insane and aggressive drivers to flow past you. Driving slower not only increases your following distance but also reduces your stress and potential lane change interactions with other motorists.
7. Avoid aggressive drivers. NEVER EVER antagonize aggressive drivers! Instead, slow down or pull over at a safe location, stretch our legs, and get some fresh air. If they return or follow you, stay in your vehicle and lock the doors. Then, call 911 immediately and heed law enforcement directions.
8. Always, always, and if I didn't stress this enough, ALWAYS wear your seat belt. Wearing a seat belt means over and around you, NOT behind you. A properly worn seat belt will prevent you from being thrown about the cab or out of the vehicle in the event of a sudden stop or collision.
9. Beware of the effects of prescription or over-the-counter drugs. Read the labels for potential drowsy side effects and refrain from taking them before or during your work time.
10. Hands on the steering wheel. Program your GPS and open and consume any food/drink before you start your driving. Your full attention must be on one task only, and that's driving. Remember asking Jesus to take the wheel doesn't mean He is going to literally drive for you. Keep them hands on the steering wheel at all times.
11. Stay off the phone. Company policy states that you never text and drive or use a phone while the vehicle is in motion; this includes hand-free devices. Always allow any incoming calls to go to voicemail and return any missed calls or text messages once you have stopped in a safe location.

MEET YOUR TEAM



Emily Roy - Logistics Coordinator 1
Hometown: Van Buren, Arkansas (WOO PIG)

Interests: Cooking, traveling and watching Real Housewives

Favorite Food: Sushi

Favorite Band/Artist: Taylor Swift, duh!

One place Emily would love to travel to: Harbor Island, Bahamas



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In memory of the Victims and the Heroes who lost their lives 20 years ago



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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 NWEIERBACH@DRTTRANSPORTATION.COM

Did You Know?

Each year, the trucking industry travels 93.5 million highway miles—enough to make 195,713 round trips to the moon!

The trucking industry loses \$50 billion per year because of traffic

The top commodities transported via truck are food/agricultural products, machinery/electrical products, furniture and clothing