



The Monthly Miler

November 2021

Birthdays to Celebrate!

Benn Kingsbury
Director of Safety
November 8

Anniversaries to Celebrate!

Clifford Knight
1 Year
Driver, MA
November 3

Tony Holliman
3 Years
Driver, PA
November 5

FROM THE DESK OF LORI HORST



Greetings from the Human Resources Department. As we head into the holiday season, I just wanted to remind everyone to continue to be vigilant about COVID-19 precautions when gathering with family and friends. While the numbers have been decreasing, you shouldn't let your guard down just yet.

We also anticipate an increase in business levels as we head into Christmas which, means all hands on deck. I am confident that with the team we currently have, this will be smooth sailing for us. We at DRT are proud of the team we have built, and we are counting on all of you to help lead us into the new year.

We wish all of you many blessings this Thanksgiving season! Stay safe and, thank you for all that you do!

- Lori Horst, Director of Human Resources



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

ASK ABOUT OUR RECRUITING BONUS

OCTOBER US AVERAGE DIESEL GAS PRICES

WEEK OF OCT 4- \$3.477
WEEK OF OCT 11 - \$3.586
WEEK OF OCT 18- \$3.671
WEEK OF OCT 25 - \$3.713



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Kingsbury Korner

Steer Tire Blow-out

It's a beautiful mid-morning, traffic is light, and you're singing along to your favorite song currently playing on the radio while thinking if you could audition for America Idol. You know you would captivate the judges with your good looks, witty charm, and your beautiful voice, and then without warning, you suddenly have a blow-out at the left steer tire.

What do you do?

- A) Hit the brakes and hold on for dear life?
- B) Let go of the wheel and start singing "Jesus, Take the Wheel" by Carrier Underwood, or
- C) Hit the accelerator?

Those that attended last month's telephone conference safety meeting know that two of these answers will only make things go from bad to life-threatening in a matter of mere seconds.

I can already hear some of you saying, "I need to stop the vehicle now, and I am going to hit the brakes fast and hard; there is no way I am going to drive off the road or into oncoming traffic and risk a major accident or roll-over" but you would be wrong. The correct answer is C. You should step on the accelerator, gain a temporary increase in forwarding momentum, gain control, and then gradually slow down while controlling the direction of the vehicle. This is only possible if you are not running the governor and have reserve speed to use in the event of a steer tire blow-out; and have both hands on the wheel.

Staying a few miles per hour below the top governed speed (70 miles per hour) leaves you a cushion of speed to gain forward momentum to diagnose, control, and begin the gradual slowdown of the vehicle. Panic braking or removing your foot off the accelerator only allows the new side force caused by the tire blow-out to gain control and lead the vehicle in the new direction (in this case to the left). Stepping on the accelerator provides you the additional temporary forward momentum to overcome the sudden side force caused by the tire blow-out and allows you to make the appropriate steering wheel correction to maintain control. Once you gain control, diagnose the problem and slowly bring your vehicle to a safe stop. Once stopped, make sure you put out your emergency triangles and contact the office to request roadside breakdown service.

Remember these simple facts:

Never ride the vehicle governor, stay a few miles per hour below the governed maximum speed, keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times, step on the accelerator to gain control, make the appropriate steering wheel corrections to keep control of the vehicle on the road, in your lane of travel, and then slowly slow down till safely stopped.

And lastly, I would like to personally invite everyone to join us during our monthly safety meetings conducted via a telephone conference call on the last Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM Eastern time. Subject matters range month to month and cover a wide range of health and safety topics, accident investigation outcomes, and anything you, the driver wishes to discuss.

And as always, keep safety as a top priority in everything you do and say.

-Benn Kingsbury - Director of Safety

MEET YOUR TEAM



Nicole Gillen - Logistics Coordinator

Hometown: Red Wing, MN

Interests: Spending time with family & our two cats, cheering on my 5 year old daughter at dance shows & competitions, fishing, painting, crafting & watching Hallmark movies

Favorite Food: Tacos & I LOVE coffee!

Favorite Band/Artist: All the "Oldies but Goodies" 50s/60s/70s

One place Nicole would love to travel to: Alaskan cruise / Jamestown NY to see the Lucille Ball Museum



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We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with abundance and bright moments. Thank you for your hard work day in and day out to serve our clients/customers and make this company what it is. Thank you for your generosity, your willingness to go above and beyond. Thank you for helping to make DRT Logistics what it is.



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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?

Barcodes were originally used to label cars on the railroads. Due to their success, they were expanded for use in supermarkets in 1974 and have been used across retail, logistics, and many other industries since.

88 percent of shippers in the United States think that communication, flexibility and openness are the best qualities in making a successful partnership.