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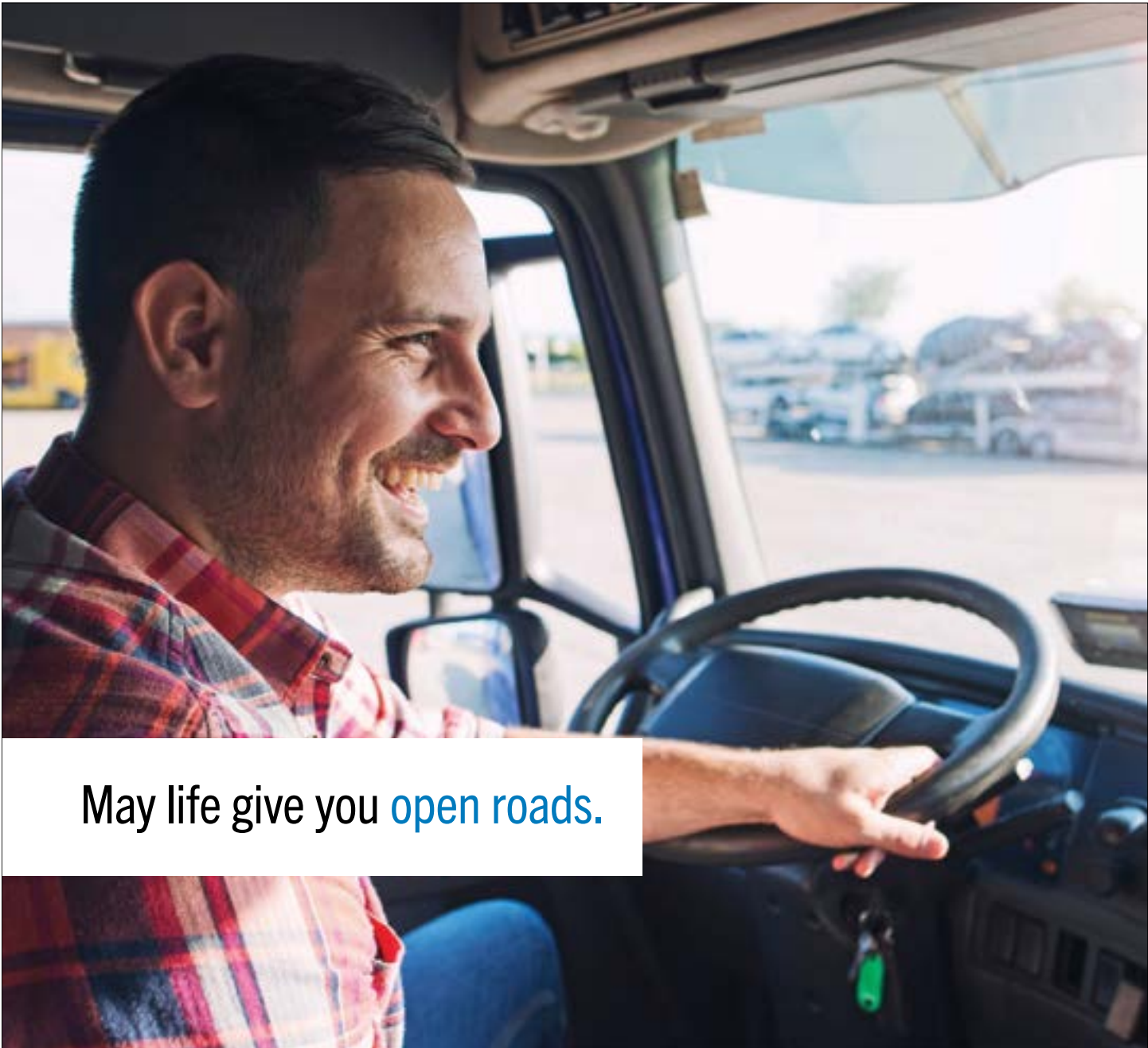


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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Am I proud of this Association? You bet I am! Those who could break away from their business routine to attend the SDTA Winter Board meeting and legislative reception and sundae bar in Pierre on February 8th, were rewarded with numerous networking opportunities. Opportunities not only with other trucking firms, but also with face-to-face interactions with our South Dakota legislators. The legislative reception was very well at-

tended because our Senators and Representatives WANT to meet with us, hear our concerns, and better represent and advance those concerns during the 2021 session. It is certainly a plus for us that our lobbyist, Myron Rau, is held in high regard by our legislators...they trust him to be straightforward with them as they seek his advice on numerous issues, in addition to transportation. Always contact Myron with your questions and concerns; he is only a call away.

