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## TRUCKER OF THE MONTH

**Bob Howard**  
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**Truck Driver**  
**Training Program**



**BOB HOWARD**

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in Response to  
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## THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



### Politics and a Partisan Highway Bill

The road to passage of a new federal highway bill is a bumpy one - scattered with partisan politics and sleight-of-hand that shortchanges the trucking industry. Democrat House members are pushing their "Invest in America Act" on a strict party line vote.

Rather than working with Republican members of Congress on a fiscally responsible way to improve our nation's roads, bridges and other highway infrastructure, Democrats are pushing a "Green New Deal" agenda and have targeted trucking on key issues.

As written, the Democrat bill will delay implementation of the new hours-of-service regulations for two years, saying they need more "study." This after nearly a decade of review, studies, hearings and rulemaking to help the industry manage their driving and rest time. The rules are supposed to take effect September 29. Maybe.

Illinois Democrat Congressman Chuy Garcia has injected an amendment into the plan that raises the minimum insurance requirement for trucking companies from \$750,000 to \$2,000,000 - a sure target at small truckers who will be burdened by new costs. Thanks to Illinois Republican Congressman Mike Bost who's working to repeal that provision. Thanks also goes to Illinois Republican Congressman Rodney Davis for standing up to Democrats in the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee as it rams through anti-industry language.

I think Congressman Davis said it best during debate that the creation of a federal highway bill used to be a bi-partisan effort where both parties worked together to draft a plan to fund the best infrastructure in the world. Now, it's just an opportunity to shove something down everyone's throat. The debate on this is going to last quite awhile as the proposal goes to the Republican Senate. But it shouldn't have to be this way.

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# COVER STORY

## Trucker of the Month

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### **Bob Howard** **Lincoln Land Community College** **Truck Driver Training Program** **Springfield, Illinois**

The Lincoln Land Community College Truck Driver Training (TDT) program has long been a great conduit for those wanting a career in the trucking industry. Bob Howard was there from the beginning but is now ready to enjoy retirement. In recognition of his many years at LLCC and work with MTA, we're happy to name him as our July Trucker of the Month.

Bob's start at LLCC is a great story - he lost his previous job with the shutdown of the Pillsbury Mills plant in Springfield. He went back to school to finish his college degree and started as a recruiter for another truck driving school working with displaced workers under the old JTPA program. That school worked with Lincoln Land for two years before LLCC started their own program.



Bob says the first truck driver training class at LLCC in July of 1998 started with one truck and two students. And how it has grown.

Today, the Lincoln Land Community College program consists of six trucks and trailers with seven instructors and program assistants. LLCC has had over 3,500 students graduate from the program with every single one of them receiving a job offer.

Bob says it's been a labor of love for him to help people get a CDL, a good job and to make a good living. Graduating 150-170 students per year, the program prepares students with the basic skills to secure an entry-level position in the trucking industry, benefitting the local workforce and economic growth.

"Many of our students have been displaced from the workforce and need short-term training to resume making the wages and benefits they lost. Our four-week day or six-week evening classes can help them get back in the workforce quickly, making good wages with benefits. Graduates of our program can get a new

driving job and stay in their communities, even if they drive over the road. They don't have to uproot their families, and their income is still spent in their community, helping their local economy."

The TDT program trains a very diverse population. "The face of the truck driver has changed over the years," says Howard. "We have students from all walks of life from having no high school diploma to having a Ph.D. Our students have ranged in age from 18-74 years. One graduate drove a grain truck until he was 80."

Bob credits the success of the program to his team. "We have maintained almost the same group of instructors throughout the existence of the program, many who actually graduated from LLCC's program and were hired back as teachers after driving over the road. Several of the instructors still drive full time and teach part time for the program.



"We pride ourselves in maintaining a quality program and getting to know all of our students. Many keep in touch and let us know how they are doing in the field. We still hear from students we trained back in 1998 when we first started."

Bob has always been a big supporter of the industry and a unique member of MTA over all of those years. Looking back, Bob says he has no regrets - but his love for the outdoors and his grandkids tells him it's time to retire.

The Board of Directors of salute Bob Howard for his years of service to the industry and wish him the very best in retirement!

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# SHOP TALK



## Expiration for IRP, Base, Mileage & Farm Plates Pushed Back to October 1

The Illinois Secretary of State's Office has extended the expiration date for IRP, Base, Mileage & Farm plates to October 1, 2020. The SOS had previously extended the deadline to August 30 for all classes of truck registration. But there's a hook - if you have any plans on transferring those plates, it can't be done until you pay the 2021 registration fees.

