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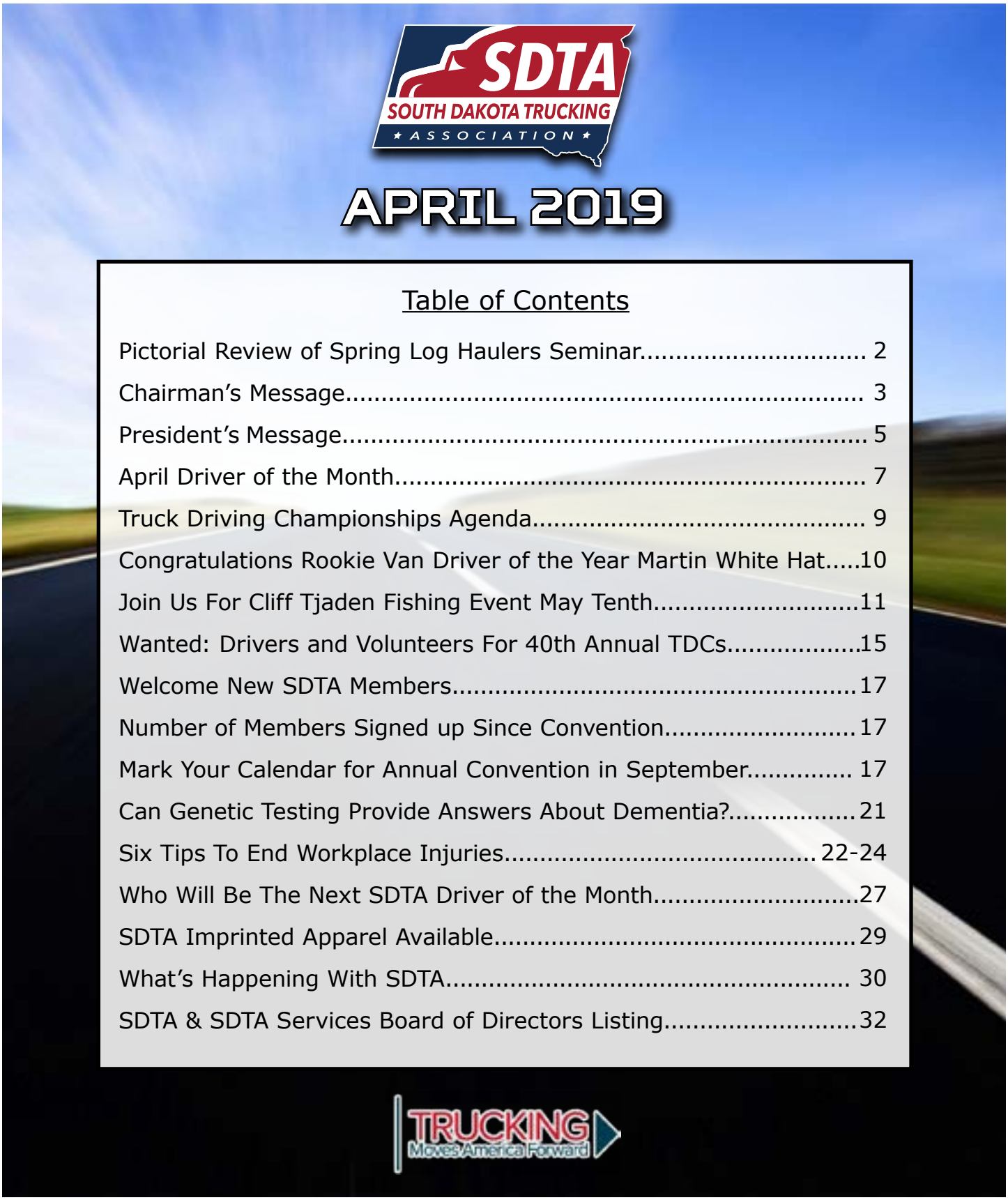

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Chairman's Message

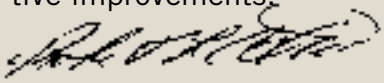
At first glance at reading Hours of Service reform reports, you think finally it is here. It appears to be a bit down the road, but it does appear to be coming. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has sent the proposal to the White House Office of Management and Budget. OMB must clear the proposed rule before it is published in the Federal Registry. This process could take weeks, maybe even months. We still don't know what the proposed rule changes are, but once OMB clears the proposal, it will then be published for public review. Once published, FMCSA will accept public comments on the proposal before proceeding to the final ruling.

