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**FORESTRY MUTUAL**  
INSURANCE COMPANY

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# Doing it by the Book?

Trucks supply the great majority of the logs and wood fiber consumed by the nation's forest products plants. It's imperative that they keep rolling-but in safer, more businesslike, more accountable manner.

# INTRODUCTION

- Promotional Video
- 501(c)3 Status
- Website ([www.teamsafetrucking.com](http://www.teamsafetrucking.com))
- Training Modules
- Training Brochures
- New Driver Training
- Research



# Volunteer Group

Team Safe Trucking is a 501 (c)3 volunteer group made up of Insurance Companies, Loggers, Mills, and Associations



TEAM Safe Trucking is a coalition of production, consumption, insurance, associations, and other advocates working together to help drive the log/chip trucking sector to a more accountable and more professional level.

TEAM—Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Watch a video presentation

# Training Modules

- Designed to educate and train both the driver and the owner
- Modules will be done through a series with new ones produced regularly.
- Available through the website
- Completion Certificates will be available online

# Module 1

- Preparing to Drive
  - Insurance
  - Regulations
  - Public Perception
  - Driver Qualification
  - Load Securement



# Module 2

- Behind the Wheel
  - Distractions
  - Speeding
  - Road Conditions
  - Railroads

# Module 3

- Behind the Wheel
  - Repair and Maintenance
  - Accidents Reporting
  - Reporting Do's and Don'ts
  - Drug Testing
  - Mill Safety

# Training Brochures

- Owner Specific
- Driver Specific

ARE YOU DOING THE FOLLOWING TO PROTECT YOUR COMPANY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY YOUR FAMILIES LIVES?

- DRUG TESTING YOUR DRIVERS?
- HIRING TO FILL A SEAT OR HIRING TO REPRESENT YOUR COMPANY PROFESSIONALLY?
- HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS
- OBTAINING CERTIFICATES OF INS.
  - PRODUCTION OVER PROFESSIONALISM?
  - CELL PHONE POLICY?
- USING GPS & DASHCAM'S TO YOUR ADVANTAGE?

DID YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT EACH QUESTION AND DOUBT YOURSELF?

LET'S WORK TOGETHER AS AN INDUSTRY TO CREATE A THRIVING PUBLIC IMAGE & NOT CREATE THESE HORRIFIC SCENES....



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## SAFE DRIVING HABITS

### ✓ AIM HIGH IN STEERING

**Key Phrase:** Find a safe path well ahead.

**Notes:** Become a high aim steerer; look as far ahead as you can. Don't look only directly in front of your vehicle while driving.

### ✓ GET THE BIG PICTURE

**Key Phrase:** Stay back and see it all.

**Notes:** Don't rush up behind a line of traffic making you vulnerable to becoming part of an accident if something was to happen. For example, like a beautiful painting, don't get so close that you're not able to see the whole thing, stay back and be able to take it all in.

### ✓ KEEP YOUR EYES MOVING

**Key Phrase:** Scan, don't stare.

**Notes:** Keep eyes moving all around your vehicle; front, rear, sides. Scan from building to building, tree-line to tree-line.

### ✓ LEAVE YOURSELF AN OUT

**Key Phrase:** Be prepared, have a plan, expect the unexpected.

**Notes:** Leave space cushion between you and the vehicle in front of you when stopped at traffic lights or stop signs in case of breakdown or stall.

### ✓ MAKE SURE THEY SEE YOU

**Key Phrase:** Don't gamble; use your horn, lights, and signals.

**Notes:** Establishing eye contact confirms that others see you. Be sure to use horn in a courteous manner to avoid creating a hostile environment.

**\$afety Pay\$**

## 10 POINT CHECKLIST

- 1. WHEN STARTING TO MOVE**  
Look both ways and check your rear view mirrors
- 2. WHEN STOPPED IN TRAFFIC**  
Leave a car length between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you
- 3. COUNT 1...,2...,3...**  
After vehicle ahead has started to move – this is a safe following distance and a clear view if an other vehicle runs a red light
- 4. FOLLOWING DISTANCE**  
Four to six seconds following time for speeds under 30 mph; 6-8 seconds for speeds 30 mph and greater
- 5. 15 SEC EYE LEAD TIME**  
This is the best way to keep your eyes ahead of your wheel.
- 6. SCAN - LOOK FOR SIGNS OF LIFE**  
Such as brake lights, reverse lights, exhaust, and heads behind steering wheels
- 7. STALE GREEN LIGHTS**  
Are traffic lights that you did not see turn green or a light that you are aware could change at any time
- 8. EYE CONTACT**  
Helps other drivers act predictable. When eye contact is not possible, use horn and lights to communicate.
- 9. PULL FROM CURB**  
Always look over your shoulder and do not rely strictly on mirrors
- 10. USE OF MIRRORS**  
Rule of thumb is to look at mirrors every 5 to 8 seconds

# IMMEDIATLY FOLLOWING A LOG TRUCK ACCIDENT.....

## DO

- Call your employer and let them know about the accident
- Take pictures of the vehicles, the placement in the road, and any vehicle damage
- Wait for your company to tell you where to go and how to get there
- Listen to police and be respectful
- Follow company instructions about drug testing
- Seek medical treatment if necessary
- Speak with counsel about the accident
- Be honest with counsel
- Listen to your doctors

## DON'T

- Give a statement to anyone, including the police, unless specifically told to do so by counsel
- Take pictures of injured or dead people
- Turn off you vehicle or move, unless directed to do so by the police
- Leave the scene unless released by police
- Take any drugs (recreational or otherwise) or drink any alcohol before being drug tested, unless otherwise directed by a doctor

# New Driver Training

- Looking to the future
  - Trucking Driver Training School
    - With emphasis on log hauling
    - Multiple states

# Research

- Scott Barrett with Virginia Tech is compiling log truck accident data.
- This will help for future training materials

# How Can You Help?

- Spread the Word
  - Visit our website and help us spread the word through social media and word of mouth
  - **Make a Donation**