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MARITIME TOPICS



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Anniversaries:

1 Year

Ernest Nickles-JOL
Tomi Jakova-DTL
Amaury Suarez-SAV

2 years

Mark Hipp-CHS
Michael Bechtel-JOL
Daljeet Aulakh-TOR

3 years

Cesar Portillo-HOU
Alvin Hughes-SAV

4 years

Eduardo Abasto-JEC
Charles Lor-DTL
Bruce Handorf-JOL

7 years

Kevin Luke-SAV
Michael Holmes-SAV

8 years

Thomas Scheffner-ORF
Jessica Miente-CHS
Abel Zavala-JOL

9 Years

Wayne Hibler-JOL
Richard Jarvis-HOU

SAV Yard Cleanup Day

While trying to get almost 200 tires on the yard at our SAV Terminal organized and ready for sale and pickup, our colleagues at the terminal discovered an accumulation of trash.

There was an abundance of trash, tires, old radiators and headache racks laying around throughout the yard.

With the help of a few generous drivers, they were able to host a yard clean up day. Drivers Jose Espinosa, Ronnie Dowd, Alexander Paz, Jose Espinosa, and Christopher Rijos all volunteered to help clean up the yard. One of



SAV Clean Yard Day

the drivers even brought a lawn mower and machete to help cut down brush and help make the yard look nice.

It took eleven trash bags and a few several days to

get the yard all cleaned up and organized. Overall it was a successful event and really showed the willingness of our drivers to help out.

MDS would sincerely like to thank all of those involved in the clean up. We hope that the success of this event will spread to our other terminals and that we can all help keep all of our locations in top shape.

Getting Better Fuel Economy

Rolling resistance is a combination of tire design, construction, alignment, and proper air pressure. Drivers can help themselves by ensuring proper air pressure is maintained.

Aerodynamic drag is caused by three main factors, which are speed, coefficient

of drag, and frontal area. The driver can only control speed.

Acceleration is the major user of energy. Drivers can control how quickly they accelerate.

Idling is also a major factor in fuel

economy and is easy to cure. Drivers should shut down whenever they can. Several states are writing or currently have legislation in place prohibiting idling beyond 3-5 minutes.

-J.J. Keller and Associates

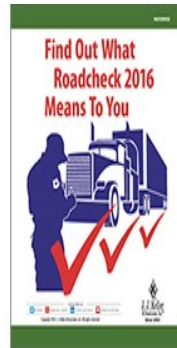


Safety Blog - Road Check 2016

This year's 72-hour Road-check takes place from **June 7-9**, so it's time to start thinking about how to prepare for the annual enforcement program.

Roadside inspection officers will be out in full force conducting vehicle and driver inspections of commercial vehicles traveling the highways.

Of the 69,472 inspections conducted in the 2015 Road-check, 21.6% of the vehicles were found to have out-of-service violations and 3.6% of the drivers were found with



out-of-service violations.

Thank you and BE SAFE.

The MDS Safety Department – Wayne Hibler, Hope Johnson, Dan Baumtrog.



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GPA-Tractor upgrade Program

The Georgia Port Authority has rolled out a trade-in rebate program available to qualified Garden City Terminal Truck Owners. "In an effort to retire older trucks, a limited amount of government funds are available as rebates for truck owners to upgrade their trucks that service the Georgia Ports Authority Garden City Container Terminal."



SAV O/O Ronnie Dowd and his new 2012 Freightliner

Dowd was one of the qualified truck owners who was able to take advantage of this program and was able to trade in his 2000 tractor for a 2012 Freightliner. In addition to the GPA rebate, MDS will also be rewarding Ronnie with a \$1000 bonus towards his first payment for his upgrade

Congrats Ronnie!

SAV owner operator Ronnie

February Featured Driver of the Month

February featured Driver of the month was Walter President from our Charleston Terminal.

Walter has been with MDS since August of 2008. He is always on time for his appointments and is always willing to help out either by handling an urgent load or returning containers to the rail. Walter

does an excellent job on his log audits as well as DOT inspections. Walter also known as Mr. Gator has been a pleasure to work with for his entire 7.5 years with us.