Back in February we asked for more input from our regular members to assure we were not only serving the best interest of our members, but to also give us a sense of direction, if different from our current path. I received nothing and to my knowledge Myron hasn't either. It is not only reassuring, but gratifying to know that our Board and staff are well aware of the needs of our members, but are also serving their best interest. I have to confess, I would have been very disappointed in us all if anything would have turned out differently.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance has released the dates for their annual 72-hour blitz. June 4th through the 6th they will be focused on steering and suspension, but if stopped during one of these inspections be fully prepared for a level one inspection at this time. As many level one inspections are performed during this period. Be prepared and be confident!

Dates and plans for our Annual Call on Washington DC are set in concrete as May 21st and 22nd. We have a significant list of topics to be addressed with our congressional delegates and if need be, we will add to the list. Among the current list of topics are Autonomous Vehicles, Federal Excise Tax, Tolls, Highway Funding, Rural States, ELD's, Hours of Service and Work Force Development.

Log Haulers we had an excellent turn out for our annual seminar. I would like to thank everyone for there participation. We had a good list of speakers, Myron, South Dakota Motor Carrier Enforcement, Mark Gilmore from FMCSA and Michelin tire, who was generous enough to host dinner. We had the rare opportunity to be able to go over our 2018 survey results at this time. The returns on this year's survey were probably one of our best. We have some challenges to face this next year, but I believe with everyone's participation we can make some very positive improvements.



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President's Message

Busy times at your SDTA Office, we just finished with the spring seminar of the Black Hills Log Haulers Association last week. The attendance was up this year and we had some great speakers and a great social event that followed into the evening. It is always nice to spend time with that group. What a wonderful group of hard working business people.

Next up is the summer meeting of your SDTA Board of Directors. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th at the AmericInn in Chamberlain. Please keep in mind that every member in good standing is invited to attend any and all meetings of the board of directors. Immediately following the board meeting is the annual Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event. For those that have attended in the past, you know this is always a well attended and great event that benefits the SDTA Foundation. Again, another reason to join us for the board meeting and a chance to fish the Missouri River.

After that, the annual SDTA Truck Driving Championships are scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. I am sure the Truck Driving Championships will again yield a group of the "best of the best" to represent South Dakota and the South Dakota Trucking Association at the national championships.

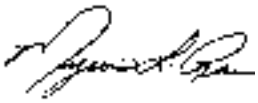
On May 21st, a delegation of SDTA Members will be traveling to Washington, DC for our annual Call on Washington. This event provides us an opportunity to share our concerns with the South Dakota Congressional Delegation. We have assembled our list of issues but if you have additional suggestions, please call Chairman Christian or myself and we will carry your issues with us.

As you probably know, I am a member of the NORPASS Board of Directors. One of my recent duties in that position required me attend the Mid America Truck Show (MATS) in Louisville, KY. Wow, what a show! There were over 90,000 people that came through the gates. If you have never had the opportunity to attend, please take the time when you can. It is a great time to visit Louisville, KY and see every possible gadget and piece of equipment that deals with the trucking industry. There were also several companies with booths designed specifically to recruit drivers.

Please take the time to review the "Dates to Remember" on the SDTA Website; we have a busy schedule for the next couple of months. I hope many of you get a chance to participate in one or more of these events. In June we will be holding the annual west river golf outing south of Deadwood and the annual poker run in Rapid City.

On a personal note, on May 1st, I will be starting my 19th year as your employee. It has been a fun ride and I look forward to more great years to come! The SDTA is a great organization that has a very bright future.

REMEMBER: If you do not have a seat at the table, you may be what is served for dinner and perhaps that will be WELL DONE. Get involved and stay involved!



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Vinnie has been a professional truck driver for the last 27+ years. The past 20 years have been logged for Cliff Viessman,Inc. He has acquired over 3.5 million miles in his trucking career.

Vinnie has participated in the SD Truck Driving Championships three times and plans to compete again in May 2019. He was named the Rookie of the Year in 2016.