To organize such a huge undertaking as was the legislative reception takes an experienced and "detail" person. SDTA certainly has that in Michelle Wells, Executive Assistant. Kudos to Michelle as she celebrates 30 years in service to SDTA. Michelle's anniversary calls to mind how fortunate I am that the staff has so many years advancing our agendas: Myron, 20 years; Pam Kolseth, 44 years; Jay Steensma, 21 years; and Patty Hinz, 12 1/2 years. Thanks to them all. And hey! I just realized that I personally have been a SDTA member for 40 years. Not to toot my own horn, but simply to relate that you have experience in your corner for any questions or concerns. My personal cell is 310-5553...call me!

Now I have a question for us all: When was the last time that you invited another company to join SDTA? I am guilty of not doing very well in this area, but am always surprised when I mention joining, and BOOM! we have another new member. See what you can do in 2021 to expand our association's membership. Our NextGen group is doing very well in cultivating young truckers to join and expand our ranks. We "old timers" need and appreciate their ideas and energy.

The week of February 15th, driving across Nebraska on I-80, I was frustrated to see DOZENS of semis disabled, in dangerous weather, along the roadside from gelled engines and flat tires from frozen brakes. Fortunately, I saw no accidents. To their credit, tow truck operators and highway patrol personnel were out in the frigid weather helping the disabled trucks.

Until next time, I wish you engines that don't gel up, tires that don't go flat, and continued safety for you and yours.

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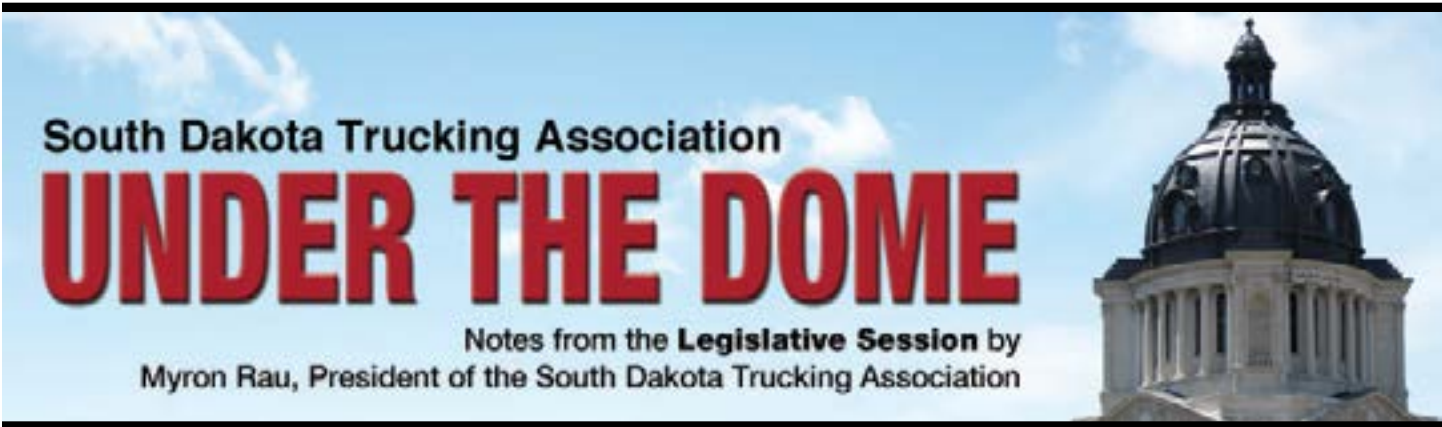
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Hearings, hearings and more hearings - that is how my days go in Pierre. Bills are being passed and killed in an effort to cull the list to those Bills that will actually become law. Crossover day is coming soon (the last day for Bills to clear the chamber of origin). Have a great week and stay tuned for the Week #7 Report.

