

AAT NEWS

September 2019

BRAKE SAFETY WEEK Sept 15-21, 2019

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Brake Safety Week is scheduled for Sept 15-21, 2019. Throughout the week, enforcement officials will conduct roadside safety inspections on commercial vehicles with special attention to brake hoses/tubing. Out-of-adjustment brakes and brake-system violations represented 45% of all out-of-service vehicle violations issues during last year's three day International Roadcheck campaign. According to FMCSA's 2018 Pocket Guide to Large Truck and Bus Statistics, brake-related violations accounted for six of the top 20 most frequently cited vehicle violations in 2017. The goal for Brake Safety Week is to reduce the number of crashes caused or made more severe by faulty brake systems on commercial



License Plates.....Pg 21 #18 Please review-- license plates are not to be placed in the window. If the license plate cannot safely be attached, please keep it in your drivers book. Review pg. 21 #16 for information.

Winter Tire Sock Requirements.....pg 38 Hard to believe that Sept 1st starts chains/socks in CO.!

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McNeilus safety reminder information was emailed to everyone. Please review it carefully—HI VIS vests must be worn by everyone when on Oshkosh/McNeilus property.

TRIANGLES Triangles are required to be provided by the driver on every trip. If provided in the truck, we do not use the customers triangles.

WEX CARDS...we have been experiencing a number of cards being shut off by WEX due to what they perceive to be fraud. If a problem arises, please contact your dispatcher.



Please plan on arriving 10-15 minutes before the shuttle is scheduled to leave so that everyone is ready to leave on time.

With the Chain Laws in Colorado going into effect Sept 1st it is a good reminder to have your winter gear with you on any trips.

National Truck Driver Appreciation Week September 8-14, 2019

CHANGING LANES

Changing lanes can be dangerous and difficult to do in heavy traffic, especially for a commercial vehicle. Blind spots make it hard to see all of the surroundings, that is why it is vital to signal ahead of time and check the mirrors several times before attempting a lane change. In most states it is against the law not to signal your intention to switch lanes.

It is a good idea to choose a middle lane in heavily populated areas when possible to avoid having to constantly move over due to merging traffic or emergency vehicles. For less populated areas always choose the right lane so traffic is only passing you on one side.

- Check your mirrors: look around and confirm you have enough space to change lanes.
- Signal early" other drivers need to be aware of your intentions.
- Check your no zone: trucks have many blind spots especially on the right side. Make sure there are no vehicles. Double check each area as things can change quickly.
- Move slow: don't make sudden lane changes, they are suppose to be gradual.

Colorado Chain Law in Effect September 1

The Colorado Chain Law will be going into effect Sept 1, 2019. The guidelines state that from Sept 1 through May 31, all commercial vehicles traveling on I-70 between the Edwards exit (mile point 133) and the Morrison exit (mile point 259) must carry sufficient chains to be in compliance with the Colorado chain law. Tire socks are very convenient (vs the heavy bulky chains) but are costly. If not returned the replacement cost to the drivers is \$385 per set.

Our office will be closed September 2, 2019 to observe Labor Day. All paperwork must be turned by Tuesday, September 3rd no later than noon for this settlement period.

With Truck Driver Appreciation Week in September we would like to take a moment to thank all of our drivers for their dedication and commitment to Advanced Auto. It truly takes a team and we "appreciate" all of our drivers!

Thank you!

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