## Important Notice Regarding 45-Day Temps

Unlike other registrations and renewals, 45-day temps are not covered by the Secretary of State's expiration deadline extension! The SOS had not previously clarified this and many have been running well beyond the 45 days. SOS is moving to an automated system that will give temp permit holders an upcoming expiration notice on the 35th and the 45th day. SOS will start the revocation process on the 55th day.

The bottom line - make sure you're paid up!

## Truck Freight Shipments Slow

The Freight Transportation Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by for-hire truckers, fell 7.7% in April, a drop for the third consecutive month and to its lowest level since 2017. In the prior year, the index fell 10.0%.

As the economy wakes up and factories and stores reopen, freight shipments in recent weeks have shown an up-tick. Demand for dry van and reefer equipment has jumped and rates appear to be following. The big question is how big will the recovery be?

## TSA Extends Expiration Date of TWIC Credentials

If your TWIC card was active, but expired during the pandemic, it's still good. TSA is granting an exemption for 180 days for any TWIC card that expired after April 10 through July 31. There are 2.3 million active

TWIC cards and about 230,000 are set to expire in the next 6 months.

The enrollment process has been significantly curtailed in recent months due to the closure of most enrollment centers. TSA says it continues to monitor security issues that could impact those workers with increased security clearance.

## FMCSA Issues Waiver to Operate Intermodal Equipment with Expired Inspection Decals

FMCSA has granted a waiver to intermodal equipment providers and motor carriers operating intermodal chassis with annual inspection decals that show an expiration date of March 31, 2020 or later. With the COVID crisis, it's estimated that well over 100,000 chassis are parked with expired inspection decals and no means to get them inspected. The waiver will run through September 1 or whenever the President's Emergency Declaration expires.

FMCSA says the notice does not preclude the operators of such intermodal equipment from continuing to inspect these chassis while still in use.

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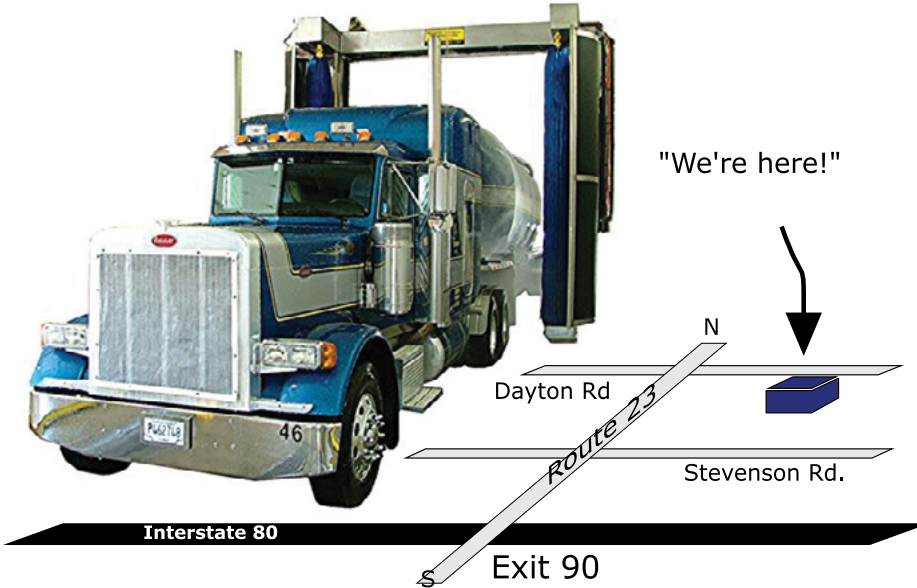
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| <b>July 10</b>     | <b>Southern Advisory Board</b><br>Trenton House<br>Trenton, Illinois<br>7:00 PM Dinner Meeting   |
| <b>July 16</b>     | <b>Western Advisory Board</b><br>Sprout's Inn<br>Quincy, Illinois<br>7:00 pm Dinner Meeting  |
| <b>July 24</b>     | <b>Central Advisory Board</b><br>Toni's Cafe<br>Divernon, Illinois<br>7:00 PM Dinner Meeting   |
| <b>August 5</b>    | <b>Advisory Board Chairmen</b><br><b>Conference Call</b><br>3:00 PM  |
| <b>August 6</b>    | <b>Chicago Area Advisory Board</b><br>Brick House Tavern & Tap<br>1461 Butterfield, Rd,<br>Downers Grove, Illinois<br>7:00 pm Dinner Meeting |
| <b>August 12</b>   | <b>Reasonable Suspicion</b><br><b>Supervisor Training WEBINAR</b><br>(see page 10 for registration form)<br>9:00 - 11:30 AM                  |
| <b>August 13</b>   | <b>Northern Advisory Board</b><br><b>Prairie Street Brewery</b><br><b>Rockford, Illinois</b><br>7:00 PM Dinner Meeting                       |
| <b>September 2</b> | <b>Advisory Board Chairmen</b><br><b>Conference Call</b><br>3:00 PM  |

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## Illinois' Fixed & Portable Scales Back in Operation

With the gradual reopening of state services by the various agencies, the Illinois State Police wants to remind you that the state's fixed and portable scales have gone back in operation.

