

MTSA Newsletter

Minnesota Transport Services Association

February 2018

Important Dates:

- Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 19 – President’s Day - Office Open
- Feb. 20 – Minnesota Legislature reconvenes (noon)

Happy Valentine’s Day



MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATURE TO RECONVENE

February 20th will mark the start of the 2018 legislative session. This is the second year of the two year session so all bills not acted upon in last year’s session will still be in play. There were no bills at close of session that would directly affect our industry but traditionally there will be another 1500 or so bills introduced, so we will keep a keen eye on what is happening down at the legislature. The session is scheduled to end on May 21st, so this is considered a short session. We will keep our members advised of anything that may affect our business.

MTSA/FMCSA/MN DOT/MN DOA HOLDS EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR AND LISTENING SESSION

Each year for the past few years your MTSA has invited all companies in the state moving industry to join MN DOT and FMCSA for up to date information and the opportunity to ask questions about issues affecting our industry. This year we took it several steps further and asked the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, who regulates warehouses in Minnesota to join us and give us some background on their role in our business. In conjunction with that we invited all registered warehouse companies in Minnesota to join us at the event.

We also took the extra step of inviting all interstate household goods carriers based in Minnesota (those who do not hold Minnesota intrastate rights) and we invited some key Minnesota legislators who serve on the Senate and House transportation committees to join us for the meeting. We hoped this would help them understand what the MTSA is and does for the industry and consumers in the state of Minnesota.

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MTSA Website

Check out our website at: www.MTSA.org

The website was developed as a consumer reference page for local movers. The site is promoted as a safe place for consumers to find an authorized, legal mover in their area. We provide a link to those members who have their own websites.



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While we had a good turnout for the event, none of the legislators were able to join us. We did receive some response from a few of them and I intend to make appointments to visit with them. I did have the opportunity to meet with the presenters prior to our event and talk about some of the issues that I thought might be of interest to the attendees. I asked each to focus on the latest information and law changes, what is necessary to be in compliance and stay in compliance with state and federal regulations and audits (how companies are chosen and what to expect in an audit).

MTSA, in conjunction with our presenters, provided hand outs of various state and federal forms, regulations and information. Among these were the state "Moving Experience" booklet, the FMCSA "Your Rights and Responsibilities When You Move", "Protect Your Move", "Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service Supporting Documents Frequently Asked Questions", Title 49, Part 375 – Household Goods Carrier's Consumer Protection Regulations and sample Minnesota HHG Bill of Lading and Order for Service forms.

Despite cold weather, it was a good turnout and everyone seemed very satisfied with the presentations and hand outs. Our thanks again to Brian Hall and his team at New Haven Moving Equipment for hosting this event.



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SHAKOPEE, MN 55379

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MTSA – NALC STAMP OUT HUNGER

For the past 10 years, MTSA has been a major participant in the annual National Association of Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger food drive. This past September, at the direction of our Board of Directors, I ended our official participation in this event. The timing of the event has always been problematic for us coming the second weekend in May. We have enjoyed working with the exceptional people at Second Harvest Heartland, the local letter carrier's unions, Cub Foods and WCCO radio for these past ten years and wish them only the best going forward.

That being said, MTSA staff is open to suggestions for an activity the association could participate in that would continue our tradition of giving back to the community. If you have any suggestions, please contact the MTSA office.





ELECTRONIC LOGGING DEVICE UPDATE

The Federal Motor Carrier Administration Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) webpage has been updated, it now has ELD Exemptions and Waiver information on the ELD home page. It's located on the right side of the ELD home page under the "Related Links." The section containing updated ELD and HOS supporting document FAQ's has also been updated as of the end of December 2017.

ELD Home Page Weblink:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/electronic-logging-devices>

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/electronic-logging-device-eld-exemptions-and-waivers>

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/faqs>

NATIONAL MEDICAL REGISTRY UPDATE

The FMCSA Webpage has been updated with a 'new search tool' while FMCSA continue working to restore full-functionality of the webpage. The newly developed search tool allows stakeholders to verify that a Medical Examiner is certified and listed on the National Medical Registry.

