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“ We proudly place safety as an absolute priority of our company as we exceed the quality standards of each customer we serve. Our family-driven attitude exceeds our customer’s expectations which sets us above the industry standards in commitment to excellence, quality, and performance. ”



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WE ARE GROWING

DRT Logistics, a trusted logistics partner, is currently seeking customer-oriented, dedicated, and experienced truck drivers to join the team. If someone you know is interested in pursuing a career in the transportation industry, this could be an excellent opportunity for them. DRT Logistics is proud to announce that they are expanding their team by adding more regional drivers. With a focus on safety, reliability, and exceptional customer service, DRT Logistics is committed to providing a supportive work environment and competitive compensation packages.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Ryan Allwein

1 Year
Fleet Manager

Kevin Williams

4 Years
Chicago Driver



Mike Fry

July 16
PA Driver

Ricky Root

July 14
Regional Driver

Bill Giranda

July 6
PA Driver

Bill Travers

July 27
LSC Jockey Driver

Jessica Majeran

July 6
MA Driver

Richard Tubby

July 30
Regional Driver

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

Introducing Our New Director of Safety: Sam Nucifore

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Sam Nucifore as our new Director of Safety at DRT Logistics! Sam brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our team, and we are confident that his experience will further enhance our commitment to safety excellence.

Hailing from Schuylkill Haven, PA, Sam is no stranger to the transportation industry. With a remarkable track record in safety and compliance, he is affectionately known as "Safety Sam" among colleagues and peers. Sam's passion for safety and dedication to upholding the highest standards make him an invaluable addition to our organization.

Here are a few interesting facts about Safety Sam:

- Sam's roots are firmly planted in the Schuylkill Haven community from Schuylkill Haven, PA. He brings a local perspective and understanding of the region's unique transportation challenges.
- Family Man: Sam cherishes his role as a devoted family man. He is the proud father of five children and enjoys spending quality time with his seven grandchildren.
- House Flipping Enthusiast: Sam is a house-flipping aficionado in his free time. He loves taking on the challenge of renovating and transforming properties, showcasing his keen eye for design and craftsmanship.

Before joining our team, Sam held the Director of Compliance & Safety Training position at Evans Delivery Corp. His extensive experience in overseeing safety programs and ensuring compliance with industry regulations makes him a valuable asset in our pursuit of maintaining a safe and secure working environment.

When it comes to hobbies, Sam has a unique passion for keeping his Ford F-150 in pristine condition. Every Sunday, you can find him happily washing and caring for his beloved truck, a testament to his attention to detail and commitment to maintaining his assets.

We warmly welcome Safety Sam and look forward to the positive impact he will make in further strengthening our safety culture. His expertise, leadership, and dedication will play a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being of our employees and the successful execution of our operations.

Please join us in congratulating Sam on his new role and taking a moment to introduce yourself. Let's work together to create a safe and secure environment that enables our team to thrive and deliver excellence in all aspects of our work.



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PERSONAL CONVEYANCE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. May a driver, who drops his or her last load at a receiver's facility use personal conveyance to return to their normal work location (i.e. home or terminal)?

No. Returning home or to the terminal from a dispatched trip is a continuation of the trip, and therefore cannot be considered personal conveyance.

2. The guidance allows for "authorized use of a CMV to travel home after working at an offsite location." What is meant by the term "offsite" when used in this context?

The term refers to a location, other than a carrier's terminal or a shipper's or receiver's facility, where a driver works for a temporary period for a particular job. Specifically, this term is intended for construction and utility companies that set up base camps near a major job and operate from there for days or weeks at a time. These remote locations are considered "offsite" locations. Therefore, travel between home and that offsite location is considered commuting time, and qualifies as personal conveyance.

3. Is personal conveyance treated any differently when the driver is hauling hazardous materials?

No. There is no restriction on personal conveyance regarding hazardous materials transportation, provided that the driver complies with provisions of 49 CFR parts 177 and 397.

4. Can a driver who claims the short haul exception use personal conveyance?

Yes, there is no connection between personal conveyance and the short-haul exception. As always, off duty time does not extend the 12-hour duty time limitation.