Again, although there is a weight variance granted due to the COVID emergency declaration, it is very narrow - 90,000 pounds on 5 axles or 12% variance on fewer axles - and is granted only for trucks engaged in direct COVID relief efforts and for livestock haulers.

Truck operators must obey all directions when directed to scales. If using the variance, drivers must produce a copy of the emergency declaration, the authorization issued by Illinois DOT and a bill of lading for the load exceeding legal weight.

Illinois State Police tell us they are writing many overweight tickets because truck operators think they have a blanket 90K variance, which is not the case.

Copies of all documents are available at the MTA website, [www.midwesttruckers.com](http://www.midwesttruckers.com)



## 2020 Convoy Events Schedule Update

Special Olympics Illinois is revising its schedule for upcoming Truck Convoys in Illinois. The Truck Convoy is a fundraising and awareness event, a unique partnership between law enforcement and truck operators to raise funds for Special Olympics so athletes can continue to train in year-round sports activities.

Mid-West Truckers Association has been loyal supporter of the event since its start nearly 20 years ago.

Because of COVID issues, the **August 22** Convoy from Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates has been **cancelled**. The Troy Truck Convoy at CIT Trucks has been rescheduled to **September 19**, while the Tinley Park Convoy from the Hollywood Casino has been tentatively rescheduled to **October 10**.

Watch next month's issue for registration information or go to [www.soill.org](http://www.soill.org)

# REASONABLE SUSPICION SUPERVISOR TRAINING WEBINAR

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 -- 9AM - 11:30AM



We're pleased to offer another WEBINAR for those who cannot attend a session in-person. Get the DOT-required training right at your computer for a very reasonable fee! The ever-popular Dr. Donna Smith will provide the easy-to-follow training to help you meet all of the DOT rules and regulations for your drug & alcohol testing program.

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# July Drug & Alcohol Testing Update

## Last Chance For Reasonable Suspicion Supervisor Webinar Training This Year

Mid-West Truckers Association is offering a Reasonable Suspicion Supervisor Training Webinar on Wednesday August 12, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This will be our last Reasonable Suspicion Supervisor Training this year.

All employer-designated personnel who supervise DOT-covered employees are required to go through the training. The training is only required once for FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) - regulated employer representatives. However, if it has been several years since the employer or their representatives have gone through the training, we do recommend refresher training. Dr. Donna Smith will again conduct the training. There is a \$30 fee per person for Mid-West Truckers' members and/or Drug & Alcohol Testing Consortium members. Otherwise, the fee is \$50 per person.

The deadline for registering for the Webinar is Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Please don't delay. The Webinar registration form is on the opposite page.

## FMCSA Issues 3-Month Waiver on Certain Pre-Employment Tests

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued a waiver to employers of commercial motor vehicle drivers from certain pre-employment testing requirements on June 5, 2020. The waiver is effective June 5 and ends on September 30, 2020.

The waiver states "As employers begin to recall drivers who were furloughed, laid off, or otherwise not working for the company for more than 30 days, the barriers of testing a large influx of drivers in a short timeframe are significant, at a time when the commercial trucking and motorcoach industry is facing economic challenges. The problem is further compounded by the reduced availability of drug testing resources due to continued facility closures or other testing impediments caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency".

The waiver will extend from 30 days to 90 days, the period under which drivers could qualify for the pre-employment testing exception under Part 382.301. The relief would allow employers to forego pre-employment testing for drivers who have participated in a drug & alcohol testing program that meets the requirements of Part 382 within the previous 90 days of hire or rehire, instead of 30 days.

Employers must retrieve documentation from the previous employer that the driver has participated in a drug & alcohol testing program in the previous 30-90 days and while participating in the program, the driver **either** was drug tested within the past 6 months **or** participated in the employer's random controlled substances testing program for the previous 12 months. In addition, under the exception, the employer would be required to ensure that no prior employer of the driver has records of a violation of Part 382 or the drug/alcohol testing use rule of another DOT agency within the previous 6 months. We provide these questions on our Attachment B (Release of Drug & Alcohol Testing Information from Co/Previous Employer) for our Consortium members. **The employer must still conduct a full (pre-employment) query of the Clearinghouse on the driver.**

Employers must continue to complete the 3-year drug & alcohol history on returning or prospective driver's drug &

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## **UPDATED What's Due & When**

