**April 2018 Newsletter**

**April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month ~** Distracted driving is any activity that diverts your attention from driving. Multitasking while driving puts a strain on your brain, and no matter how safe hands-free technology may seem, it is for convenience, not safety! Recently, a man was killed in Lake Elmo due to a distracted truck driver. That driver is facing charges of criminal vehicular homicide. Think about the truck driver and the fatality, avoid distractions. Do not use your phone while driving, no exceptions.

**All vehicles must have a working horn**

Do not drive a vehicle without one. It can be either the city horn or an air horn; at least one must be working properly per DOT & FMCSA.

**Safety Meeting – Saturday, May 5**

Mark your calendars! The AAT Safety Meeting will be held at the Machine Shed Restaurant, in Lake Elmo from 8am to 12pm. Join us for breakfast, a guest speaker, informative topics as well as prizes! There will be a sign-up sheet in the office, as well as a map for directions. Please let Stacie know if you plan on attending.

**Facebook ~**

Check out our page – we have been adding articles and other subjects of interest! If you have a tip or any information, you would like to share with other drivers – let Stacie know.

**From the Suggestion Box ~**

***Direct Deposit*** – We are looking into this as an option in the future.

***Categories on Settlement Statement*** – Our options are limited due to our software program.

***Permit Explanations*** – Please discuss with dispatch prior to departing on trip for any clarifications, details are in your drivers book.

***Prophesy Change from 65 to 60 mph***

Changing the perimeter forces the program to route on US highways which are less safe than current Interstate highways.

***Shuttle Driver Award*** – We are discussing driver award options, this along with the Driver of the Month program. Revisions are coming soon.

***Keep the Suggestions coming*** – we are pleased to consider them as well as let you know why if we cannot!

**Welcome New Drivers ~**

Steve C. ~ Walter E. ~ Mel H. ~ we are happy to have you on our team!

Kevin B. and Dave H. ~ both returning drivers – we are glad to have you back!

**Happy April Birthday to Zdenek and Javier!**

**Reminder - We are exempt from ELD’s ~**

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From all of us at AAT: Debra, Scott, Donna, Jackie, Kara, Patti, Penney and Stacie