



January 2023 Newsletter

Hours of Service Violations

We have all heard one bad apple ruins it for the bunch, right? Well unfortunately, a few bad inspections can ruin it for the fleet as well. We have had a few HOS



violations that have hit our CSA score pretty hard.

The first was an inspection where the driver attempted to use the adverse driving condition to extend his day. The officer wrote him an out of service violation for going over his 14 hours. When I attempted to DataQ the violation, they stated that according to google maps the driver traveled in the correct time and the violation stands. This violation will stay with the driver and GT for the next 2 years on our CSA score.

We are also seeing an increase in violations for form and manner. Make sure that you are adding your trailer and load details. If you need assistance or a refresher on how to enter your form and manner, contact Safety or check out our YouTube videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrfsn3pm2mYiZPGyrglCuLg>

Since we have had an increase in violations, our percentage in HOS has also risen.



We are getting closer to the threshold where we would be inspected more frequently. We all know nobody wants to spend more time getting inspected.



Emergency Contact Updates

Throughout the years, a lot of life changes can happen, including people's phone numbers. Something that never crosses your mind? Updating your emergency contact(s). Please update your emergency contact if you would like someone else added or if phone numbers have changed. It is a call no one wants to make, but it needs to be to the right person!

Spotlight Office- Belinda Hess

Belinda has been at General Transport since July 2017 originally starting off part time. When she wasn't at GT, she was a hairdresser even owning her own



salon at one point. She has since hung up her scissors and is now full time at GT. When she isn't at GT, you can find her at the beach, biking, kayaking, swimming,

gardening, traveling, or spending time with her family. Belinda has 3 children and 4 grandsons that she adores. We are proud to have you part of the GT Family!

Spotlight Driver- Barry Norris

Barry has been an owner operator with General Transport since August 2015, driving 760,250 miles in that time. Barry has worn many hats throughout his driving career, even having his own small fleet of

trucks at one point. Barry has a heart of gold and will help out anyone in need. He even helps

keep his favorite safety director caffeinated by bringing in coffee. When Barry isn't behind the wheel, he keeps himself busy with his to do lists and spending time with his family. We are proud to have you part of the GT Family!



Operation Safe Driver Week

The results from the July 10-16 Operation Safe Driving Week are in. There were 35,000 inspections with 26,164 warnings and citations issued during that time.

The top violations are as follows

- **Speeding-** 1,490 citations and 2,577 warnings issued
- **Failure to obey traffic control device-** 735 citations and 944 warnings
- **Failure to use a seat belt-** 505 citations and 678 warnings
- **Using a hand-held phone/texting/ distracted driving-** 239 citations and 215 warnings
- **Improper lane change-** 84 citations and 175 warnings

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), speeding has played a role in more than a quarter of traffic deaths. In 2020 alone, there were 11,258 speeding-related deaths in the U.S.

