



## STS / STEPS TO SAFETY!

Weekly Newsletter

Payroll 06/05/2015

### Happy Anniversary

*Eric Puckett - 05/26/14 - 1 year*

*Chad Spicer 06/06/14 - 1 year*

### Happy Birthday

*Mike Broehm 05/28*

*Mark Legg 05/29*

*Harold McClendon 06/06*

### Weekend On-Call Schedule

This week the on call personnel are as follows:

Anita Cook – Breakdown

Tim Britt – Operations

### **CSA SCORES-UPDATED 05/22/2015**

**HOS COMPLIANCE-20**

**UNSAFE DRIVING-18**

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE-34**

**DRIVER FITNESS-0**

**HAZMAT COMPLIANCE-0**

**CRASH INDICATOR-29**

**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE & ALCOHOL-0**

**ISS-35**

LET'S CONTINUE THE FOCUS ON REDUCING OUR UNSAFE DRIVING SCORE. THERE ARE 40 VIOLATIONS TRACKED IN THE UNSAFE DRIVING CATEGORY. THE TOP 10 MOST COMMON UNSAFE DRIVING VIOLATIONS CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING: SPEEDING, FAILING TO USE A SEAT BELT, FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE, FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE, IMPROPER LANE CHANGE, VIOLATING A LANE RESTRICTION, IMPROPER PASSING, USING A RADAR DETECTOR IN A CMV, UNLAWFUL PARKING OR HAVING AN UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGER.

FOR THOSE DRIVERS WHO WERE STOPPED FOR A DOT INSPECTION IN MAY AND WERE VIOLATION FREE, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE **THANK YOU!** CONTINUED EFFORTS SUCH AS YOURS & OTHERS WILL CONTINUE TO AID IN LOWERING OUR BASIC SCORES.

Donnie Barrington, Dan Inman, Terry Parker & Baron Roundtree

### **ON TIME SERVICE - BE THERE AND GET NOTICED**

We all know how important On Time Service is in this industry. It is the only thing that we are selling to a customer....."that we will be in place for a pickup or delivery as scheduled". Many times you may be there on time, but if the customer doesn't know it then we may not get credit for a successful on time pickup or delivery. Timely, accurate macros will help us to not only achieve, but exceed many of our customer's service expectations. It is important that you send arrival calls as soon as you get to a customer location....even if it's the night before go ahead and send your arrival call to record on your time arrival on site.

As a reminder on Nissan loads, we get graded not only on our delivery of parts to the Smyrna or Canton Plant, but also on our success at being on time for the pickup at the supplier as well. Following are strategies to follow when assigned to a Nissan rack or part loads.

**Rack deliveries to the suppliers** – Upon arrival to the Supplier, send Macro's 6, 7 for the current load, **THEN IMMEDIATELY SEND MACRO 2 FOR NEXT LOAD OF PARTS YOU ARE PICKING UP AT THE SUPPLIER.** Even if you are not empty on racks yet, we want to send your macros as if you arrived and got empty and then arrived to shipper for parts. This will ensure we record not only your arrival / delivery or racks to the supplier, but also that you arrived on time for pickup of the parts. Then send Macro 3 when you are actually loaded with parts and rolling to your next stop or the Nissan plant.

**Part deliveries to the plants (Smyrna or Canton)** – Upon arrival to the Nissan plant, send Macro's 4,5,6,7 for the current load, THEN **IMMEDIATELY SEND MACRO 2 FOR NEXT LOAD IF YOU ARE PICKING UP RACKS TO GO BACK OUT WITH.** This will ensure that we record not only your arrival / delivery of parts, but also your arrival for the next rack load out. Then send Macro 3 when you are actually loaded and departing with racks for your next load. Thanks in advance for everyone's immediate efforts with this. Let's make sure we are getting there and getting noticed on every customer delivery or pickup. Service is our Sell!!!

### Check Your Tires

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today cautioned motorists that hot weather and under-inflated tires are a dangerous combination. In the summer months, while vehicles are being driven at highway speeds, the heat and hot roadways contribute to the breakdown of tires and a greater likelihood for tire failure. NHTSA estimates that tire failure causes approximately 11,000 crashes a year. The most common cause of failure includes tread separations, blowouts, bald tires and under-inflated tires. Under inflated tires or worn down treads are a major cause of failure. Under-inflation also leads to poor fuel economy, sluggish handling, longer stopping distances and increased stress on tire components. Proper pressure is the most important part of maintaining a vehicle's tires. Properly maintained tires improve the steering, stopping, traction and load carrying capability of vehicles and can improve gas mileage by 3.3 percent.

To prevent tire failure, NHTSA offers the following safety recommendations:

- Follow the recommended tire pressure in pounds-per-square-inch (PSI) for your vehicle. 105psi for steer tires and 100psi on all other wheel positions.
- Purchase a tire pressure gauge to keep in your vehicle. Tires lose one PSI every month, so it is important to check your tires monthly to ensure proper inflation.
- If your vehicle is equipped with tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS), know where the TPMS warning is on your dashboard, and take action if you receive a warning.
- Check your vehicle owner's manual for specific recommendations for tire replacement for your vehicle. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend six years, some tire manufacturers recommend 10 years as the maximum service life for tires, including spares.
- Monitor the tread on all tires on your vehicle. Tires with tread worn down to 2/32 of an inch or less are not safe and should be replaced.
- Look for tread wear indicators – raised sections spaced throughout the bottom of the tread grooves. When they appear it is time to replace your tires.
- Try the penny test. Place a penny in the tread of your tires with Lincoln's head upside down and facing you. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, your tire has less than 2/32 of an inches of tread and you are ready for new tires.
- Remember that seat belts are your best defense in a crash.



We're getting down to the wire! There are a little over 3 weeks left to complete the Quarter 2 2015 ProTread Modules. **38** STS Drivers have already finished and earned an extra \$100! Congratulations to those drivers! The deadline for completion is **11:59pm on 6/30**. Let Ops know if you need to get to a terminal to complete your modules. Thank you for your cooperation!