**Truck operators must contend with a number of filing deadlines throughout the year, and some every two years. Here's a handy list of what's due and when, including extensions due to COVID-19:**

| <b><u>Credential</u></b>  | <b><u>Due Date(s)</u></b>   |
|---|---|
| <b>Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)</b>                                     | <b>June 1, 2020 (this year only!)<br/>Enforcement began July 1)</b>   |
| <b>Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax (2290)</b>                                   | <b>July 1 to August 31 every year<br/>(Becomes payable every July 1<br/>and must be filed by August 31)</b>   |
| <b>IFTA - International Fuel Tax Agreement<br/>Quarterly Fuel Tax Reports</b> | <b>1st quarter due April 30<br/><br/>2nd quarter due July 31<br/><br/>3rd quarter due October 31<br/><br/>4th quarter due January 31 of<br/>the following year</b>  |
| <b>IFTA Decal Renewal</b>   | <b>December 31 of every year<br/>(Must be ordered by December 31)</b>   |
| <b>IRP/Apportioned Plates</b>   | <b>Renewal deadline extended to Nov. 1<br/>NO EXTENSION ON 45-DAY TEMPS</b>   |
| <b>Base, Farm, Mileage Plates</b>   | <b>Deadline extended to November 1</b>  |
| <b>MCS 150/USDOT # Update</b>   | <b>Renew every 2 years<br/>(Renewal date based on last 2 #'s<br/>of your DOT number:<br/>2nd to last # - if even number, file<br/>in even number year; if odd number,<br/>file in odd number year.<br/>Last # - month to file by)</b> |

**NOTE CHANGES IN RED!**  
**(These changes are updated monthly!)**



## Legislative & Regulatory Update

### Congress Starts Process for New Transportation Bill

The U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has approved the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation Act" (Invest in America Act for short) - the first of many steps to create and fund a new five-year federal transportation bill.

The Committee met for 24-hours over a two-day period last month to consider 177 amendments to the original proposal put forth by T & I Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-Ore). While there was agreement on some of the amendments, the final vote to move the bill to the full House was strictly party line as Democrats control that Chamber. Illinois has four members on the committee - Democrats Dan Lipinski and "Chuy" Garcia, and Republicans Rodney Davis and Mike Bost.

Some controversial aspects of the \$500 billion funding proposal include a delay in implementation of the recently released hours-of-service proposal and an amendment by Rep. Garcia that would require motor carriers to carry a minimum of \$2 million insurance, up from the current \$750,000 requirement, plus proposals that work toward cutting carbon emissions from trucks.

Many transportation groups as well as members of Congress expressed frustration at the lack of bi-partisanship that moved previous transportation bills. While Democrats control the House, any proposal that goes to the Republican-dominated Senate will be subject to changes. At that time the chambers will have to work out their many differences.

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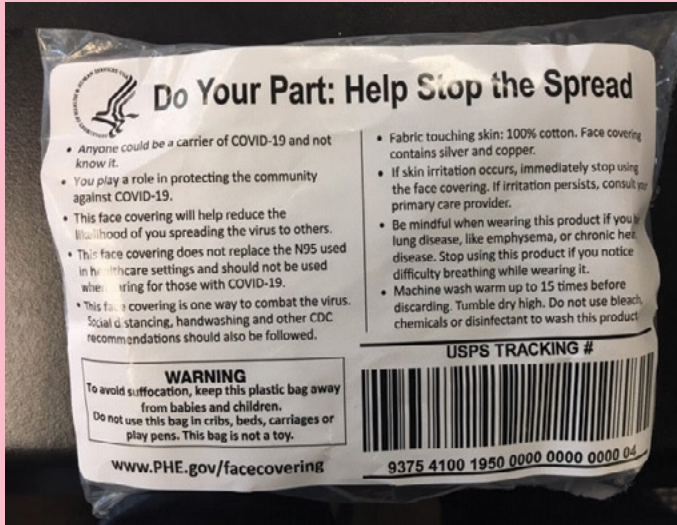


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Each package contains five (5) masks. They are 100% cotton and are washable and reusable. They do not replace the N95 mask used in healthcare settings and should not be used when caring for those with COVID-19.

These masks, along with proper social distancing, hand washing and other CDC recommendations can protect the trucking community against COVID-19.

Even though there has been some loosening of the rules, health officials still suggest that everyone, use a face mask in close social settings, especially in the presence of the elderly or those with compromised immunity.

MTA has provided these masks to Associate Business Member companies, including CIT Trucks, Truck Centers, Inc., Quincy Mack, Springfield Tractor & Trailer, Hiel Repair, Arrow Trailer, Rush Truck Centers and more. Masks are also available for pick-up at the MTA office in Springfield. **MASKS WILL NOT BE MAILED.**

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**The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 2020 Operation Safe Driver Week will go on as scheduled, July 12-18.** During this week-long traffic enforcement safety initiative, law enforcement personnel throughout North America will be concentrating on speeding.

