

Zero Violation Drivers

The following drivers posted clean roadside inspections with no violations. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

August

Leotious Fields Jr.

Jewell York

Thomas Warren III

Robert Purk

Normand Doyon

Michael White

Brian Boyle

Gordon Coulter

John Magee

Jim Bose

Kenneth Perry

Rickie Endicott

David Wawrzyiak

John Schultz

William Walthall

September

Jeffrey Hobbs

Darelle Simmons

Edward Butler

Attila Steines

Sherman Chupp

Daniel Barton

John Schultz

Roger Young

Matthew Mollen

Shawn Needham

James Chapman

Dion Burnley

Ronald Metzger

William Spink

John McDonald

Bennie Jacobs

Abel Vitela

Sheri Henry

Jeffrey Goben

October

John Magee

Tyrone Person

Earl Rosebud

Jesus Mendez

Raymond Pagels

Leo Nelson

Lester Price

William Ledford

Brian Boyle

Deborah Deshetler

Charles Howell

Michael Fisher

Bryan Reid

JAKEbreak

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Keep Up-to-Date on Your Driving Logs

Attention all drivers: Jacobson places a large focus on logs. Ideally, you need to be turning in your logs every week, if not more often. Logs can be mailed in the large envelopes or dropped off in the Des Moines office. If you work out of a satellite location, either mail them or give them to your terminal manager to turn in to Safety in Des Moines.

If you are told you have a missing log, it is because you haven't turned it in, logged multiple days off duty incorrectly or the log was not legible. You will need to submit a log for the day requested.

Jacobson Companies has a great safety reputation rating with the DOT, and we do not want to do anything to tarnish that. Failure of a motor carrier to keep the required logs on file is a major issue should the DOT do a compliance audit. Along with the need to keep logs turned in, all drivers are expected to turn in a legal and accurate log. All logs are subject to review for violations of hours, miles, falsifications and accuracy. Please get them in on time and make sure that they are correct. If you have any questions about logs, please contact your safety manager.

Submitted by Jami Atkinson

Logging reminders:

- Make sure the date is correct at the top of the log (month/day/year)
- Make sure your driver is using the correct 6 digit log code (last 6 digits of their social security number) or 4 digit code if it has been approved by Safety
- Make sure the log is signed
- Complete the grid and make sure the total hours column is complete
- Keep your log books at home for three months in case a log shows up with errors/missing

When logging multiple days off duty:

- The beginning date is written at the top of the log and the total number of days off duty including that day is included in the box under the log
- When multiple days off duty overlap two months, then two separate log sheets need to be made

CSA 2010 Underway

Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA 2010) is a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) initiative to improve large truck and bus safety and ultimately reduce commercial motor vehicle-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. It introduces a new enforcement and compliance model that allows FMCSA and its state partners to contact a larger number of carriers and drivers earlier in order to address safety problems before crashes occur. Rolling out the program will establish a new nationwide system for making the roads safer for motor carriers and the public alike!

As this data becomes available to us, our job is to break it down and identify what we are doing well and what we are not doing so well. Once we have determined what we need to work harder at, we have to communicate this to our most important asset, YOU, the driver!

Here are some current interesting CSA statistics for Jacobson Companies:

- Through the previous 24 months, 1,599 inspections were conducted, 399 were clean
- Light violations account for 40.6% of all points in the Vehicle Maintenance BASIC
- 57% of light violations occur on the trailer
- Speeding violations account for 61% of all points in the Unsafe Driving BASIC
- Record of Duty Status not current accounts for 42% of all points in the Fatigued Driving BASIC

Remember, drivers are now subject to

interventions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). If you are “flagged” in the Inspection Selection System, you may receive a Notice of Violation; this is a warning letter. You may also receive a Notice of Claim; this is a fine. Possibly in the thousands of dollars!

