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# Safety Bulletin

## December 2018



# Merry Christmas

From all of us at Medallion, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas! We are a truly blessed company with each of you a part of our family. Each day we as a whole become stronger and better because of you. We hope your holiday season is nothing less than magnificent. With sincerest wishes from every team member, Merry Christmas to each and every one of you!

### This Month's Bulletin

Hi Folks! This month's bulletin is a little lengthy but contains valuable topics for you to read. As 2018 quickly comes to an end, we wanted to finish out the year with plenty of information. Needless to say, we may have gotten a little carried away! We do hope however that you find these monthly bulletins informative. If you ever have specific topics that you would like to see, or see more of, please feel free to send me an email at [melissa.taylor@medalliontrans.com](mailto:melissa.taylor@medalliontrans.com). Thanks for everything you do each and every day!

### Taking Your Rest in Your Sleeper?

If you are in your sleeper, please remember to log it on line 2. Do not log off duty while you are in the sleeper. Logging off duty will put your status on line 1. Although it may not seem like a big deal, it is and costs you and the company unnecessary CSA points. Data Q challenges are extremely difficult to win in this situation so please remember to enter correctly. Have questions? Contact a team member at: [hoursofservice@medalliontrans.com](mailto:hoursofservice@medalliontrans.com)

### Top 20 Habits of Successful Owner-Operators

No matter who you are, we all have certain habits we do on a daily basis. Regarding the professional owner-operator, there are many habits you can explore to help ensure you are successful! A few to mention are:

- \*Understanding your costs
- \*Have a maintenance reserve
- \*Focus more on gross revenue
- \*Choose the right loads
- \*Embrace technology



Sound intriguing? There are so many more to read up on. Please visit [www.atbs.com](http://www.atbs.com) and start exploring the Top 20 Habits of Successful O/O's!

### Documentation Bonus Points

With respect to the MMR reports that are required by the FMCSRs, federal agents are always looking for supporting documentation during audits to confirm PM work is being performed as stated. Please send us copies of your repair receipts and invoices along with your MMRs so we can properly document your files.

### Preventative Maintenance Helps Stop Rust Due to Road Salt

Tis the season when winter weather brings one of the trucking industry's greatest simultaneous friends and foes: road salt. While salt prevents and melts ice for safer travel, it also significantly speeds corrosion of a truck which in turn can create dangerous conditions within key components such as the electrical system. According to a recent article, modern trucks house more wiring and rely on a central control system more than in the past therefore making corrosion a growing concern. Preventative maintenance can help stop rust before it becomes unwieldy and eats away components past the point of repair. Stay on top of your maintenance and roll on with some peace of mind. Stay safe!

### Annual MVR Reviews

It's that time of year folks! Annual MVR certifications are coming due. We will have these required forms available via the website as well as paper (if you prefer). Stay tuned!! We will be reaching out soon.



Social media is everywhere and at some point throughout the days or weeks we all use it. We understand it's a means to staying in touch with friends and loved ones but use it wisely! What gets put on stays on – even if you think you deleted it. Never snap pics or post while driving! Not only is it against the law, it's also incredibly dangerous. Grab a coffee on your break and then catch up on your social media. Safety is critical!! Drive Safe Y'all!



### Your Fuel Discounts Really Add Up!

By using your ComData card at TA/Petro and Pilot/Flying J Travel Centers *your average fuel discount in November was \$0.39!* Sweet!

# Check It Out!



**Get \$200 with a Clean  
Roadside Inspection!**

That's right folks, we appreciate you taking the time and effort to get those clean inspections out on the road.

From December 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019 ALL clean roadside inspections will pay you \$200.00.

That's right \$200.00, so get those inspections into safety by:

Email: [roadsideinspections@medalliontrans.com](mailto:roadsideinspections@medalliontrans.com)

Fax: 704-353-7959

Or **TRANSFLO**



## Chain Requirements in Some States

Heads up! Several states are requiring chains to be carried. To check on any added states please contact Driver Services.

Oct. 1 – Apr. 30	Nevada
Oct. 1 – May 31	Idaho & Montana
Nov. 1 – Mar. 31	Utah & Wyoming

In Idaho & Wyoming, we have been informed you need the chains in case needed or directed by the DOT. If the O/O does not have chains, they will likely be shut down until the roads are cleared.

## Roadside Inspections & Citations – What You Need To Know

RSI's happen; it's the nature of the business. It takes a slew of clean inspections to offset just one negative with OOS and/or multiple violations. The more clean inspections we generate, the lower the CSA score which in turn theoretically means less roadside inspections! Please remember to contact the team at: [roadsideinspections@medalliontrans.com](mailto:roadsideinspections@medalliontrans.com) as soon as your RSI is completed. We are required to certify all supporting documents and return to the issuing State within 15 days. This is critical. Also, if you should receive a moving violation, we need to know this immediately. There are ways to challenge many of these however we must remain ahead of the curve so we can be aggressive. Please avoid checking any penalty assessment boxes on citations. Doing so may result in us not being able to help fight for you. Stay safe and let us know ASAP.

## Medallion Gives Back This Holiday Season!

This year Medallion is donating to the Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, NC. The RMH provides a safe, affordable and caring "home-away-from-home" for the families of children receiving medical treatment in the Charlotte-area facilities. The company has been busy collecting donation items such as food and toys for these families. We are excited to hand deliver the collected donations to the house in Charlotte and look forward to meeting some of the families who we are helping this holiday season.

*Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la*

## Traveling Through Oregon or New York?

If your travels take you through Oregon or New York, please remember to send an email to: [qualification@medalliontrans.com](mailto:qualification@medalliontrans.com) or call Safety *before* you go. These permits are ordered on an as-needed basis. (Once you qualify you are automatically entered into TX, KY and NM so you are good to go there.) Kindly let us know ahead of time to avoid unnecessary fines. Thanks much!

## Passing By Exit 36 in Mooresville? What Are Ya Waiting For? Come On By!

Stop by and see us! We are located a few blocks off the interstate and have plenty of parking! You are always welcome to come by. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner ALWAYS on us! We love our truckers so stop on in!