According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, less traffic may be encouraging some drivers to ignore traffic safety laws, including speed limits. With far fewer vehicles on the road due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, many jurisdictions were seeing a severe spike in speeding.

Average speeds measured during the first week of April increased significantly in the five largest U.S. metropolitan area, including Chicago. According to recent data, the average speed on interstate highways, state highways and expressways in those areas increased by as much as 75% compared to January and February.

"It's essential that this enforcement initiative, which focuses on identifying and deterring unsafe driving behaviors, such as speeding, go on as scheduled," said CVSA President Sgt. John Samis with the Delaware State Police. "As passenger vehicle drivers are limiting their travel to necessary trips and many commercial motor vehicle drivers are busy transporting vital goods to stores, it's more important than ever to monitor our roadways for safe transport."

Historically, drivers' actions have contributed to 94% of all traffic crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Traffic Safety Facts report. And although NHTSA's 2018 highway crash fatality data showed a 2.4% decline in overall fatalities, the number of fatal crashes involving large trucks increased by 0.9%.

"While, of course, we're pleased to see a decrease in the overall number of fatalities, it was also devastating to learn that the number of fatalities involving large trucks increased. Any increase whatsoever in roadway fatalities is unacceptable," said Sgt. Samis.

Data shows that traffic enforcement interactions between drivers and law enforcement reduces targeted problematic behaviors. CVSA's Operation Safe Driver Week aims to reduce high-risk driving behaviors through traffic enforcement strategies.

In addition to a focus on speeding, examples of other dangerous driver behaviors that law enforcement will track during Operation Safe Driver Week include distracted driving, failure to use a seatbelt, following too closely, improper lane change, reckless or aggressive driving, failure to obey traffic control devices, evidence of drunk or drugged driving, etc.



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# The Light Duty Employee: Exposure & Strategies

## Following a Work-Related Accident

Following a work-related accident, an employee may be taken off work entirely by a medical provider or placed on work restrictions that the employer cannot accommodate. If so, the employee is entitled to lost time benefits, known as temporary total disability benefits ("TTD"). These benefits are paid tax-free to employees at two-thirds of the employee's average weekly wage ( $AWW \times 2/3 = TTD$ ), subject to statutory maximum and minimum rates. There is an initial three-day waiting period after the date of accident before an employer is liable for the payment of TTD benefits, but if the employee loses 14 or more consecutive days of work following an accident, the employee is then owed the TTD benefits for the initial three-day waiting period.

TTD benefits are required to be paid until such time as the employee's condition has stabilized, i.e., until the employee returns to work, or reaches maximum medical improvement. This remains the case even if an employee is terminated for cause while his or her restrictions are being accommodated by the employer.

That said, to mitigate this exposure for benefits, it is strongly encouraged that employers, whenever possible, have light duty work available for those employees on restricted work release with occupational injuries. Studies have shown that the longer an employee is off work due to an injury, the less likely that employee will recover full functionality. Further, not only can light duty work be rehabilitative in an employee's recovery, but the employee's physical abilities and capabilities will be readily visible to the employer.

When determining the availability of a light duty position, you might find that a treating physician will release an injured employee simply to "light duty." In that scenario, more detail must be obtained in order to accurately determine the meaning of "light duty" as it pertains to the physical demands the employee can safely perform, and the treating physician should be required to provide specific medical restrictions regarding the employee's work activities. It can then be determined by the employer what, if any, work is available that will fall within the parameters of these

restrictions (in some cases, the employee's regular job duties may even fall within such restrictions). In this fashion, the physician renders the medical opinions, and the employer makes the employment decisions based upon the medical decisions.

It is also of critical importance that the modified duty has a finite time limit. In some cases, the time limit may call for reassessment at a date certain and, upon reassessment, additional duties or a complete release may be approved. Therefore, employers should insist that instructions regarding medical restrictions include an expected date of a release to full duty or a date for re-evaluation.

In the event that an employee is off work and entitled to temporary total disability benefits (meaning no light duty work is available), the employer would be well served to institute a disability check pick-up policy, regardless of whether the benefits are for workers' compensation or non-occupational disability. This requires that the employee pick up the disability check in-person at the normal job facility or some other reasonable employer location. If the employee is under a travel restriction, then the employee should then be exempted from picking up the check, but only while such restriction is in effect.

*Note: Many employee attorneys take the position that the Workers' Compensation Act requires that TTD be "paid to the employee," and that this quite literally means these checks are to be delivered to the employee where he/she may be while on TTD. There is no clear law on this, and the IWCC seems to be split on the issue, perhaps slightly in favor of labor.*

Some examples of the benefits of such a program are:

- The employee remains used to traveling to the job facility rather than merely sitting at home.