Below you will find the list of bills I am currently tracking on your behalf. As always, if you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**SDTA BILL TRACKING FOR 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

*\*\*\*Bills that reached final disposition*

For further and more detailed information about any of these Bills or other Bills, go to the website: [sdlegislature.gov](http://sdlegislature.gov)

**HOUSE BILLS**

**\*\*\*Bill #: HB 1012** Title: Update references to certain federal motor carrier regulations.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Floor, Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Floor, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

**\*\*\*Bill #: HB 1046** Title: Limit liability for certain exposures to COVID-19.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed House State Affairs Committee, Passed House Floor, Passed Senate Judiciary Committee, Passed Senate Floor, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

**Bill #: HB 1053** Title: Establish an annual fee for certain electric motor vehicles.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Floor, Passed Senate Transportation Committee

**Bill #: HB 1061** Title: Prohibit smoking marijuana and its derivatives in a motor vehicle and create a penalty therefor.

Position: Support

**Bill #: HB 1101** Title: Establish criteria regarding marijuana.

SDTA Position: Watch

**Bill #: HB 1160** Title: Prohibit driving a motor vehicle while exceeding the legal limit of delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

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# FEBRUARY 2021 DRIVER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Robert Christian, Christian Trucking, Inc., Spearfish, SD.

He was selected as the February 2021 Driver of the Month by the South Dakota Safety Management Council.

Robert has been a professional logging truck driver for over 22 years.

He was instrumental in the development of the Black Hills Log Haulers Association (BHLH). He also serves as their President. He built a relationship between SDTA and BHLH which brought numerous new log hauler members to SDTA. Robert along with the help of SDTA were able to establish an excellent working relationship between the mills and the log haulers.

Robert served on the SDTA Executive Board of Directors and currently holds the position of Immediate Past President.

Robert and his wife Susan are the parents of one adult child, Kathy Ann. Robert and Susan reside in Spearfish, SD.

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\*\*\***Bill #: HB 1192** Title: Require evidence of financial responsibility at the time of certain vehicle registrations.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Killed in House Transportation Committee

\*\*\***Bill #: HB 1214** Title: Provide for permanent daylight savings time when permissible under federal law.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Killed in House State Affairs Committee

### SENATE BILLS

\*\*\***Bill #: SB 29** Title: Revise certain training and testing requirements for entry level driver applicants for a commercial driver license.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed Senate Commerce and Energy Committee, Passed Senate Floor, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Floor, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

\*\*\***Bill #: SB 30** Title: Extend the issuance period for commercial learner's permits.

SDTA Position: Support

Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Floor, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Floor, Sent to Governor

**Bill #: SB 35** Title: Make an appropriation to implement provisions concerning the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana, and to declare an emergency.

SDTA Position: Watch

\*\*\***Bill #: SB 98** Title: Limit the application of the death penalty.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Passed Senate Judiciary Committee, Killed on Senate Floor

**Bill #: SB 100** Title: Continue the prohibition on the seizure of firearms and ammunitions.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Passed Senate State Affairs Committee, Passed Senate Floor

\*\*\***Bill #: SB 104** Title: Reduce the rate of sales tax on certain food.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Killed in Senate Taxation Committee

\*\*\***Bill #: SB 125** Title: Require the wearing of face coverings in the state under certain conditions and to declare an emergency.

SDTA Position: Watch

Bill Status: Killed in Senate Health and Human Services Committee

**Bill #: SB 169** Title: Revise the time requirement for the automatic removal of speeding violations from a background check record.

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Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee



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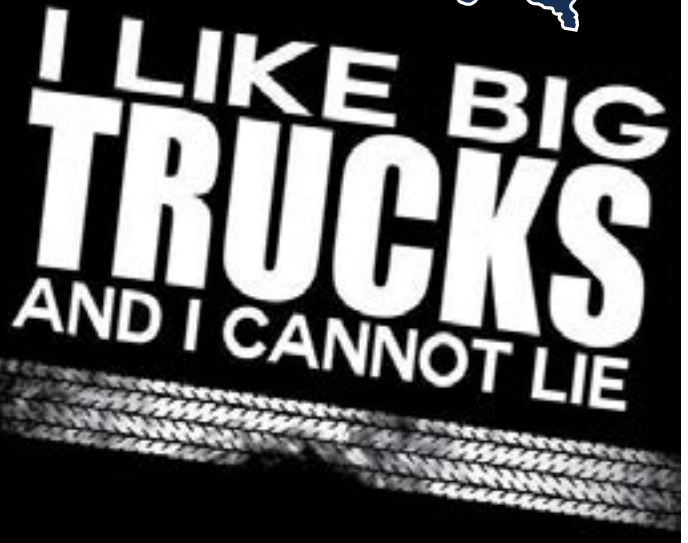
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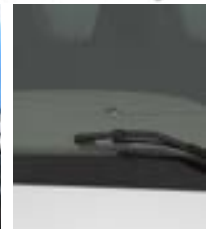