Vinnie is always delivering his loads on time. He is courtesous and cooperative. He is always there when you need him. He also helps train new drivers. He talked his wife into driving for Viessmans in 2014. They are a great trucking family!

Vinnie and Nan are the parents of three children; Kaite, 22; Jessica, 21; and Andrew, 18. They are also the parents of a 4 year old fur-child Diezel. They reside in Murdock, MN.

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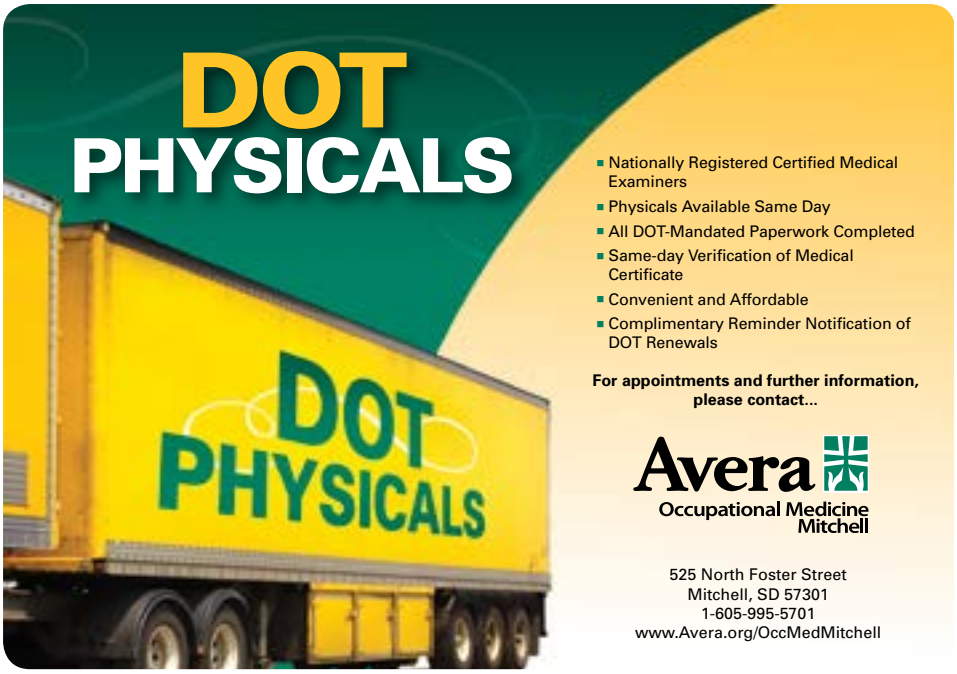

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7:30 a.m.	Roll Call
7:30–8:30	Written Exam – Room # 257
8:30	Orientation – Room # 257
9:15–9:45	Course Walk Through For All Classes – Absolutely No Talking Allowed
10:00 a.m.	Driving Competition and Pre-Trip Inspections Begin
	Lunch Available on the Course
P.M.	
6:00	Social Hour – Cash Bar Ramkota Hotel – Roosevelt Room Slide Show by Jerry Cudmore
7:00	Awards Banquet

All Driver Registrations Must Be Received At The SDTA Office

No Later Than May 3rd To Participate In This Event!

It takes an army of volunteers to make this event successful. Please contact Michelle at the SDTA Office if you are available to assist. No experience necessary!

Martin White Hat was honored to receive the **2018 Rookie Van Driver of the Year** plaque at the 100th Anniversary of the American Moving & Storage Association, in Houston, Texas, late March 2019.

