



DUMOULIN TRUCKING NEWSLETTER



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CONGRATULATIONS

Dumoulin Trucking has added new personnel and new equipment.

New Kenworths, Candy Canes, Western Stars all equipped with Peoplenet elogs and cameras and in addition the DSS watchdog.

The learning curve has been a success and continues to keep our drivers safe.

We are proud of the success of these programs and will achieve more work for our employees.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This year has been a year unlike any other year. Covid-19 has changed our way of life. We wear masks, distance ourselves from others and fear for our elders in nursing homes. However, the Dumoulin Trucking team has worked throughout this crisis. This is a testament to our strong family and work ethics. Thank you all for everything you have done!

“There is more credit and satisfaction in being a first-rate truck driver than a tenth-rate executive”

WEATHER FORECAST

Historically, July temperatures run between 24 to 26 degrees C. August runs 24C at the beginning but cools off to 20C by the end of the month. September starts ends up around 12C. Snow doesn't historically appear until late November.

If you are looking for the strange new moons: July 5, August 3, September 2. Watch the people and animals act strange!

From 1922 to present, climate data: Record High July 39.4C. Record low February -45.6C

A few facts and information to ponder.





We do love trucking stories.

Most truck drivers love to reminisce and sometimes stretch the truth.

Truckers since way back when, have always loved to tell stories about trucking on their CB radios, when on the road, waiting at the loading dock, and generally when boredom strikes. There's nothing like a good tall tale or a trucker story to help pass the time.

Let me know your stories!!



Rain Hazard

Rain makes road surfaces slippery, especially as the first drops fall. With more rain, tires make less contact with the road. If there is too much water or if you are going too fast, your tires may ride on top of the water, like water skis. This is called hydroplaning. When this happens, control becomes very difficult. Make sure you have good tires with deep tread, and slow down when the road is wet.

Rain also reduces visibility. Drive slowly enough to be able to stop within the distance you can see. Make sure your windshield wipers are in good condition. If your wiper blades do not clean the windshield without streaking, replace them.

In rain, try to drive on clear sections of road. Look ahead and plan your movements. Smooth steering, braking and accelerating will reduce the chance of skids. Leave more space between you and the vehicle ahead in case you have to stop. This will also help you to avoid spray from the vehicle ahead that can make it even harder to see.

Avoid driving in puddles. A puddle can hide a large pothole that could damage your vehicle or its suspension, or flatten a tire. The spray of water could obstruct the vision of adjacent motorists and result in a collision, cause harm to nearby pedestrians or drown your engine, causing it to stall. Water can also make your brakes less effective.





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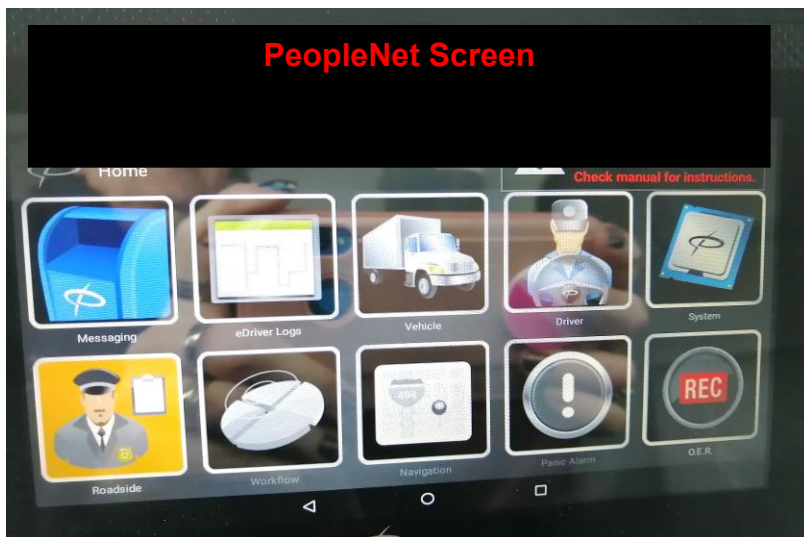
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Instructions for this screen

Left to right (top then bottom)

Mailbox – there is a form tab – click on it in the morning for your PRETRIP form. Enter your units ID (ex: 399 and 399B). You can also send messages to Gil, Leon or Donna.

eDriver Logs – Here is where you can change status and certify your logs. Did you know that to certify your logs is your signature and required by log. Certify at the end of the day or in the morning depending on your signal.