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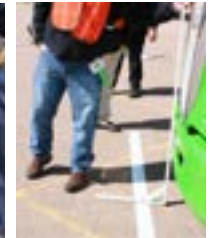


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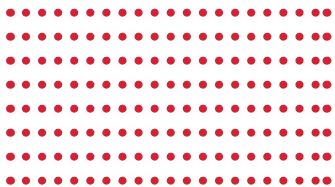
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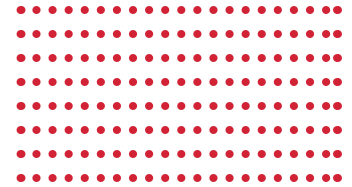
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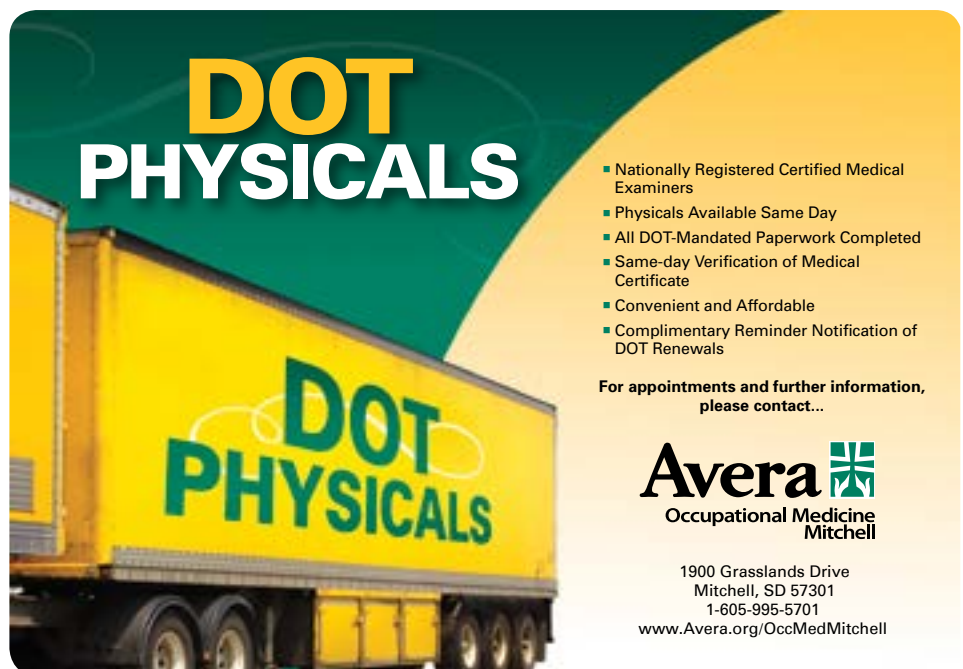
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# SINCERE CONDOLENCES...



## **NORM THORSTENSON**

8/21/29 to 1/19/21

We are sad to tell you the news of the passing of Norm Thorstenson, at the age of 91.

Norm was the owner of Thorstenson Trucking, Selby, SD. He was a member of the SD Trucking Association for many years.

Funeral services for Norman Thorstenson were held on Saturday, January 23, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church in Selby. Burial was at the Selby Memorial Gardens under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge.

Because Norman was civic minded in lieu of flowers the family requests memorials directed to the Bethlehem Cemetery, Walworth County Care Center, Selby Lions Club or the Lake Hiddenwood Foundation.

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## **CAROL BULTSMA**

June 12, 1937 - December 1, 2020

Carol Ann Bultsma (Hoving), 83, of Platte, SD passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Platte Care Center Avera. Funeral Services are 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Platte Christian Reformed Church.