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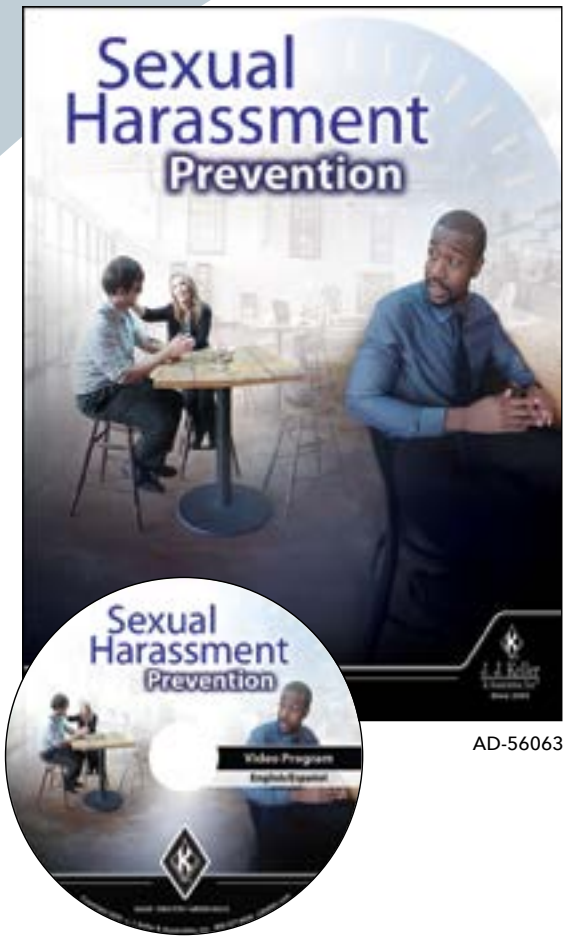

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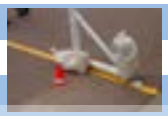

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CAN GENETIC TESTING PROVIDE ANSWERS ABOUT DEMENTIA?

Dementia is a symptom of a condition or disease, rather than a disease itself.

By: Sanford Health News

Our memories and experiences mold each of us into who we are — from our favorite childhood moments and big life events to recalling the important people in our life. These shape the person we are and how we live.

But what happens when a person develops dementia and starts forgetting? Though most often associated with Alzheimer's disease, dementia is actually a symptom of a condition or disease, rather than a disease itself. It affects the brain's ability to think and remember, as well as gradually causes a loss of motor, emotional and social function.

***Dementia symptoms:** Dementia begins with forgetfulness, progresses to confusion and eventually causes problems with:*

- *Decision making*
- *Judgment*
- *Orienting to space and time*
- *Personality and mood, such as irritation, sadness or depression and manic episodes*
- *Problem solving*
- *Seeing or hearing things that aren't there*

"The scope of conditions and diseases that fall under dementia extend far beyond Alzheimer's disease," said Lior Borovik, M.S., C.G.C., a genetic counselor at Sanford Health.

***Dementia causes:** Dementia is connected with many different conditions including vascular dementia, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's dementia and frontotemporal dementia. Understanding there are many different causes provides a clearer picture of the complexity of discovering a person's risk.*

"You may have heard that dementia runs in your family," Borovik said. "But you need to know what kind, as that can help determine your potential risk and if genetic testing would even benefit you."

Other than Huntington's disease, no specific genetic test can provide a concrete answer about a person's risk of developing dementia later in life.

There are several indicators for early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Positive genetic testing results can indicate an individual is at a much higher risk of developing Alzheimer earlier in life (before age 65).

But genetic testing results are not the sole factors to consider. Most cases of dementia are not genetic or inherited.

People who smoke or have diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol are at higher risk of developing dementia. Other risk factors are traumatic head injuries or exposure to toxins. However, beyond this knowledge, our understanding of dementia is still developing.

"Right now, there are still a lot of unanswered questions around dementia, and speaking with a genetic counselor can be very helpful," Borovik said

***Meeting with a genetic counselor:** Genetic counselors can provide some insights about your dementia risk.*

Genetic counselors will piece together your family medical history, uncovering if family members had symptoms of dementia and at what age these symptoms began. From there, both you and the genetic counselor can determine if genetic testing is a good option.

Diagnostic tests are helpful for early-onset cases; however, a negative test does not eliminate a potential inherited cause.

Before getting tested, a genetic counselor will discuss predictive testing considerations, including:

- *Determining the decision is informed, not coerced*
- *Effects on a family*
- *Implications if diagnosed*
- *Potential for discrimination*
- *Reasons for knowing versus not knowing*
- *Options for prenatal testing*

"Genetic testing is only one part of the bigger picture," Borovik adds. "You need to think about the implications of taking these tests and what it means for your future and your family's future."

6 Tips to End Trucking Workplace Injuries

HDT Truckinginfo

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Trucking can be a hazardous profession for drivers – and that's before the driver has even set foot in the cab or put the vehicle in gear. For good reason, fleets focus much of their attention on minimizing risks on the road, but there are also risks when a driver is on his or her feet, due to the risk of a fall.