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## -IN MEMORIAM-



### Glen Brandt



Glen Albert Brandt (GB) passed away peacefully on June 7, 2020 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL with his son and daughter at his side.

He was born March 19, 1926 in Farmingdale, IL the son of Albert and Margaret Bomke Brandt. He married Peggy Eileen Carter on September 5, 1960. Peggy and his parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his sisters Evelyn Brandt Thomas and Shirley Brandt Hagen, his son Rick (Kristie) Brandt, his daughter Terri (Tom) Gustafson, his four beloved grandchildren Sierra-Shae Brandt and Alex, Will and Joe Gustafson, a niece, a nephew, many cousins and special care giver, Janet Zeigler.

GB was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Farmingdale, IL in 1939. He graduated from Pleasant Plains High School in 1944 and briefly attended Springfield Junior College before enlisting in the U.S. Merchant Marines. He returned home to farm with his father but was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950 to serve in Korea. After two years with the 27th Regiment of the 25th Division, he was honorably discharged. In 1953, GB and his sister, Evelyn, founded the business that would grow to become Brandt, Inc. when he began custom applying anhydrous ammonia for local farmers with a tractor borrowed from his dad. In 1972, GB served as the president of the National Fertilizer Solutions Association. That organization evolved to become part of the Ag Retailers Association which named BRANDT the Ag Retailer of the Year in 2000 and presented Glen its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. GB and Evelyn were named the Illinois State Ag Ambassadors in 2015. He remained active in the agriculture business that bears his name until his passing as a vocal consultant to the board of directors.

GB lived a full and active life, involved in many entrepreneurial endeavors and becoming a licensed pilot. He was a member of the Pleasant Plains American Legion, a patron of the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, a 49-year member of Mid-West Truckers Association, Truckers of the Month in 2011, and a member of the LincolnLand Community College development committee. In his youth he was a founding member of the band Boogie Woogie Brandt and the Barrelhouse Boys. He enjoyed socializing and talking business over cocktails, smoking a stogie and taking walks on Bonita Beach. He was a man of strong faith and a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pleasant Plains. He loved his family, friends, colleagues and customers. In his own words, he "lived a good life."

Visitation and funeral services were held at Zion Lutheran Church in Pleasant Plains with a private family burial. A Celebration of Life was held at the Clayville Town Historic Site. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The BRANDT Foundation; go to <https://brandt.co/donate> in order to donate online or mail to BRANDT Global Headquarters, 2935 S. Koke Mill Road, Springfield, IL 62711.

### Morris Ray Scott



Morris Ray Scott, age 83, of Lawrenceville, passed away on June 11, 2020 at his daughter's residence in Monroe City, Indiana.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1936 in Knox County, Indiana, the son of Harry Scott and Luella (Polson) Lyon. Ray retired from the Army in 1994 after 27 years of service, with three of those years in active duty. He was an E-8 Master Sergeant and served in various reserve components. He was also a retired long-haul truck driver. His memberships included the Air National Guard Reserves of Nevada, the Army National Guard of Vincennes, the Lawrenceville VFW, the Vincennes Elks and Harmony Society, the Mid-West Truckers Association and he was a life member of the NRA.

Survivors include: his two children, Pamella Vories and husband, David; and Mike Scott and wife, Nancee all of Monroe City, Indiana; and four grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents.

Ray's wishes were to be cremated with private graveside services. Memorials in Ray's name may be given to The Lawrenceville VFW or to the Wilson Creek Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Cards and donations may be sent to the family at P.O. Box 564, Lawrenceville, IL, 62439. Emmons-Macey and Steffey Funeral Home in Lawrenceville is in charge of the arrangements.

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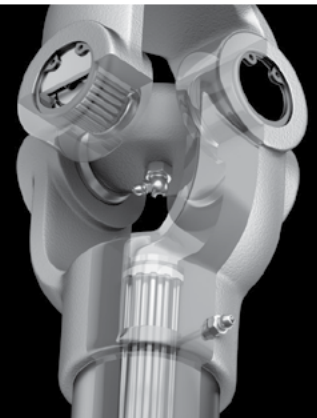
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There is a tax exemption that a vehicle 55,000 pounds or over can use but is only for limited mileage use. The exemption is:

- Vehicles used on public highways 5,000 miles or less
- Agricultural vehicles used 7,500 miles or less.

These vehicles must file a 2290 and be listed as category W. The tax amount will be suspended for these vehicles during the tax year filed. However, if this status changes the total tax amount that would have been paid when filing your exemption will be due.

