

# HUB ADVISORY

## OPERATION SAFE DRIVER

October 24<sup>th</sup> thru October 28<sup>th</sup> the Federal D.O.T. and the CVSA will be conducting an education, inspection, and enforcement program called “Operation Safe Driver”. This program is to focus on “driver behavior”, traffic enforcement and HOS issues in addition to vehicle inspection.

You should not have to be told to obey all of the traffic laws, HOS regulations and to inspect your equipment, and have necessary repairs done, but sometimes we get a bit lax and need a reminder.

Let us all try to get through this inspection period with no violations, driver or vehicle. We will all benefit in the long run.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

## ATTENTION ALL EMPLOYEES

**No one** is permitted in the shop work areas without proper authorization and eye protection. All non-shop employees must enter through the “People Doors” not through the work bays. This includes drivers, office personnel, and vendors.

Shop managers and supervisors will enforce these rules and refer violators to the Safety Department for discipline or counseling if they are unwilling to comply with this company policy.

Thank you for you cooperation.

I want to share with everyone that SPC Jason Arnold has returned safely from Iraq. He went over in August 2006 and his unit returned September 2007. His unit was the 13<sup>th</sup> COSCOM (Ft Hood, TX); their mission was for logistics support and security. Jason was in the security platoon detail; his job was to escort dignitaries throughout Iraq like Vice President Cheney, Defense Secretary both Rumsfeld and Gates and different Generals. Most of the time it would keep him out of hot areas, but his last 3 months he protected the Command Sergeant Major of the 5<sup>th</sup> Army and Jason said that he was a General Patton and wanted to go everywhere.

While he was home we found out that he has transferred into the 36<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Brigade and they are going to Iraq in February 2008 which means Jason will be with them. When I asked him why he wanted to go back, his response was “to finish my job”. He feels that what they are doing is great. They are building schools, hospitals and rebuilding towns to help give the Iraqi people a better life. I asked him if the people want us there and he said the majority of the Iraqi people want them and thank the Soldiers for being there.

As parents, Marsha and I would like to thank everyone for the support and the prayers. The biggest thing of having a loved one at War is the unknown; we would hear on the news that 6 US Soldiers were killed so now the worrying begins until we got a call or an e-mail from him. When Jason joined the Army he was 19 years old, a young man but still only 19 years old with a lot of growing up to do. When he returned he is 21 years old but the way he has grown was incredible and knowing that he wants to go back to “finish his job” makes us proud.

Dale and Marsha Arnold



October 10, 2007



The current Na-tionwide Threat Level Remains: **Yellow-Elevated:** *There is a sig-nificant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

**NTB WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW DRIVERS:**

Roger Mays—NAWA  
Jeff Shoemaker—NTGA  
Nathan Paquin—NTST

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE NTB FAMILY!**

SPC Jason Arnold



## Anniversary Dates:

Name	Date	Yrs
Jose Caudillo	10-13	6
Scott Pickard	10-14	1
Robert Gedritis	10-15	3
Dave Couch	10-17	4
James Bruns	10-18	12
Edna Holdridge	10-18	11
Ted Bazant	10-18	1
Jerry Garver	10-19	2
Ben Henry	10-20	14
Stephen DeBolt	10-20	1
Robert Lang	10-21	21
Greg McDaniel	10-23	10
Chad Smith	10-23	10

## Timeless Truth...



He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak.  
Isaiah 40:29

### Coming in November....

Predict the winner of the Michigan—Ohio Game. A prize will be awarded to the person guessing the correct winner and the combined score of the game.



Drivers, If you have a breakdown you **MUST call dispatch first**. They will then conference call the shop on your breakdown. This procedure must be followed. Thank You

## Driver's Corner

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Please keep the following employees in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with personal or family health issues or the loss of family or friends:

Robert Brassfield	Christina Hershey
Timothy Edmond	Russ Phillips
Jerry Garver	Keven Pierce
Edna Holdridge	George Self
	Sean Williams

## WHAT TRUCK DRIVERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CAR DRIVERS

As a professional driver you face a lot of stress and pressure each day just trying to do your job. Maneuvering through congested highways with aggressive car drivers darting around you and everyone is in a rush to get where they are going because time is money.

It may make you want to gamble a bit by taking unnecessary risks. But your risk goes up exponentially for each violation you receive. The seriousness of violations is more than monetary, unless you're willing to pay with your life. And we're not just talking about your life. When you gamble, you are also gambling your family's future and the future of many innocent others. Don't take that gamble, it's just not worth the risk.

1. Pre-Inspect the condition of your vehicle before and check for load securement. Maximize the vision around your truck with properly adjusted mirrors; be sure your mirrors are properly set and clean.
2. Get in a safe mindset!
3. Buckle up! It is your last line of defense!
4. Obey speed limits and traffic signs. Excessive speed reduces your ability to avoid a crash, extends your vehicle's stopping distance, and increases the severity of a crash when it occurs. Slow down in bad weather and at construction zones.
5. Maintain a safe following distance. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance (3-5 second rule).
6. Make only safe and necessary lane changes. Pick a lane and stay in it for as long as possible. Lane changes increase one's risk of an accident.
7. Focus on your driving not the distractions! Avoid or minimize in-truck distractions such as cell phone use, changing CDs, eating, or other activities that can remove your attention from the road.
8. Never drive under the influence! Watch out for other motorists whose driving behavior suggests they may have been drinking.
9. Get enough sleep. Sleep deprivation and fatigue can cause lapses in attention, slowed awareness and impaired judgment.

A recent research study conducted by the American Transportation Research Institute concluded the following:

If a Commercial Vehicle driver had a....	their future crash likelihood increases
Reckless Driving violation	325%
Improper Turns violation	105%
Improper or Erratic Lane Change conviction	100%
Failure to Yield Right of Way conviction	97%
Improper Turn conviction	94%
Failure to Keep in Proper Lane conviction	91%
Improper Lane Change violation	78%
Failure to Yield Right of Way violation	70%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions conviction	62%
Any conviction	56%
Speeding More Than 15 Miles over Speed Limit conviction	56%
Reckless / Careless / Inattentive / Negligent Driving conviction	53%
Following too closely conviction	50%
Improper Lane / Location conviction	47%
Any moving violation	41%
Following Too Close violation	40%
Speeding violation	35%
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device violation	30%
Failure to Obey Traffic Signal / Light conviction	29%
Speeding 1 to 15 Miles over Speed Limit conviction	26%
Failure to Obey Traffic Sign conviction	24%
Size and Weight violation	21%
Any OOS violation	16%



Operation Safe Driver, a new safety initiative of Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), focuses on increasing commercial and non-commercial vehicle driver performance through enforcement and education.

FMCSA's 2006 Large Truck Crash Causation Study found that driver actions or inactions by BOTH large truck and automobile drivers accounted for 88 percent of the critical reasons for the crashes. Only 12 percent were found to be the result of vehicle, road or weather factors. The study also concluded that in multi-vehicle crashes between large trucks and cars that 56 percent of the time the car driver was assigned the critical reason for the crash, and the large truck driver was assigned the critical reason for the other 44 percent of the time.

### Promoting Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety and Security

CVSA is an international not-for-profit organization comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial and federal motor carrier safety officials and industry representatives from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Our mission is to promote commercial motor vehicle safety and security by providing leadership to enforcement, industry and policy makers. In addition, CVSA has several hundred associate members who are committed to helping the Alliance achieve its goals; uniformity, compatibility and reciprocity of commercial vehicle inspections, and enforcement activities throughout North America by individuals dedicated to highway safety and security. For more on CVSA visit [www.cvsa.org](http://www.cvsa.org).



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