We are extremely lucky to have him on our team and

we look forward to many more years to come!



Walter President– Charleston

You can see him and March driver of the month listed on our website at

[mdstrucking.net/driver-of-the-month](https://www.mdstrucking.net/driver-of-the-month)

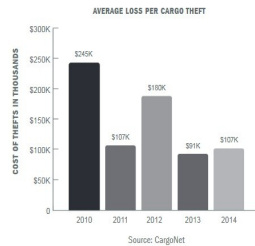
Keeping our Cargo Safe

Everyone at MDS has a duty and responsibility of keeping our yards and facilities secure from theft.

As we are all aware, the thieves are getting smarter, more aggressive and more selective in their targets. These individuals are able to identify the loads that carry high-value goods. Plus, their techniques for pulling off the heist have grown so sophisticated it takes a lot more than a simple lock to stop them.

According to CargoNet's annual

report, cargo thefts industry-wide numbered 844 in 2014. That equates to an average of 70 truckload theft incidents each month in the United States.



Though the industry shows continuing decline in number of cargo thefts, the value per theft increased nearly 18% in 2014. Cargo theft rates are again on the rise in 2015, increasing year over year in the first quarter according to FreightWatch International.

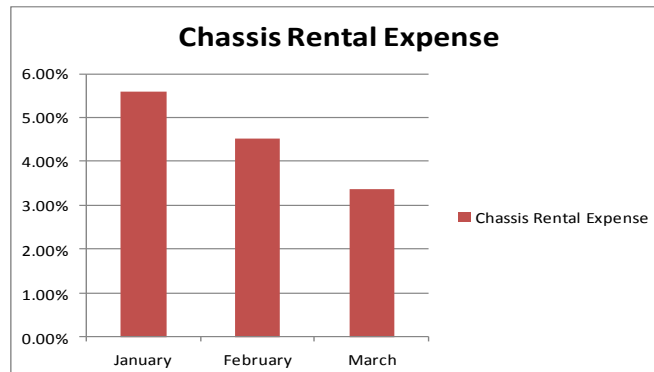
We need to ensure that all loads on our yards are being secured properly everyday. We need to make sure all yards and facilities are locked and notify authorities asap of any unusual activity.



Revenue Report

The graph to the right shows the chassis rental expense % of operating costs.

Its crucial that we are all mindful of not allowing unnecessary rental charges to accrue especially on our yards due to our lack of diligence.



Why "Intermodal"?

By working together, trucking companies, intermodal marketing companies, ocean steamship lines and railroads are providing a cost-effective, seamless, reliable, efficient, safe and environmentally friendly way to move freight from origin to destination.

Reliable

Today, all parties in the supply chain use state-of-the-art technology to monitor shipments every step of the way. With real-time information, today's intermodal

companies are keeping track of schedule changes and watching out for their customers' shipments so they don't have to.

Efficient

The days of sacrificing speed for savings are over. Intermodal transportation provides shippers with reliable, consistent service with cost savings compared to over-the-road transportation.

Safe

Intermodal transportation is safer today than ever before. With high-

tech lift technology and articulated intermodal railcars, damage to freight is minimized. According to the Association of American Railroads, freight loss and damage statistics have steadily decreased over the past 20 years.

Environmentally Friendly

Railroads move one ton of freight an average of 470 miles on a single gallon of gasoline. And according to the American Assoc. of Railroads, moving freight by rail instead of trucks reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent.



Don't forget to turn in your driver of the month selections to erica.guzman@m dstrucking.net

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our newsletter, please email
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Recruiting

Recruitment is extremely important and affects everyone at MDS. The more drivers on board equals more work that we can handle. The more work that we can handle, the better off everyone will be.



What have you done lately to attract more applicants? Are you spreading the word about MDS every-day?

Please make sure that you are doing your part to help MDS grow.

We offer:

- Electronic Dispatch
- Haz Mat, Reefer, Tri-axle Surcharge Pay
- Fuel Card
- Fuel Discount Program
- Dedicated Lanes with Steady Work
- Sign on and Referral Bonus

Please remember that when MDS grows, we all grow,

Please share below link for our online application today!

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