MTA provides electronic filing of the Heavy Highway Use Tax 2290. MTA does have minimal paperwork required to do this filing. If you had MTA file your 2290's last year, **YOU STILL NEED TO REQUEST MTA TO FILE THIS PERIOD'S 2290. IT WILL NOT BE DONE AUTOMATICALLY.** Each filing period needs new paperwork completed for our auditing requirements.

If you use the 2290 electronic filing process, the Schedule 1 is usually e-mailed back to us within 48 hours, but most often on the same day. It is processed electronically with an e-check and the 2290 is received quickly.

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- School bus drivers, and
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## Why do I need to purchase a query plan?

Employers will be charged a fee for conducting queries in the Clearinghouse. Employers must purchase a query plan to ensure they can conduct queries.

### The Clearinghouse final rule requires that employers conduct queries:

- As part of any pre-employment driver investigation.
- At least annually for every CDL driver currently employed.

### Which query plan is right for me?

The query bundle you purchase will depend on the number of queries you will need to conduct.

### Not sure how many queries you will need to conduct?

Select a query bundle large enough to cover the number of CDL drivers you currently employ. You can purchase additional plans as needed.



## Drug & Alcohol Testing Update (Continued)

alcohol testing history with all DOT-regulated employers that employed the driver.

### FMCSA Clearinghouse Queries

Full queries on new hires and limited queries on current drivers cannot be conducted if the employer has not purchased queries from the FMCSA. Employers must purchase queries from FMCSA for \$1.25 each. They must be purchased online from the FMCSA Clearinghouse website. Members can use a checking account, Paypal or a debit or credit card. Mid-West Truckers cannot buy the queries for you. If we conduct a query for our members, we will charge \$7.50 per query.

We will start conducting limited queries in August. If you chose Mid-West Truckers to conduct your queries, please email us the signed limited consent forms. We CANNOT run limited queries without them. We have over 1,300 members who have designated us to run queries but have only received 575 members' limited consent forms on their drivers!

### FMCSA Clearinghouse Violations

The Clearinghouse released new numbers June 11, 2020 on the number of violations reported since January 6. No surprise to anyone, of the 21,156 positive tests reported, 10,338 were for marijuana. It is still the drug of choice for truck drivers failing tests. We have reported for years that more than 50% of the positives in our Consortium were for marijuana. And it has not changed.

The total number of violations reported was 21,156. In addition to marijuana, there were 3,192 cocaine positives, 2,184 methamphetamine positives and 1,108 amphetamine positives. Numbers for several other drugs from synthetic opioids to PCP paled by comparison to marijuana. What is amazing is that more than 15,000 drivers with violations have not reported as having started the return to duty process.

The Clearinghouse has only 125,000 motor carriers that are registered in the Clearinghouse and 889,000 drivers.

If you have not registered in the Clearinghouse, please do so before you are contacted by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

## Why Employers Choose Mid-West Truckers For Drug & Alcohol Testing

A member told us the other day that other associations don't inform their members on what is going on and what is required of them and their drivers. We understand our members don't like all of the regulations they have to follow but KNOW we keep them in compliance. What a nice compliment!

### Mid-West Truckers Random Testing Compliance

The table below shows how many random drug and alcohol tests were selected and completed for the first quarter of 2020 for the Monthly pool.

|          |        | Drug Tests             | Alcohol Tests          |
|----------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Pool     | Pool   | Selected/<br>Completed | Selected/<br>Completed |
| Date     | Size   |                        |                        |
| 01/01/20 | 14,184 | 550/417                | 250/135                |
| 02/01/20 | 14,958 | 950/690                | 325/204                |
| 03/01/20 | 15,475 | 650/649                | 300/174                |

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<https://www.2illinois.gov/idol/Employers/pages/posters.aspx>

### **Payroll Transition**

All hours worked on or after midnight, July 1, 2020, should be paid at the higher applicable minimum wage rate. If an hourly employee's workday spans across June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020, two different rates could be used.

### **Chicago and Cook County**

If your company has physical locations in Chicago, the city's minimum wage increased on July 1 from \$13.00 to \$14.00 per hour for any businesses with 26 or more employees. The minimum wage for Chicago businesses with 25 or fewer employees increased from \$13.00 to \$13.50. The Cook County minimum wage increased from \$12.00 to \$13.00 per hour.

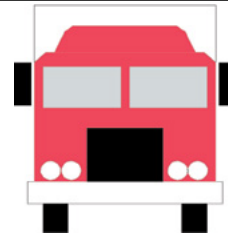
Required posting for the City of Chicago:

<http://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/bacp/OSL/20200518mwadnpslfinal52820.pdf>

Required posting for Cook County:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/minimum-wage-ordinance>

The minimum wage will increase to \$11.00 per hour on Jan. 1, 2021, and an additional \$1.00 per year to \$15.00 per hour on Jan. 1, 2025.