5. How is personal conveyance time calculated in the hours-of-service rules?

Time spent under personal conveyance is off duty time.

6. May a driver use personal conveyance when they run out of available (driving/on-duty) hours?

No, except for the one exception described in the guidance where a driver who runs out of hours while at a shipper's or receiver's facility may drive from that facility to a nearby, safe location to park, provided that the driver allows adequate time to obtain rest in accordance with daily minimum off-duty periods under the Hours of Service rules before beginning to drive. Personal conveyance is those times where a driver is operating solely for a non-business purpose and cannot be used to extend the duty day.

7. Are there maximum distance time or distance limits for the use of personal conveyance?

No. However, it is important to note that the provision in §392.3 of the FMCSRs, prohibiting the operation of a commercial motor vehicle while fatigued, continues to apply. Therefore, a driver must get adequate rest before returning to driving.

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8. If a driver picks up the commercial motor vehicle from a repair facility once repairs are complete, would the driver be allowed to use personal conveyance to their residence from the repair shop?

No, travel for repair and maintenance work is being done in the furtherance of the business and is considered on duty time.

9. Can a loaded vehicle be used as personal conveyance?

Yes. Determining personal conveyance is based on the nature of the movement, not whether the vehicle is laden.

10. Can personal conveyance time be combined with other off-duty time to complete a 10 or 34-hour break?

Yes, since PC is off-duty time. However, it is important to note that the provision in §392.3 of the FMCSRs, prohibiting the operation of a commercial motor vehicle while ill or fatigued continues to apply.

11. Can a driver be inspected during personal conveyance? If so, what is the driver's duty status during the inspection?

Yes. Since the driver is still subject to the FMCSRs, the driver or vehicle can be inspected. The driver's duty status would be "on-duty, not driving" during the inspection.

SAFE DRIVER AWARDS



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Congratulations to our latest Safe Driver Award winners! Your commitment to safety and professionalism on the road is truly commendable. We applaud your dedication to maintaining high standards and ensuring the well-being of yourself, your cargo, and those around you. Thank you for setting an excellent example for our team and proudly representing DRT Logistics. Keep up the great work!

LOGISTICS TRENDS AND STAYING UP TO DATE!

In the ever-evolving world of logistics, new trends continue to shape the industry and pave the way for a more sustainable future. One such trend gaining significant momentum is the emphasis on sustainability practices within the logistics sector. Today, we explore this exciting trend and how DRT is actively embracing sustainability to make a positive impact.

Sustainability has become a top priority across industries, and logistics is no exception. With increasing concerns about environmental impact and the need to mitigate climate change, logistics companies are adopting eco-friendly practices to reduce their carbon footprint and contribute to a greener world. Let's take a closer look at some of the key aspects of this emerging trend:

- **Green Transportation Solutions:** Companies are increasingly exploring alternative fuel options such as electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and biofuels to reduce emissions from transportation.
- **Supply Chain Optimization:** Sustainable logistics involves optimizing supply chains to reduce inefficiencies and waste.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** To drive sustainable change, teamwork is essential. Companies are forming partnerships with suppliers, customers, and other stakeholders to promote sustainability throughout the supply chain. At DRT, we actively engage with our partners to develop sustainable practices collectively.
- **Packaging Innovations:** Sustainable packaging solutions are gaining traction, with a focus on reducing waste and utilizing eco-friendly materials. Companies are exploring options such as recyclable and biodegradable packaging to minimize environmental harm.
- **Data-Driven Sustainability:** Leveraging advanced technologies and data analytics, logistics companies are gaining insights into their operations' environmental impact. By monitoring and analyzing data, we can identify areas for improvement and make data-driven decisions to optimize our processes and reduce waste.

At DRT, we recognize the importance of sustainability in our operations. We are committed to embracing this trend and taking proactive steps towards a greener future. Our sustainability initiatives include:

- Being a Responsible Cares Partner
- Partnering with suppliers who share our commitment to sustainability.
- Educating and empowering our employees to adopt sustainable practices in their day-to-day operations.