Do not need Vehicle/ Driver or System

PeopleNet Screen – BOTTOM Line

Roadside – If an officer stops you, you can send the elogs to his email with this button. At any time, if you have any issues please let Donna know and she can fax or email logs for you (especially if your logs have not worked today or yesterday)

The rest of the line is blacked out and you will not need them



SAFETY

Driving a truck for a living is a hard job and it's a dangerous job. Driving professionally requires a great deal of skill, it carries a lot of responsibility for the safety of others and it requires a lot of common sense. Being safety conscious is vital. It is what will keep you alive when you are faced with those tense moments which arise when behind the wheel!

KEEP LANE CHANGES TO A MINIMUM

1. Pick a lane and STAY in it.
2. Cars will dodge and change lanes no matter what. If you do find it necessary to change lanes, **move over very carefully**, being aware of your blind spots and constantly check your mirrors.
3. The odds of an accident increases dramatically each time a vehicle makes a move to another lane. If you have maintained your lane position in the event of an accident, the other vehicle will most likely be at fault, not you.

TAKE BREAKS + CHECK YOUR TRUCK.

1. Stop and take regular breaks as need. Get in a good stretch. Do a walk around the truck and trailer.
2. Check your load. Look for soft tires, air leaks, check under the truck for any dripping coolant or oil.

OUR BEST TRUCK DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

These truck driving safety tips are intended as general guidelines and reminders for truckers. **ALWAYS, ALWAYS use your best common sense judgement and** refer to specific rules and instructions from your carrier

BE ALERT

Know everything going on around you.
Always look well ahead down the road and around your rig.
When rolling down the highway, especially in heavy traffic, *always plan an 'escape route'*.
Be aware of who's in front of you, beside you and behind you at all times. Be aware of everything, so you can act accordingly, if and when necessary.
Being well rested keeps you at your best.
The electronic logbook system potentially provides a system for drivers to be well rested, IF utilized properly by the carrier

CHECK WEATHER REPORTS.

Be aware of weather conditions prior to departing on a trip and check the reports as often as you're able while traveling.

Keep an eye on your outside temperature to watch for changing road conditions. Knowing what to expect helps a trucker be better prepared for bad weather driving and necessary precautions can be taken. (Part of good trip planning)

LEAVE ROOM IN FRONT OF YOUR RIG.

- Always, always leave plenty of room in front of your vehicle.
- It can be very frustrating if you are only traveling 80 kph, and everyone else is doing 90 kph, BUT it can keep you out of trouble.
- This 'buffer zone' or 'cushion' in front of your rig will protect you and your truck.
- Usually, if anything goes wrong, there's a good chance it will be ahead of you.

The more empty space you have in front of you and your unit, the more time you'll have to 'correct' and slow down, if necessary

SLOW DOWN.

1. This is THE most important driving safety tips for truckers. I can't stress this point enough. Big trucks don't corner like a Ferrari, nor do they handle like one. Always take the **corners and ramps very slowly**. Speed signs on ramps are for cars, not big rigs. It doesn't matter if you hold up traffic. The main focus is to get around a corner and be 'upright'.
2. **Travel slowly and maintain control**. There's never a need to get above 2nd gear in a parking lot. The only place to travel safely at top speeds? Perhaps in the middle of Alberta on the flats on a clear day. Always drive with care and control. Don't drive as fast as you think you can get away with.



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There was a man driving down the road behind an 18 wheeler, at every stoplight the trucker would get out of the cab, run back and bang on the trailer door. After seeing this at several intersections in a row the motorist followed him until he pulled into a parking lot.

Get a new truck for your spouse.
It'll be a great trade!

When they both had come to a stop the truck driver once again jumped out and started banging on the trailer door. The motorist went up to him and said, "I don't mean to be nosey but why do you keep banging on that door?"

A truck carrying blackberries spilled on the highway. It was quite a traffic jam.

A truck transporting ice cream spilled on the highway. There was some rocky road

A truck carrying cannabis spilled on the highway. It tripped on a pothole

To which the trucker replied, "Sorry, can't talk now, I have 20 tons of canaries and a 10 ton limit, so I have to keep half of them flying at all times."



A truck carrying guns spilled on the highway. Fortunately, nobody was armed in the accident.

A truck carrying money spilled on the highway. There was a million dollars in damage.

