

K & J CONVOY

A Newsletter for the Drivers of K & J Trucking, Inc.



Several K&J employees and drivers participated in the South Dakota Trucking Association's Fishing Calcutta. Proceeds from the Calcutta will benefit the development of a CDL training program the SDTA to help get more people into the industry!

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

JAMES KLIMPLE - 1 (3 YRS)
BARRY JENSEN - 7 (8 YRS)
DAN CAMERON - 13 (17 YRS)
JOHN SNOWE - 13 (12 YRS)
JOHN SCHWINGLE - 15 (7 YRS)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

JAY YOUNG - 10
GENNADIY PACHECO - 11
TODD BOOMGAARDEN - 12
JIM KOSTAL - 20
DAN CAMERON - 22
BRAD SCHIPPER - 24
JEREMY TEAS - 24
MATT MCEACHRAN - 25
JOE LITTLE - 26
MIKE BUCK - 30

Rock Chip Scheduling Change

The company that we use to fix rock chips and replace windshields has alerted us that they are in their busy season. From this point forward if you need a rock chip repaired when you come in, please give us at least a 48 hour notice.

Their schedule is busiest toward the end of the week which has made Thursday and Friday bookings more challenging. They also do not book appointments for Saturdays.

When you call, message, or write up your request for a rock chip fix please let us know if there are components wired into the windshield such as lane mitigation.

Log Book Issues Don't Wait!

If you encounter issues with your log book, before you "just drive" with it or operate off paper logs, call Jennifer or Carrie. We understand and appreciate that you don't want to call us and interrupt our time off, but if we don't help you get the issues fixed when they are fresh, we are sometimes left with 3-4 hours of work to catch you up and fix the issue. Most of the time if you call when the issue is fresh we can fix it within minutes.

If you drive with the error on your log book and you are pulled in for a DOT inspection then we are all in trouble. Unfortunately they don't like the excuse that you didn't want to call us on the evenings or weekends. So just give us a call!

DON'T FORGET TO WATCH THE WEEKLY VIDEOS!

If you need help getting onto the driver website, let Carrie know! It is www.kandjdrivers.com and you will need a password.

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A Note From Dispatch

Hurray, its the first of May. May the weather turn warm, and the grass turn green soon please?!?! Here's what I know:

Freight: We're still trucking to our regular destinations. There's no hotspot out there for freight as I've spoken before. We're almost to produce season here out west, and hoping that will spike it back up again. I am happy that Don Knowler has been able to rekindle some loads with Ruiz Foods in TX, and SC, and we've again been going from TX over to SC, and have added Florence,SC to Tacoma, WA, which has been a great run that many driver's have enjoyed. Once again, we'll continue to try to point you in the directions you like to go, but as an overall rule, I suggest to take what's in front of you and run with it.

Transflo update: Please , please continue to send in arrival calls, loaded and empty calls. Put the information in accurately, and if the machine isn't working properly, we can pick up the pieces.

We're still not 100% certain if lumper money codes are coming over when we send them, and so we please ask that you make sure you have it for evening and weekend deliveries. Directions are not coming as you very well know. Seems as if we're still getting everything delivered, but let us know if you do have questions about a shipper or receiver.

Standard Procedures: Read and listen and understand your dispatch, ask questions if you don't! If you can open your doors, is the product secured properly? Read your bills! Where's the load going? Do I have as much product as dispatch said it should have? Check temps, check that the seal # matches. At last, you may drive safe and nice trip

Thanks,

Mike & Dispatch

Spring Cleaning from Safety

Remember your responsibilities when involved in an accident/incident.

Pictures pictures pictures. If they are fuzzy on your phone they will be more fuzzy for me. Take pics up close and far away and of what was hit and what wasn't hit. This protects us from having to fix damage we didn't do. Also, call me in case I need extra pics or tasks completed such as post-accidents drug tests. Those cannot wait until "after the weekend" or we get HUGE fines.

Remember your responsibilities when picking up a trailer if there is damage.

Take pictures AND report to the facility BEFORE leaving. If you leave or drive with the trailer they will assume you did the damage.

Be .007 and do the detective work. Check the damage and think backwards. If it looks like hinge damage, check the trailer next to it for a match in height, paint, etc. If there is carnage on the ground, take pictures of that too as it proves it happened at their facility.

Ask if they know who did the damage. Don't be confrontational, just explain that you are following company protocol and reporting it and taking pictures is part of that system. If you cause damage (or don't properly report damage) and you are a company driver, you will lose part of your bonus for that quarter. Owner-operators are responsible for the \$1000 deductible. If you are a fleet driver, that is between you and your boss.

Safe travels & ducks in a row,

Jennifer