There is a simple solution to solve these issues and prevent any interventions from the FMCSA:

- 1. Perform proper Pre-trip and Post-trip inspections.** Thorough pre-trip inspections will identify any defects on your equipment. Well-documented DVIR's during your post-trip inspection will help communicate defects to your manager and maintenance personnel. If they don't know what the problem is, they can't fix it!
- 2. DON'T SPEED!** Chances are, if you get pulled over for speeding, the officer is going to find 1-2 more violations to add on in addition to the speeding violation. You could have avoided 3 possible violations if you didn't speed!
- 3. Keep your logs current!** An officer may initially chose to do a level 3, driver only inspection. Once they see your log book is not current, they now will most likely do a level 1, full inspection. Their thinking is simple, “If you don't care about your log book, what else don't you care about?”

We are confident that if we can improve on these simple steps, YOU as a driver will avoid interventions from the FMCSA. Please contact your safety manager if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Submitted by Blake Eischeid



Winter Weather Returns!

Once again, we are entering that favorite time for Drivers -- Winter Driving. Although all of our drivers have experience, it never hurts to go over some tips for driving in these conditions. **DON'T PUSH IT!** No load is worth endangering yourself and the general public. Follow these simple tips to reduce your chances of having trouble in winter weather:

- **SLOW DOWN!** Drive according to road and weather conditions. Remember, the posted speed limits are intended for dry road conditions. Be especially cautious on hills, curves and intersections.
- Listen to local forecasts for road conditions.
- Maximize visibility by clearing all snow and ice from windows, mirrors and lights before driving and as needed along the way.
- Increase following distance behind all vehicles. Never Tailgate!
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra time to react.
- Be aware of black ice (thin transparent layer of ice hard to spot on pavement)
- Use caution on bridges and overpasses since they tend to freeze first
- Maintain the vehicle- tire pressure, brakes, batteries, fluids (especially wind shield wiper fluid)
- Assemble and carry a winter driving kit: ice scraper, shovel, extra clothing/blankets, flashlight, drinking water and food

Drive with respect for the weather and road conditions. In bad weather, it is important to see and be seen. Turn on your lights and activate your wipers. Fog and whiteouts can happen quickly, so slow down. And remember, traction is cut in half on snowy roads and even plowed roadways can have snow or ice-covered spots. Don't risk a tragedy; seek shelter. Remember weather is not an excuse for having accident.

Submitted by John Briley

Be careful and get home to your family safely!



Don't Veer for Deer!

Deer-vehicle accidents are extremely costly and potentially dangerous for you the driver. Reduce the chance for injury and more damage by staying in your lane and striking the animal. Remember to slow down in wooded and densely vegetated areas.

If you see one deer, there are probably more so honk your horn. Always be extra aware at dusk and dawn and keep your eyes moving. Awareness = Safety

Submitted by Jamie Turnipseed



Safe Driving Anniversaries

August

Carl Bledsoe
Anthony Edwards
Andrew Zeiner
Leslie Boyce
Lorell Patterson
Michael Pellingrino
Randy Temple
Rodger Braudaway
Keith Snyder
Gregory Peck
John Gardner
Carlos Oliver
Eric Stephenson
Roger Mayes
Dennis Powders
BT Ake

William Jacobson

September

Cedric Mitchell
Jeremy Pinckney
Robert Chellson
Donald Mills
Darren Sagee
Kevin Benjamin
Tim Neal
Tim O'Keefe
Christopher Pretot
Danial Mathias
Edward Willoughby
Michael Wilson
Bernard Rivers
Craig Reynolds

Kenneth Harris
William Walthall
James Bennett
Michael White
Leotious Fields
Dennis Patterson
Jeffery Lowry
Steven Laffoon
Jaqueline Laffoon
Ernest Schneider
David Wanto
Duran Martin

October

John Shepherd
Michael Klein
Robert Purk

Tyrone Person

Michael Mobley
Scott Ohm
Joseph Elifritz
Timothy Schumacher
William Beard
Mark Lancaster
Joe Morrow
Timothy Wilford
Johnny Wilson
Brian Busick
Eric Christian
Alvin Turner
Dwain Gaines
Alan Whitlock
Mark Quinn
Linwood Brown

Mike Parham

Wesley Law Scolley
Robert Jones-Larson
Rick Lauchner
Robert Norman
Charles Huling
Allen Slate
John Duffy
Don Melton
Darrell Crase
Charles Hargett
Gregory Maben
Bentley Martin
Charles Howell
David Harrell
Charles Robinson