

Feb 17, 2020
Random Acts
Of
Kindness day

AAT NEWS

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FMCSA Clearinghouse Information

On January 6, 2020, the FMCSA launched an online database called Clearinghouse. This database will provide information on FMCSA's CDL and CLP drivers under the drug and alcohol program. This information will be readily accessible to "drivers, employers, FMCSA, State Driver Licensing Agencies and State law enforcement personnel" where one will be able to check drug and alcohol violations, report drug tests and substance abuse, and a driver will be able to view their personal record according to the FMCSA. With the implementation of Clearinghouse, it is the FMCSA's goal to "improve highway safety" through effective and easily accessible channels of reporting, information and results.

Advanced Auto Transport is required to perform a limited query as an annual check on all current CDL holders to determine whether any drug and/or alcohol records are found in the Clearinghouse. If records are found, a full query must be conducted within 24 hours.

To conduct a limited query, AAT will need the signed General Consent Form from the driver. Please return the completed form no later than March 1, 2020. This was mailed to you or is available in the office.

In order to conduct the full query and do this within the 24 hour window, drivers are required to register with the Clearinghouse and provide electronic consent. Clearinghouse registrations must be completed by March 1, 2020.

Note that by law, if you do not sign the General Consent for limited queries or any necessary electronic for full queries, driver will not be allowed to person safety sensitive functions including driving a commercial motor vehicle as required by the FMCSA's drug and alcohol program regulations.

<https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

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All annual forms to Penney-- Clearinghouse consent, 1099?

SAFETY VESTS or HIGH VIS JACKETS must be worn at McNeilus, and New Flyer along with our other customer lots. Remember identifying AAT clothing must be worn along with a professional look--no track suits, sweat clothes, cut off shorts, etc.

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

Clearinghouse Login and Register completed? March 1st deadline.

Daily Check in Calls.....By 8:00am and 2:00 pm.

Time Sensitive Information

Driving Safely in Winter Weather

Perhaps the deadliest danger of all is "black ice". Black ice is ice that forms on a roadway usually due to snow melting and refreezing since it's almost invisible, drivers fail to recognize black ice conditions and may drive at normal speeds, often resulting in very serious accidents. Always be alert to the possibility of black ice when temperatures are near or below freezing. Pavement that looks dry but appears darker in color and dull looking should alert you to the presence of black ice.

Failing to allow yourself enough time to stop is also a major cause of winter driving accidents. During slippery conditions, stopping distances can triple. Driving at a slower speed, anticipating stops at traffic lights and intersections, and applying the brakes sooner, will help ensure accident free stops. When braking (without anti-skid), brake carefully with short, rapid application of the brakes. Most new vehicles are equipped with anti-skid braking components so you can press the brakes and hold - the antiskid system performs the rest. No matter what brake systems you have, always allow plenty of extra space between you and other vehicles to minimize the need for quick stops.

Acceleration, turning, and passing, present dangers during winter driving. Accelerate slowly to avoid the loss of traction and subsequent loss of control. Turn slowly with caution, to avoid sliding into a stationary object or the path of an oncoming vehicle. Avoid sudden movements. Pass with care between passing lanes, as these lanes are not maintained as well as driving lanes. Again, leave extra space between yourself and other vehicles so that there is room to maneuver in case something goes wrong. During a skid, steer cautiously and in the direction you want the vehicle to go.

One Team



Shuttle drivers are instructed to assist CDL drivers to prepare for the departure of their truck--helping with pre-trip: checking lights, spotter for backing up, etc. They are also a second set of eyes for any pre-existing damage or concerns.

**We are all on the same team--
Providing the best possible customer service!**

A little kindness goes a long way in our daily lives and the world we live in. Feb. 17th is Random Act of Kindness Day. Plan your extra act of kindness.

Debra, Scott, Donna, Penney, Jackie, Fred, Kara & Patti