By embracing sustainability, we contribute to a healthier planet, strengthen our brand reputation, and attract environmentally conscious customers. Together, we can make a significant difference in the logistics industry.

As we move forward, let us explore innovative ways to integrate sustainability into our operations and drive positive change. Stay tuned for updates on our sustainability initiatives, and remember, every step we take toward sustainability brings us closer to a greener, more sustainable future.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to building a better world through sustainable logistics practices.



SAFETY UPDATES

STAYING INFORMED



Trailer Maintenance, Rail In and Out Gating, and the Importance of Proactivity

Trailer maintenance is an essential part of any trucking operation. By properly maintaining our trailers, you can help ensure they are safe to operate and last longer.

There are a number of things that you can do to maintain our trailers, including:

- Inspecting our trailers regularly: This will help us to identify any potential problems before they become serious.
- Performing routine maintenance: This includes tasks such as changing the oil, checking the tire pressure, and inspecting the brakes.
- Repairing any damage immediately: If you notice any damage to your trailer, it is essential to report it as soon as possible. This will help prevent the damage from worsening and causing further problems.

Rail in and out gating is another important part of trailer maintenance. This is the process of loading and unloading trailers from rail cars. It is important to do this correctly to prevent damage to the trailers and the cargo being transported.

There are several things that you can do to ensure that rail in and out gating is done correctly, including:

- Using the proper equipment: This includes using the right size loading ramps.
- Inspect the trailer before in gating and out gating.
- Reporting damage: Reporting all damage before leaving the rail yard is critical. It is very difficult to be compensated from the rail if the damage is not reported before out gating.

By following these tips, you can help ensure that our trailers are properly maintained and will last longer.

The Importance of Proactivity

In addition to regular maintenance, it is also important to be proactive in identifying and addressing potential problems with our trailers. This means being aware of the signs of wear and tear and taking steps to repair any damage before it becomes severe.

One way to be proactive is to conduct regular inspections of our trailers. This will help you to identify any potential problems early on and take steps to correct them before they cause significant damage.

Another way to be proactive is to keep up-to-date on the latest trailer maintenance techniques and procedures. This will help you ensure that you use the most effective methods to keep your trailers in good condition.

Reporting Issues to Jacob Graham

If you notice any problems with our trailers, it is important to report them to Jacob Graham immediately. Jacob is our equipment coordinator, and he will be able to help you to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. Jacob can be reached at 715.821.9394 or jgraham@drtrtransportation.com

By reporting issues promptly, you can help to prevent minor problems from becoming major ones. This will save us time and money in the long run.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. By following these tips, you can help ensure that your trailers are properly maintained and will last longer.



TRANSPORT TOPICS

TOP NEWS

PMTA Sues Pennsylvania Over California Emissions Regulations

Fighting Pennsylvania’s automatic adoption of California heavy-truck emission standards, the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and four trucking company members are suing two commonwealth agencies while contending only their legislators can create state laws.

“This case is primarily about restoring the democratic process,” Caleb Kruckenberg, of the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF), told Transport Topics. “If Pennsylvania wants to enact strict environmental controls, then the General Assembly can do so. But the members of the Assembly would then have to answer to the voters.”

With headquarters in Sacramento and attorneys across the nation, PLF “has been fighting against government overreach for more than 50 years,” he said, adding that the firm would consider filing more lawsuits for trucking companies in other states that are enacting “rolling incorporation” of California’s emissions regulations.

The 21-page lawsuit, called a “Petition for Review in the Nature of a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief,” was filed June 13 against Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Environmental Quality Board and Richard Negrin in his official role as acting DEP secretary.



Kruckenberg declared, “The board’s regulation imposes strict rules based on the whims of regulators in another state. The people actually writing the rules have no accountability to the citizens of the commonwealth. That’s not how our system is supposed to work. The reason we filed now is that California’s standards, which automatically took effect in Pennsylvania, have given our clients no choice. For trucking companies forced to purchase more expensive trucks with extended warranties they don’t need or want, and dealerships forced to sell more expensive trucks than their neighbors in states like Ohio, the only option was to challenge the practice now.”

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