



...BECAUSE TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE SIMPLE

# Williams News

## October 2018

IN THIS ISSUE

## Infinet-I Safety Training

Continual safety training in the trucking industry is an integral part of continued success for any company. Williams recognizes the importance of ensuring every driver, mechanic, and office worker is trained on how to safely perform each task they might find the need to complete during any given day. Due to the structure of our customers, it is important to find a way to make safety training easy and available at all times of the day.

We currently struggle to get groups of drivers or mechanics together for safety training due to the many different start times and shifts that are worked. To alleviate the extra work needed to "chase down" drivers or mechanics to ensure they get safety training, we have purchased a program through Infinet-I/Vertical Alliance that will make safety training available 24/7.

Each driver, mechanic, and office worker will be given a unique login for the new system. Assignments will be given on a monthly basis for each employee to log on and complete. The assignments are short videos, generally no longer than 5-7 minutes long, that are followed by a short quiz to test that you have learned the topics covered. In addition to monthly assignments, remedial training after crashes or citations will also be assigned on a case by case basis.

While learning to use a new program can seem difficult, I can assure you that this one is very user friendly. Pamphlets with login instructions will be available in the coming weeks and dispatch personnel will be trained to help if any questions arise. The Infinet-I program is also compatible with Apple and Android devices, so it can be used on the go while you're at a supplier being loaded, etc. An icon can even be added to the home screen on your phone to make access even easier. If you are unable to complete your assignments on the go, there will also be a workstation set up at the Michigan City office for your convenience.

We are very excited about this new program and think that it will be a great asset to the company. Ensuring each employee is trained on how to perform their job safely is very important to Williams. We are looking to "go live" the first week of November with this program. Stay tuned for further information!



### Driver Referral Bonus

Get your \$500 today!

Page 2



### Operation Safe Driver Results

See the results from CVSA.

Page 2

## 2018 Operation Safe Driver Results

Commercial motor vehicle (CMV) enforcement personnel patrolled roadways during Operation Safe Driver Week, July 15-21, 2018, to identify CMV drivers and passenger vehicle drivers engaged in unsafe driving behaviors. Officers issued 57,405 citations and 87,907 warnings to drivers throughout the week. This safe driving enforcement and awareness campaign aims to call attention to driver behaviors, the main cause of crashes, and combat those behaviors through heightened traffic safety enforcement and educational outreach.

During Operation Safe Driver Week, a safety initiative of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), 51,000 law enforcement officers made contact with 113,331 CMV drivers and passenger vehicle drivers and issues 57,405 citations. A total of 42,144 CMV contacts were made with 10,709 citations issued and 71,187 passenger vehicle contacts were made with 46,696 citations issued.

In addition to the citations that were issued to drivers throughout Operation Safe Driver Week, officers also issued a total of 87,907 warnings. CMV drivers were given 29,908 warnings; 57,999 warnings were given to passenger vehicle drivers.

The top five citations issued to CMV drivers were:

- State/Local Laws – 6,008 citations
- Speeding – 1,908 citations
- Failing to use a seat belt while operating a CMV – 1,169 citations
- Failure to obey a traffic control device – 754 citations
- Using a handheld phone – 262 citations

The top five citations issued to passenger vehicle drivers were:

- State/Local Laws – 21,511 citations
- Speeding – 16,909 citations
- Failing to use a seat belt – 3,103 citations
- Inattentive and/or careless driving – 1,655 citations
- Failure to obey a traffic control device – 739 citations

Speeding was the second most cited infraction for both CMV drivers and passenger vehicle drivers. A total of 16,909 passenger vehicle drivers were issued citations, versus 1,908 citations to CMV drivers. In addition, 17 CMV drivers and 714 passenger vehicle drivers were cited for driving too fast for the conditions.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2016, 18 percent of drivers involved in a fatal crash were speeding at the time of the crash and 27 percent of those killed were in a crash involving at least one speeding driver.

When it comes to distracted driving, 211 passenger vehicle drivers were cited for texting. 20 texting citations were issued to CMV drivers. 127 passenger and 262 CMV drivers were cited for using a handheld phone.

According to NHTSA, in 2016, 3,450 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. NHTSA also estimated that of the total number of roadway deaths, crashes and injuries, 660,000 drivers were using an electronic device while behind the wheel. Of the total number of fatal crashes, 10 percent involved the use of a phone.

The roads are a dangerous place to be, so let's make sure we are each doing our part to make them a little bit safer on a daily basis!

## HAPPENINGS

### Driver Referral Bonus

Refer a driver and make \$500! Just a friendly reminder about our driver referral program. If your referred driver lists you on his/her application and works for Williams for 90 days, you will receive a reward of \$500! If you have any questions about what qualifications a driver must meet, contact Nate, Tabitha, Christie, or Dan.



### Driver of the Month - Sep.

The Driver of the Month for September is **Joe Duschek**! Joe is consistently one of the top leaders on the Driver Safety Scorecard. His dedication to the company and to safety makes him invaluable to the Williams team. Congrats, Joe!

### Top Wrench - Sep.

**Jon Kaufman** is the Top Wrench for September! Jon does a fantastic job on a daily basis helping to keep our equipment running safely and without breakdowns. Congrats, Jon!