Carol Ann Bultsma (Hoving) was born on June 12, 1937 to William and Anna (Streelman) Hoving in Roseland, Illinois. She attended Roseland Christian Grade School and graduated high school from Chicago Christian School. She was united in marriage to Theodore (Ted) Bultsma on June 15, 1956 in Chicago, IL at the Roseland Christian Reformed Church parsonage. Carol worked for a train company in Chicago before she began her lifelong career as a devoted wife and mother. She and dad started their family living on the south side of Chicago where the first four children were born to their union, before making the move with their young family to Platte South Dakota in 1963. Three more children were born into the family after they moved to South Dakota. Along with managing the house and caring for her large family, Carol was also the sole bookkeeper for their business Bultsma Truck Line.

Carol was a member of the Platte Christian Reformed Church and served as a church Calvinette Leader. She was also a long time 4-H Leader, participated in bowling league, and was a member of the local Red Hat Ladies and TOPS.

Baking and creating beautiful handiwork were two of Carol's passions. There was always something baking or just baked when anyone stopped at her house and she loved to share banana bread, cookies, or her famous almond rolls with family and friends. She gifted her handmade counted cross stitch samplers, crocheted baby blankets, and prayer shawls to her family. Carol loved afternoon tea and especially with company so she could get out her collection of tea cups. She will be fondly remembered for the love she showed to all her family.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband of over 63 years, Theodore (Ted) Bultsma (Dec. 4, 2019); parents, William and Anna Hoving; an infant twin son, Daniel; a grandson, Logan Theodore Frei; a granddaughter, Janel Reed; and two sons-in-law: Raymond Urban and Kevin Antonsen.

**Memorial contributions can be made to the SDTA Trucking Foundation through the SDTA office in honor of those lost. See page 20**

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## News Release

Contact: Nicole Leandro, Manager of Communications, CVSA

### **International Roadcheck Set for May 4-6 with Emphasis on Lighting and Hours of Service**

Greenbelt, Maryland (Feb. 2, 2021) – The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has set May 4-6 as the dates for this year's International Roadcheck. Over that 72-hour period, commercial motor vehicle inspectors in jurisdictions throughout Canada, Mexico and the U.S. will conduct inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers.

“CVSA shares the dates of International Roadcheck in advance to remind motor carriers and drivers of the importance of proactive vehicle maintenance and driver readiness,” said CVSA President Sgt. John Samis with the Delaware State Police. “International Roadcheck also aims to raise awareness of the North American Standard Inspection Program and the essential highway safety rules and regulations in place to keep our roadways safe.”

Inspectors will ensure the vehicle's brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft components, driver's seat, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices, steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims, hubs and windshield wipers are compliant with regulations. Inspections of motorcoaches, passenger vans and other passenger-carrying vehicles also include emergency exits, electrical cables and systems in the engine and battery compartments, and seating.

Inspectors will be looking for critical vehicle inspection item violations, outlined in the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria. If such violations are found, the vehicle will be placed out of service, which means that vehicle cannot be operated until the identified out-of-service conditions have been corrected.

Vehicles that successfully pass inspection, without any critical vehicle inspection item violations found after a completed Level I or Level V Inspection, should receive a CVSA decal. In general, vehicles with a CVSA decal are not re-inspected during the three-month period during which the decal is valid. Instead, inspectors focus their efforts on vehicles without a valid CVSA decal.

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## International Roadcheck Set for May 4-6 with Emphasis on Lighting and Hours of Service Continued...

Also during an inspection, inspectors will check the driver's operating credentials, hours-of-service documentation, seat belt usage, and for alcohol and/or drug impairment. A driver will be placed out of service if an inspector discovers driver-related out-of-service conditions.

Each year, CVSA asks its member jurisdictions to capture and report data focusing on a certain category of violations during International Roadcheck. This helps bring awareness to certain aspects of a roadside inspection. This year, inspectors will capture data on two categories, corresponding to the two main inspection categories of the North American Standard Level I Inspection – driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. For the driver category, hours of service will be highlighted this year, and for the vehicle category, inspectors will be paying special attention to lighting. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the lighting violation “lamps inoperable” (Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations 393.9) was the number one vehicle violation in fiscal 2020, accounting for approximately 12.24% of all vehicle violations discovered that year. And during last year's International Roadcheck, the top driver out-of-service violation category in North America was hours of service, accounting for 34.7% of all driver out-of-service conditions.

