Safety: Protecting Our Drivers!

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Protecting our Employees!

- What is our duty to Protect?
  - Moral and ethical duties.
- What does OSHA say?
  - Safe working environment.
  - 23 CFR 1910
- How can we Protect Drivers?
  - PPE, Training, Tool Box.
- Team Effort.
  - Management, Dispatch, Drivers.

Protecting our Employees!

- What can we CONTROL?
  - Hiring the right team member.
    - Attitude and aptitude!
  - Training.
    - In house.
    - Industry.
    - General Safety.
  - PPE.
  - Equipment and Maintenance.
  - Dispatch and task assignment.

Protecting our Employees!

- What we CAN'T CONTROL?
  - Location.
    - Roadway, Bridge, Shoulder.
    - Ditch, Woods, Field.
    - River, Pond, Lake
  - Time.
  - Lighting.
  - Weather…. We usually work in the worst weather extremes!

Loaded Acid Tanker in Water!

Light Tower for Safety!

Protecting our Employees!

- What we CAN'T CONTROL?
  - Physical Violence.
    - Coworker.
    - Customers.
    - Third Parties.
  - Hazardous Materials.
    - Appropriate PPE.
    - Proper Training.
    - Minimize Exposure.

Employee Injured by Customer

Protecting our Employees!

- Environmental Protection!
  - Clothing and PPE
- Situational Awareness!
  - Task oriented yet alert.
- The “D” Drivers.
- Internal Distractions
  - Home, family, bills.
- External Distractions
  - CELL PHONE, radio, vehicles.

Protecting our Employees!

- Route Selection and Driving!
  - Minimize Distractions.
- Parking and Orientation!
  - Task specific
  - Defensive Parking.
- Exiting and Approaching!
  - Heightened Awareness.
  - Alert and Focused.

Geared up for the job!

Not Enough or Too Much?

What we wear to work.

- Uniform, long or short pants and shirts.
- Hi visibility ANSI approved vest or coat.
- Work boots or shoes? Steel toes?
- Hard hat or cap.
- Gloves.
- Safety glasses or goggles.

Do we look the part?

Do we fit in the Team?

Weather Specific PPE

Extreme weather safety wear.

- Cold weather extremes, jacket, bibs, hats, gloves and boots.
- Hot weather extremes, short pants, short sleeves, wide brim hat, sunscreen.
- Rainy and wet weather extremes, rain gear.

What do you wear?

What is in the trailer? MSDS.

Specialty PPE

Protecting your self in special circumstances.

- Fall arresting harness with lanyard.
- Chemical exposure suit, gloves and boots. FR Garments.
- Respiratory protection, mask or SCBA.
- Hearing protection.

Job site required wear!

Water safety wear!

Enviromental PPE

High risk environment protective gear around or in water.

- Personal Floatation Device, PFD.
- Cold water rescue suit.
- Polluted water suit.
- SCUBA gear.

Protected from the cold!

Job specific safety wear!

Special Situation PPE

High risk environment protective gear, electrical or fire hazard.

- Flame retardant clothes.
- Turn out gear.
- Dielectric boots, gloves.
- Arc flash protection.

Special Situation PPE

- Blood Borne Pathogens.
  - Hepatitis, HIV.
- Insect carried diseases.
  - Malaria, Dengue Fever, Avian Flu
- Wild and Domestic Animal Bites
  - Skin Punctures, Rabies
  - Dogs, Snakes, Gator, Bats.

Protecting our Employees from the “ D “ Drivers!

- DRUGGED.
  - Medical and recreational Marihuana
- DRUNK.
- DROWSY.
- DISTRACTED.
  - The WORST drivers.
  - Texting, Talking.
  - Eating, Reading,
- Just Plain DUMB!

Situational Awareness

- **Situational Awareness** is the ability to identify, process, and comprehend the critical elements of information about what is happening to the team with regards to the mission. More simply, it's knowing what is going on around you.
- Monitoring, adapting and responding to changing conditions.

Who is MORE Visible?

What's Wrong in this Picture?

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Physical Health

- How do we monitor and encourage good health habits.
  - Smoking, Alcohol Consumption, Drug Use Prescription and Recreational.
  - Exercise and Stretching. Yoga?
  - Support Fitness and Wellness.
  - Movement IN and OUT of the Truck.
  - Head on a Swivel!
  - Prevention is BETTER than the cure!
  - Ergonomics in the office for Dispatch.
  - Ergonomics in the truck for Drivers.
  - Healthy Eating and Snacks!

Mental Health

- How do we monitor and encourage good mental health.
  - Foster Positive Work Environment.
  - Be Mindful of Changes.
  - Healthy Body Healthy Mind.
  - Stress reduction.
  - Critical Incident Stress Debriefing.
  - Post Accident Wellness.
  - Outside Counselling.
  - Learn to “Leave it at work”.
  - Happy Family Life, Happy Work Life, Happy Long Term Employee.

Managing Internal Distractions!

- Employee Assistance.
- Open Door Policy.
- Scheduling Flexibility.
- Stress Management.
  - Time off…. Vacations.
- Encourage and Facilitate Open Communications.
- Financial Management.

External Distractions!

- Positive Coworker Interactions.
- Positive Work Environment.
- Safer Work Environment.
- Safety Focused.
- Mutual Aid and Assistance.
- Technology.
  - Cell, Text, GPS, Tablet, MDT.

Changing Our Attitudes !

- Be safety focused.
- Lead By Example.
- Wear your seatbelt.
- Situational Awareness.
- Don’t talk or text while driving!
- Minimize Distractions.
- Logistics Management.
  - Use technology carefully.

Why invest in safety?

- Safety prevents loss of life and injury.
- Safety promotes good morale.
- Safety pays back real dividends.
- Safety saves money.
- Safety means more business.
- Safety reduces turnover!

Join the Museum

- Support the Museum and the "WALL OF THE FALLEN".

  Mutual Benefits for You and Your Employees.
- Preserves Our History.
  - Those that do not learn from the past are doomed to make the same mistakes!
  - A Permanent Memorial for our Employees.

Performance and Measurement for the Company

- Your company and drivers safety is being monitored now!
- Insurance carriers.
- OSHA.
- Motor Carrier Enforcement
- Federal, State and Local DOT.

Safety Tools Available to You

There are a lot of tools already available to you.

TRAA has produced two safety videos, available today at the TRAA booth. The videos address roadside safety and visibility.

Everyone Goes Home

Dress for Success

Tow Times offers a safety program - **TowSafe**

Insurance Resources: Liability and Comp Carriers all have Safety Programs.

Together We CAN Do Better and Maybe Save a Life.

Questions?