In fact, slips, trips, and falls may be the industry's most overlooked and underappreciated threat to drivers' health and wellbeing. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' data for 2017 show that 27% of injuries in the truck transportation industry came from slips, trips, and falls, vs. just 17% from injuries sustained in a collision or other motor-vehicle-related incidents.

Fleet managers who want to keep their drivers safe and reduce lost-time accidents and injuries (not to mention reduce injury claims) have an opportunity to make a significant difference. Most injuries can be prevented with a little investment in your drivers along with following common-sense practices.

1. Invest in feet: Don't underestimate the value of your drivers' feet. They use their feet every day to climb in and out of cabs, walk around shipping yards, and kick things out of the way. They need the best protection possible, and that does not come with cowboy boots, rubber overshoes or flip-flops.

If you are not providing a shoe allowance for your drivers, consider it. It encourages drivers to invest in steel-toed, ANSI-certified safety shoes to protect their feet.

2. Invest in equipment: If your equipment isn't properly maintained and repaired, slips and falls can happen because of missing or damaged steps and handholds. Check that drivers are both reporting these defects and getting a proper response from the shop.

3. Jumping is for trampolines: Some drivers have the bad habit of jumping from the backs of trailers, loading docks, and their cabs. It may seem like a short distance, but every time you jump down from even a short height, your body has to absorb the impact of the landing. The higher up you are, the higher the impact, with your joints and lower back taking the most punishment. As drivers age, those jolts to the joints will catch up to them – if they don't immediately injure themselves by landing the wrong way.

Safety vests containing pockets mean drivers aren't trying to climb with something in their hands. Drivers need to be aware that wet conditions can be slippery for them as well as for their trucks.

4. Put it in a pocket: Of course, the alternative to jumping is to climb using three points of contact (two hands and one foot or one hand and two feet). It may take a couple of seconds longer, but it's worth it in the long run when compared to the cost and time lost from injuries. But when drivers are carrying tools or a phone, it may be a nuisance to have both hands free.

That's where pockets come in – one of those simple technologies that we often take for granted, but they are extraordinarily useful, especially when you need both your hands.

Find safety vests that have pockets to add that extra layer of convenience, and provide them to drivers as part of their personal protective equipment. It's easy to encourage people to use pockets – but they have to be available!

5. Slippery when wet: Drivers know water and ice make traction more challenging for their tires. But it's also problematic for shoes.

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Puddles of water on a lot can be hazardous, because you can't see how deep they are or what's at the bottom. And most people who have lived in wintery areas are familiar with the experience of having your feet fly out from under you in the middle of an icy parking lot.

Wearing a good pair of safety shoes with proper treads is essential, but so is your awareness of conditions. If the temperature is cold or it's raining, drivers need to watch their step on metal surfaces such as cab steps or metal docks. If the temperature is hovering around freezing and there is snow on the ground, check for ice under the snow as well.

Drivers should also watch for other slippery substances on steps and docks, such as oil and grease. Remember that these substances might also be on your footwear as well as the surface you're walking on. For fleet managers, having a policy about keeping your site clean and clear of fuel or oil spills is essential. Everyone needs to understand and follow it.

6. Do they know how to use it? Equipment such as a ladder or a fall arrest harness that is used incorrectly, worn, or in need of repair, can be as much a threat as a patch of ice or an oil spill on a metal step.

Fall arrest harnesses, for example, have to be inspected and worn correctly. An improperly worn harness not only won't protect you, but it also can actually cause injury in the case of a fall. Train drivers how to use them. Ask drivers to demonstrate that they can inspect and don the harness properly with a qualified trainer who can give them feedback.

Bottom line: slips, trips and falls are a clear and present danger to your drivers, and to your company when it comes to injury claims. To truly have a partnership with your drivers in keeping them safe, think about these two things: How have you educated drivers on how to reduce risks? And, more importantly, what investments have you made to help drivers avoid injury?

Jane Jazrawy is CEO of CarriersEdge, a developer of online safety courses for the trucking industry, based in Markham, Ontario. It recently developed a new online course on fall protection. This article was authored under the guidance and editorial standards of HDT's editors to provide useful information to our readers.