“It's important to remember that International Roadcheck is a data collection effort,” said Sgt. Samis. “The inspections conducted during the three days of International Roadcheck are no different from the inspections conducted any other day of the year. Other than data collection, the inspection process is the same.”

As was the case last year, in consideration of COVID-19, law enforcement personnel will conduct inspections following their departments' health and safety protocols during 2021 International Roadcheck.

In addition, as the COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues, every effort will be made to get vaccine shipments to their destination, quickly and safely. COVID-19 vaccine shipments will not be held up for inspection, unless there is an obvious serious violation that is an imminent hazard.

International Roadcheck is a CVSA program with participation by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, and Mexico's Ministry of Communications and Transportation and its National Guard. ■





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# DRIVER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM & RULES

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence Address (in full) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children & Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Carrier \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Terminal Address (in full) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years Employed by Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Years Experience \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Equipment Operated: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Type of Driving:  
 Over the Road  City  Other  
 Total Mileage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mileage with Present Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Accidents: \_\_\_\_\_ Chargeable Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Chargeable Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has your driver ever been selected as a driver of the month or year  
 in South Dakota or any other state?  Yes  No  
 If yes, explain when and where \_\_\_\_\_  
 Participation in truck driving championships or other transporta-  
 tion related activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Basis of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

With this entry, company agrees to send their driver, if selected as Driver of the Month, to the South Dakota Trucking Association Annual Convention where driver will participate in a PERSONAL INTERVIEW. Selection of Driver of the Year will be made following ALL personal interviews. Drivers not being interviewed will not be eligible for Driver of the Year honors. Interview times will be scheduled Friday afternoon during the convention.  
 With this entry, company agrees to submit Driver of the Year Entry Form for National Competition if your driver is selected as South Dakota's Driver of the Year.

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach supporting information and send to the South Dakota Trucking Association. Attach extra sheet if more space is needed.

Driver may be nominated for Driver of the Month for any outstanding act of heroism, a contribution to highway safety, an extraordinary act of courtesy, an exceptional deed or act of service to mankind within the community reflecting positively on the motor carrier industry, or for a long period of safe and courteous driving. An outstanding act shall be deemed to mean unusual or other than the normal every day courtesies afforded by truck drivers.

## ELIGIBILITY:

1. The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.
2. The nominated driver must have been employed by the present employer for at least two years and have a minimum of five years overall experience.

3. South Dakota domiciled\* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state.

\*The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the State of South Dakota (in keeping with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.

4. A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.

5. Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clipping, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.

6. A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.

7. Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection. Nominees not selected in either of these two months may be re-nominated for any future month's selection.

8. Entries must be in the office of the South Dakota Trucking Association no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.

9. Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.

10. The annual contest will run from September of the previous year through August of the current year.

11. Company agrees to submit a professional, head and shoulders, black and white photo of entry upon notification of winning. (3" X 5" preferred)

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- SDTA Call on Washington - 2021 (specific dates TBD)
- Spring/Summer Board of Directors Meeting and the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event at the AmericInn, Chamberlain. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021 followed by a full board meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. on the same day. The fishing Calculutta will be held after a social and hosted dinner. The Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021.
- South Dakota Truck Driving Championships, Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, SD starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021.
- Wheel Jam, State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD - June 3 through June 6, 2021.
- 15th Annual West River Poker Run - June 26, 2021 - Start at Dale's Tire at 9:00 a.m..
- West River SDTA and Logging Industry Golf Event - June 27, 2021 - Tomahawk Golf Course starting at 9:00 a.m..
- East River Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the Brandon Golf Course.
- ~~National Truck Driving Championships - Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN on August 11 through 14, 2021. **CANCELLED**~~
- Annual Convention - Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls on September 8 - 10, 2021.
- Annual guided pheasant hunt is on Thursday, November 11, 2021 - leave the hotel in Pierre at 9:00 a.m.
- SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting - Executive Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. with the full board to convene at 10:00 a.m. all at RedRossa, Pierre, SD on Friday, November 12, 2021.
- West River Legislative Reception - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Minerva's in Rapid City - Monday, November 22, 2021.
- East River Legislative Reception (NextGen Group meeting at 4:30) - Minerva's in Sioux Falls - Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Winter Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022 at the Ramkota River Centre, Pierre. Followed by the Winter Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Winter Reception with Legislators will follow at 6:00 p.m. All events of the day are scheduled at the Ramkota River Centre in Pierre.

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