

MCO Currents



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MCO Transport Joins Highway Watch® Program



MCO Transport is proud to announce that it will be participating in the National Highway Watch Program.

Partnering with the SCTA, MCO has committed to training 100% of our current drivers, and making Highway Watch training a part of our on-going new driver orientation program.

Highway Watch is the roadway sector's national safety and security program that utilizes the skills, experiences and "road smarts" of America's transportation workers to help protect the nation's critical infrastructure and the transportation of goods, services and people. Highway Watch participants are specially trained to recognize potential safety and security threats and avoid becoming a target of terrorists. The effort seeks to

prevent terrorists from using large vehicles or hazardous cargoes as weapons. The program is administered by the ATA under a Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security.

Recent legislation in the State of Georgia has made Highway Watch training mandatory for all commercial drivers. After completing training, drivers will receive a Highway Watch Identification Card that they will need to present to the GA Department of Driver Services when applying for or renewing their CDL.

Highway Watch training will be conducted at our next Safety meetings. Special dates and locations will be set-up so that we can accommodate the schedules of as many drivers as possible. The program is approximately an hour and a half long and will be required training for all Company and contract drivers.

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Let's Get SIRIUS!

Most of our drivers spend more time in their trucks than they do in their homes. You sacrifice a lot of the daily 'creature comforts' that the rest of us take for granted. For many of you, your truck isn't just where you work, it's your 'second home', and you look for ways to make it a more comfortable place to be.

But if you're tired of searching for radio stations in the middle of nowhere and listening to the same worn-out CDs, you may have thought about getting satellite radio. If so, MCO would like to help by making it as inexpensive and hassle-free as possible with our SIRIUS Satellite Radio Program.

SIRIUS is a service offering over 125 channels of satellite radio featuring digital-quality, commercial-free, music, sports and entertainment programming. With satellite radio, you never have to worry about losing signals or finding stations where there are none.

They offer 65 channels of 100% commercial-free music, plus live performances and artist interviews. For sports fans, SIRIUS is home to the entire NFL, over 40 NBA and NHL games

a week, college sports and more. They also offer the biggest names in news and talk, comedy, traffic and weather.

The program is available to any Company driver who is interested in getting SIRIUS satellite radio. MCO will purchase and install a radio in your truck, at no cost to you. Your only cost will be \$1.75 per week for the service; that's more than 40% off the regular monthly service charge. After the radio is installed, MCO will take care of activation and paying the bills. Once you sign up, there's nothing more for you to do, and you can cancel the service at any time.

If you're interested in learning more or signing up for our SIRIUS Satellite Radio Program, see or call Debbie Kern at 800-239-0869, ext. 113 or Jim Jordan at ext. 120, or talk to your Terminal Manager.



Bruce Rozier Named Shift Supervisor

Brunswick, GA - Congratulations to Bruce Rozier on his promotion to Shift Supervisor. In their positions as Shift Supervisors, Bruce and John Foote share the responsibility of overseeing the GP Cellulose mill operation during the night and weekend hours.

Bruce, a resident of Hortense, GA, joined the MCO team in July of 2004 as a driver for the Savannah terminal, transferring to Brunswick in April of 2005.

Please join us in wishing Bruce the very best of luck in his new position!

Welcome Aboard!

- Becky Gaskins - SAV Owner/Operator
- Wayne Dyches - BRU Mill Driver
- John Blain - CHS Driver
- Greg Williams - CHS Driver
- Bernard Peterson - SAV Lease Driver
- Michael Trennery - SAV Driver
- David Hopson - WIL Driver
- Abel Rodriguez - WIL Maintenance

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Cherry Ross at Jaguars game

And The Winner Is...

Congratulations to Cherry Ross! Cherry won two tickets to a Jacksonville Jaguars game during Savannah's Driver Appreciation Week celebration. Drivers were given a quiz with 10 questions involving MCO customers, safety, logs and how many grandchildren Mike Scott has (23 for those who didn't know).