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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 renonimated 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 representtive 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)

Each month the SDTA Safety Management Council reviews the nominations and votes to select the next months winner. At the Annual Convention the past 12 monthly winners interview to be named the S.D. Driver of the Year.

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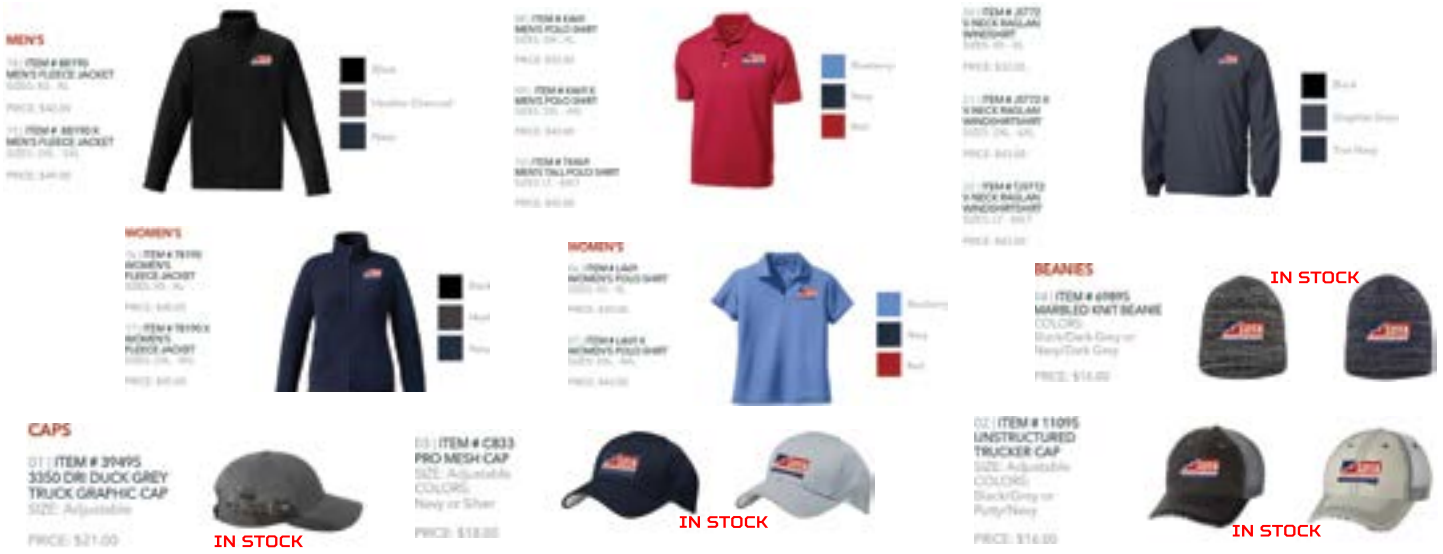

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- Summer Board of Directors Meeting at AmericInn, Chamberlain, SD to include an Executive Committee Meeting and the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 followed by a full board meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. The fishing Calcutta 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 10, 2019.
- South Dakota Truck Driving Championships, Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, SD starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019.
- SDTA 2019 Call on Washington - Tuesday, May 21 through Thursday, May 23, 2019.
- Wheel Jam, State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD - May 31 through June 2, 2019.
- 14th Annual West River Poker Run - 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2019 starting in Rapid City.
- West River SDTA and Logging Industry Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Tomahawk Golf Course south of Deadwood.
- East River Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at the Brandon Golf Course.
- National Truck Driving Championships - David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburg, PA on August 14 through 17, 2019.
- Annual Convention - Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, Sioux Falls on September 4 - 6, 2019.
- Annual guided pheasant hunt is on Thursday, November 14, 2019 - leave the Clubhouse Inn and Suites, Pierre, SD. 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 the Clubhouse Inn and Suites, Pierre, SD on Friday, November 15, 2019.
- West River Legislative Reception - Minerva's in Rapid City - Monday, November 18, 2019, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (west river time).
- East River Legislative Reception - Minerva's in Sioux Falls - Thursday, December 5, 2019, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (east river time).
- Winter Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020 at the Clubhouse Inn and Suites, Pierre.
- Winter Board of Directors Meeting - Clubhouse Inn and Suites, Pierre at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020. That evening, we will hold the annual legislative reception and sundae bar at the Clubhouse Inn and Suites.

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