Certified Medical Examiners are able to continue conducting physical qualification examinations of CMV drivers and issuing paper Medical Examiner's Certificates, Form MCSA-5876 to qualified drivers. Medical Examiners should segregate all examinations completed during the outage and be prepared to upload them to the National Registry system, with no penalties, when it is back online. All certified ME's will be notified by FMCSA once the system is available.

Drivers, Motor Carriers, and State Driver's Licensing Agencies (SDLA's)

To use this search tool, the Medical Examiner's National Registry number will be required. Drivers needing to verify if a specific provider is certified and listed on the National

Registry prior to an examination can obtain this number by contacting their healthcare professional directly. Each certified Medical Examiner on the National Registry is provided a National Registry number when registering to become certified to conduct Department of Transportation physical qualification examinations. If the search for a National Registry number does not provide a result, it may be that the Medical Examiner is registered but has not yet completed the process to become certified by FMCSA and the driver should find a new provider. Employers and SDLA's can obtain the certified Medical Examiner's National Registry number from the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876 that is submitted by the driver.

National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners "Search":

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/medical/national-registry-certified-medical-examiners-search>



Gas Prices
Feb 5th

Highest
Recorded
Price:

Regular Unleaded	DSL.
\$4.275	\$4.723
5/20/2013	7/18/2008



Gas Prices Courtesy of AAA

	Regular	Mid	Premium	Diesel
Current Avg	\$2.584	\$2.739	\$2.995	\$2.982
Yesterday Avg	\$2.583	\$2.737	\$2.993	\$2.985
Week Ago Avg	\$2.560	\$2.711	\$2.964	\$2.945
Month Ago Avg	\$2.398	\$2.572	\$2.820	\$2.856
Year Ago Avg	\$2.272	\$2.433	\$2.665	\$2.505

* Prices are in US dollars per gallon

VANLINER INSURANCE COMPANY TO PRESENT LOSS PREVENTION AND COST CONTAINMENT SEMINAR

Please join VANLINER'S experienced team at this NO COST seminar to:

- Learn proven strategies to assist with reducing claims frequency and improving overall safety programs with respect to DOT/OSHA, workers' compensation and catastrophic weather claims.
- Learn from an experienced team who will teach you how to potentially reduce your liability and create a more robust safety program. All meals (breakfast and lunch) during the seminar are complimentary, and prizes will be presented throughout.

WHEN: March 29, 2018

WHERE: Minneapolis Airport Marriott
2020 American Boulevard East
Bloomington, Minnesota 55425
(952) 854-7441

AGENDA:

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast & Registration, including drawing for two gift cards

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. How to Prepare for a DOT Compliance Investigation?

MAP-21 raised the bar for carriers and drivers to operate on our roads. The Congressional mandate establishing the FMCSA Household Goods Working Group signals the importance of an effective Safety Management Plan.

- Are your safety and compliance programs ready for inspection?
- What determines who and what will be inspected? Answers to these questions and valuable insight on avoiding consumer complaints and determining factors that will affect safety ratings will be provided by a former FMCSA Safety and Commercial Investigator and current member of the FMCSA Household Goods Working Group.

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Workers' Compensation - Best Management Practices.

Learn tips you can take to contain costs when a workers' compensation claim is reported from a member of Vanliner's Workers' Compensation Claims management team.

11:45 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch Buffet, including drawing for two gift cards

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Does Failing to Plan Really Equal Planning to Fail? How prepared is your agency should a catastrophic weather loss occur? Vanliner Claims Management will review Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity best practices every agent should consider, share tips for maintaining your optimum level of preparedness and what matters most during a catastrophic claim. They'll also share easy steps you can accomplish now that can pay huge dividends down the road - helping to pave the way for a speedy recovery should Mother Nature strike.

