

# RTDS

**Cincinnati, Ohio**

## THE DISPATCH

JANUARY 2020

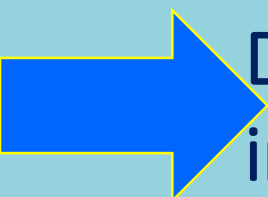


- 1/2 – Les M – Duro Bag
- 1/2 – Eddie S – Duro Bag
- 1/7 – Tom D – Road
- 1/8 – Jeff C – Duro Bag
- 1/17 – Bruce H - Safety
- 1/19 – Joe F – Perfetti
- 1/19 – Charley Y – Kamps IN
- 1/21 – Renee W – Recruiting
- 1/22 – Kevin M – John Morrell
- 1/24 – Bobby C – Perfetti
- 1/25 – Richard P – Road

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 1/4/19 – Jeff S – BPL
- 1/5/15 – Darrel D – Floater
- 1/9/15 – Ed G – Adv Pierre
- 1/18/17 – Paul G – Central Steel
- 1/22/18 – Robert G – Road
- 1/23/17 – Brad F – Road
- 1/25/16 – Ken Q - Dispatch
- 1/28/19 – Laurie M – Kamps OH



Drivers celebrating an anniversary can send in a LUNCH receipt for reimbursement!

## 10 Truck Driving Safety Tips

**Be Alert.** Look ahead down the road and around your truck. Be aware of who's in front, beside, and behind you at all times. Be aware of EVERYTHING so you can act accordingly and when necessary. Being well rested keeps you at your best.

**Check Weather Reports.** Know the weather, or possible weather conditions prior to leaving. Keep an eye on outside temp to watch for changing road conditions. Knowing what to expect helps be better prepared for bad weather driving and the necessary precautions can be taken.

**Avoid Traffic.** Whenever possible, avoid traveling at peak times. The more traffic, the greater the odds of an accident.

**Check Out Delivery Spots on Foot.** When delivering, *especially* to a new customer, scope out the place and check for yourself. By getting OUT of your truck and looking around, you'll see obstacles that may be in your way. Take a mental picture of the area. If you just drive in, you will NOT see the hazards.

**Be extra cautious at night.** Be alert, be aware, move slowly and cautiously. Always exercise 'extra' caution at night, especially in tight maneuvering situations.

**Leave Room in Front of Your Truck.** Always, always leave plenty of room in front of your vehicle. This 'buffer zone' or 'cushion' in front of you will help protect you. The more empty space you have in front of you, the more time you'll have to 'correct' and slow down, if necessary.

**Keep Lane Changes to a Minimum.** Pick a lane and STAY in it. Cars will dodge and change lanes no matter what. If you do need to change lanes, move over very carefully, being aware of your blind spots and constantly check your mirrors.

**Use a Trucker's GPS.** A GPS designed especially for truckers with show vital information such as which exit to take, distance before exit, when to change lanes, traffic reports, etc.

**Slow Down.** Semi-trucks don't corner like a car, nor do they handle like one. Always take corners and ramps more slowly. Travel safely and maintain control.

**Take Breaks and Check Your Truck.** Stop and take regular breaks as needed. Do a walk around the truck and trailer. Check your load. Look for soft tires, air leaks, check under the truck for any dripping coolant or oil.

# Driver of the Month -December-



David W.  
-Adv Pierre-

## November Safety Quiz

Rick S.  
-Hammer-



# Thank You!



David and Rick will receive a  
\$100 gift card!

# SAFETY

## December Roadside Inspection Results:

- 12/8 Greg D – Multicorr – **CLEAN!**
- 12/11 Steve F – BPL – **speeding; lane restriction**
- 12/12 Brad F – Road – **CLEAN!**
- 12/12 Jim B – Road – **CLEAN!**
- 12/18 Larry B – BPL – **CLEAN!**

Thank you Greg, Brad, Jim, and Larry for clean inspections! They also received \$50 for a job well done!!

Our score for unsafe driving continues to hold steady. Although our crash indicator is beginning to rise, we are still below the threshold. We have to keep it clean. Obey all local laws and know the speed limit, we do not need to give anyone a reason to pull us in! Our vehicle maintenance continues to improve, great job! Be sure that you are doing a full pre- and post-trip inspection every day.