



THE BULLETIN

Happy Holidays





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As we put the wraps on 2022, we reflect on our many successes. We began the year with a productive legislative session while further building alliances between MTA and the various regulatory branches overseeing our industry. We enjoyed gaining new members in MTA while many of our existing ones supported us not only with their dues, but through contributions to our hugely successful golf tournaments raising money for our Political Action Fund, as well as sponsorship support to our record-breaking annual convention where we celebrated our 80th Anniversary. Many members also contributed to our Foundation where we were able to give out 37 scholarships which is the most we have ever given in a single year! Further, we saw our 2nd LEAD MTA class

graduate and our third class begin. We were excited to see the Truck Driving Championship regain strength after not being able to hold its annual event in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. There were many more successes at MTA this year, but we want to look ahead to 2023 and what we can do to serve the industry. With guidance from our dedicated Board of Directors, we look forward to serving our industry while also protecting it in 2023. We will be working within the legislative process to craft laws and regulations to further enhance trucking in our state while ensuring no legislation passes that is detrimental to us. Further, we will look for ways to educate our members as well as respond to the issues they feel pressure from. Promoting the industry in a positive light will be an objective of ours for a good public image, but also to encourage others to work in our honorable vocation. Of course, safety is the hallmark of MTA members, so we will be sure to support our members in this area throughout the year.

We at MTA can't thank our members enough for allowing our staff to represent you and we hold that honor in high esteem with all the respect due to such an important role. We hope you, your staff, and your families have a blessed holiday season and a great start to 2023!



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President, MTA

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS.

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UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS

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SPRING PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT • APRIL 17, 2023

Reunion Golf and Country Club • Madison, MS



TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 5-6, 2023

Gulfport, MS



MTA ANNUAL CONVENTION • JUNE 7-11, 2023

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LEAD MTA

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS



Lead MTA 2022-2023 had its first meeting in October at the MTA offices in Jackson. The day kicked off with “icebreakers” to acquaint the members of the group with one another. MTA staff introduced themselves and spoke on the different entities that MTA provides. We heard from several Department of Public Safety officials and what they are responsible for. On Tuesday evening, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at MM Shapley’s. Wednesday morning, we heard from the Executive Director of MDOT.

• JANUARY •
23-24

**MTA AT THE
CAPITOL**
Jackson, MS

• APRIL •
27-28

**LEADERSHIP
AND ME**
Jackson, MS

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TAG Truck Center, *Tupelo, MS*
Palomar Insurance, *Hattiesburg, MS*
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HUB International Gulf South, *Ridgeland, MS*

Our next meeting will be in January, where we plan to meet at the Capitol to get an overview of the Legislative Session. Thank you to our Lead MTA Sponsors!



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6



Merry Christmas to all SIF Fund Members!

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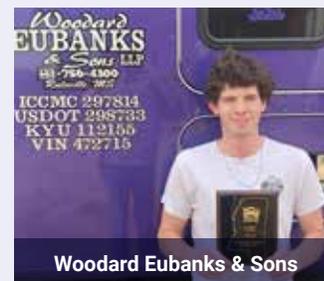
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022-2023 SIF SAFETY WINNERS!

Many SIF members had ZERO claims for their policy period. Members were awarded safety plaques for the following categories: Safety Champion (0-10 % loss ratio), Excellence in Safety (11-25% loss ratio) and Merit of Safety (26-50% loss ratio).





MTA TRUCK SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE CORNER

WHAT'S THE ANSWER? ASK THE EXPERT!

In a continuing effort by the Mississippi Trucking Association to better enhance its membership experience, we added this new feature to our newsletters. Questions in this bi-monthly column are questions presented to MTA the previous month and are being published in hopes that other members may benefit from the information.

QUESTION 1:

Can you tell me if a Carrier can require a driver to undergo a DOT Physical by a doctor of our choosing if they have had a medical condition that we believe would make them an unsafe driver?

GUIDANCE: Yes, the FMCSRs do not require an examination in this case unless the injury or illness has impaired the driver's ability to perform his/her normal duties. However, the motor carrier may require a driver returning from any illness or injury to take a physical examination. But, in either case, the motor carrier has the obligation to determine if an injury or illness renders the driver medically unqualified.

QUESTION 2:

We have a spotter driver that doesn't go past a 50-mile radius. Is he required to keep logs?

GUIDANCE: That driver would not be required to run an ELD. However, the driver must record hours of service on a time sheet or some sort of time record and follow the other 150-mile rule regulations. The other conditions the driver must meet to qualify can be found in 40 CFR 395.1(e) titled *Short Haul Exemptions*.

QUESTION 3:

I have a driver whose ELD is recording a 14-hour violation. Can you tell me how this violation occurred? The driver is insisting the first period

doesn't count because it is over the two-hour minimum.

GUIDANCE: I believe this is what happened and caused the driver to be in violation. I have attached the link to the regulatory guidance on my findings.

New Rule Sleeper Berth Provision adopted in 2020:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/hours-service/summary-hours-service-regulations>. Modifies the sleeper berth exception to allow a driver to meet the 10-hour minimum off-duty requirement by spending at least 7 hours of that period in the berth combined with a minimum off-duty period of at least 2 hours spent inside or outside the berth, provided the two periods total at least 10 hours. When used together as specified, neither qualify period counts against the 14-hour driving window.

Looks like the driver only had 4h, 26m's and 1h, 37m's in sleeper which does not fulfill the sleeper berth requirement to obtain sufficient rest which would equal a minimum of 10 hours, so both periods would count against the driver's 14 hours on duty. Hence, the driver is in violation every time the driver drives after the driver exceeds 14 hours without a qualified break. The driver drove at 1311 hours and drove again at 1318 hours resulting in two violations.

Remember that your MTA Safety Department offers complete safety services to assist members to operate safer fleets. MTA's Director of Safety and Compliance, Steve Boudreaux CDS, CSIWCP, offers new safety director training, DOT type compliance reviews, and driver safety meetings, policy and procedure development assistance and many, many more services.

MTA TRUCK SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE CORNER

• JANUARY •

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MTA SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING
Jackson, MS

• MARCH •

15

FMCSA AUDIT SEMINAR
Jackson, MS

• MAY •

5-6

MS TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Gulfport, MS

2022 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Don Nehring, FedEx Ground



MISSISSIPPI TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

2022 MTA FALL PAC 4-MAN SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT



WHAT A GREAT TOURNAMENT!

It was a beautiful day at Annandale Golf Club to play a round of golf! We had 19 teams and 77 players. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and support the MTA PAC!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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2022 SKEET FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
PROVIDENCE HILL FARMS
JACKSON, MS



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On Thursday, November 3, we had our annual Skeet for Scholarships which was held at Providence Hill Farm in Jackson, Mississippi.

It was a beautiful, sunny day with 92 shooters. Everyone enjoyed the shoot. This is such a special event because all of the money raised goes directly to the students of the trucking industry to help further their education.

Thank you to our shooters, sponsors and trappers.



2022 SKEET FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
PROVIDENCE HILL FARMS
JACKSON, MS



Ready to Head Out!



Cummins Team



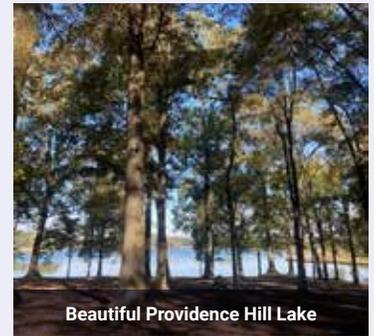
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Jackson Truck & Trailer Team



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