2:10 - 3:00 p.m. OSHA for Movers. What prompts a visit by an OSHA Compliance Officer? What do they look for when they are on-site? This presentation will address the most prominent type of citations issued to movers so you can better understand the reasoning behind them and how best to prepare. We have seen an increase in OSHA inspections in the moving and storage space in recent years. Proper preparation can reduce work-related injuries and save your company money in regulatory fines.

3:10 - 4:00 p.m. Lytix DriveCam. Lytx® harnesses the power of video to transform fleets with improved safety, efficiency, productivity and profitability. If an incident is recorded with a Lytx drive cam, it is flagged based on severity and driver name. Lytx then compiles all incidents into a daily report. Manage your data better and no longer spend unwanted time reviewing hours of footage.

This is an opportunity to learn from the leading experts in the field at no cost to you.

To register for the seminar or if you have any questions concerning the upcoming seminar, please contact Rachel Click at (800) 325-3619 extension 9398 or rachel.click@vanliner.com.



MINNESOTA CAB CARD REMINDER

In several conversations with MN DOT they indicated that the biggest reason (after no insurance) for a carrier to have his MN HHG authority (registration) revoked is failure to renew his cab cards annually. MN DOT does send out reminders for renewal of cab cards but sometimes “things happen”. You must have a valid cab card to operate as a HHG carrier in Minnesota. In an effort to provide one more reminder, we will be publishing each month a list of carriers who need to renew their cab cards by month’s end.

FEBRUARY (could already be done)

Alwin Family Partners, LLC
d/b/a A Smooth Move
Rochester, MN

Bennett Moving, LLC
d/b/a Two Men and A Truck, Rochester, MN
Rochester, MN

Copeland Trucking, Inc.
Fridley, MN

Jeremiah Olson d/b/a Couch Cab
Minneapolis, MN

K-Way Express, Inc.
Winsted, MN

Larson Moving & Storage Company
d/b/a Mohawk Moving & Storage Company
Blaine, MN

Paragon Moving & Storage, Inc.
Hopkins, MN

Piano Movers Extrordinaire
Braham, MN

Robinson Transfer
Hastings, MN

Rodney E. Loe
d/b/a R & R Transfer Co.
Ely, MN

Stanley G. Alexander
d/b/a Alexander’s Mobility Services
Tustin, CA

The Move Crew
St. Paul, MN

The Picker Uppers, LLC
New Ulm, MN

TK Movers, LLC
Buffalo, MN

Will-Do Movers, LLC
Cottage Grove, MN

Winona Moving & Storage, LLC
Minnesota City, MN

MARCH

360 Wow Moving, LLC
d/b/a You Move Me
Minneapolis, MN

Bester Bros. Transfer & Storage Co., Inc.
South St. Paul, MN

Doug Legatt
d/b/a We Haul For You
Holdingford, MN

Hanson-Maves Company
Minot, ND

Keefe Transfer, Inc.
Rochester, MN

Keys 4/4Kids, Inc.
Belle Plaine, MN

Kilian Truck Line
St. Cloud, MN

Lustila Moving & Storage
d/b/a Iron Range Moving and Storage
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Matthew A Kath
d/b/a Kath Moving & Transfer
Owatonna, MN

McDonough Truck Line, Inc.
Faribault, MN

Northern Minnesota Movers, Inc.
Saginaw, MN

Polman Transfer, Inc.
Wadena, MN

Red’s Transfer & Storage, Inc.
St. Cloud, MN

River House Properties, Inc.
d/b/a Merchants Moving
Bemidji, MN

RML, LLC.
d/b/a Fettes Transportation Systems
West Fargo, ND

*A
Friendly
Reminder*

The following is a list of Minnesota Transport Services Association's associate members. These members all support Minnesota's trucking and transportation industry. Please return their support by using their products and services!

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