Cherry won first place for the most correct

answers, and Harry Johnson came in second place. Both won two tickets each to the game, and word has it, a really great time was had by all!

Thanks to all of you who were able to participate in the terminal celebrations; and thanks again to MCO's driving team for the tremendous job they do!

SafeStat Values Edge Higher

The most recent **SafeStat** update shows both Driver and Vehicle SEAs slightly increased over last month. Driver SEA is now at 63.04, up from last month's 62.12; and Vehicle SEA is at 62.84, up from 62.49.

ISS Inspection Value, the number used by DOT officers in deciding whether or not to inspect trucks, is also up by one point, from 64 to 65.

- Ron Fugunt (WIL) Level 2
- Larry Coates (WIL) Level 2
- Thomas Benton (WIL) Level 2
- Kevin Cromwell (WIL) Level 3
- Willie Gardner (WIL) Level 3

Roadside inspections are a measure of how well drivers carry out their responsibilities. Clean roadside inspections demonstrate a driver's commitment to safety, professionalism, and a job well-done.

The most frequent violation cited on inspections is also one of the most easily spotted by passing inspection officers, inoperable lights. Fortunately, it's also one of the easiest to avoid. Performing proper pre and post-trip inspections and checking lights before leaving a customer location, fuel stop or break stop should be a part of every driver's routine.

Problems found with lights can almost always be solved by simply replacing a bulb or fuse. If you don't already do so, consider carrying spare bulbs and fuses. In most cases, your terminal manager will be happy to provide spare bulbs and fuses, or authorize a purchase for them.



Recommendation	ISS Inspection Value
Inspect (<i>inspection warranted</i>)	75-100
Optional (<i>may be worth a look</i>)	50-74
Pass (<i>no inspection required</i>)	1-49

Contributors to this month's increase were inspections on independent contractor vehicles resulting in a driver citation for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device; an OOS violation for failing to retain previous 7 days logs; and two OOS violations for faulty brakes.

Way-to-go and a big pat on the back to the following drivers for their recent "no violations discovered" inspections:

- Tim Strickland (WIL) Level 1
- Ricky Roll (WIL) Level 2

For more information on SafeStat and to see in-depth information on inspections, visit their website at <http://ai.volpe.dot.gov/SafeStat/disclaimer.asp>

Stick It To The Flu With Blue

From October 1st through November, while supplies last, Blue Cross Blue Shield is offering free flu shots to all MCO BCBSNC members and their covered dependents.

North Carolina residents can bring their BCBSNC ID card and photo ID to a partici-

pating clinic of their choice for a free shot. South Carolina and Georgia members will need to take a voucher in addition to the ID cards. For vouchers and a list of participating clinics in your area, contact Debbie or Denise in Human Resources at 800-239-0869, or ask your terminal manager.

October Celebrations!

Birthdays

- Ricky Mosley Oct. 1
- Shirley Turner Oct. 4
- Mike Shipwash Oct. 5
- Jim Dennis Oct. 6
- Ernest Brown Oct. 8
- Greg Rentz Oct. 8
- Chuck Jones Oct. 10
- Andy Korwatch Oct. 11
- Eric Diaz Oct. 13
- Debbie Kern Oct. 15
- Jimmy Jordan Oct. 20
- Ralph Thompson Oct. 21
- Francine Mitchell Oct. 23
- Johnny Smith Oct. 23
- Karam King Oct. 28

(Birthdays continued)

- David Haldeman Oct. 29
- David Hopson Oct. 29
- Frank Garcia Oct. 30

MCO Anniversaries

- Jaen Jimeno WIL 3 years
- Tammy Rooks BRU 3 years
- Francine Mitchell WIL 2 years
- Steve Williams WIL 2 years
- John Foote BRU 1 year
- Doug Lee CHS 1 year

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If you have any suggestions, or ideas for the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

You can email info@mcotransport.com or call Debbie Kern at 800-239-0869, ext. 113 or Jim Jordan at ext. 120.