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## Agreement Allows Western Access to O'Hare, Will Provide Dramatic Improvement to Traffic Flow in Area

An agreement negotiated by the Illinois Tollway and two railroads will allow access to the western side of O'Hare Airport. The long-sought plan would finally connect the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway (I-490) to the airport, allowing the movement of passengers and freight with a second access point.

The big obstacle to blocking the project were the railroads - Candian Pacific and Union Pacific did not want to grant air rights to construct bridges over the railyards in the area. A host of lawsuits were settled and the railroads agreed to a \$250 million payment to facilitate the agreement.

O'Hare is expected to undertake a \$4 billion construction program in future years tied to the Western Access opening.

## Lock & Dam Work Remains on Schedule; A Busy Summer for Truckers

Despite heavy spring rains, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is still on schedule for major work on the Illinois River that will close five locks and dams this summer. The Corp plans major rehabilitation work that includes "dewatering" the locks. As a result, barge traffic started coming to a halt on much of the Illinois River system on July 1.

A wide variety of commodities move up and down the River, including fertilizers, cement, grains, fuels and more. For many of the ag products, the timing of the movements are crucial and may result in the diversion of shipments from barge to truck or rail. The demand for trucks is already strong this summer with ramped up construction work and is expected to remain so through this fall.

## I-255 Rebuild Continues; Work Starts on South Segment

The first segment of a complete overhaul of I-255 in the Metro-East area is mostly complete. Illinois DOT closed the first section from Collinsville Road to I-64 for work on February 1 and reopened most lanes last month. Work

continues on the south section from I-64 to Illinois Rt. 15.

IDOT decided to completely close each portion to speed up work - the agency said to try and do the work while keeping the road open would have meant a four-year project instead of just one construction season.

Both IDOT and the Illinois State Police have outlined specific truck friendly detour routes and specific routing information for oversize/overweight permit moves. In addition, truck GPS systems have been updated to reflect the road closures and alternate truck routes. So far, so good!

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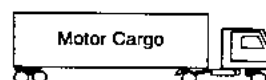
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## Drug & Alcohol Testing Update (Continued)

The average pool size for the first quarter was 14,873. There were 1,756/11.80% drug tests completed and 513/3.45% alcohol tests completed for the monthly pool.

The table below shows how many random drug and alcohol tests were selected and completed for the first quarter of 2020 for **Quarterly** pool.

| <u>Pool Date</u>  | <u>Pool Size</u> | <u>Drug Tests Selected/ Completed</u> | <u>Alcohol Tests Selected/ Completed</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 01/01/20-03/31/20 | 1,600            | 155/118                               | 68/31                                    |

The average pool size for the first quarter was 1,600. There were 118/7.35% drug tests completed and 31/1.93% alcohol tests completed.

## Mid-West Service Drug & Alcohol-Free Random Testing Compliance

The table belows how many random drug and alcohol tests were selected and completed for the first quarter of 2020 in the workplace pool.

| <u>Pool Date</u> | <u>Pool Size</u> | <u>Drug Tests Selected/ Completed</u> |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 01/01/20         | 1,924            | 165/83                                |
| 02/01/20         | 1,788            | 120/98                                |
| 03/01/20         | 1,897            | 105/81                                |

| <u>Pool Date</u> | <u>Pool Size</u> | <u>Alcohol Tests Selected/ Completed</u> |
|------------------|------------------|--|
| 01/01/20         | 752              | 40/17                                    |
| 02/01/20         | 747              | 30/11                                    |
| 03/01/20         | 718              | 35/15                                    |

The average pool size for the first quarter was 1,870. There were 262/14.01% drug tests completed.

Not all Consortium members conduct random alcohol testing. The average pool size for the first quarter for alcohol was 739. There were 43/0.58% alcohol tests completed.

## The Light Duty Employee: Exposure & Strategies Following a Work-Related Accident (Continued)

- The opportunity for reasonable direct communication presents itself.
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**BOTTOM LINE:** In order to not only mitigate or eliminate exposure for the payment of temporary total disability benefits, but also to maintain communication and visibility, it is best to have the light duty employee active, working, and providing benefit to the employer as much as possible. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues or implementation of such strategies further, the MTRMA team is standing by!

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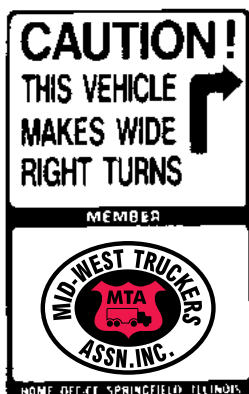
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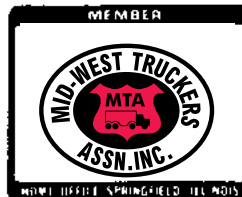
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